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ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST WAIVES FEES FOR VETERANS DAY WEEKEND

Warren, Pa. (Nov. 5, 2014) – The Allegheny National Forest will join other federal agencies in hosting a free fee weekend from November 8-11 in honor of Veterans Day. On fee waiver days, there is no charge to use most of the Allegheny's open camping and day use sites. There are some exceptions, however. Fees will not be waived for any of the Willow Bay Cabins or for campsite utilities (electric, water and sewage) at Willow Bay or Red Bridge. In addition, fees will not be waived for reservations made through the National Recreation Reservation Service.

Please contact the appropriate ranger district before you go to find out if a site is open, as some sites are closed during the fall and winter months. For more information:

- Supervisor's Office: 814.728.6100
- Bradford Ranger District: 814.362.4613
- Marienville Ranger District: 814.927.6628

The Forest Service also announced the 2015 scheduled fee-free days:

- **Jan. 19: the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, which honors the legacy of the civil rights leader and encourages Americans to participate in the MLK Day of Service
- **Feb. 16: Presidents Day**, honoring our nation's Presidents with particular attention towards commemorating President Washington and President Lincoln.
- **June 13: National Get Outdoors Day**, a day when federal agencies, nonprofit organizations and the recreation industry encourages healthy, outdoor activities.
- **Sept. 26: National Public Lands Day**, the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort in support of public lands
- **Nov. 11: Veteran's Day**, commemorates the end of World War I and pays tribute to all military heroes past and present.

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