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Center Hill Lake *Lake Casts*



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2010 Shoreline Clean-up a Huge Success

More than 150 concerned volunteers converged on Center Hill Lake October 2 to make the Annual Fall Shoreline Cleanup a huge success, according to Gary Bruce, Park Ranger at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' lake office.

More than 30 cubic yards of litter and debris -- about the size of a small house -- were collected from the shoreline, restoring the lake's natural beauty. Items removed from the shoreline ranged from soda cans and car tires to kitchen appliances.

Center Hill Resource Manager Tim Dunn said, "The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at Center Hill Lake would like to express their appreciation to the numerous volunteers and businesses that made this effort a huge success. Thank you for helping to keep our lake one of the most beautiful in the country."

The communal effort was coordinated out of the Floating Mill and Ragland Bottom Recreation Areas. Volunteers from the Belk Community Center even worked out of the Pin Hook area of the lake and Cub Scout groups, volunteering along with their parents and leaders, worked out of the Holmes Creek area to contribute to the success of this annual event.



Seven Violators Enter into Federal Pretrial Diversion Agreements for Destruction of Public Property

Seven violators recently entered into formal Pretrial Diversion Agreements with the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Tennessee for the unauthorized damage and/or destruction of trees and vegetation on public property surrounding Center Hill Lake. These federal criminal acts of vandalism, which involved damaging and/or destroying more than 200 trees on public property, were performed in order to gain a view of the lake from private residences at four separate locations in the Four Seasons Development. The violators include four adjacent property owners along with three contractors. Prosecution has been deferred for six to twelve months for each of the violators provided they abide by the terms of their Pretrial Diversion Agreements. Under the terms of these agreements, the violators are required to, among other things, routinely report to their pretrial diversion supervisor in Nashville and pay restitution to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for damages caused to government property. The restitution funds will be used to restore the quality of the overall environment at Center Hill Lake. At the conclusion of the probation period, the citation pending against each violator will be dismissed if all conditions set forth in their agreement are met.

For more information on these cases and to learn how you can help protect the important natural resources at Center Hill Lake, please visit our website at:

<http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/op/cen/rec/>

Or you may call the Center Hill Lake Resource Manager's Office at (931)858-3125 Monday-Friday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, CST.

Vandalized Sites Designated as RESTORATION AREAS

Signs, such as the one pictured below have been placed on public property adjacent to each of the violator's private property in the Four Seasons area of Center Hill Lake, where federal criminal acts of vandalism have been performed. These signs restrict access to the affected areas and notify the public that the areas are under restoration due to Unauthorized Activities being performed on Public Lands and further explain that anyone that alters, destroys, or modifies the landscape or vegetation within the restricted areas or adjacent public lands, (including the signs) may be prosecuted under Code of Federal Regulations Title 36 or United States Code Title 18.



Know Your Boundary

When you build or purchase a home adjacent to public property, please be sure that you know the exact location of the boundary line. Many landowners mistakenly believe that trees marked with yellow paint indicate the exact location of the public property line. Actually, the yellow paint indicates which side of the tree the property line is located on. The line is usually close to these painted trees, but a survey is required to determine the exact property line.

Information on the public property line can be obtained by visiting the Center Hill Lake Resource Manager's Office. If you have a question about the boundary line, a Ranger will be glad to

meet with you at the site.

To protect the natural features of Center Hill Lake, the placement of structures, as well as the alteration of vegetation on public property, is prohibited without written permission. Cutting of trees or the damage or removal of any vegetation for any purpose, including timber harvesting, creating views of the lake, pruning, landscaping, mowing or underbrushing is a federal crime and is punishable under the provisions of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 327.

For more information, contact the Resource Manager's Office at (931) 858-3125.

Meet the Park Rangers

If you're a newcomer to Center Hill Lake, or if it has just been a while since you have had the need to contact the Corps, you may not be familiar with the park rangers who work in the Resource Manager's Office. The Center Hill Lake rangers are available to assist you in any way possible. The current staff is as follows:

Jeff Hancock - Resource Manager

Ranger Terry Martin - (Area 1) Left descending bank from Casey Cove in Holmes Creek to the dam, including tailwater area.

Ranger Chris Cantrell - (Area 2) Right descending bank from Hurricane Bridge Recreation Area to the dam.

Ranger Jamie Summers - (Area 3) Right descending bank from Hwy. 70 bridge to Hwy. 56 bridge.

Ranger Gary Bruce - (Area 4A) Right Descending Bank from Great Falls Dam to Hwy. 70 bridge and Rock Island State Park.

Ranger Ben MacIntyre - (Area 4B) Left descending bank from Rock Island State Park to Sligo Bridge.

Ranger Mike Adcock - (Area 5) Left descending bank from Hwy. 70 bridge to head of Casey Cove in Holmes Creek.

Center Hill Lake Partners to C.A.T.C.H. Kids Fishing

The C.A.T.C.H. fishing event (Caring Adults Touching Children's Hearts) started with a bang on Saturday, September 25 at Ragland Bottom Recreation Area. Lighthouse Christian Camp partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to host 52 children for a day full of fishing, great food, prizes and unforgettable memories. The Sparta Bass Club along with many other volunteers from surrounding church groups offered up their time and boats to provide the children this experience. For many of the children, this was their first time on a boat, and for some it was their first time to even go fishing! Most could hardly wait to hop aboard and get a line in the water.




Every child was fitted with a life jacket and provided a container of worms for bait that was donated by Bucky's Mapco Express in Smithville, TN. Just before boarding the boats, each child had their picture taken with their assigned boater and counselor as they anxiously waited to head out on the lake to catch the big one!

Around noon, the boats started to trickle back in with children eager to share their fish tales. The excited children came pouring ashore telling their friends about the fish they had caught and especially about the one that had gotten away. One little girl arrived back on shore and began shouting to everyone "I caught four fish all by myself!!!" Nearly all of the children caught several fish and one boy ended up catching 22. At the ceremony, Mr. Ben Chapman of Lighthouse Christian Camp, Jason Miller of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), and members of the U.S. Army Corps of En-

gineers presented prizes and certificates to the children. Every child was given a C.A.T.C.H. t-shirt, fish trophy, fishing hat, and certificate from the Corps and TWRA. They were also very excited to receive a brand new rod and reel along with fishing tackle donated by Gander Mtn., Bass Pro Shops, Walmart, TWRA, and the Sierra Club. After everyone received their gifts, everyone involved gathered for lunch that was provided by Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Smithville, TN.

"This event is all about the kids," said Ranger Gary Bruce. "The community has come together to help support this event by not only sharing their time and donations, but also to provide the children with an experience that they can hopefully build on for the rest of their lives." Mr. Ben Chapman, President of Lighthouse Christian Camp, stated "We thank God for the enthusiastic support of all involved which made this such a wonderful and memorable event for children in need. Every child came away with a sense of accomplishment and knowing there are adults who truly care for them!!"

After eating, the children once again boarded the busses and headed back home. One boy on the bus screamed "this has been the best day I've ever had!!", while another child shouted "Yeah, this is the first fishing rod I've ever had!" In all, it was a very successful event that gave the children an experience they won't soon forget and hopefully encouraged them to be more active and involved in outdoor activities.




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Center Hill Fishing and Lake Information

Recorded Message:
(931) 858-4366 or (615) 548-8581

TVA 1-800-238-2264, select "1" for Lake and River Levels or "4" for Generation and Water Release Schedules. Center Hill code "37"

On the internet:
<http://www.LRN.usace.army.mil/pao/lakeinfo/CEN.htm>
<http://lakeinfo.tva.gov> select "Center Hill" and click "View data."



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Winter Water Safety

We don't usually think about water safety during the winter, but it's just as important during the winter as any other time of the year. Hypothermia, which is a condition in which the core body temperature drops below what is required for normal body functions, is a threat if you find yourself inadvertently in the water during the fall, winter or early spring. Cold water removes heat from the body 25 times faster than cold air and approximately 50% of that heat loss occurs through the head. Survival time can be reduced to minutes. There are a few things that can be done to reduce the risk of hypothermia.

- Wear your lifejacket
- Don't remove clothing
- Stay as still as possible
- Huddle together if in a group
- Assume the HELP position (Heat Escape Lessening Posture) by pulling all your limbs close to your body

Center Hill Lake Website

Have a question about Center Hill Lake? You can obtain information regarding a wide variety of topics relating to the lake at:

<http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/op/cen/rec/>

Information on shoreline management, fishing, camping, and boating is offered. Take a look for yourself, it will become a favorite!

