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Weekend Activities at Carlyle Lake

CARLYLE LAKE – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Carlyle Lake is preparing for a fun and safe weekend. Whether you enjoy fishing, camping, boating, bike riding or other outdoor activities, Carlyle Lake offers an abundance of recreation opportunities. While participating in water related recreation activities, always wear your life jacket. Over two-thirds of people who drown never had any intention of being in the water.

Dam West, Coles Creek and Boulder Campgrounds are open with sites available on a first-come-first-serve basis and through reservation by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or online at www.recreation.gov. McNair and Dam East Campgrounds are open on a first-come-first-serve basis. Eldon Hazlet State Park is also open and has sites available on a first-come, first-serve basis or online at www.reserveamerica.com

The Carlyle Lake Multi-Use Trail is accessible for hiking, walking and biking offering a 17 mile roundtrip loop extending from the Dam West Day Use Area to Saddle Dam III. Also, the Willow Pond Fitness Trail located south of the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center offers a unique outdoor fitness opportunity for visitors. The fitness trail is a 1/5 mile paved trail that encompasses an old farm pond and is home to many different species of wildlife. The serenity of this area adds to the enjoyment of getting fit.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers offers educational programs in the campgrounds and at the beaches every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday throughout the recreation season. Presentations are free and open to the public.

Friday, August 29th:

- 8:00 p.m. West Bay Amphitheater, Dam West Campground – Dry Land Swim Lessons
- 8:00 p.m. Cattail Cove Amphitheater, Coles Creek Campground – Wildflowers
- 8:00 p.m. Brewster Creek Amphitheater, Boulder Campground – Light Up the Night

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Saturday, August 30th:

- 11:00 a.m. Celebrate Duck Day – Dam West Spillway
- 2:30 p.m. McNair Beach – Water Safety Games
- 2:30 p.m. Dam West Beach - Water Safety Games
- 3:30 p.m. Coles Creek Beach – Water Safety Games
- 3:30 p.m. Keyesport Beach – Water Safety Game
- 8:00 p.m. West Bay Amphitheater, Dam West Campground – Light Up the Night
- 8:00 p.m. Cattail Cove Amphitheater, Coles Creek Campground – Dry Land Swim Lessons
- 8:00 p.m. Brewster Creek Amphitheater, Boulder Campground – Wildflowers

Sunday, August 31st:

- 1:00 p.m. Dam West Beach – On Sunday afternoon, Park Rangers will be at Dam West Beach conducting water safety activities. Enjoy a variety of games and free prizes as you learn how to keep yourself and others safe when in, on or near the water.

Monday, September 1st:

- 2:30 p.m. McNair Beach – Water Safety Games
- 2:30 p.m. Dam West Beach - Water Safety Games
- 3:30 p.m. Coles Creek Beach – Water Safety Games
- 3:30 p.m. Keyesport Beach – Water Safety Game

The Carlyle Lake Visitor Center is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Visitor Center has exhibits, an informational video on Carlyle Lake, gift shop, and brochures to help plan your stay at Carlyle Lake.

Life jackets are available at the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center through the “Life Jacket Loan Program”. For a \$5.00 deposit, a life jacket can be borrowed for the day. When the life jacket is returned in good condition, the deposit will be refunded. Please remember to always wear your life jacket when in, on, or around the water. Life jacket loaner stations are also available at Keyesport, Dam West, McNair, and Coles Creek beaches and boat ramps.

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