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SHELTER RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE

AT CHEATHAM LAKE

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn.- Picnic Shelter reservations on Cheatham Lake for summer 2004 will be taken at the Resource Manager's Office starting on March 1, 2004.

Corps Officials had looked at an option to reserve the seven shelters around Cheatham Lake through the National Recreation Reservation Service. This nationwide system is used for campsite reservations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Forest Service.

"Due to the local popularity of the shelters for family reunions, church socials, company picnics, and other group outings we have decided to continue taking the reservations through our office," said Larry Nash, Resource Manager.

There are four shelters in Cheatham Dam Right Bank Recreation Area that may be reserved during the summer. Additional shelters available for reservation are located at Brush Creek, Sycamore Creek, and Cheatham Dam Left Bank Recreation Areas. Recreation amenities such as launching ramps, playgrounds, swim beach, volleyball area, fishing opportunities, picnic areas and fish cleaning stations vary from area to area.

The fee for reserving one of these picnic shelters depends on the number of people in your group. The base fee is \$35 for groups of 50 or less. An additional \$35 is charged for each additional increment of 50 people.

From May 14 to September 6, 2004, the charge for reserving a shelter in the Right Bank Recreation Area will be reduced to \$15 for each group of 50. However, a day use fee for each vehicle applies during this period. When not reserved, all shelters are open for use on a first-come, first-served basis.

To make a reservation, ask for directions, or get additional information, call the US Army Corps of Engineers, Cheatham Lake Resource Manager's Office, at (615) 792-5697 or 254-3734.