

FRIENDS OF NOLIN LAKE

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Farewell Tammie

It is my honor to write this farewell to our friend and park manager here at Nolin Lake State Park. Tammie Honeycutt has been the park manager for about eight years. She

has been a valued state employee for 27 years. She has shown a great ability to remain calm when situations have become hectic during floods, equipment malfunctions, staffing issues and minor visitor disputes, sometimes all at once. She has been very active in community relations including tourism, local chambers of commerce and of course the Friends of Nolin Lake. Her knowledge of local history and knowing most of the local residents has been very helpful. Tammie will remain active with her husband on the farm and children going through college and starting out their lives in the work force. We will miss her and wish her the best in her new adventures.

Sincerely, Lance Heiss

#realmenwearlifejackets

It only takes an adult an average of 60 seconds to drown and on average it takes 10 minutes for a strong swimmer to put on a life jacket after entering the water. If you will not wear it for yourself then wear it for those who love you.

So man up and put on that life jacket! Our guys do! Tag the pictures of men wearing lifejackets on facebook, #realmenwearlifejackets



2016 Upcoming Events

August 13th - NolinFest

Join us at Moutardier on August 13th. Starting at 10am there will be a Classic Car Show. Starting at 3pm we will have food vendors, craft and product vendors, inflatable jumps for kids, and music. Andy and the Rockers will be performing. At dark there will be fireworks.

NolinFest is sponsored by Stile Homes LLC, Future Designs, and NolinLake.us



Sept. 24th - Nolin Lake Shoreline Clean Up

Join us on Saturday September 24th. Last year over 147 volunteers collected 2,565 pounds of garbage. Spread the word and recruit more to continue an annual lake tradition. After the Clean-up, The Friends of Nolin sponsors a picnic with swag and prizes for volunteers. Don't miss out on this good, 'clean', fun filled day.

Want to contribute or do more than pick up trash? We need site coordinators and boats to shuttle volunteers for the cleanup. Ready to commit? Call the Corps of Engineers at 270-286-4511.

WE WANT



YOU!

AND YOUR BOAT!

In Memory of Bob Whittle



Bob Whittle passed away on June 15th, 2016 at his home at Nolin Lake, his favorite place to be. He was a friend to all and a stranger to no one, known for his generous heart and caring compassionate ways. His legacy will shine bright and be celebrated by all who were honored to know him.

The Friends of Nolin Lake are humbled to have received memorial donations on Mr. Whittle's behalf. Mr. Whittle was a lifetime supporter of Nolin Lake.

Grayson County does not lack for hidden gems. Go off-roading at the **Falls ATV Park** with about 1,200 acres of trails, from easy gravel roads to rugged terrain in the woods. Prefer mountain biking?



Head to **Brier Creek Mountain Bike Trails** on Nolin Lake for nearly 10 miles of trails through Kentucky hardwood forests. Swim and splash at the **Leitchfield Aquatic Center** with its zero-depth entry, lazy river, two three-story water slides and a separate toddler pool with various play structures.

Of course you will work up an appetite. When hunger hits, pop into **K's Café** in Clarkson, where you'll find home-cooking in a historical setting, or **Farmer's Feedmill Restaurant**, known far and wide for its wild game nights. Being in the City of Twin Lakes may inspire you to head to **Grayson's Landing Restaurant**, located at Rough River Dam State Resort Park, to chow down on Kentucky faves, including catfish, fried chicken strips, country ham, corncakes and more, while taking in the view of the lake.

Fiddles, festivals and fun times – Leitchfield/Grayson County is known as “a simple little trip for a relaxing getaway.” For whatever reason you visit, you'll come away feeling like you've been able to slow down and enjoy every single moment of your time here. Plan your getaway today at 270-259-2735 or www.VisitGrayson.com.

Take a Boating Course

Learn valuable tips that can help save your life in unexpected situations by taking a NASBLA (National Association of Boating Law Administrators) approved boating safety course. Many insurance companies provide a discount to boating safety course graduates. In the state of Kentucky a boating class is required for operators age 12-17. Classes are offered by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. For more information visit <http://fw.ky.gov/Boat/Pages/Boater-Education.aspx>.

Invasive Species

Robert Delph, US Army Corps of Engineers

What is an Invasive Species? An invasive plant has the ability to thrive and spread aggressively outside its native range. A naturally aggressive plant may be especially invasive when it is introduced to a new habitat. You Can Help!

The more people we have looking for invasive pests, the better our chances are to prevent establishment of the pest in Kentucky. If you see a pest (insect, invertebrate, plant disease) that could be one of the exotics featured on this website, www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/unitedstates/ky.shtml let us know!

Edmonson County—Things at Edmonson Tourism have been busy. We finished our county wide photo contest with some great images of Nolin and Green River taking top spots. We will use some of these for our booth for Edmonson County “Pride In The Counties” exhibit at the KY State Fair Aug. 18-28. Volunteers are being booked to help work the booth. Tourism Dept. is also sponsoring a new 16 page newspaper type booklet to distribute at the state fair. Trail Town efforts are continuing with a meeting scheduled for Tues. July 26 at the Edmonson County Library to discuss work of existing committees and try to add to existing committees. Room Tax Enforcement efforts continue and cabin owners around the lake should remember that if they rent their property to visitors and tourists a 3% county lodging tax is the law. These monies help fund projects like having a booth at the state fair, 16 page hand out booklet, as well as web site and 800 # to promote the community. For more info about Edmonson Tourism Commission visit www.cavesandlake.com or call 270-597-2222.

Boat Parade Idea

A Friend of the Lake recently sent us an idea that they would like to see happen next summer. A Boat Parade. Boats and Pontoons could be decorated. Parade could start at a marina, then boats could follow each other around the lake. Boats could join in when the parade passes their marina, like a conga line. If you have any ideas for this event or would like to participate or organize a boat parade, please contact us.

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

Blue-green algae are a type of bacteria found in lakes in Kentucky and throughout the United States. They occur naturally, but if their numbers get too high they can pose health risks to humans and animals. When present in high concentrations, they can be referred to as Harmful Algal Blooms or HAB's.

Signs were recently posted around the lake about HAB (Harmful Algal Blooms). We are NOT under a caution like last year. The Kentucky Division of Water only wants you to BE AWARE. If you see an algal bloom, please take precautions and call the Kentucky Division of Water at 1-502-564-3410 to report a bloom.



Nolin Fall Fishing

Terry Watts
Nolin Guide Service, www.fish-nolin.com



September through November is a great time to be fishing on Nolin. Water temperatures are dropping as is the length of the day signaling fall feeding time. Large-mouth bass can be caught on a variety of lures. A white War Eagle spinnerbait is very good. The 3/16 ounce size is a good choice with silver/gold blades. Small crankbaits such as a #7 shad rap or mean eye 50 square bill can be very good later in the fall. A ½ ounce rat-trap in chrome/blue catches a lot of bass. A melon/red brush hog fished on a ¼ ounce weight catches good numbers of bass. Kentucky bass are abundant and will readily take topwater lures such as a tiny torpedo. Spots also can be caught on a spider jig fished around docks and on rocky points. Crappie can be caught off brush using minnows, tube jigs, grubs or small crankbaits. Pearl is a good color choice and depth is important when fishing for these tasty fish. The white bass fishery is probably the best in the state. They can be caught trolling the river channel near points in the fall. Try using deep running crankbaits in a shad pattern such as a shad rap or a dressed ½ ounce spoon. The mouth of Conoloway, Rock Creek, and Davis Creeks have good schools of white bass. The occasional walleye may be taken trolling as well. Try fishing the edges of long points where they meet the channel with a Cabela's Walleye Runner. Flag Island area is a good spot to try. Catfish can be caught on prepared baits such as Magic Bait, night crawlers, or on live shad and chicken liver. Rocky shorelines and points are productive spots to try. Good luck! Practice CPR (catch, photograph, release)

2016 Events that we have had

Summer Splash—The rain did not stop our fireworks, Summer Splash was at Nolin Lake State Park on July 3rd. A video of the fireworks is on our Facebook page, courtesy of Laura Ledington. Earlier in the day The Band Brier played at the Moutardier Shelter.

Paddle Nolin—On May 21st the misty rain kept paddlers away, but there were a few supporters of Friends of Nolin



that showed and had some fun in spite of the rain.

Photos courtesy of Bill Phelps

Wildflower Walk—Thank you to Steve and Janet Kistler for leading the Annual Wildflower hike on Saturday April 23rd. Around 12 people joined the hike. Along with seeing the beautiful flowers and waterfall they also got to bird watch. Check out Steve Kistler's website that he has created for flower identification in Hart County area.



New Shoreline Management Plan

The Shoreline Management Plan is in its last phase of work before being released to the public. We would anticipate that in the next 30- 60 days we would have a published copy. We encourage those who are interested in this plan to stay tuned to the USACE Nolin River Lake Facebook Page -

www.facebook.com/Nolin.River.Lake/



Pollinators, Elizabeth Watt, US. Army Corps of Engineers

What's all the BUZZ about Pollinator initiatives? Pollinator numbers are dwindling and without pollinators 1/3 of our food crops not survive. Without pollinators over 80% of the planet's plants would not be here or present in such diversity. Nolin Lake staff have committed to a Federal Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey bees and other Pollinators by:

- Initiating adaptive management that reduces the area of mown grass, contract costs and chemical use,
- Enhancing visitor experience of nature
- Providing a resource for community involvement,
- Promote local and national partnerships, and
- Achieve conservation certification through Wildlife Habitat Council.

Stay tuned for opportunity's to volunteer. Want to know more? Call the Corps office at 270-286-4511 and ask for Ranger Libby Watt

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Membership Form

The Friends of Nolin

sincerely appreciate

your support though our annual membership program, your contributions to our efforts to make our lake a healthier and happier place to live and play in.

Your **\$20** annual membership helps our group to:

Address environmental issues

Provide you and your family with educational opportunities about the lake

Bring you events and activities on the lake including an annual fireworks display

Increase tourism to the area thus supporting local businesses.

We practice a strict privacy policy and NEVER share or sell your information.

Memberships expire April 1st.

Mail completed forms with payment to: **Friends of Nolin Lake, PO Box 184, Clarkson, KY 42726**

NAME: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Again, we thank you for your support! If you have any questions please email us at membership@friendsofnolinlake.org.

***Membership is also available online at www.friendsofnolinlake.org/membership ***

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