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SPRING SPLASH 2015



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In the Fall of 2014, FOCL was invited to partner with the local chapter of The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to teach a Boater/Water Safety Class at the Hensel Eckman YMCA in Pulaski. Allison Hunter, Director of the "Y", Sharon Eifred of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Cheri Strenz from FOCL, developed a plan to introduce Boater and Water Safety to young children. Volunteer instructors from FOCL included, Laura Walters, Larry Bandolin, and Cheri Strenz. For six weeks, second grade students from the elementary schools in Pulaski County attend swim classes at the "Y". One of these sessions is to teaching what a family should know before going out on a boat for the day. This includes the equipment required for boating, general rules of navigation, and how to identify and select a Coast Guard Approved life jacket.

Many of these children have made numerous trips to Claytor Lake and are aware that a life jacket should be worn. Sadly, many did not know that a life jacket is required to be worn by all children 12 and under. They also learned, by trying on various sizes, that a properly fitted Coast Guard Approved lifejacket is essential to providing the proper amount of life saving protection.

This critical information about boating and being around the water is important having a fun and safe day at Claytor Lake, or any other body of water. FOCL is looking forward to continued participation in this worthwhile program.



This year the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce awarded its first Non-Profit Award for outstanding work in the community at The Draper Mercantile. The Friends of Claytor Lake were the fortunate beneficiaries of the first ever Non-Profit Award. The Friends of Claytor Lake are very fortunate to have such wonderful area to work in with Pulaski County and all connections to the community to help keep Claytor Lake such a wonderful place to visit and live.

Drawdown Rescheduled for 2015

The Claytor Lake drawdown that was cancelled last November is being rescheduled for this coming November. The tentative dates of the three foot drawdown are November 7 through November 15, 2015, with the lake being drawn down one foot per day starting November 4. The drawdown is being planned to enable property owners to conduct shoreline and facilities repair, stabilization and clean up. A drawdown plan which is being developed with input from state and local agencies and organizations must first be approved by Appalachian Power Company and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. If the drawdown is approved, property owners will be notified by Appalachian no later than September. Mussel salvage will again be an important part of drawdown mitigation. Property owners and the public will be urged to gently return to the water mussels stranded by drawdown. A volunteer mussel salvage event will be organized for the first Saturday of full drawdown (tentatively November 7). Please place these dates on your calendar. Check FOCL's website and fall newsletter for more information as it becomes available.



FOCL is working on Fish Habitat and Native Vegetation on several projects. This year we established an Angler Committee to work with anglers on the lake to help control invasive plants and aquatic life and promote good habitat for fishing with both structures and native vegetation. Additionally, we supported Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries in their Christmas Tree Recycle project to promote fish habitat off Claytor Lake State Park. We are continuing our native vegetation project work through obtaining a \$50,000 grant from U. S. Friends of Reservoirs and the US Fish and Wildlife. A larger project is also planned planting additional lake areas with water willow (Justicia Americana) and wild celery (Vallisneria

America). Lastly FOCL, in late August, will be co-sponsoring with Virginia B.A.S.S. Nation and The Bass Federation a fishing tournament to raise additional funds for native vegetation.

FOCL's Angler Committee was established last fall to deal with angler concerns and fish and waterfowl habitat, native vegetation, invasive vegetation, and angle issues. This committee is made up of local fishermen, members from Virginia B.A.S.S. Nation, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and FOCL Environmental Committee Members. The committee is working on a habitat project to create deep water habitat using rock piles and cabled pine trees, and is planning the BASS for GRASS fishing tournament on August 22nd from the State Park to raise additional funds for native vegetation on Claytor.



BASS FOR GRASS TOURNAMENT
 Claytor Lake State Park
 Saturday August 22, 2015 6:00 AM or first safe light -3:00 PM

\$1000.00 1st Prize Minimum
 70% payback with 30% for habitat restoration
Optional \$10 Big Fish Pot
 Special Prize Donation Drawings
\$100 entry per boat
 Tournament Rules Apply
5 fish per person with a 12 inch length measured mouth close on a golden rule
More Info to Come!!!!
 Proceeds go to Restoration of Native Fish Habitat in Claytor
 More info at www.focl.org or call 540 395-FOCL



CLAYTOR LAKE Beach Festival

Claytor Lake State Park
Saturday, June 13, 2015



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Festival Coordinated By:

Claytor Lake Festival Committee

- Arts & Crafts & Food Vendors ~ 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Coast Guard Auxiliary Water Search & Rescue Demonstrations
 - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Old Dominion Historical Fire Society's Antique Fire Trucks
 - 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
 - Drive In ~ 9:45 am and display till 3:00 pm
- Car & Motorcycle Show Registration ~ 8:30 am – 10:30 am
 - Car & Motorcycle Show ~ 10:00 am – 2:30 pm
 - Dash Plaques & Trophies ~ Awards at 2:00 pm
- Everett Lee Yearout, Jr. Adult/Youth Fishing Tournament & Essay Contest
 - Registration 7:00 am – 10:00 am
 - Essays Due at 12:00 Noon & Trophies/Awards in the afternoon
- Claytor Lake Sailing Association Information Booth
- Radio Controlled Airplanes ~ Performing Tricks and Stunts
- Cumulus Broadcasting ~ NASH 107.1
- DMV2GO
- Children's Activities throughout the day

WINE TASTING with Virginia Wineries ~ 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

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ENTERTAINMENT

- Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre Mini Performance
 - "Under the Boardwalk"
- Triple Play Band
- Part Time Party Time Band
- Southern Nights Band

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The Friends of Claytor Lake (known as FOCL) will host its second annual Spring Splash on Sunday afternoon, May 3, 2015 at the beautiful Rockwood Manor, B&B in Dublin, Virginia. FOCL is dedicated to conserving and protecting the quality, sustainability, and tranquility of the environment of Claytor Lake for all. FOCL has approximately 300 members and a 26 member Board of Directors comprised of lake users, property owners, agencies, businesses, and Pulaski and American Electric Power representatives. FOCL is open to all who use or are interested in Claytor Lake.

The 2015 Spring Splash will be the official kick-off of the 2015 boating season at Claytor Lake and will serve as the major fund-raising event of the year for FOCL. This year, the Spring Splash will again feature excellent food, great beverages, a North Carolina area band, Room42, and many interesting and unique gift items on a silent and live auction. Time for the event is 4-7 p.m. and there is ample free parking on site.



Special Guest Speaker:
P. Buckley Moss



Amazing Live Entertainment by:

Room 4 2



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Admit One
The Rockwood Manor
May 3rd, 2015 4pm - 7pm
\$30.00

** This ticket is for one advanced admittance to the Spring Splash along with one ticket for your beverage of choice. Ticket is required for admittance. Regular ticket price at the door is \$35.00

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Catering presented by The Draper Mercantile & Trading Company.

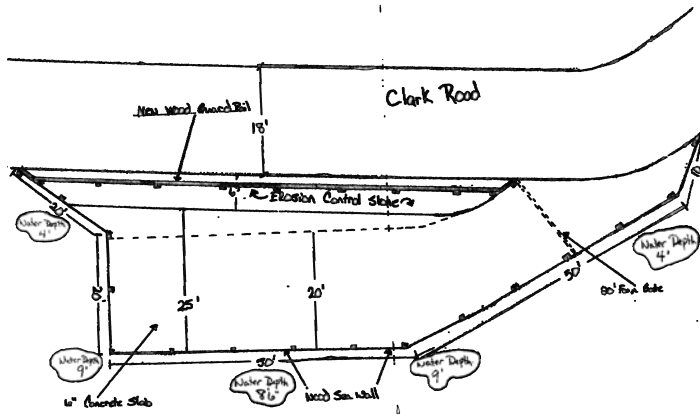


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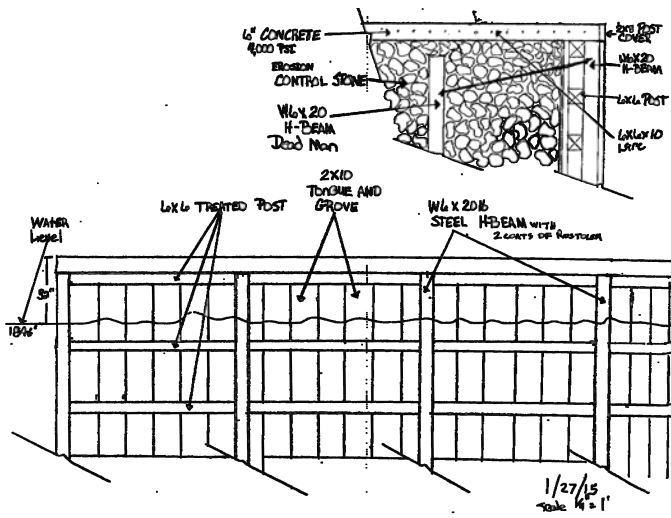
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move debris that is not embedded/stuck on the bottom or in the silted areas and secure it to the shoreline for safety.

FOCL needs an abutment above the bridge to load and off-load our excavator onto our barge and to be able to off-load the debris from the large barge into the roll-off containers placed on the abutment for removal and disposition. Our problem is the cost of an abutment and a suitable location. FOCL board members, Pulaski County, and American Electric Power have jointly examined several locations where an abutment can be constructed with both large truck access by road and enough water depth (approximately six feet) for access by our barges and push boat. The truck access is limited because of steep terrain where the water depth is the required six feet and the required permission for access by the property owner or owners. Thus, all but one potential site has been either denied by the property owner or not feasible.

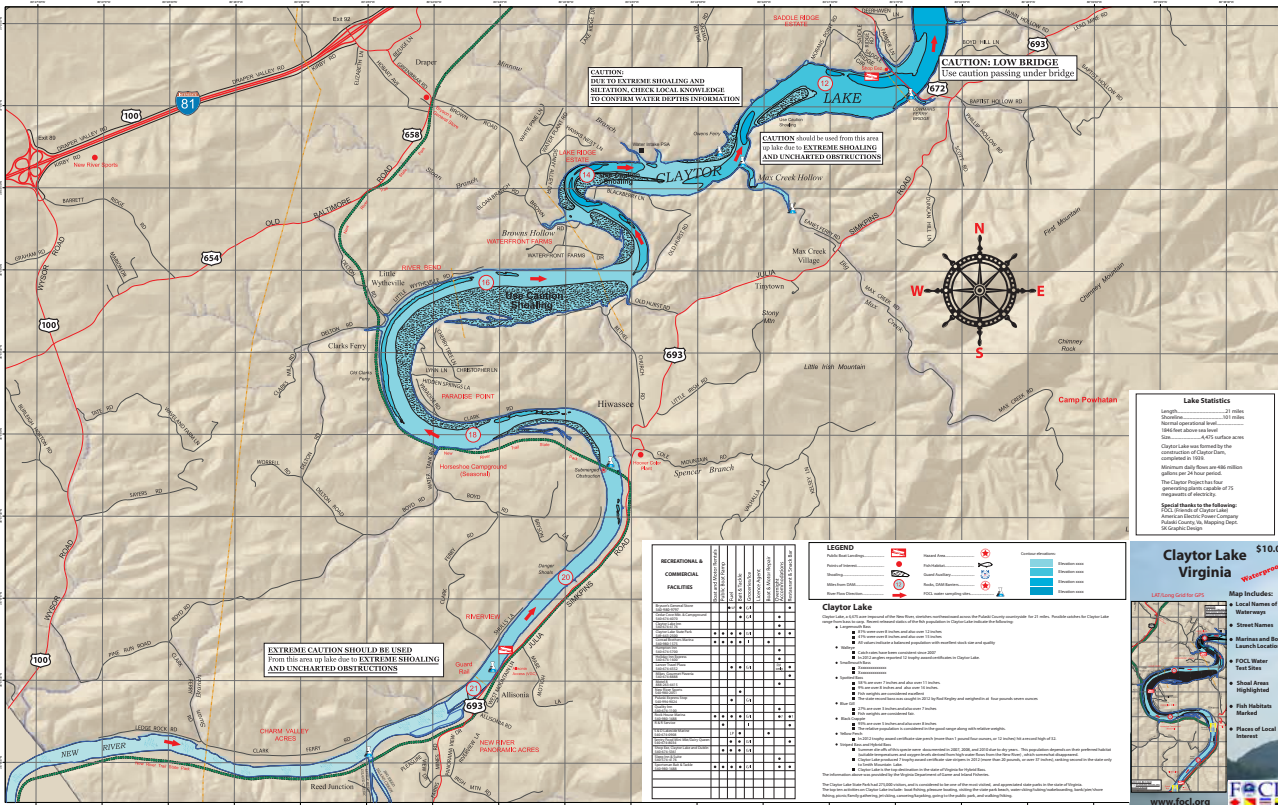
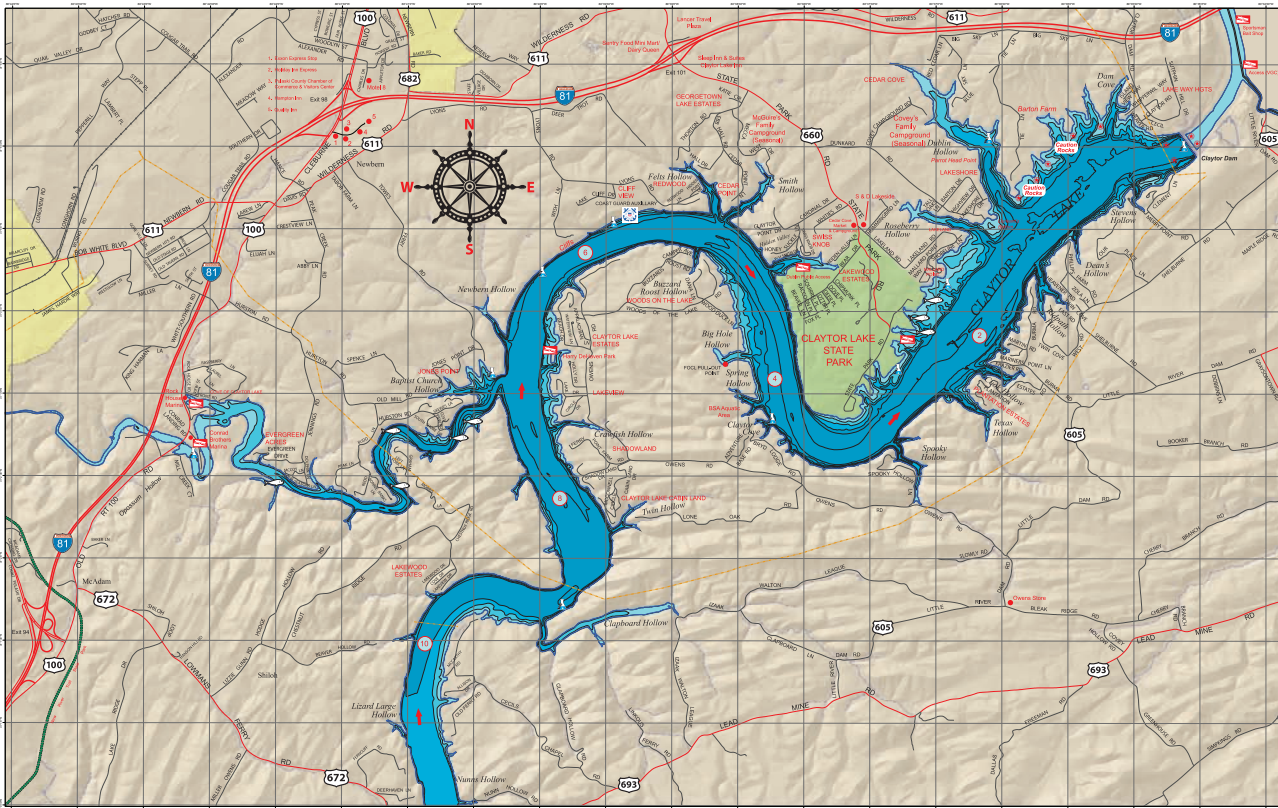


We are currently processing a permit with the Corp of Engineers and other government agencies to construct an abutment along Clark Road in the Hiawasse/Allisonia area down stream from the old railroad trestle on AEP's property where the navigable channel is very wide and the water depth adequate. FOCL has obtained a special use permit from the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors for the abutment and they have agreed to provide part of the funds for construction. AEP will provide some funding and provide the location. FOCL has been trying to raise the remainder of the funding by continuing to increase our membership with their annual donations.

The abutment will allow FOCL to finally clean the upper Claytor Lake area where the debris is first deposited after rain storms and the occasional flooding events. The barge mounted excavator can safely remove large debris stuck on the bottom and silted areas, as well as clean around boat ramps and individual docks as the water depth allows. Hopefully, FOCL will receive more donations to make this project possible this year after the permit process is complete.



New Claytor Lake Map



The Friends of Claytor Lake, along with Pulaski County, Moore-King Logistics, SKDesigns, and AEP have finished their development of a new Claytor Lake map. The map will be available all over the area for people visiting our wonderful lake.



Our 2015 Calendar is again filled with great lake events for the entire family. Everyone is welcome to attend any and all events.

May 3rd, 2015 - Second Annual Spring Splash

June 7th, 2015 - Wounded Warrior Fishing Day

June 13th, 2015 - Claytor Lake Festival

June 27th, 2015 - ALL LAKE CLEAN UP DAY

July 18th, 2015 - FOCL Day at MK's Pizzeria

August 15th, 2015 - FOCL Annual Meeting

August 22nd, 2015 - FOCL Fishing Tournament

Oct. 3rd, 2015 - Pulaski County Kid's Fish Day

Some dates and events are tentative and/or not planned yet. FOCL Supporters will be updated as things change or are added for next summer.

www.focl.org/calendar



The Friends of Claytor Lake were proud to honor Laura Bullard as the 2014 Volunteer of the year. Her years of service and dedication to FOCL as our Secretary, her work with AEP's Shoreline Management Plan, her tireless efforts on Drawdown and Mussel Salvage can't be replaced and we are proud to have her as a member of our organization.

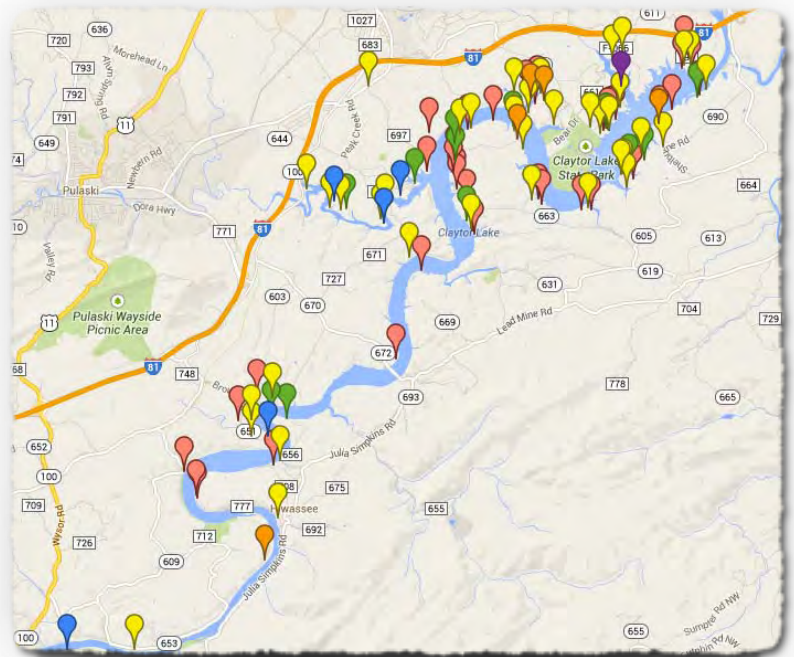
Are you on our map?

The Friends of Claytor Lake are so proud of the stakeholders and recreational lake users that contribute to us each year that we do everything we can to acknowledge and celebrate their contributions to our organization.

Sadly only 7-10% of property owners donate to FOCL each year. With the amount of work that FOCL puts into keeping Claytor Lake such a wonderful recreational destination, we would love to see property owners, boaters, anglers, and more start to help FOCL by making a tax deductible donation each year to keep our projects funded and Claytor Lake beautiful!

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