

Executive Summary

Mr. Will T Rutter is a Park Ranger at Huntington District's Deer Creek Lake. He graduated from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science degree in Outdoor Recreation Management in 2006. Mr. Rutter has been with the USACE for eight years and specifically the Huntington District for the last six years.

As a Corps of Engineers Park Ranger Mr. Rutter has passionately and successfully promoted water safety, the Corps mission, and environmental stewardship providing interpretive services and education to a wide range of audiences using innovative methods.

In addition to providing interpretative services, Mr. Rutter performs a full range of visitor assistance and natural resource management activities at Deer Creek Lake. He has extensive experience as a project Citation Officer, performs water control/dam tending, assists with contract administration, works extensively with real estate issues, coordinates recreation area maintenance and upgrades, dam safety inspections, boundary surveillance and marking, project Volunteer Coordinator and performs countless other duties associated with the operation and maintenance of Deer Creek Lake. He has also used those same methods and skills of interpretation to preset/instruct to other Huntington District employees by becoming a district Motor Boat License Instructor and District Pepper Spray Instructor.

Mr. Rutter is the definition of a role model for an Army employee. He is a competent, responsible, hardworking and dedicated professional who sets high goals for himself and works extremely hard to achieve them. He possesses excellent communications skills and works well with groups of all ages, particularly children. His skill to effectively promote water safety and other project goals has proven to be an asset to the Corps and make him a well deserving candidate of the 2013 Hiram M. Chittenden Award for Interpretive Excellence.



Mr. Rutter with a group of children explaining how the gates on the dam work