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Ohiopyle Whitewater Rafting Company to Open Campground

Laurel Highlands Outdoor Center leases Tub Run Recreation Area at the Youghiogheny River Lake from the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Ohiopyle, PA, February 12, 2015: Laurel Highlands Outdoor Center, an Ohiopyle-based outdoor recreation company, is excited to announce their partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers - Pittsburgh District, in leasing 55 acres currently known as the Tub Run Recreational Area at the Youghiogheny River Lake.

The Tub Run Recreational Area, located directly on the Youghiogheny River Lake, is home to a 101-site full service campground, boat launch ramp, and lake access beach area. There are two shower houses, and one additional restroom on site. The campground also has its own sewage treatment and water systems. Tub Run Recreational Area has been servicing visitors to the Youghiogheny River Lake for over 30 years. Unfortunately, funding for recreational facilities at US Army Corps of Engineer projects, like Tub Run, has been on the decline. In 2014, the campground was only open Friday through Sunday and was slated to close after the 2015 season. The US Army Corps of Engineers decided to out-grant the Tub Run Recreational Area, as well as the Jockey Hollow Visitors Center, and put out a Notice of Availability to lease both properties in May 2014.

Laurel Highlands Outdoor Center has been providing quality outdoor adventure activities in the Ohiopyle State Park, and surrounding areas, since 1978. Currently one of four licensed commercial whitewater rafting concessionaires on the Youghiogheny River in Ohiopyle State Park, Laurel Highlands Outdoor Center has been toying with the idea of opening a campground since the early eighties. Mark McCarty, Vice President of Laurel Highlands Outdoor Center stated, “I always wanted to provide our guests with a full-service outdoor vacation destination. We actually had some plans drawn up to build a campground in 1986, but the property we were planning to use didn’t have any existing infrastructure. Putting in that infrastructure would be extremely costly! When the Notice of Availability to lease Tub Run Recreation Area came out, we jumped at the opportunity to have a full service campground.”

Mr. McCarty said Laurel Highlands Outdoor Center plans on renaming the campground to Yough Lake Campground and they are planning additional development and improvements.

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"We would like to update and improve the existing campsites over the next five years to include sites with full hookups: water, sewage, and electric. We plan on building some one and two room camping cabins with lake views. And as a continuation of our current offerings in Ohiopyle, we will be setting up a livery service renting recreational kayaks, canoes, and stand-up paddleboards for use on the lake. And we'd like to add some transient motorboat docks for our campers to use." Plans for Yough Lake Campground also include adding some seasonal campsites. Laurel Highlands Outdoor Center will be opening Yough Lake Campground mid-April and plans to be open through October.

For more information about Laurel Highlands Outdoor Center and the services offered, please visit www.laurelhighlands.com.

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