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Campground, boat ramp closes Jan. 18 for construction

MANHATTAN, Kan. - Rangers at Tuttle Creek will temporarily close the Tuttle Creek Cove Park campground and boat ramp Jan. 18 in preparation for construction of new campsites in the area.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is slated to build 41 utility camping sites in Tuttle Creek Cove Park and is scheduled to reopen the park and ramp Mar. 15 during the final phases of construction.

The new sites, which will be located east of the main entrance to the boat ramp, are expected to be complete by fall of 2005.

A crew from the Corps will perform initial clearing and grading work, and a contract for the remaining road and utility work will be advertised in the spring, said Bill Empson, a project manager with the Corps in Kansas City.

“During up-coming work on the dam, camping sites in the River Pond State Park will be impacted directly or by noise from construction, and the new camping sites in Tuttle Cove will partially offset those impacts,” Empson said.

During the construction the area will be closed to all traffic, including walkers and joggers, he said.

An additional 50 utility sites in the South Shore Area are currently under construction, and with funding from the Corps, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is rehabilitating 20 sites in the existing river pond area of Tuttle Creek State Park to provide additional offset from the impact of the up-coming construction.

The work on the dam is part the Corps’ \$206 million project to stabilize the dam against earthquakes.

For more information about the Tuttle Creek Dam Safety Project, visit the Corps’ web site at <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/projects/tcdam/index.htm> or call Mitch Frazier at (816) 983-3486.

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