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Corps of Engineers at Whitney Lake announces new parking policy at campgrounds

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Whitney Lake implemented a new parking policy on Jan. 1, 2009 at several local parks due to an increase in visitation at the campgrounds. The parking policy will allow three vehicles per campsite and parking passes will be issued upon arrival.

The new policy is being implemented at Lofers Bend East and West, Cedron Creek, McCown Valley, Plowman Creek and Kimball Bend Parks. Each vehicle allowed inside the park will receive a numbered parking pass. All three vehicles may park on the site as long as there is sufficient space available without parking on the grass. If there is not enough space to allow a third vehicle to park properly, that vehicle must be parked in one of the overflow parking lots located throughout the campgrounds.

The changes to the previous parking policy came after many vehicles parked off paved surfaces and destroyed native grasses and damaged tree root systems. The campgrounds at Whitney are designed to accommodate only three vehicles per site and any additional visitors must park their vehicles outside of the campground.

If a camper decides to leave the campground after receiving a numbered pass, it is the camper's responsibility to turn in the pass and inform the gate attendants that the space available. No additional vehicles will be allowed in the park after all three passes have been issued.

This new policy will prevent parks from becoming overrun with vehicles detracting from the natural beauty while allowing for maximum allowable visitation.

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