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## **Parks Reopen at Belton and Stillhouse Hollow Lakes for Labor Day Weekend**

*FORT WORTH, Texas* -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have completed major repairs at Westcliff, Union Grove and Stillhouse Parks and will open the parks over the Labor Day weekend for recreational use.

“That means that we now have all parks on Belton Lake open and available for use by our customers,” said the Fort Worth District Operations Project Manager, Greg Pope. At Stillhouse Hollow Lake, we have been able to re-open Stillhouse Park which is a day-use area with a large beach. We will also have Union Grove Park open for the Labor Day weekend.”

The parks suffered severe shoreline erosion and damage to many trees, shrubs and native plants as a result of the floods of 2007. Additionally, the parks received extensive damage to picnic tables, restrooms, roads and other park facilities which forced the Corps to close them for safety and environmental concerns.

“Dana Peak Park is the only park on either lake that is still closed. We are concentrating our contractors' efforts in that park and hope to have all the facilities repaired by early spring,” said Pope.

After the Labor Day weekend, the Corps will temporarily close the parks for a few days to complete road work. According to Corps officials, the decision to re-open the parks over the holiday weekend was made to support the last major surge of park visitors for the year.

For further information, please contact the Belton/Stillhouse Dam Office at 254-939-2461 or visit the Fort Worth District website at [www.swf.usace.army.mil](http://www.swf.usace.army.mil).

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