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New Flat Fee Structure for Recreational Use Adopted and Jurisdictional Boating Requirements Repealed for Carvins Cove Natural Reserve

ROANOKE, VA – The Board of Directors for the Western Virginia Water Authority has adopted a new flat fee structure for recreational use at Carvins Cove Natural Reserve. Effective July 1, 2008, any person, regardless of residency, wishing to purchase a land use permit for hiking, biking or horse back riding in the Carvins Cove Natural Reserve will be charged a flat rate of \$2 per day or \$20 per year.

In addition, the requirements limiting boat launching to residents of the Cities of Roanoke and Salem and the Counties of Roanoke, Bedford, Botetourt and the Town of Vinton have been repealed. Effective, July 1, 2008, any watercraft that meets inspection requirements, regardless of the residency of the owner, may be launched at Carvins Cove. Boating permits may be purchased for \$5/day or \$75/year for boats that do not have a motor and \$9/day or \$90/year for boats that have less than a 10 HP motor. Row boats and paddle boats are also available for hourly and daily rental at the Carvins Cove boat landing.

Carvins Cove Natural Reserve, the second largest municipal park in the nation, is a 12,700 acre watershed located in the Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke. Land below the 1200 foot elevation mark and the reservoir is owned by the Western Virginia Water Authority while land above the 1200 foot elevation mark is owned by the City of Roanoke. All land in the watershed is managed by the Western Virginia Water Authority.

These changes conform to the Carvins Cove Natural Reserve Natural Resource Management Plan adopted by the Western Virginia Water Authority Board of Directors and the Roanoke City Council earlier this year.

Daily and yearly passes to utilize the park can be purchased at the Carvins Cove Boat Landing Security Office located at the end of Reservoir Road or at Just the Right Gear on Rt. 311.

Additional information about the Western Virginia Water Authority is available by calling 853-5700 or on our website www.westernvawater.org.

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