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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT WEST NILE VIRUS

Although there has not been any confirmed West Nile Virus (WNV) activity associated with Truman Lake, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers reminds visitors that if they are planning a trip there they should remember that according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) the same personal protective measures they use at home are their first line of defense. Accordingly, the Corps is providing visitors with the CDC published recommended measures. They are:

- Stay indoors at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are out of doors.
- Spray clothing with repellents containing permethrin or DEET since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing.
- Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. An effective repellent will contain 35% DEET (N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide). DEET in high concentrations (greater than 35%) provides no greater protection.
 - Repellents may irritate the eyes and mouth, so avoid applying repellent to the hands of children.
 - Whenever you use an insecticide or insect repellent, be sure to read and follow the manufacturer's DIRECTIONS FOR USE, as printed on the product.
- Note: Vitamin B and "ultrasonic" devices are NOT effective in preventing mosquito bites.

No matter what your activities are at Truman Lake the Corps wants you to keep your personal safety in mind.