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What a View!

The new Dewey Short Regional Visitor Center has an outstanding view of Table Rock Lake and Dam. Visitors will be able to take in the sights from all three levels of the building. Even the elevator has a great view- the east facing side of the shaft is glass!

Construction of the building is nearing its final phase, doors and hardware are being installed and interior light fixtures are in place. Cabinets will be hung in the wet lab and the break room. Colorful glass tile walls in shades of green and burgundy will be installed in restrooms next month. The concrete floors are being polished to bring aggregate to the surface. Different levels of staining and sealing will produce a realistic look to the surface and mirror the natural rock of the exterior landscaping.



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OUR MISSION

To provide support for 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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Decorative railing is being installed both inside and outside the facility. The mezzanine level and interior staircase will have the same graceful curved railing. Exhibit gallery work will soon begin with a central feature being the 14' waterfall on a natural looking two-story tall bluff.



Exterior work is culminating as well. Planting, seeding and mulching are under way now. Sidewalks are being finished and light poles in the parking areas are in place. Asphalt work is complete with only striping and sealing yet to be done.

New Dewey itself will be an outstanding view - pictures are worth a thousand words!

Help stock the wet lab at New Dewey!

Consider making a gift to the foundation specifically for the new Wet Lab.

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. **Thanks for your support!**

VOLUNTEER Spotlight



Ronni Haston

Ronni Haston has been a community volunteer for ORHF since we began operating the visitor center in July, 2010. She arrives bright & chipper each Friday morning, ready to stock up informational brochures, maps and pamphlets. She has been affectionally called the "Energizer Bunny" or the "Brochure Queen". Her smile is contagious as she talks to visitors. She's especially enthusiastic about the natural side of our area- hiking, lake activities and enjoying nature in the Ozarks.

In addition to ORHF, Ronni volunteers at the Branson TiLakes Chamber of Commerce, Taneyhills Library, Veterans' Memorial Garden and the Junior Auxillary of Taney County.

Ronni and her husband, Greg, live in Branson during the spring and summer, spending winters in Florida. Ronni is retired from her career in Human Resources for companies such as Motorola, Gillette and Proctor & Gamble. Greg is originally from Missouri and, with family still residing here, retiring to Branson from Massachusetts was a great choice for them.

Waking up every day and doing what she wants to do- making a meaningful contribution by volunteering in the community- is Ronni's joy. Her favorite part of volunteering is helping visitors discover all there is to see and do in Branson. She also enjoys guiding tours inside Table Rock Dam and Powerhouse.

Thanks Ronni, 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

RODNEY RALEY



Rodney Raley is Chief Ranger-Natural Resources and has worked at Table Rock Lake since 1992. His major duties include administering the shoreline management program and dealing with encroachment and timber trespass on public land around the lake. Additionally, he is the Environmental Compliance Coordinator at Table Rock. Rodney is also heavily involved with the development of exhibits for the new Dewey Short Regional Visitor Center, reviewing design aspects and content. He has been with the Corps for 22 years, getting his start in the St. Paul, MN district. Prior to taking his current position three years ago, Rodney was Chief Recreation Ranger at Table Rock for eight years. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Parks & Recreation from Minnesota State University, Mankota. Rodney supervises four Rangers and one GIS (Geographical Information Systems) Specialist. His department issues shoreline use permits for boat dock and vegetative management as well as insures regulation compliance. Diversity of work is what Rodney enjoys most. Rodney says the most interesting job he has done for the Corps was as Project Manager deployed to the Gulf Region Southern District of Iraq in 2005-06. While there, he managed reconstruction efforts including electrical projects. Branson is home for Rodney. He enjoys camping, hunting, and spending time with his 10 year old daughter.

Thanks Rodney, for all you do at Table Rock Lake!



Corps Corner

Fall has arrived at Table Rock Lake and many of the US Army Corps of Engineers parks are now closed. Only Cricket Creek, Cape Fair and Indian Point campgrounds offer winter camping to visitors. Limited amenities and reduced fees apply. Water is not available at individual campsites and shower houses are closed. Please visit the Corps website at www.swl.usace.army.mil or go to www.recreation.gov for current availability or to make a reservation. These websites are updated frequently to provide accurate information.

With the coming of autumn in the Ozarks, there is much to see and do around Table Rock Lake. The cooler weather is perfect for hiking excursions and fishing. There are many trails around the lake for you to explore. Fall tree color peaks in mid to late October, so get out there and enjoy the vivid

display! Watch squirrels gathering acorns, see geese migrating overhead and listen for the last cricket's song.

Just remember to be cautious when walking along rocky shorelines. It can be easy to lose your footing and take an unexpected dip in the cold water. Immersion in water as warm as 50 to 60 degrees can initiate "Cold Water Shock". Hypothermia can occur quickly when exposure to the elements prohibits the body from reheating and maintaining its core temperature. If you plan to be on or near the water in cold weather, dress in layers, carry a waterproof jacket and wear a warm hat. It's a good idea to have spare, dry clothing stored in a sealed bag in your vehicle or on your boat.

*Remember to always
"Play it Safe at the Lake"!*

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— 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON, 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM**

Departing from Dewey Short Visitor Center, 4600 St. Highway 165, Branson

Call ahead to check schedule and make reservations- 417-334-6394 or visit us online at 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 seasonal change or modification- call for availability.*



Greg Cassell - October Presentation

Free Presentation Series at Dewey Short Visitor Center

Ozarks Rivers Heritage Foundation presents FREE interpretive programs for the public. Join us for fun and educational programs presented in the theatre of Dewey Short Visitor Center. Recent programs have featured Missouri amphibians & reptiles and trees of the Ozarks region with plans to present many more interesting topics. Watch our Facebook page, website, and *The Paper Buoy* for our next event! ORHF offers educational programs and group tours of Table Rock Dam for school groups, too.

Life Jacket Loaner Station Program Success

Life Jacket Loaner Stations are freestanding steel structures with a water safety message and 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.

Thanks to generous sponsors, several stations have now been placed at Corps facilities on Table Rock Lake.

Ozarks Rivers Heritage Foundation still needs your help on this water safety campaign. A donation of \$500 will pay for one these life saving additions to our shoreline and its installation. Businesses, groups or individuals may donate funds for Lifejacket Loaner Stations. ORHF's goal is to ensure that each Corps operated facility has at least one station by next summer's busy recreation season.

Call 417-334-6394 for complete details on how you can sponsor a station.

Contact ORHF

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