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## **Blue Marsh Lake boat ramps closed to motor boats effective midnight Monday, October 3**

PHILADELPHIA (Oct. 3, 2005)—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will close all three boat launches on Blue Marsh Lake effective midnight Monday Oct. 3 due to the Delaware River Basin Commission's request for augmentation water releases and the expected low water levels near the launches.

Complying with the request from the DRBC will cause more water to be released from the lake than what is currently inflowing. Currently, Blue Marsh Lake is releasing water at a rate of 250 cfs. With an inflow rate of 70 cfs. As the lake's elevation lowers from its current pool elevation of 285 ft., the boat launches are rendered inaccessible when the lake elevation reaches 283 ft. above sea level.

Closure of the boat launches is being done for boater safety and to prevent damage to vehicles and boats as the launch lanes will not be submerged sufficiently to make a safe boat launch. The launch closures will remain in effect until rainfall is sufficient to cause lake levels to rise above the 283 ft. elevation.

The boat launch closures will not affect the use of sailboats, canoes, or smaller personal watercraft using electric motors or wind that can be carried. The rule-of-thumb is if the vessel can be carried, it can be used on the lake.

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The swim beach at Blue Marsh Lake will remain open.

Blue Marsh Lake is a multi-purpose project operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Philadelphia District for flood control, water storage and recreation.