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## Speeding Across the Water on Skis Behind a Powerboat...Riding Personal Watercrafts (PWC) with Your Friends...Simply Sailing Silently Across the Lake...



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There's nothing like it! But please remember – with the enjoyment of recreational boating comes the responsibility to know the nautical rules of the road, and of small craft safety. Many boating accidents and fatalities could have been prevented if people on

board hadn't drunk alcohol and had worn their life jacket. Many collisions could be avoided if the operator paid full attention and avoided risks. Make sure you (and anyone else that may operate your boat or PWC) know the rules of the road and the basics of handling your craft.

### Boaters! Before Getting Underway...

- Take a safe boating course - you

might be surprised about what you don't know about boating safety (and it may even give you a discount on your boat insurance)!

- Put on your life jacket and leave your alcohol behind.
  - Check the weather forecast.
  - File a float plan with a friend.
  - Check your boat for all required safety equipment.
  - Know the state boating laws for the state(s) you will be boating in.
  - Check your electrical system and fuel system for gas fumes.
  - Follow manufacturers suggested procedures before starting up.
  - Carry a navigation chart and know your waterway.
  - Lake levels fluctuate daily. Check lake levels before each trip to the lake.
- And While You're Underway...**  
Follow navigation rules of the road, buoys, and other aids to navigation.
- Watch your wake and keep a safe

distance\* from docks and other structures, swimmers, and other boats. It's the law, it's courteous, and it is in place for everyone's safety.

- Please keep hold of your trash – items such as drink cups, cans, old fishing line, and bait containers can easily be blown into the water, especially from a moving boat. Not only are these items unattractive, they can be harmful to fish and other aquatic life.
- Do not tie up your boat to buoys or signs.
- Wear a life jacket whether you know how to swim or not, and dress appropriately for the weather. Most people who drown never intended to be in the water in the first place and drown within 10 – 30 feet of safety.
- Don't forget that the lake is for everyone's enjoyment, and a reckless or rude boater can turn a nice day at the lake into a disaster!

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## Striped Bass Tagging Project to Begin on Lake Hartwell

By GDNR Wildlife  
Resources Division

Striped bass fishing is a favorite pastime for many Lake Hartwell anglers.

For more than 40 years, the striped bass population in Lake Hartwell has been maintained by stocking small fish into the lake each spring. Given enough time and "groceries," these striped bass can reach weights of 40 lb or more.

However, over the last few years, Lake Hartwell anglers have expressed concern about the declining numbers of striped bass in the lake.

"We attribute the decline in the striped bass population to low levels of dissolved oxygen found down deep where striped bass live during the summertime," said Georgia DNR



fisheries biologist, Anthony Rabern. "Droughts and floods can have a strong influence on water quality in the lake, especially during the summer months."

Due to low oxygen levels last September, fisheries biologists from both the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources

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## Volunteer Opportunities on Lake Hartwell

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increasingly reliant on the assistance of private citizens. These volunteers play a vital role for the U.S. Army

We need your help! As a volunteer, you can: Work outdoors, meet new people, learn alongside knowledgeable professionals, achieve a proud sense of contributing to the future of the nation, plus, it's just plain fun!

### Making a Difference!

Leave a legacy by volunteering to preserve the recreation and natural resources at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lakes.

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Corps of Engineers at Hartwell Lake. Lake Hartwell is located near Anderson, SC; however, located far

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# Letters to the EDITOR

Some afternoons we cannot even sit on our dock due the increasing presence of the dreaded "wake boats" and the 3-4 ft high waves they throw off. Usually by midmorning the water surrounding my dock looks like a toilet due to the erosion of the shore. I have rip-rap and these boats still churn up enough of the bottom of the lake to make it most unpleasant to swim off my own dock. The operators of these boats like the calm water that small coves have. These boats need to be banned OR sent out deep water away from shorelines and homes in small coves. When is this going to happen?

—Christopher T Platt, Lavonia GA

Most modern wake enhancing boats are designed with variable

ballast systems which allows the user to pump water into and out of ballast tanks from the surrounding water. Increasing the volume of ballast water drastically increases the boat's water displacement which consequently enlarges the wake produced. The potential for damage to docks and moored boats as well as the probability of shoreline erosion

increases with the wake boat displacement, hull size, weight, and speed.

The operation of wake enhancing boats can also create choppy, unpredictable water conditions that are hazardous to small water craft such a kayaks and light weight fishing boats.

Ballast laden wake enhancing boats operating near inland lake shorelines are capable of producing wave heights and frequencies that dramatically exceed those produced during even the most intense summer thunderstorms and/or high winds.

The increasing negative impact resulting from the operation of wake enhancing boats on inland lake fish and wildlife habitat, water quality and on personal shoreline property strongly suggests that the operation of these boats on Lake Hartwell inland waters and

coves should require increased state regulation in the near future.

In the interim the following operating guidelines which are intended to help minimize the ecological and environmental impacts of wake boats on Lake Hartwell should be adopted by the Army Corps:

1. Reduce their speed within 300 feet of shore;
2. Not add ballast water or other extra weight to their boats;
3. Not operate their boats near sandy areas, wetlands or lakefront residences;
4. Avoid turning their boats in tight circles (tight circles increase wave height and frequency);
5. Avoid operating their wake boats in shallow water or near natural shorelines ■

*Editor's note: The Hartwell Lake News is interested in your comments and suggestions about the lake. We are starting a new feature LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. Please send your comments by email to: [info@hartwellakenews.com](mailto:info@hartwellakenews.com). Please include your name to any comments or your letter will not be accepted for publication.*

## Speeding Across the Water on Skis Behind a Powerboat... - continued from pg. 1

\* State boating laws vary by state. In Georgia, boaters must keep 100 feet from docks, structures, shoreline, swimmers or other persons in the water, and from other boats unless traveling at a "no wake" speed. In South Carolina, that distance is 50 feet.

### Take A Safe Boating Class!





Don't put it off - now is an excellent time of year to learn about boating safety!

Several organizations offer safety boating classes in the Hartwell Lake area. To find out when the next course is offered, give them a call!

- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 25, 864-972-2085 or 706-376-0096

- Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron, 864-231-7007
- Golden Corner Lakes Sail & Power Squadron, 864-654-1151
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 770-535-5499
- South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, 864-654-8266
- Boat/U.S. Foundation maintains a "hotline" of boating safety courses throughout the U.S. Call the hotline at 1-800-236-2628.
- National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)
- Water Safety Did You Know?
- A child can drown in only 20 seconds. An

- adult can drown in 60 seconds.
- Two thirds of drowning victims had no intentions of being in the water.
- Most people drown within 10 - 30 feet of safety.
- Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental deaths for persons 15 - 44 years old.
- More than half of all the people who drown had consumed alcohol prior to their accident.
- Being intoxicated is not necessary for alcohol to be a threat to your safety. Just one beer will impair your balance, vision, judgment and reaction time, thus making you a potential danger to yourself and others. ■

 <p><b>INFORMATION</b></p> <p>Tells directions, distances, places, food, repairs, supplies and other non-regulatory messages.</p>	 <p><b>CAUTION!</b></p> <p>Controlled Area as indicated in circle, (e.g. speed limit, no fishing, no anchoring, ski only, slow-no wake, no ski, or no prop boats).</p>
 <p><b>DANGER!</b></p> <p>Nature of danger may be indicated inside the diamond shape, (e.g. rocks, reefs, dams, construction, or snags).</p>	 <p><b>BOATS KEEP OUT!</b></p> <p>Nature of danger may be placed outside crossed diamond, (e.g. waterfalls, swim areas, or rapids).</p>

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**39** Sold Since January 1st  
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**\$363,700** Average Price

#### Lakefront Condos/Townhomes

**2** Sold Since January 1st  
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#### 303 Manitowoc Dr

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#### 1122 Bay Drive

\$169,000



0.57 lot with low corp line & dock in Treasure Bay (no HOA fees).

#### 127 Upper View Terrace

\$220,000



0.61 acre lot with covered dock in gated McClain Point.

#### 416 Old Knox Bridge Rd

\$115,000



Cozy 1BR/ABA cabin on Lake Hartwell with large deck and shared dock.

#### 114-120 Waterside Dr

\$69,900 per lot



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#### Lot 30 Lakewind Ct

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**Striped Bass Tagging Project to Begin... - continued from pg. 1**

Division and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources documented a major die-off of striped bass.

**How Do You Study Striped Bass?** To determine how striped bass in Lake Hartwell respond to harsh summertime conditions when these low oxygen levels occur, DNR biologists are surgically-implanting small radio transmitters into 40 striped bass this winter and will track their movements for the next 12 to 36 months.

“One of the goals for this project is to determine the seasonal migration patterns of striped bass in Lake Hartwell and identify potential areas in the lake where summertime water quality may be better suited for their survival,” said Project Leader Anthony Rabern. “Another goal is to determine how many striped bass may actually die during the course of the year from either natural causes or from being harvested by anglers.”

**What do anglers need to know?** It might be possible that some anglers will catch one of these striped bass that has an internal transmitter. If you catch a striped bass with a 3-inch long filament protruding from its belly, the DNR encourages you to report the TAG NUMBER by calling (888) 824-7472 and to release the fish alive, if possible, so we can continue to track the fish. If the fish is harvested, instructions will be provided on how to return the transmitter.

This project would not be possible without the combined efforts of both state DNRs, and the support of the US Army Corps of Engineers.

“In the long run,” Rabern said, “we will use the results from this study to make Lake Hartwell the best fishing destination it can be.”

For more information about the Lake Hartwell Striped Bass Telemetry Project, contact the Project Leader, Anthony Rabern, at (706) 947-1507. ■

**Volunteer Opportunities on Lake Hartwell - continued from pg. 1**

enough out of the city to provide a truly natural environment yet very accessible to many large metropolitan areas, including Atlanta, GA and Greenville, SC. As a volunteer, you will be part of a team that works together to conserve our nation’s recreation resources keeping valuable assets accessible to the public. In many cases, volunteer park hosts, and park gate attendants, are the first contact the public has with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**Everyone Can Leave a Legacy of Service**

Anyone can volunteer at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers facilities: Scout units, civic organizations,

local businesses, youth centers, school groups, retirees, and more. All of these volunteers assist us in building and maintaining our recreational facilities, as well as developing natural areas where animals and plants can thrive.

You can become part of the team and help us meet our missions for the nation. We need volunteers for a wide variety of operational activities including:

- Water safety programs
- Adopt-A-Park program
- Park attendant/hosts
- Tree plantings
- Trail work

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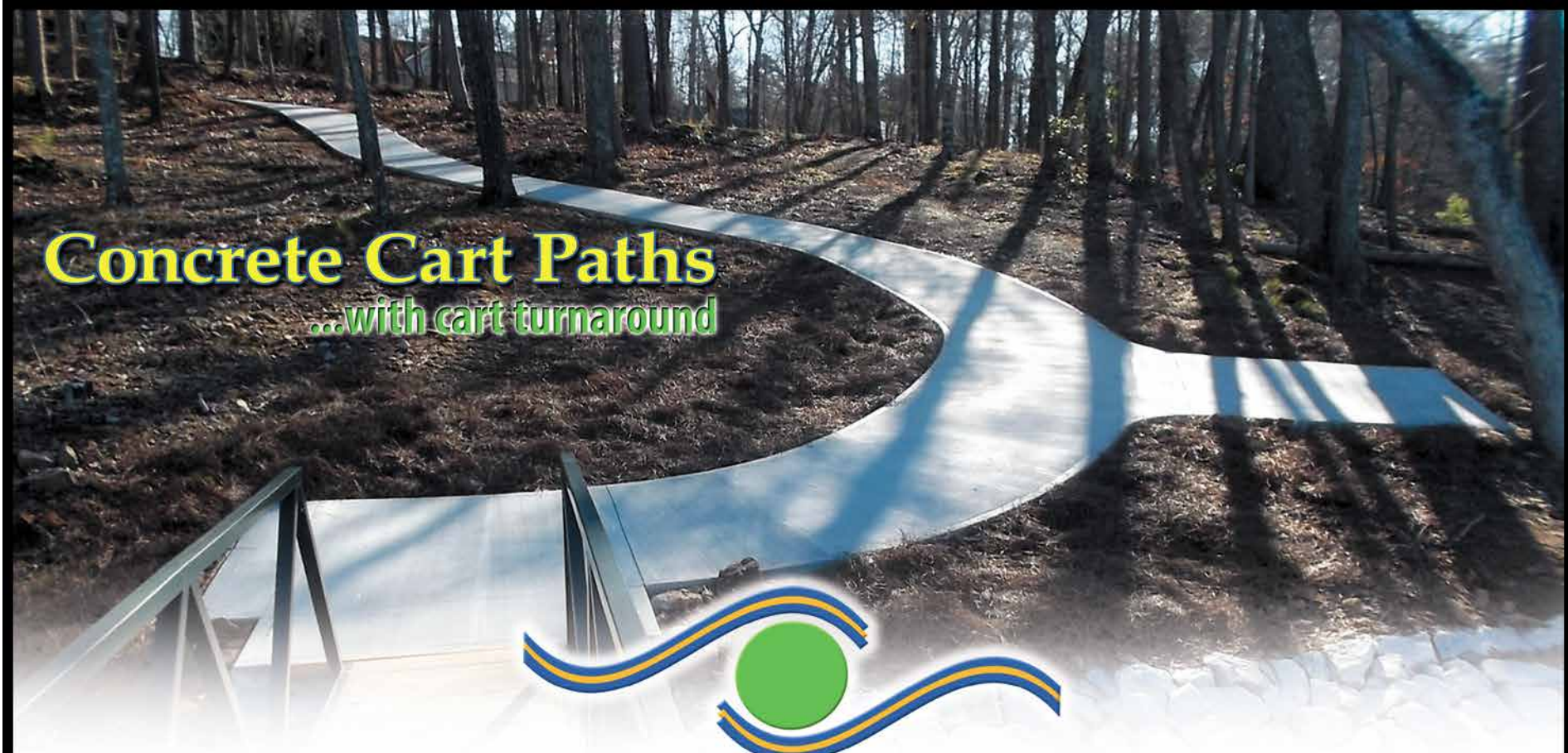
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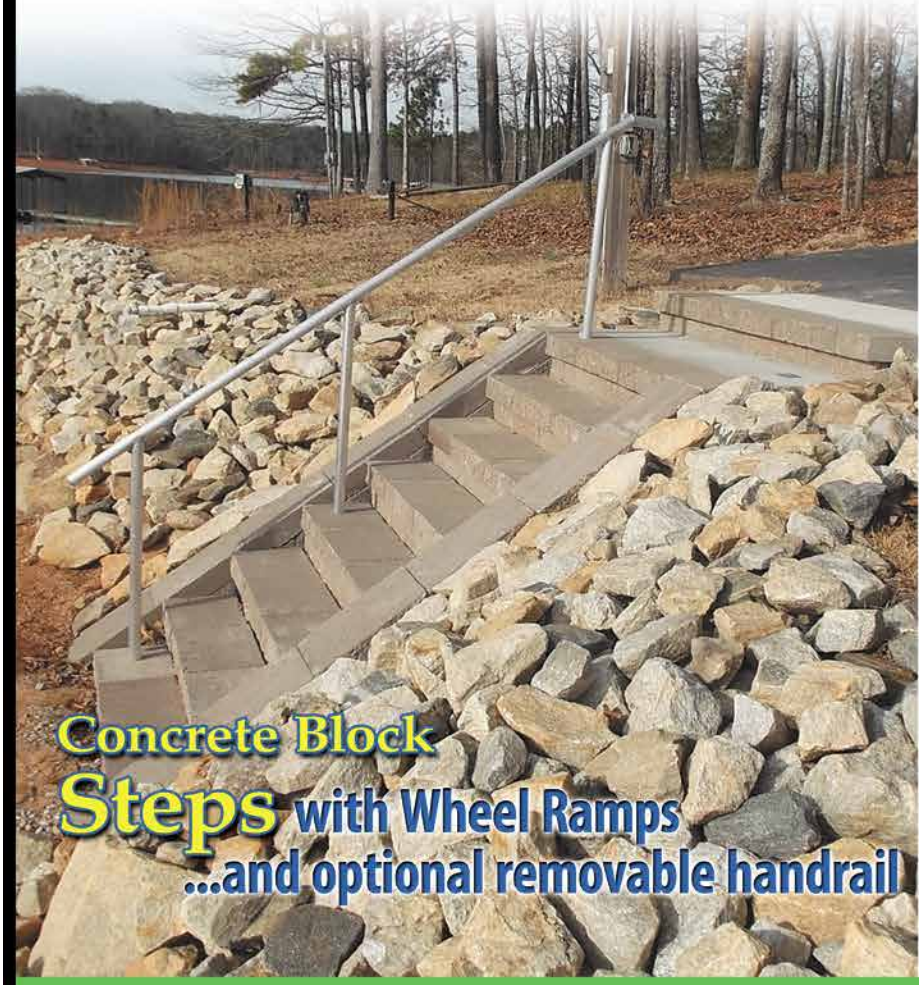


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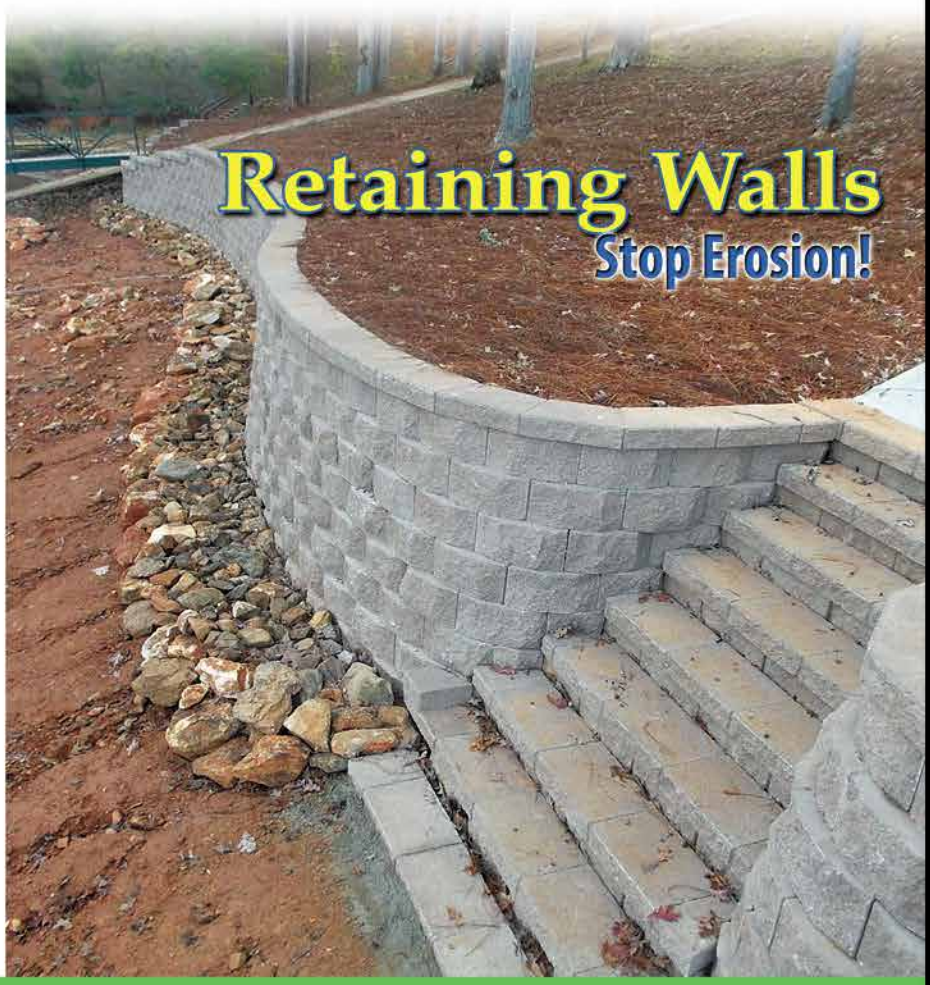
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For more than 30 years, volunteers with the American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program have donated their time and the use of

their car to make sure that people with cancer get to their lifesaving treatments. Volunteers are needed Monday - Friday, and you decide how often you want to drive. Go to [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org) for more information about volunteering. ■

### Volunteer Opportunities on Lake Hartwell - continued from pg. 6

- Wildlife nesting program
- Community outreach
- Park Watch
- Shoreline and park clean-up
- Fish attractors
- Clerical administrative assistance
- Buoy inspections
- Assist with the life jacket loaner program
- Marking timber
- Visitor center operations
- Boat patrol with park rangers
- Updating bulletin boards in parks

#### Volunteer Village

If you do not live in the area, volunteer

campsites may be available at our Volunteer Village or certain designated campsites in our campgrounds. Volunteers work a minimum of 25 hours per week for a single, and 35 hours per week for a couple and are provided a campsite (with full hook-ups) during their commitment to our team, however, must have their own self contained RV. Time commitments are flexible, but we prefer those who can commit for a minimum of 6 months.

If you are interested in a fun and challenging experience as a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Volunteer, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Dale Bowen by email or phone at (706) 856-0348 or (888) 893-0678 ext. 348 for information. ■

## Corps of Engineers Releases Draft Shoreline Management Plan for Hartwell Lake

By U.S. Army  
Corps of Engineers, Savannah

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Savannah District, seeks public comments on the "Draft" 2019 Hartwell Project Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The SMP provides guidance and information for the public regarding which facilities/activities can be authorized on public lands and waters adjacent to Hartwell Lake. The Corps last formally revised the SMP in 2007. The Draft SMP and a chart highlighting the proposed changes is posted on the

Hartwell Project website at <https://go.usa.gov/xEt5j> for easy access and review. Public comments will be accepted for 30 days and comments may be submitted via email from the Hartwell Project web site or by mail from April 15 - May 15, 2019. Public comments will be used to help the Corps finalize a new 2019 Hartwell Project SMP to be released later this year. Public comments were instrumental in shaping the "Draft" 2019 SMP. For additional information, interested persons may contact Zach Harkness, toll-free, at 888-893-0678, ext. 310 or email the project office at [cesas-op-h@usace.army.mil](mailto:cesas-op-h@usace.army.mil). ■

## Hartwell Lake Campgrounds and Day-Use Areas to Open Soon for 2019 Season

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Hartwell Project Office, announced the April 1 opening of six campgrounds and day-use areas for the 2019 season.

- Crescent Group Campground, Anderson County, South Carolina
- Springfield Campground, Anderson County, South Carolina
- Twin Lakes Campground, Pickens County, South Carolina
- Watsadler Campground, Hart County, Georgia
- Singing Pines Day Use Area, Anderson County, South Carolina
- Twelve Mile Day Use Area, Pickens County, South Carolina

Campers to Springfield Campground will notice the results of a major tree-cutting operation during the winter of 2018-2019. Workers removed weaker Virginia Pine species, which are more susceptible to disease and breakage during storms, from the park. They did so in an effort to reduce continual maintenance issues and public safety

concerns resulting from falling and hazardous trees. It will also improve the long term health of the park's forest, according to Natural Resources Program Manager Kenneth Bedenbaugh.

"Campers returning in 2019 will notice significant short term aesthetic impacts to the overall appearance of the park as removal of these inferior and dangerous trees results in less shade and buffer between sites at many locations," Bedenbaugh said. "The area will be intensively managed to allow natural regeneration of beneficial tree species, supplemented by planting, to improve the overall health and diversity of vegetation within the park. This process will take time however, and we ask for visitors' patience as we make long term improvements to the campground."

Reservations for campsites and picnic shelters located within day-use areas can be made by calling Recreation One Stop toll-free at 877-444-6777 or online at [www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov).

For more information regarding camping or day use areas at Hartwell Lake, please contact the Hartwell Project Office at 888-893-0678 or go to the Plan-A-Visit webpage <https://go.usa.gov/xEM3t>. ■



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## Authorities Ask Public to Help Find Highly Invasive Fig Buttercup

**By Clemson Public Service and Agriculture; College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences**

The sound of sniffles and the yellow tint on cars and buildings seen through watery eyes tells us spring is upon us. Trees and plants are blooming, including the *Ficaria verna*, commonly known as Fig buttercup, which is invasive.

Not to be confused with the noninvasive *Packera glabella*, or Butterweed, there is more to the Fig buttercup than meets the eye. Its bright yellow petals contrast against its dark green leaves and outshines the native plants that once lived on several Carolina riverbanks.

Surveys conducted by the Department of Plant Industry (DPI) at Clemson University, a state regulatory agency charged with protecting South Carolina from foreign plant predators, show that colonies of Fig buttercup have established themselves along tributaries of the Reedy River in Greenville and the Catawba River in Rock Hill.

“Invasive species (plant or animal) disrupt natural conditions by outcompeting native species creating a cascade of failures from ecosystem processes to loss of indigenous biodiversity. Not to mention that they can wreak havoc on crops and natural areas managed by SCDNR resulting in exorbitant costs to control (total removal is

almost never possible) their spread,” said South Carolina Department of Natural Resources’ Assistant Botanist Herrick Brown.

Compared to some parts of the country, infestations in the Southeast are relatively few and far between, thus many folks have not yet encountered it. We do, however, have several large infestations, a down payment on what it can do in the South’s riparian zones.

If new populations are discovered, the public should contact the Department of Plant Industry immediately, and they will handle treatment or removal. Citizens should not attempt to remove the plants themselves - minimizing the potential



for inadvertent spread.

Suspected cases can be reported online at [invasives@clemson.edu](mailto:invasives@clemson.edu) or by calling DPI at 864-646-2140. ■

## Slalom Ski Courses

**Reprint from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, [www.sas.usac.army.mil](http://www.sas.usac.army.mil)**

Every summer, slalom ski courses begin to appear at various locations around Hartwell Lake which raises a variety of questions from lake users, such as: Is this course legal? Can I get a permit for one? Who can use these courses? The following information will not answer all possible questions but will provide a better understanding of what is and is not allowed on Hartwell Lake in relation to slalom ski courses.

Individual slalom courses can be set up for daily use, without a permit, as long as the course is being actively used throughout the day and is removed at the end of each day. Individual courses cannot be installed before daylight or left in place after sunset. Additionally, individual

courses must be located in safe, open areas outside of navigational channels. The U.S. Army Corps



of Engineers staff at Hartwell Lake may require relocation and/or removal of courses they feel do not meet safety criteria.

Permits for seasonal slalom courses (courses left in place for extended periods) cannot be issued to private individuals or groups. Seasonal slalom courses can only be permitted to county, state or city entities. These courses do host organized events but are otherwise open for public use. There are currently four permitted courses on Hartwell Lake:

**Stephens County, GA** – Located on the Tugaloo River approximately 1,000 ft. below Hwy. 123 fishing pier, permitted to the Toccoa/Stephens Co. Recreation Department.

**Hart County, GA** – Located on Little Lightwood Log Creek, near Hwy 51 (Reed Creek


Hwy) bridge, permitted to the Hart County Recreation Department.

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Lake wide visitor safety is always one of the Corps primary concerns. In order to reduce the risk of an accident, individual courses left in place overnight will become subject to impoundment, which may result in fines and/or fees being assessed to the owner. Please exercise caution when participating in any water related activity on Hartwell ■

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## Help SCDNR Find Ruffed Grouse in South Carolina with Smartphone App

By SCDNR

Outdoor enthusiasts can download a free app (Survey123) for their smartphone that will help them document sightings of ruffed grouse in the Palmetto State for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR).

Ruffed grouse is a chicken-like bird that is found in the mountains of South Carolina. While they are the most widely distributed upland game bird in North America, their populations have been in slow decline throughout the Appalachian region for the past 45 years.

To get a better understanding of where ruffed grouse are still found in South Carolina, SCDNR is asking outdoor enthusiasts to download a free app that will let them document grouse that they see or hear. The app will record the GPS location of where the grouse was seen or heard, and ask the user for information such as date and time, observation type (seen or heard), distance away and number of grouse.

- Download the Survey123 App from the Apple App Store, Google Play Store, or Microsoft App Store.
- Download the SCDNR Ruffed Grouse Observation Survey Form

SCDNR conducted a ruffed grouse survey in 2018, marking the first extensive survey for the birds in nearly a decade. Preliminary results from the sur-

vey confirmed what scientists have long suspected: South Carolina does not have an abundance of ruffed grouse, and detecting grouse is difficult.

The survey, which ran from March 15 through April 30, 2018, included the mountain counties of Greenville, Oconee and Pickens Counties. Partners in the research included the SC Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, U.S. Forest Service, the Ruffed Grouse Society and S.C. State Parks. Dr. Michael Small, a wildlife biologist with SCDNR's Small Game Project, was the principal investigator.



Photo Credit: Courtesy the Ruffed Grouse Society

“We are at the very Southern tip of the ruffed grouse’s range,” Small said, “and we don’t have nearly the mountain habitat that North Carolina and Georgia have.” There is little to no hunting pressure on ruffed grouse in South Carolina, according to Small, because there is little chance of success. Most Palmetto State grouse hunters go out of state to hunt.

Preliminary results had one grouse heard drumming and one grouse seen along a route. However, grouse were seen in the vicinity of routes anecdotally, with sightings made by biologists and turkey hunters.

Small said the takeaway from the 2018 survey is that grouse occur in the South Carolina mountains where habitat is appropriate but occur in low numbers and are difficult to detect. Small hopes that the smartphone app will give biologists a better idea about where ruffed grouse occur in the state, giving SCDNR a better chance to further study the birds. ■

## Don't "Rescue" Young Wildlife

By GADNR Wildlife Resources Division



During the spring, it is not unusual for people to come in contact with seemingly “orphaned” young wildlife and want to help – but it is best to leave them where you find them, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife Resources Division.

“When you take wildlife into your home, you often take away that animal’s ability to then survive in the wild, where they belong,” explains John Bowers, Wildlife Resources Division Chief of the Game Management Section. “In most instances, there is an adult animal a short distance away – even though you may not be able to see it. Adult animals, such as deer, spend most of the day away from their young to reduce the risk of a predator finding the young animal.”

The best thing people can do when they see a young animal, or in fact any wildlife, is to leave it exactly as they found it. Situations become much more complex, and sometimes pose a danger to the wildlife or people, when an animal is moved or taken into a home.

### What If the Animal is Injured?

Persons not licensed and trained in wildlife rehabilitation should not attempt to care for wildlife. In fact, Georgia law prohibits the possession of most wildlife without a permit. If you encounter a seriously injured animal or an animal that clearly has been orphaned, please contact a local, licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

A list of licensed rehabilitators is available at

www.gadnrle.org (select “Special Permits” from the right hand side of the home page and scroll down to “Wildlife Rehabilitation”).

### Why Wildlife Does NOT Belong in Your Home

Handling of any wildlife, or bringing them into the home, poses health risks for both people and domestic pets. Despite the fact that they may look healthy, wildlife can transmit life-threatening diseases such as rabies, and can carry parasites such as roundworms, lice, fleas and ticks. Certain ticks transmit diseases such as ‘Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever’ and ‘Southern Tick Associated Rash Illness’ to humans.

Protect yourself and your family. Contact the local county health department and/or Wildlife Resources Division office if you encounter an animal such as a bat, fox, skunk, raccoon, coyote or bobcat that appears to show no fear of humans or dogs, or that seems to behave in a sick or abnormal manner (i.e. weaving, drooling, etc.). The animal may be afflicted with rabies, distemper or another disease. Do not attempt to feed or handle animals. Pets, livestock and humans should be kept away from the area where the animal was observed. Simply being visible during the day is not abnormal and doesn’t mean the wild animal is sick.

**The two most important steps you can take to protect yourself and your pets from rabies is 1) get pets vaccinated and 2) avoid physical contact with wildlife.** As another precautionary step, adults should instruct children to NEVER bring wildlife home. ■

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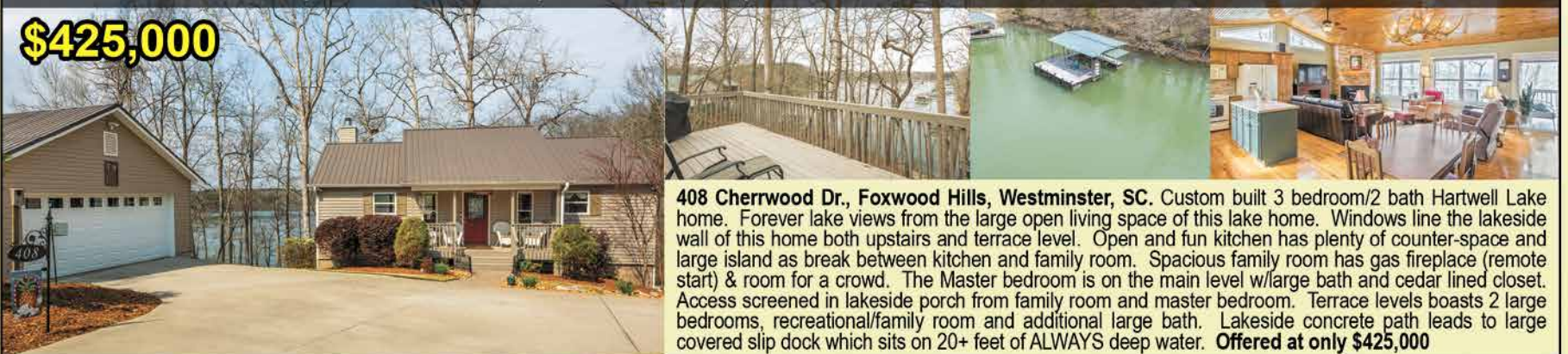
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## 4th Annual Lachlan's Hope Charity Golf Tournament

Lachlan's Hope is excited to announce our 4th Annual Golf Tournament set for May 10, 2019 at the Cross Creek Golf Course in Seneca, SC. The golf tournament will raise funds to assist pediatric stem cell transplant patients and their families in South Carolina.

Meet our namesake – now our angel–Lachlan McIntosh Tannery. Lachlan was a Seneca, SC, resident diagnosed with Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia (JMML) in the summer of 2014. Like most two year old little boys, Lachlan was energetic, curious, and full of life. Some of Lachlan's favorite things were watching Thomas the Train, playing with his twin brother, Calhoun, and ignoring his baby brother, Owen. Lachlan loved his Clemson Tigers and like any true Clemson fan, his favorite color was orange. A true Southern gentleman, his most favorite food was bacon–washed down with his gran's sweet tea. Lachlan had a love for tractors and was also quite the fashionable fella–with a style ranging from bowties and seersuckers to Southern Fried Cotton tees and Chuck Taylors.

After a successful bone marrow transplant in November 2014, Lachlan relapsed. He gained his angel wings on May 7, 2015. In his brief two years on earth, Lachlan united a community in love and continues to bring hope to others through the legacy he leaves behind.



For many children, like Lachlan, their only hope for a cure is a bone marrow transplant. Your donation will help



support children of all ages and backgrounds.

Our mission is a threefold objective to infuse hope into the lives of children and their families as they navigate the stem cell transplant journey. With your help, we aggressively strive to bring more awareness to growing the National Marrow Donor Registry, contribute to funding childhood cancer research, and actively help support patients like Lachlan and their families going through this journey with resourcing, hope, and love.

The Lachlan McIntosh Tannery Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is supported through grants and donations from individuals, businesses, and various organizations. The Lachlan McIntosh Tannery Foundation was formed with the simple desire to bring hope to others, using Lachlan's story and his family's experience as our catalyst.

We offer hope and support to children and their families navigating the journey through cancer—from diagnosis to remission. Some of our projects include—but are not limited to—welcome packages to newly diagnosed patients upon entering GHS and/or MUSC for transplant, funding for Broviac bands and travel cards for gas, food, and other necessities during the families' hospital stay. One of The Lachlan McIntosh Tannery Foundation's main goals is raising awareness about childhood cancer and leukemia and to aid families during their journey by helping them navigate the financial resources available to them. We strive to continually grow the National Marrow Donor Registry and to make our community and beyond aware of the importance of becoming a donor. ■

## Grassroots B.A.S.S. Fishing Championships to be Held on Lake Hartwell, South Carolina

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Anderson, S.C., on the shores of Lake Hartwell is becoming a frequent and favorite stop for Bassmaster fishing tournaments.

The lake hosted the GEICO Bassmaster Classic presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods in 2015 and 2018, a Bassmaster Elite Series event in April, a B.A.S.S. Nation Championship in 2017, and High School Opens this spring and last.

Add two more major B.A.S.S. events to the lineup — the Bassmaster Team Championship and the TNT Fireworks B.A.S.S. Nation Championship — later this year.

The Nation Championship will be held Nov. 6-8, and the Team Championship will take place Dec. 11-14, 2019.

“Our team at Anderson County could not be more excited about hosting the 2019 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship as well as the Bassmaster Team Championship at Green Pond Landing and Lake Hartwell,” said Neil Paul, executive director of Visit Anderson. “Our community enjoys a tremendous amount of success whenever we're hosting the great folks from B.A.S.S. We owe a great deal of credit to B.A.S.S. for their part in helping us establish Lake Hartwell as a championship fishery and Green Pond Landing as one of the premier facilities in the nation. We look forward to welcoming the anglers, their families and the entire B.A.S.S. Nation to Anderson County later this year.”

“We are excited to bring the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship back and the Bassmaster Team Championship to Lake Hartwell, Green Pond Landing and the city of Anderson,” said Jon Stewart, B.A.S.S. Nation director and Team Championship tournament director. “They always roll out the carpet for B.A.S.S. when we come.”

“And Hartwell is a fantastic fishery. I am excited to go back. They both should be very exciting events with lots of bass caught. I am pretty sure that Lake Hartwell will be the only lake in the history of B.A.S.S. that will singularly be responsible for sending four anglers to the Bassmaster classic in the same year! That's pretty cool!”

The top boater and non-boater from each state

competing in one of three regional championships will fish the National Championship, along with qualifiers from 11 foreign nations with affiliated B.A.S.S. Nation organizations. The Top 3 finishers from the Nation Championship will earn a spot in the 50th Bassmaster Classic presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods, to be held March 6-8 in Birmingham, Ala., with fishing on Lake Guntersville, as will the winner of the Team Championship Classic Fish-off competition.

The overall winner of the Nation Championship will receive an invitation to fish the 2020 Bassmaster Elite Series. Two current Bassmaster Elite Series pros qualified for the top tier of professional bass fishing through the Nation Champions, Caleb Sumrall in 2017 and Randall Pierson in 2018.

The Team Championship comprises the top teams from organized tournament trails across the United States, as well as other countries. Teams were fielded this year from Australia, Canada and South Africa, in addition to the U.S. The trails must register with and be sanctioned by B.A.S.S. prior to the start of the season.

The program has grown dramatically since its inception. In 2014, 38 trails signed up. That number grew to 62 trails (with more than 8,000 members) in 2018, when the fifth annual Team Championship event on the Harris Chain of Lakes at Leesburg, Fla., drew 197 two-angler teams.

William Samples of South Boston, Va., and Charles Purcell of Townsville, N.C., won the 2018 national team title with a two-day total of 42 pounds, 10 ounces, and will be able to defend their title at Hartwell.

Kentucky angler Matthew Robertson won the Classic Fish-Off and a berth in the 2019 Classic in Knoxville in March.

“These two grassroots programs provide weekend anglers a chance to prove their remarkable fishing skills on a national stage,” said B.A.S.S. CEO Bruce Akin. “We're proud to provide that platform because they represent an important part of the foundation of the fishing industry and the sport of bass fishing.”

Both events are hosted by Visit Anderson. ■

## Cars & Guitars 2019 Festival - Hartwell, GA

Kick off your Memorial Day weekend with Hart County Chamber of Commerce's 12th annual Cars and Guitars Festival! It will be held on Saturday May 25th, on the square in downtown Hartwell from 10am-2pm. The family friendly event will feature over 100 antique and classic cars and trucks as well as food, music, children's activities and various craft vendors. Inflatables will be onsite for kids of all ages. Car registration for the event is \$20

and includes a commemorative t-shirt and swag bag. Entry forms are available at the Chamber office or on line at [www.hart-chamber.org](http://www.hart-chamber.org). For Information about the event or how to become a vendor call the chamber office at 706-376-8590 or email [hartchamber@hartcom.net](mailto:hartchamber@hartcom.net). Two other events add to the excitement for Memorial Day weekend in Hartwell. First, the Challenge of the Centuries bike ride takes place on both Saturday and Sunday. Over 350+ bike riders take part in

the challenge each year. Information about the event can be found at [www.challengeofthecenturies.com](http://www.challengeofthecenturies.com). Last but not least, the Lake Hartwell Music Festival will take place at the Long Point Recreation Area from 1-10pm. Bring a chair and enjoy a wide array of music from a variety of artists and groups. The headliner this year is Ashland Craft from the Voice. There will be food and activity vendors on site. The event is a fundraiser for the H.Y.D.R.A. Youth program. ■



## Boat Poker Run to Benefit Meals on Wheels-Anderson

The Hartwell Lake Poker Run benefiting Meals on Wheels will bring more than 160 boats to Hartwell Lake and Big Water Marina on June 6th, 7th and 8th.

Entering its 10th year, the Hartwell Lake Poker Run kicks off the summer boating season in the area. Boaters from all over the Southeast will converge at Big Water Marina, then visit five different scenic locations on the lake to collect coupons. At the end of the day, boaters gather back at the marina for a drawing to award prizes.

The fun begins on Thursday evening, June

6 with a Welcome Party and Boat Showcase at Palmetto Distillery. June 7 brings a Friday morning “fun run” to Clemson beginning at Big Water Marina and a kick-off party featuring a live auction and live music that night. Saturday, June 8 is event day at Big Water Marina, and will feature live music from 11:00 am until..., including an after-event party. Thursday, Friday



and Saturday will offer great music, great food and a great time! Even if not participating in the actual boat poker run, the community is invited to join in the festivities. Join in the fun and help support a worthy cause!

Online registration for boaters is available through Sunday, May 19th for \$85. After the 19th, onsite registration is required, and the entry fee

increases to \$100. Visit the Hartwell Lake Poker Run website at [www.hartwelllakepokerrun.com](http://www.hartwelllakepokerrun.com) or call 864.225.6800 for event and registration information.

All proceeds from this event will help feed the homebound elderly and disabled of Anderson County through the Meals on Wheels home delivery meal program. Meals on Wheels prepares and delivers 400 meals each weekday and approximately 500 volunteers give their time to assist in this mission. ■



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## Concerned About Potential Nuisance... – continued from pg. 15

each method may be appropriate.

The nesting season for geese is just getting underway, and landowners and land managers who have problems with geese (homeowners, golf course managers, city/county managers, etc.) - especially during the summer molting season - may be able to act now and reduce their nuisance problems later this year.

It is important to remember that Canada geese are a protected species under state and federal law. It is illegal to hunt, kill, sell, purchase

or possess Canada geese except according to Georgia's migratory bird regulations or other federal permits.

For more information, visit the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service website at <https://epermits.fws.gov/ERCGR/geSI.aspx>. For a brochure on a variety of methods of dealing with nuisance geese, visit [www.georgiawildlife.com/nuisancewildlife](http://www.georgiawildlife.com/nuisancewildlife). Also visit [www.youtube.com/georgiawildlife](http://www.youtube.com/georgiawildlife) and search that page for "nuisance" for a Wildlife Resources Division produced video. ■

## Help Conserve Wildlife

By GADNR

From eastern indigo snakes to bald eagles, DNR's Wildlife Conservation Section works to conserve rare and other Georgia wildlife not legally fished for or hunted, as well as rare plants and natural habitats. The agency depends primarily on fundraisers, grants and contributions. That makes public support key.

Georgians can help by supporting the state's Nongame Wildlife Conservation Fund. Here's how:

- Buy or renew a DNR eagle or hummingbird license plate. Most of the fees are dedicated to wildlife. Upgrade to a wild tag for only \$25! Details at [georgiawildlife.com/licenseplates](http://georgiawildlife.com/licenseplates).
- Donate at [goutdoorsgeorgia.com](http://goutdoorsgeorgia.com). Click "Licenses and Permits" and log in to give. (New

customers can create an account.) There's even an option to round-up for wildlife.

- Contribute to the Wildlife Conservation Fund when filing state income taxes – line 30 on form 500 or line 10 on form 500EZ. Giving is easy and every donation helps.
- Donate directly to the agency. Learn more at [georgiawildlife.com/donations](http://georgiawildlife.com/donations).
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## Striped Bass: Fresh from the Renovated Richmond Hill Fish Hatchery

By GADNR Wildlife Resources Division

Striped bass, an angler favorite, can be found in large rivers and reservoirs. But did you know that many of these fish are hatched, raised and stocked by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division? In fact, the Richmond Hill Hatchery is the sole producer of Atlantic striped bass fry, hybrid striped bass fry, and white bass fry in the state. These fry are distributed to other hatcheries across the state to be reared to a one-inch fingerling size before being stocked into reservoirs across Georgia.

"We are excited here at the Richmond Hill Fish Hatchery because the very first striped bass produced at the facility since the renovation was completed are being transferred to rearing ponds today," said fisheries biologist Chris Harper. "It takes about 30 days to get these fish large enough to stock, about one-inch in length, then we harvest them from the rearing ponds and haul them out to locations all over Georgia for stocking!"

Striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) have silver, copper or greenish backs and pale sides marked by six to nine dark, unbroken stripes running from head to tail. They have an elongated and slightly compressed body, and two narrow tooth patches on the tongue, which readily distinguishes them from white bass. Hybrid bass have shorter,

stockier bodies and broken stripes, and white bass lack stripes. At adult size, they can be anywhere from 5-60 pounds.

Millions of sport fish, such as striped bass, are produced each year at nine hatcheries in the state. Richmond Hill Fish Hatchery recently completed a major renovation that includes a new state-of-the-art hatchery and regional administrative facility. The new hatchery building has the capacity to



increase fry production by more than 25 percent compared to the old facility, and since the incubation room has a recirculating water system, the new hatchery will also conserve water.

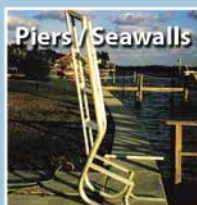
Funding for the hatchery was derived from mitigation funds from the Savannah River Deepening Project and other state monies. Anglers support the operation of the hatchery through their fishing license purchase and through the Sport

Fish Restoration Fund by paying taxes on items like fishing equipment and boat fuel. Those tax dollars get returned to Georgia based, in part, on how many fishing licenses are sold. So, buy a license ([www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com](http://www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com)) to make sure your dollars stay in Georgia!

For more information about the Richmond Hill Fish Hatchery, visit <https://georgiawildlife.com/richmond-hill-fish-hatchery>. Fishing information available at <https://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/angler-resources>. ■



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## Hartwell Lake Campgrounds and Day-Use Areas to Open May 1

Reprint from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, [www.sas.usac.army.mil](http://www.sas.usac.army.mil)

Beginning May 1, 10 campgrounds or day-use areas at Hartwell Dam and Lake will open for the recreation season, according to Army Corps of Engineers officials.

These areas include: • Coneross Campground, Oconee County, South Carolina • Georgia River Campground, Hart County, Georgia • Oconee

Point Campground, Oconee County, South Carolina • Payne's Creek Campground, Hart County, Georgia • Elrod Ferry Day-Use Area, Hart County, Georgia • Friendship Day-Use Area, Oconee County, South Carolina • Poplar Springs Day-Use Area, Franklin County, Georgia • River Forks Day-Use Area, Anderson County, South Carolina • Twin Lakes Day-Use Area, Pickens County, South Carolina • Weldon Island Day Use Area, Anderson County, South Carolina.

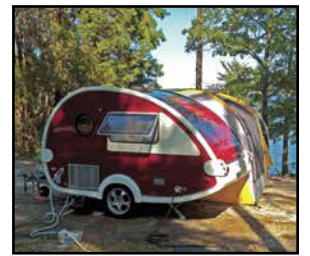
Visitors can make reservations for campsites and picnic shelters located within day-use areas by calling Recreation One Stop toll-free at 877-444-6777 or online at [www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov).

"Whenever someone visits Hartwell Lake, we urge them to wear a life jacket any time they are in, on or near the water," Park Ranger Scott Lusk at Hartwell Lake, said. "Life jackets worn, nobody mourns."

For more information regarding camping or day use areas at Hartwell Lake, please contact

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Visitors can also go to <https://go.usa.gov/xmYrc> to plan a visit to Hartwell Lake. ■



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## Anderson County's Brian Latimer Wins FLW Tour Event

By Visit Anderson

Brian Latimer has dreamed of being a professional angler his entire life, and in those dreams, he imagined winning a professional tournament and hoisting the championship trophy over his head to the cheers of fishing fans everywhere. On Sunday, those dreams became a reality as Latimer sacked up 21.3 pounds of bass to win his first professional fishing tournament, the FLW Tour on Lake Seminole presented by Costa. The Belton native caught a four-day total of 80.15 to hoist the trophy and collect the winning check of \$100,000. In his fourth year as a professional angler on the FLW Tour, Latimer has represented Green Pond Landing and Event Center as one of his many sponsors. He currently wears the Green Pond Landing and Event Center branding on his jersey and features a matching carpet decal located on the front deck of his Falcon bass boat. "We had an opportunity to get to know Brian and begin

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**T-Shirt Art Winners Announced in Youth Birding Competition**

**By GADNR Wildlife Resources Division**

Four budding bird artists have been selected as T-shirt Art Contest winners in Georgia's 14th annual Youth Birding Competition, the state Department of Natural Resources announced today.

A barn owl drawing by Kaichen Guo, an 11th-grader at Lambert High School in Suwanee, led the contest's record-breaking group of 272 entries. As grand-prize winner, the 18-year-old will receive a \$100 Michaels gift card and have his artwork featured on T-shirts at the Youth Birding Competition later this month. Art contest coordinator Linda May praised participants and stressed that the focus “isn't just about art.” “It's about teaching kids to observe and connect with nature,” said May, environmental outreach coordinator for DNR's Wildlife Conservation Section. “Birds are a great focus since they're beautiful, fun to watch and easy to find.”

To encourage wildlife conservation, aware-

ness and appreciation of animals and their habitats are essential. The contest helps form that foundation through art.

The T-shirt Art Contest is part of the Youth Birding Competition, an annual event in which teams of children and teens try to find as many bird species as possible throughout Georgia in 24 hours. This year, the free bird-a-thon runs from 5 p.m. April 26 to 5 p.m. April 27, ending in a banquet at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center near Mansfield. Registration for the birding competition closed March 31.

Kaichen Guo's art entry also led the art contest's High School division. Other division winners included:

- Primary (pre-K through second grade): purple finch by Olivia Wang, 8, from The Westminster Schools in Atlanta.
- Elementary (third-fifth grade): cedar waxwing by Danhui (Hannah) Wang, 10, from Sharon Elementary in Suwanee.
- Middle School (sixth-eighth grade): bald



eagle by Alston Li, 12, from Riverwatch Middle School in Suwanee.

All division winners this year are after-school students at SKA Academy of Art and Design in Duluth, a testament to the facility's training and the students' talent. Contest submissions represented 57 public, private and home schools statewide. Entries were judged by a four-person

panel including a DNR biologist, two artists and a graphic designer. Judges do not see a participant's name, school or hometown.

All entries will be displayed, and division winners honored during the awards banquet April 27 at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. The winner of a new award for the best artwork by a birding team participant also will be revealed at the banquet. The birding competition and T-shirt Art Contest are sponsored by DNR's Wildlife Conservation Section, The Environmental Resources Network Inc. or TERN—friends group of the Wildlife Conservation Section—and others including the Georgia Ornithological Society and the Atlanta and Albany Audubon societies.

Pics T-shirt Art Contest winning entries: <https://bit.ly/2FTTrFIV> ■

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## Pee Dee Memoirs

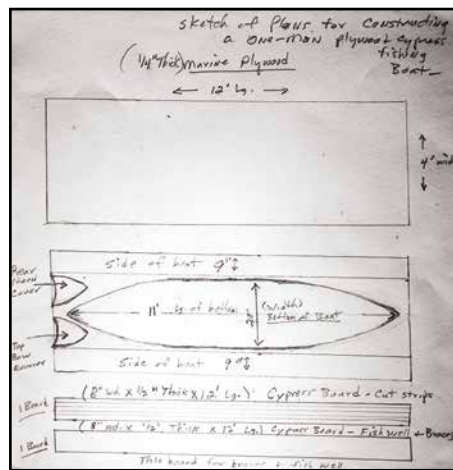
*Pee Dee native Lewis Rogers reflects on fishing trips with his friends during the 1950s and 60s, when improvising was the name of the game.*

**By Lewis Roger,  
Original art by Ellen Fishburne**

I spent many spring and summer days during my grammar and high school years in the 1950s fishing primarily for long-eared sunfish, “redbreast,” on most stretches of the Little Pee Dee River in Marion County with my fishing buddies Gene and George. We were from Zion in Marion County, and fished in wooden one-man boats. We used a ten- to eleven-foot-long slender cane pole rigged with twelve-pound test monofilament line the same length as our pole, a small cork, a number four wire hook and a split shot lead sinker. We called this rig a throwline, and we fished on the move with crickets. Occasionally, we would take some Catawba worms and fish on the bottom with reels, but not too often. Too boring!

Back then, the Little Pee Dee was full of redbreast. In areas of the river with slower currents, we also caught bluegill, warmouth, stumpknockers, bass, crappie and jackfish. Although there were some outboard motors, we didn't have them, or the smaller electric motors. When we did see occasional fisherman with a larger boat and outboard motor, regardless of how slowly they were going,

to learn more about their construction. After that, I made a couple of the small boats during my years as a biologist at the Webb Center. (I'm interested in building another one now during my retirement years.)



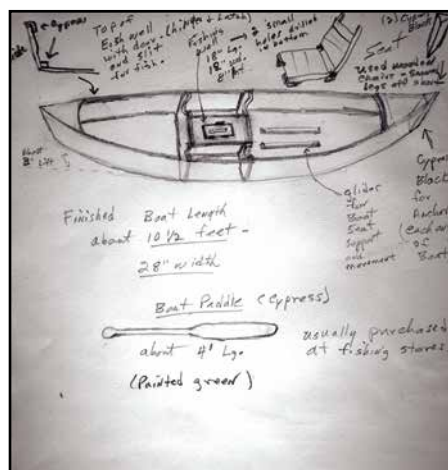
Rogers sketched his own construction plans for the one-man boat he hopes to build in his retirement. Courtesy South Carolina Wildlife.

There were swift-running waters and white sandbars in the Little Pee Dee River. It was very quiet and peaceful on the water . . . absolutely beautiful! Occasionally, we would see other people fishing in similar, small paddle boats, but not many fished in the swifter waters because few

other species of fish. A section of the Little Pee Dee, up-river from Cartwheel Landing, had several cut-throughs. This was one of our favorite fishing spots. We didn't tell too many other fishermen about our best fishing holes.

I recall taking my future bride on her first boat-paddling experience on the Little Pee Dee River. We paddled up the river from Cartwheel Landing to meet up with Gene and cook some fish on a sandbar. We had everything for the fish fry, except our frying pan. So, we looked around in the swamp and found an aluminum pie pan. We cooked fish (one at a time) in the pie pan, and they were delicious. Improvising was the name of the game back then.

My buddies and I camped overnight a few times at two or three boat landings along the Little Pee Dee. Camping saved some travel time, and we were able to get an early start fishing. From time to time, during winter months, we camped to shoot wood ducks at daybreak.



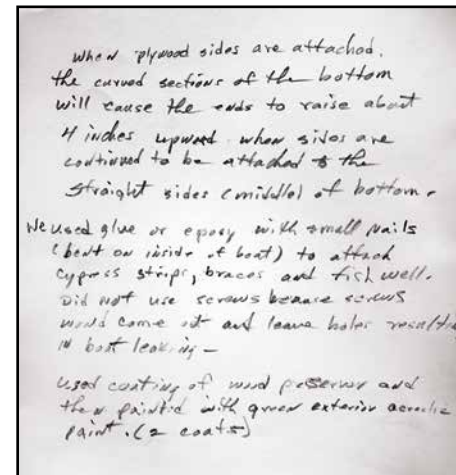
Sketch by Lewis Rogers. Courtesy South Carolina Wildlife.

Cartwheel and Sampson landings were two favorite locations for fishing. Sampson Landing was below Highway 501 near Galivants Ferry and near the junction of the Little and Big Pee Dee rivers. Sampson Landing was about thirty miles from Zion. The land between the rivers was all forest back then. At Sampson Landing, there were several cuts in the Little Pee Dee River. It wasn't easy to follow the main river channel when paddling our boats, but Gene and I knew the cuts well and didn't get lost as many others did.

The Little Pee Dee River channels in that area were really wild, but excellent fishing for redbreast. There were lots of wood ducks to hunt back then. Not many deer in the Little Pee Dee swamps, but there was a higher population of deer in the Great Pee Dee drainage. When I was in grammar school, my father hunted deer occasionally at a hunt club along the Great Pee Dee River in Marion County, and I would tag along.

Back then we didn't have tents for camping. We slept on the ground on a bed of leaves near a campfire. When camping during warmer seasons, George would sometimes sleep inside the cab or in the bed of our pickup truck as he was very cau-

tious of snakes. Next morning, he would complain of a sore back or not getting enough sleep. When camping to hunt ducks, we would take along a blanket and sleep closer to larger campfires.



Sketch by Lewis Rogers. Courtesy South Carolina Wildlife.

I often drove my father's pickup truck so we could transport our one-man boats in the back, as we didn't have boat trailers. Once we ran out of gas at Sampson Landing and drew straws to see who would walk the thirteen miles to get help. I drew the short straw and had to walk all the way to Highway 501 and catch a ride to Galivants Ferry for gas. I was able to get a ride back to the landing. I still think the drawing was rigged! I remember jogging most of the way to save time. I was “lean and mean” and a good runner back then.

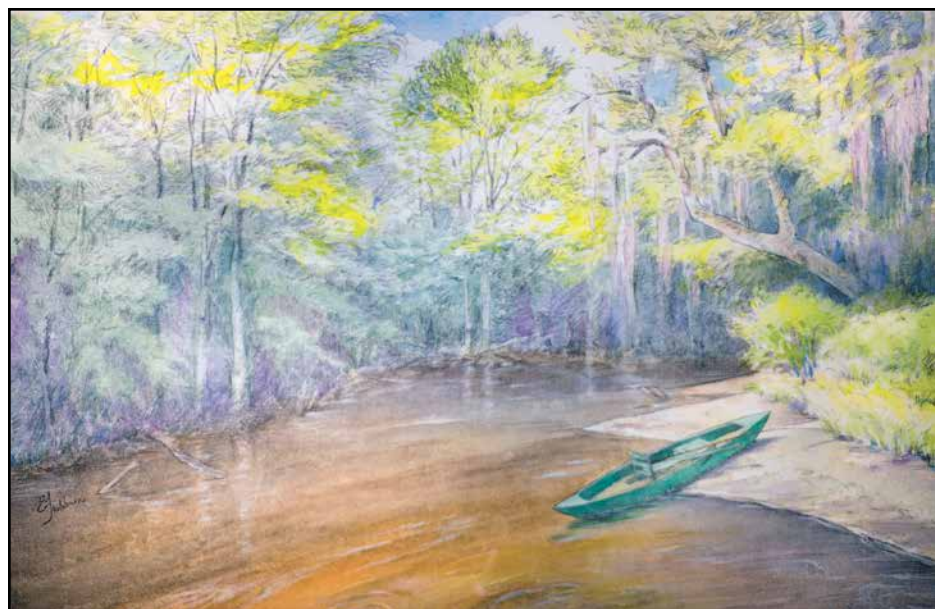
Huggins Bridge Landing was a narrow and shallow part of the Little Pee Dee River near Fork, in Dillon County. We often went there for swimming, sometimes at noon during lunch breaks when working on our farms. There was a long rope tied high to a cypress limb. We would swing out and drop into the center of the river. That was really cooling off. Of course, that wasn't enough. We would climb the cypress tree and dive from a limb, being very careful to miss cypress tree roots. Sandy Bluff, near Mullins, was another place we had family outings to go swimming.

I'd like to revisit those quiet stretches along the Little Pee Dee River. It would be nice to go along with a group of family and friends. Of course, we must also steer clear of paper wasps on over-hanging limbs, but that is another story!

Lewis Rogers is a retired SCDNR wildlife biologist who learned the basics of photography from SCW former chief photographer Ted Borg. During recent years, Rogers' photographs have periodically appeared in *South Carolina Wildlife*, a tribute to his mentor and longtime friend.

Ellen Fishburne is an artist and illustrator whose love affair with nature began in childhood. She teaches classical drawing from her home studio in Columbia. Visit [www.FishburneArts.com](http://www.FishburneArts.com) to view her portfolio of artwork.

“Pee Dee Memoirs” first appeared in *South Carolina Wildlife* magazine. ■



Original art by Ellen Fishburne, [www.FishburneArts.com](http://www.FishburneArts.com)

we would complain that they were disturbing the waters where we fished. It's because outboard motors were not common, and we couldn't imagine how we could catch fish from larger motor boats.

So, we proudly paddled our little, home-made, one-man, wooden boats — shallow-built (eight-inch-high sides) made of marine plywood and cypress. These wooden boats were painted dark green. We used slim-blade cypress paddles. Jerry, a friend who lived in our Zion community, built these types of boats. Similar small paddle boats could be purchased at some outdoor stores, generally where fishing supplies and crickets were sold. I helped him build boats one summer

others were skilled enough to successfully catch redbreast in the strong currents as Gene and I could do. George had difficulty managing the currents, so he fished in slower sections of the river. He never caught many redbreast, and we usually kidded him about his poor fishing success.

In some places the river cut new channels, through the swamps, that we called “cut-throughs.” In the stronger-flowing water of these cuts is where we could find and catch more redbreast.

Shallower and slower-flowing water channels we called “old river.” Old river channels sometimes created oxbow lakes. The slower-moving shallow waters of oxbows are where we caught most of the

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Planning on going fishing this year? If so, the new 2019 Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations Guide can help, says the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (WRD).

"Any angler that is looking for new places to fish, changes to laws and regulations or other information should begin with this publication," said Matt Thomas, Chief with the WRD Fisheries Management Section. "Our biologists and staff do their best to make sure this guide book has the most current and accurate information and anglers can easily access it online, from our Outdoors GA app or in the printed copy."

The 2019 Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations Guide provides helpful information, including color fish identification charts for both freshwater and saltwater fish, license purchasing information, contact information for Wildlife Resources Division and Coastal Resources Division fisheries management offices and DNR law enforcement offices, trout stream listings, public fishing area information, state record fish listings, fishing

regulations for Georgia and more.

The 2019 Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations may be found online at <http://www.eregulations.com/georgia/fishing/>, or through the Outdoors GA app (free app for iPhone or Android users). Anglers also can pick up a printed copy at any Wildlife Resources Division fisheries management or DNR law enforcement office, or at fishing license vendors throughout Georgia.

Where else can you find fishing information? The Angler Resources page on the WRD website, <http://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/angler-resources>, is a great place for new or experienced anglers and includes information about taking kids fishing, reservoir and river fishing tips, fish ID info and much more. If you are looking for the latest fishing tips, check out the weekly Georgia Fishing Report (<https://georgiawildlife.blog>).

For more information about Georgia's fishing regulations, visit <http://georgiawildlife.com/regulations>. ■

## Special Opportunity Turkey Hunting Season Available to Youth and Mobility-Impaired Hunters

**By Georgia Department of Natural  
Resources' Wildlife Resources Division**

The statewide turkey hunting season opens on March 23. However, youth and mobility-impaired hunters utilizing private land have a chance to harvest a bird during a special early opportunity turkey season on March 16-17, 2019, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division.

This weekend hunt opportunity is available only for youth 16 years of age and younger, or hunters that are mobility impaired (i.e. confined to a wheelchair, hemiplegia, monoplegia, paraplegia, or single-leg amputation above the knee). Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older) who may call for turkey, but may not take or attempt to take a turkey.

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Resident youth hunters under age 16 will not need a license. Hunters age 16 years or older (including those accompanying youth or others) will need a hunting license and a big game license unless hunting on their own private land. Get your license

at [www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com](http://www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com), at a retail license vendor or by phone at 1-800-366-2661.

The 2019 Georgia statewide turkey season opens Sat., March 23. For more information, visit [www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting/regulations](http://www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting/regulations). ■



## Georgia Bass Slam: Who Won 2018 and Are You Ready for 2019

**By Georgia Department of Natural  
Resources' Wildlife Resources Division**

Catching a Georgia Bass Slam is already quite the accomplishment, but how about topping it off with winning the grand prize for the 2018 Bass Slam? Out of the 33 anglers that completed a Slam in 2018, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division announce that the winner is Tyler Hutchins. Congrats Tyler! Now, time to start working on that 2019 Slam.

What is a Georgia Bass Slam? Catch (at least) five of the different black bass species found in Georgia and you have a Georgia Bass Slam! This program recognizes anglers with the knowledge and skill to catch different species of bass in a variety of habitats across the state, while also stimulating interest in the conservation and management of black bass and their habitats.

Georgia's ten (10) recognized native black bass species are largemouth, smallmouth, shoal, Suwannee, spotted, redeye, Chattahoochee, Tallapoosa, Altamaha and Bartram's. Anglers can find out more

about these eligible bass species, including images, location maps and more at [www.BassSlam.com](http://www.BassSlam.com).

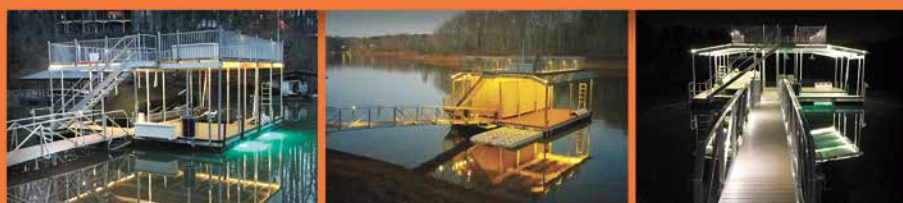


**How Can You**

**Participate?** To qualify for the Georgia Bass Slam, fish must be caught within a calendar year, must be legally caught on waters where you have permission to fish, and anglers must provide some basic information on the catch (length, weight-if available, county and waterbody where caught) accompanied by several photos of each fish. Anglers will submit information to Georgia.BassSlam@dnr.ga.gov for verification. Complete rules posted at [www.BassSlam.com](http://www.BassSlam.com).

**What is Your Reward?** Well, besides bragging rights among all the anglers and non-anglers you know, you will receive a certificate worthy of framing, two "Go Fish Education Center" passes, some fantastic and fun stickers (for vehicle windows/bumpers) to advertise your achievement. Anglers also will be recognized on

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## Hartwell Lake Fishing Forecast Spring to Summer 2019

By Preston Harden

As we enter spring, Hartwell has been at full pool for over a year. Thank you Corps of Engineers. The Lake is so beautiful when it is full. The fish are waking up from a long winter rest. Most fish metabolism slows down in the winter. Sort of like animals hibernate. As the water warms, the fish move shallow. Then, most fish think about spawning. Hybrids and stripers run-up the Seneca and Tugaloo rivers in April and May to drop eggs. Some try to spawn in shallow water down in the main Lake. The Spawn does not work as the conditions are not good enough. The eggs need miles of flowing river to hatch. This is not a problem for Lake Hartwell. The Georgia and South Carolina DNR stock lots of stripers and hybrids every



year from their hatcheries.

Spring is a special time for bass fisherman. The bass move shallow and are easy to target close to the bank. Bass will get on a bed in shallow water and are easy to sight fish to. This is exciting fishing. As you watch the bass eat usually a soft plastic or rubber worm. They want to move it from the bed.

Crappie fishing peaks in the spring as they

try to spawn around shallow structure. They are easy to catch with a little crappie jig about 3 feet under a float. Twitch the float and pause. Watch the float or any movement.

The big blue catfish are another game fish that move shallow. They move to the backs of major creeks to gorge on threadfin Shad. Hartwell has some true monsters that will rival the big cats from Lake Santee Cooper.

By summer, most of these fish have finished spawning and are moving to deeper water. They move off the bank to cooler deeper water. The stripers and hybrids will migrate towards the lower Lake by early summer. The largemouth and spotted bass move all the banks to brush piles in 15 to 30 feet deep water. The catfish and crappie will also move to deeper water for the summer. ■

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the WRD website, at the Go Fish Education Center ([www.GoFishEducationCenter.com](http://www.GoFishEducationCenter.com)), and through a variety of social media platforms. In addition, all

successful submissions will go into a drawing for an annual grand prize!

For more information, visit [www.BassSlam.com](http://www.BassSlam.com). ■

### Recognizing Great Catches: New Angler Award Programs Will Highlight More Anglers and More Fish

By Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division

In 2018, more than 100 anglers reeled in an Angler Award for outstanding catches. This award program recognizes those who catch fish that meet or exceed a specific weight or length for that particular species. This year, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) will introduce three new additional award categories recognizing even more angler catches!

"We are excited about these new opportunities to recognize even more great fish that Georgia anglers are catching," says Matt Thomas, chief of the WRD Fisheries Management Section. "These new programs give us the chance to put the spotlight on youth and adult anglers, those catching lunker largemouths, and those reeling in the big ones from our Public Fishing Areas."

#### Angler Award Opportunities:

- Angler Award-Adult: Anglers (age 16 and up) can be rewarded for catching quality size fish (kept fish or catch-and-release) that meet or beat a specific weight or length.
- Angler Award-Youth: Anglers (age 15 and

younger) can be rewarded for catching quality size fish (kept fish or catch-and-release) that meet or beat a specific weight or length. Note - weights and lengths reduced for youth Angler Awards.

- Trophy Largemouth Bass: Recognizing catches of largemouth bass weighing 10+ pounds. Catch one that is 13+ pounds? Get a free replica mount!
- PFA Record: Recognizing the largest fish of each species caught and properly documented at each PFA. Species include Largemouth Bass, Black or White Crappie, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, and Channel Catfish.
- To view all Angler Award program rules, find weights/lengths, current records, 2018 angler award winners, and award recognition information, etc., visit <https://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/anglerawards>.

#### Other Fishing Recognition Programs:

- State Records: In addition to the angler award program, the division also maintains a freshwater fish state-record program for anglers who land a catch that exceeds the existing record catch weight by one ounce or more. More information at <http://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/recordprogram/rules>.
- Kids First Fish Certificate: The division wants to recognize children across the state for catching their first fish with the online kid's first fish award certificate available at <https://georgiawildlife.com/my-first>. Spending any amount of time fishing, is time well spent. Angler Awards might just make that fishing trip even more fun. More on fishing in Georgia at <http://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/angler-resources>. ■



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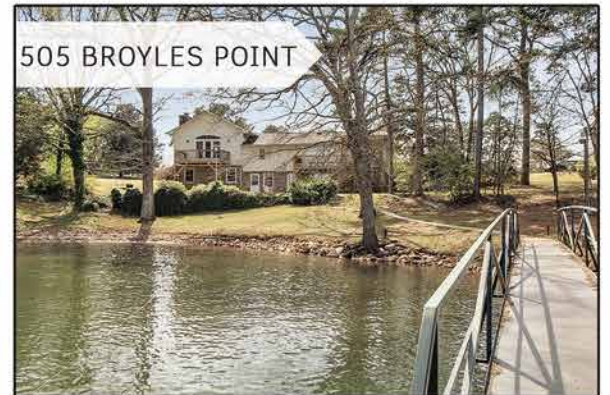
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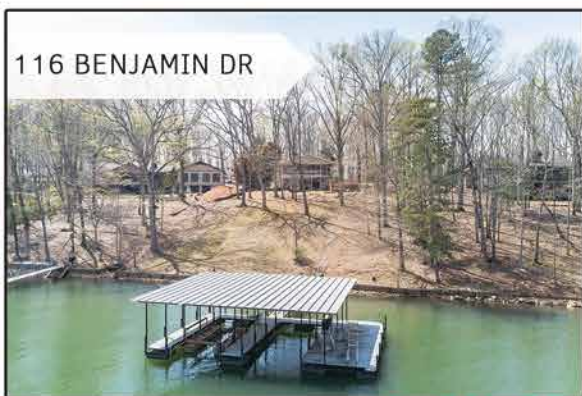
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