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Visitation Record Set at Amistad National Recreation Area

According to Park Superintendent Alan W. Cox, there were more visitors and recreational users at Amistad National Recreation Area in 2006 than in the history of the park. There were 1,600,399 visitors in 2006 which surpassed the previous record of 1,591,903 visitors set in 1994.

While there are other factors that contributed to the increased visitation, Cox cites one specific event as having had the biggest influence on the influx of visitors in 2006. “The “Battle of the Border” fishing tournament televised on ESPN in March of 2006 drew a lot of people to Lake Amistad and also generated subsequent interest in the area. At that time, Lake Amistad was named the #1 bass lake in the world and since then there has been an increase in the number of individual anglers as well as the number of major tournaments wanting to fish Lake Amistad,” said Cox. As of January 7, there are seven televised tournament events already scheduled for 2007.

Cox also credited an innovative educational partnership between Amistad National Recreation Area, Seminole Canyon State Park & Historic Site, and the SHUMLA School as contributing to the increase in visitors. The KEY Project brings three grade levels of local students out to the area for cultural and natural resource educational programs.

Amistad National Recreation Area’s visitor information center is located on US Highway 90W near Blackbrush boat ramp, Del Rio TX, and is open daily 8am-5pm, except Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1. For more information, visitors may call 830.775.7491, tune in to AM 1540 near the lake, or visit the park’s web site at www.nps.gov/amis.

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