



**DEPARTMENT OF ARMY**  
**Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers**  
**Post Office Box 867**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867**

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September 19, 2000

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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS - STATES OF ARKANSAS AND MISSOURI

RENEWAL OF A GENERAL PERMIT

For Boat Launching Ramps on Waters of Corps Project Lakes within the Little Rock District in Arkansas and Missouri

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Background. On May 22, 2000, the Little Rock District Corps of Engineers issued a joint public notice with the states of Arkansas and Missouri announcing consideration of a time extension for this general permit. This general permit is for the construction of boat launching ramps on Corps project lakes within the Little Rock District in Arkansas and Missouri. The purpose of the general permit is to provide authorization for boat launching ramps that require less than 250 cubic yards of dredged or fill material, including riprap, in their construction. This includes material deposited for subgrade preparation as well as the concrete and riprap deposited for the construction of the ramp.

The authority for permit issuance is found in Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S. Code 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. Code 1344). Corps districts are authorized to develop general permits in accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations Parts 325.2(e)(2) and 325.5(c)(1).

Determination to Extend. After reviewing the previous actions authorized under this general permit and comments received on the public notice, it is our assessment that the work authorized will not have significant adverse environmental impacts and that the public interest will be served by extending the period of this general permit.

The policies of this general permit will be subject to reconsideration at any time, but will be reviewed at least every five (5) years. This general permit is therefore extended for a period of 5 years until September 19, 2005, unless it is revoked or specifically extended in the interim.

Notification/Verification Requirement. Anyone wanting to do work under the proposed general permit would have to notify the Little Rock District and receive verification that the proposed work meets the limits of the general permit. The notification/verification details are outlined in the Procedures for Verifying Authorization attached to the general permit.

Consideration of New/Additional Information. If additional information, developed during the life of the permit, indicates factors contrary to the public interest, this general permit may be suspended, modified, or revoked.

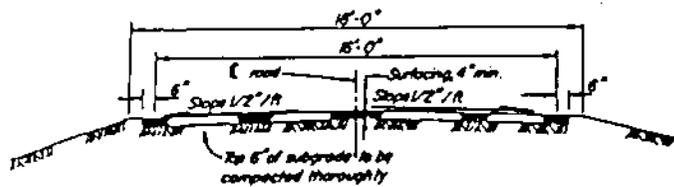
Interested parties are requested to provide comments on this general permit at any time during the life of the permit. Comments should be addressed to Chief, Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867.

NOTE: The mailing list for this Public Notice is arranged by state and county(s) where the project is located, and also includes any addressees who have asked to receive copies of all public notices. Please discard notices that are not of interest to you. If you have no need for any of these notices, please advise us so that your name can be removed from the mailing list.

Kenneth W. Carter, P.E.  
Chief, Planning, Environmental  
and Regulatory Division

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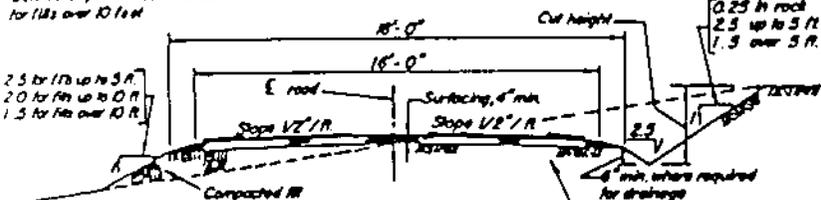
TRENCH TYPE SECTION

Preferred access road alignment.

Gravel surfaced turn around is desirable. Spur suitable for maneuvering boat and trailer may be used in lieu of turn around.

Drainage posts recommended for fills over 10 feet

2.5 for fills up to 5 ft  
2.0 for fills up to 10 ft  
1.5 for fills over 10 ft

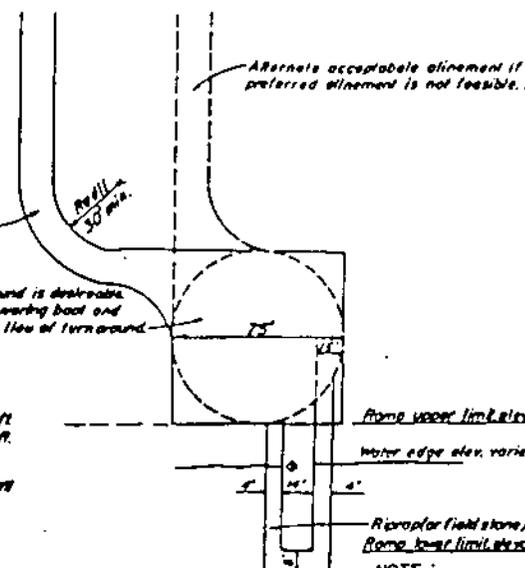


BLANKET TYPE SECTION  
TYPICAL ROAD SECTIONS

The 6" of subgrade to be compacted thoroughly

NO SCALE

Ditches may be omitted and one-way transverse slopes used for roadway section where drainage areas are small and the drainage is not expected to become channelized.



BOAT LAUNCHING RAMPS AND PARKING AREAS

NO SCALE

NOTE:  
Plan must extend to public road

♦ PARKING AREA NOTES

- ♦ Surfacing: Option of rigid pavement or 4" thick crushed stone or gravel.
- ♦ Size: Car-trailer spaces to be 10' wide by 40' long for 90° head-in parking and extend 33' from edge of drive for 45° parking (see detail) with 25' driveway or access lanes. Car parking spaces shall be 10' wide by 20' long with 20' driveways.
- ♦ Location: The parking area shall be located as directed by the Resident Engineer. Where practical, it should be located on private or easement land where it is screened from boaters on the lake.

♦ SUBMISSION OF CONSTRUCTION PLAN

Construction plans must be submitted to Resident Engineer and approved prior to the start of any construction. The plan shall include at least the following:

1. A plan layout of the facility of a scale not smaller than 1" = 100 feet.
2. The type of surfacing that will be provided.
3. Elevation of both the upper and lower ends of the launching ramp.
4. Location of the tie to existing public road.
5. Limits of requested easements.
6. Limits of private ownership.
7. Statement that road, parking area and ramp will be open in perpetuity for free public access.
8. Proposed methods of erosion control. Natural ground covers and desirable growth of shrubs and trees should be preserved to the maximum extent feasible. Slopes, swales, and other erodible areas should be seeded, mulched, and sodded as necessary.
9. The access road alignment must avoid a straight line approach to the ramp for safety.

♦ BOAT LAUNCHING RAMP NOTES

Vertical limits

1. Upper limits

- a Flood control and multiple purpose reservoirs.....
- b Navigation reservoirs.....

5 year frequency pool  
3 feet above operating pool plus allowance for backwater.  
(Generally 2% flowline)

2. Lower limits

- a Flood control reservoirs.....
- b Multiple purpose reservoirs.....
- c Navigation reservoirs.....

4 feet below the minimum conservation or permanent pool  
4 feet below 10 year drawdown  
4 feet below normal operating pool, or 3 feet below drawdown pool, whichever is lower.

- ♦ Ramp width
- ♦ Ramp slope (percent)

14 min.  
12 min., 16 max.

Ramp surfacing

- 1 Permanent.....

(1) 4" thick scored joint conc. or  
(2) Non-skid steel prefab mat

ROADS

Maximum grade (percent).....	15
Width of surface (feet).....	15
Type of surfacing.....	

4" thick crushed stone, gravel, or native materials meeting applicable State Army standards for gravel surface course or rigid pavement.

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

Culverts - clear subgrade width (feet).....	15
Bridges - clear roadway width (feet).....	15 (12' wide one-way bridge acceptable where adequately marked)

APR 72	Rev. launching ramp	1
1-15-72	Rev. ramp width added, R.	2, 4
DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM DESIGN STANDARDS  
FOR ROADS, PARKING, AND BOAT RAMPS  
CONSTRUCTED ON GOVERNMENT LAND  
FOR ACCESS TO WATER



**DEPARTMENT OF ARMY**  
**Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers**  
**Post Office Box 867**  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

General Permit: General Permit for Boat Launching Ramps on Waters of Corps Project Lakes within the Little Rock District in Arkansas and Missouri

Permit No.: **09090 - GD**

Issuing Office: Department of the Army  
Little Rock District  
P.O. Box 867  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

NOTE: The term "you" and its derivatives, as used in this general permit, means any of the permittees whose work is authorized under its terms and conditions. The term "this office" refers to the appropriate district or division office of the Corps of Engineers having jurisdiction over the permitted activity or the appropriate official of that office acting under the authority of the commanding officer.

You are authorized to perform work in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below.

Project Description: Work authorized under this general permit is restricted to the construction and maintenance of concrete or metal inclined plane ramps for the purpose of launching boats from trailers which are placed in the water by a towing vehicle. Proposed ramps and associated bank stabilization should meet the criteria shown on Sheet 2 of 2 of the attached drawings, entitled "Recommended Minimum Design Standards for Roads, Parking, and Boat Ramps Constructed on Government Land for Access to Water." This general permit covers projects that require less than 250 cubic yards of dredged or fill material, including riprap, in their construction. This includes material deposited for subgrade preparation as well as the concrete and riprap deposited for the construction of the ramp.

Maintenance of boat ramps authorized under this general permit includes excavation and removal of accumulated sediment to previously authorized depths or controlling depths for ingress/egress whichever is less, provided the dredged material is disposed of at an upland site and proper siltation controls are used.

Project Location: This general permit is applicable to the waters of all Corps project lakes within the Little Rock District where the adjacent shoreline has been purchased in fee by the government, as shown on sheet 1 of the enclosed drawings. Authorization will not be granted for ramps proposed in areas which conflict with the applicable shoreline and land-use allocations as established by the Little Rock District in the "Master Plan for Development and Management" of each lake. Prospective applicants for ramps must contact the District Office

in Little Rock or the Project Office for the lake involved to obtain a determination on whether the proposed site is acceptable.

Permit Conditions:

General Conditions:

1. Authorization under this general permit is valid for three years from the date of the verification letter to you. If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least one month before the above date is reached.

2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this general permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this general permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this general permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.

3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this general permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and state coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

4. If you sell the property associated with this general permit, you must inform the new owner to contact this office so that the authorization can be transferred or reissued.

5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this general permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.

6. You must allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of this general permit.

Special Conditions:

1. Construction activities below the ordinary high-water mark of the lake will be prohibited from March 15 to June 15 (the critical period for fish spawning activities).

2. You shall use clean, non-pollutional material for construction.

3. You shall perform all construction activities in a manner that will minimize turbidity of the water in the work area and otherwise avoid adverse effects on water quality and aquatic life.

4. You shall place all excavated material on a non-wetland site and not allow any runoff water from the disposal site to enter the waterway.
5. You shall dispose of all construction debris in such a manner that it cannot enter the waterway.
6. You shall not locate your facility in the proximity of a public water supply intake.
7. You shall construct a temporary cofferdam or similar device if the ramp is constructed below the water surface elevation of the lake to reduce turbidity during construction.
8. You shall perform all construction in such a manner as to not destroy or endanger the critical habitat of a threatened or endangered species, as identified under the Endangered Species Act.
9. You shall not allow any discharge in areas of concentrated shellfish production.
10. You shall perform the authorized activity in such a manner as to not cause unreasonable interference with navigation.
11. You shall not locate your facility in any wetland area.
12. You shall seed, replant, or give some other equivalent type of protection against subsequent erosion to all areas disturbed or newly created by your construction activity.
13. If your authorized activity involves the use of Government-owned land, you must obtain written approval from the Chief of the Real Estate Division and/or the Operations Manager at the appropriate Project Office. This general permit will not be valid unless the proper easement or permit can be obtained for the use of Government-owned land. Additional conditions for work involving the location, placement of fill, construction and operations in the impacted areas will be included in these documents.
14. Only ramps constructed and maintained by a public or community entity may be located in an area of shoreline zoned Protected Area or on a project lake that does not have its shoreline allocated by a shoreline management plan, and no ramps shall be allowed in these areas within convenient driving distance of an existing public launching facility.
15. No ramps shall be located in ecologically sensitive sites within the shoreline allocated as Protected Areas.
16. The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

Further Information:

1. Congressional Authorities: You have been authorized to undertake the activity described above pursuant to:

(X) Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S. Code 403).

(X) Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. Code 1344).

( ) Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413).

2. Limits of this authorization:

a. This general permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, state, or local authorizations required by law.

b. This general permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.

c. This general permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

d. This general permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project.

3. Limits of Federal Liability: In issuing this general permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:

a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.

b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.

c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this general permit.

d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.

e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this general permit.

4. Reliance on Applicant's Data: The determination of this office that your proposed work complies with the terms and conditions of this general permit was made in reliance on the information you provided.

5. Reevaluation of Permit Decision: This office may reevaluate its decision on this general permit at any time the circumstances warrant. Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. You fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this general permit.

b. The information provided by you in support of your permit application proves to have been false, incomplete, or inaccurate (See 4 above).

c. Significant new information surfaces which this office did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision.

Such a reevaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5. The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring you to comply with the terms and conditions of your general permit and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. You will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by this office, and if you fail to comply with such directive, this office may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CFR 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill you for the cost.

6. Extensions: General Condition 1 establishes a time limit for the completion of your activity authorized by this general permit. Unless there are circumstances requiring either a prompt completion of the authorized activity or a reevaluation of the public interest decision, the Corps will normally give favorable consideration to a request for an extension of this time limit.

Enclosure



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PROCEDURES FOR VERIFYING AUTHORIZATION

GENERAL PERMIT - 09090 - GD

For the Construction of Boat Launching Ramps on Corps Project Lakes within the Little Rock District in Arkansas and Missouri

1. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, has issued the attached general permit for the construction and maintenance of boat launching ramps on waters of the United States within the Little Rock District in Arkansas and Missouri. The purpose of the general permit is to provide authorization for boat launching ramps that require less than 250 cubic yards of dredged or fill material, including riprap, in their construction.

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ramps for the purpose of launching boats from trailers which are placed in the water by a towing vehicle. This includes material deposited for subgrade preparation as well as the concrete and riprap deposited for the construction of the ramp.

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2. Procedures for Verifying Authorization. The following procedures must be followed to verify authorization to do work under this general permit.

a. You shall submit a written description of the proposed work at least 30 days prior to the proposed commencement of work to the District Engineer ATTN: CESWL-PR-R, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867, or the appropriate Operations Manager for the lake involved, as listed below:

LAKE(S)	OPERATIONS MANAGER
Beaver	Operations Manager Corps of Engineers 2260 N. 2nd. St. Rogers, Arkansas 72726
Bull Shoals Norfolk	Operations Manager Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 2070 Mountain Home, Arkansas 72654-2070
Clearwater	Operations Manager Corps of Engineers Route 3, Box 3559D Piedmont, Missouri 63957
Dardanelle Ozark	Operations Manager Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 1087 Russellville, Arkansas 72801
Greers Ferry	Operations Manager Corps of Engineers 700 Heber Springs Road North Heber Springs, Arkansas 72543-9022
Millwood Dequeen Dierks	Operations Manager Corps of Engineers 1528 Highway 32E Ashdown, Arkansas 71822
Nimrod Blue Mountain	Operations Manager Corps of Engineers HC68, Box 604 Plainview, Arkansas 72857

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Operations Manager

4600 State Highway 165 Suite A  
Branson, Missouri 6516-8976

b. Included with the submittal shall be drawings which accurately depict the work and its exact location. The type, sizes, and quantities of structures and/or materials to be used should be fully described, including appropriate dimensions.

c. Upon receipt of your request, the Corps of Engineers will determine whether the work falls within the criteria established by this general permit. The length of time required to process each request under this general permit will be directly related to the adequacy and completeness of the information you submit. You will receive a letter of verification if the work is covered by this general permit. If the work cannot be authorized under this general permit, you will be notified that your application must be processed under other procedures, which may involve submission of additional information and likely issuance of a public notice.

d. To comply with the intent of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), each proposed activity that meets the criteria in this general permit will be coordinated with our staff archaeologists in Planning Branch, for review. The Corps archaeologists will: (1) review the National Register of Historic Places for known historic properties; (2) review any completed archeological reconnaissances and surveys in the affected area; and, if indicated, (3) complete an archeological reconnaissance on the proposed site if one has not already been accomplished.

e. In areas where the United States has acquired an interest in the real estate under the jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers, such as easements for occasional flooding, a real estate instrument will be required. Processing of the real estate instrument will begin when plans are received from you. If the request for use of the real estate is disapproved, the authority granted under this general permit will be null and void.