

WOODLAND, Wash. — Improvements to PacifiCorp-owned recreation areas at Lake Merwin and Yale Reservoir will begin Nov. 1 and close Merwin Park and the Yale Park boat launch until January 2011. Speelyai Park on Merwin Reservoir will remain open during this time.

The work will stabilize the shoreline at Merwin Park. The Yale Park boat launch will be extended and additional boat docks installed. In addition, the parking area will be reconfigured and an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) route will be established in the day use area. All projects are part of PacifiCorp's license commitment to operate its Lewis River Hydroelectric Project.

Originally this work was planned for earlier in the year, but water conditions made it more efficient—and less disruptive—to move the work to the fall. Safety is the top priority in the Lewis River recreation area, so PacifiCorp asks that visitors heed these closures. Besides year around day use at Speelyai Park, Swift Forest Camp on Swift Reservoir will be open for camping through November.

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