

# The Paper Buoy



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## The rising star of Table Rock Lake: *Dewey Short REGIONAL Visitor Center*



The beautiful new Dewey Short Regional Visitor Center is rising from the landscape on the shore of Table Rock Lake. Construction is on schedule and the roofing has begun in earnest. The building will be “in the dry” by mid July, with the exception of the exterior glass yet to be installed. To meet LEED standards, thermal pane insulated glass will be used throughout the center. Most interior wall partitions are in place and framing will be ongoing as decorative soffit is built within the structure. Rough-in has begun on HVAC, electrical and plumbing.

On the outside, New Dewey is taking shape in a big way. A 20,000 gallon tank is still partly visible near the building. This underground tank will provide water for the automatic sprinkler system should a fire event ever occur. The tank will be concealed by landscape features. The landscaping itself is low maintenance, native plant xeriscape which means that once established, it will require little care or irrigation. Rock walls and features are making the area interesting and beautiful. The builders are making improvements to the entrance sign at Highway 165, using faux rock to echo the entry of the new building. The gracefully curved looping driveway is in progress as curb and gutter are being installed along the new roads.

Excitement is building as the new star of Table Rock is rising right before our eyes! Stay up to date with the progress, “Like” us on Facebook!

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### OUR MISSION

Provide financial support for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recreational facilities and projects determined to enrich the public's quality of life.

By providing: Special Events, Educational Programs, Volunteer Opportunities, Advocacy, Technical Assistance, Stewardship, Land/Lake Access improvements and Research.

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## GETTING BACK TO MOONSHINE!

The much anticipated re-opening of Moonshine Beach is set for mid July! "Moonshine" has long been a favorite of locals and visitors alike. The sand beach is perfect for a great day of lounging by the water and the pavilion can accommodate large gatherings for birthday parties, family reunions and all sorts of special events. Be sure to check out the new amenities added by the foundation, which will include a fabulous food vendor on site, beach umbrella rental, kayak rental and more to come!

This recreation area is now operated by the foundation in partnership with the Corps of Engineers. ORHF is working to fulfill our mission to provide financial support to Corps recreational facilities.

Admission to the beach is \$4.00 per vehicle, up to 8 people. The Corps Annual Pass will be honored for admission.

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## Help stock the wet lab at New Dewey!

The new Dewey Short Regional Visitor Center will have a shiny new wet lab available for school groups. This facility within the new structure will be available to host an entire classroom of students. Experiments on water quality and water chemistry, observation of macro invertebrates, plus other interesting tests will be performed at the wet lab.

We need YOUR help to stock the lab. The budget for the facility does not include funding for supplies or equipment for the wet lab. We need microscopes, beakers, chemistry supplies and various other supplies to accommodate the scientific experiments of our budding biologists and scientists.

Please consider a gift to the foundation specifically for this project. Ozarks Rivers Heritage Foundation is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Contact the foundation at 417-334-6394 or email us at [info@ozarksriversheritage.com](mailto:info@ozarksriversheritage.com). *Thanks for your support!*



## VOLUNTEER Spotlight



Ron Casey

Ron Casey has been a volunteer for ORHF since September 2010, and he has been helping the Corps since 2005. Ron worked at Indian Point Campground for three years and also volunteered during the winters to check on the parks.

Ron is a native of Kansas, growing up in Chase, KS and working in the oil fields. He operated a bowling alley in Stafford, KS until relocating to the Ozarks in 1987. He moved to Springfield, MO where he met his wife, Lana. Together they owned a bowling alley and later retired to full time RVing. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Ron says the best part of his job with the foundation is working the information desk at Dewey Short Visitor Center, talking with and helping the public. He enjoys the people he meets and also those he works with at the center.

Thanks Ron, we appreciate your volunteer service!

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER

ORHF is looking for volunteers to guide tours of Table Rock Dam. Schedule is flexible and training is provided. Call ORHF at 417-334-6394 or stop by Dewey Short Visitor Center to apply. Applicants are subject to a background check and must be a US citizen, 18 years of age or older.

## MEET THE CORPS

JEFF FARQUHAR



Jeff Farquhar is the Chief Ranger of the Recreation Program at Table Rock Lake, overseeing operation of thirteen US Army Corps of Engineers parks plus Moonshine Beach Recreation Area. He supervises 3 permanent and 4 student or seasonal rangers, as well as 4 O & M (Operations and Maintenance) staff. The day to day operations of keeping Corps facilities clean and safe are Jeff's primary concern. His responsibilities also include campground attendant contracts, IDIQ contracts and service contracts.

Jeff has worked for the US Army Corps of Engineers since 1994 and has been supervisor of the Rec Program since 2009. Prior to working with the Corps, Jeff served our country as a Marine and is a Desert Storm veteran. He is a native of south-central Missouri and a graduate of Missouri State University where he received his degree in Wildlife Management. Little League coaching and tournament bass fishing are Jeff's hobbies.

Jeff says his favorite part of the job is repair and rebuilding of campgrounds and facilities. He enjoys instantly seeing the fruits of his labor and that of his staff as upgrades and repairs are made to better serve the public.

Jeff's dedication and love of the lake are evident when he talks about his job. Thanks Jeff, for all you do to make Table Rock Lake a beautiful and fun place for all of us to enjoy!



## Corps Corner

Summer is in full swing at the US Army Corps of Engineer parks on Table Rock Lake. Record high water this spring caused the closing of several parks for a time. As of mid July, most parks are open with the exception of Old 86. The much anticipated re-opening of Moonshine Beach will occur July 15th with amenities added by Ozarks Rivers Heritage Foundation. Most campgrounds have sites available with more being added as the high water continues to recede. Please visit the Corps website at [www.swl.usace.army.mil](http://www.swl.usace.army.mil) or go to [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) for current availability or to check on a reservation. These websites are updated frequently to provide accurate information. Get out and enjoy Table Rock Lake and everything it has to offer! Please remember to "Play it Safe at the Lake"! If you are boating, there MUST be a life jacket available for everyone on board. Children age 7 and younger are required to wear life jackets.



Corps personnel made welcome a very special guest in June. Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works toured the Table Rock office and enjoyed some time on the lake. Secretary Darcy commented that she could get a good feel for the importance of Table Rock Lake to the local community, both economically and in quality of life. She mentioned that the Corps partnership with Ozarks Rivers Heritage Foundation may be a model for other areas. Budget cuts may necessitate similar cooperatives at other Corps facilities in order to enhance and maintain parks for the public.

## Table Rock Dam Tours

### Rates & Reservations

Adults (ages 12 and up): \$14.50\*

Children (ages 6 – 11): \$8.00\*

*\*Price includes tax. Children younger than 6 are not permitted in the dam.*

Tours daily – 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON, 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM\*\*

Departing from Dewey Short Visitor Center, 4600 St. Hwy 165

For Reservations call 417-334-6394 or visit us online at [www.tablerockdamtours.com](http://www.tablerockdamtours.com)

Guests must be US citizens and present a valid government issued photo ID.

Arrive 30 minutes prior to departure time for security processing.

**\*\*Schedule subject to change/modification- call for availability.**

## JOIN OUR WATER SAFETY CAMPAIGN



Ozarks Rivers Heritage Foundation continues to seek assistance in our water safety campaign. We are looking for businesses, groups or individuals to donate funds for Lifejacket Loaner Stations. A donation of \$500 will pay for one these life saving additions to our shoreline and its installation. Our goal is to insure that each Corps operated facility has at least one station.

A Lifejacket Loaner Station is a freestanding steel structure designed to hold several Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). These PFDs are available for the public to borrow **free of charge** and then return to the Station after use. ORHF has plans to install one Lifejacket Loaner Station at each of the fourteen US Army Corps of Engineers parks on Table Rock Lake, with two Stations at Moonshine Beach. The colorful eye-catching board posts a message stressing water safety and the importance of wearing a PFD for safety. The potential to save lives by providing free use of lifejackets is tremendous! This is your opportunity to make a difference. Please make a donation today to have a Lifejacket Loaner Station placed at Table Rock Lake. Call 417-334-6394 for complete details on how you can sponsor a station. Remember- water safety is EVERYONE'S concern!

## Contact ORHF

Ozarks Rivers Heritage Foundation a MO Non-Profit 501 (c)3 Corporation welcomes your comments, input and inquiries.

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email us at [info@ozarksriversheritage.com](mailto:info@ozarksriversheritage.com)

visit us on line at [tablerockdamtours.com](http://tablerockdamtours.com)

or come by Dewey Short Visitor Center 4600 ST Hwy 165, Branson, MO

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*The following email was received by Rec.gov Customer Service:*

We just want to let you know what great camp hosts Bill and Linda Waelde are at Indian Point Mo recreation area. They went above and beyond to help us find a spot on a very busy weekend. They came back and checked on us to see if we needed anything and that we had gotten our camper all set up.

Such a pleasure to deal with such great people.

Mike and Janice K. - Belton, MO

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