

During the 8 years that Donnajo has been volunteering at the Fort Peck Interpretive Center, she has greeted over 87,000 visitors from all 50 states and 56 foreign countries. Her smiling welcome, quick wit and friendly personality has made her an extraordinary ambassador for Fort Peck Lake and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

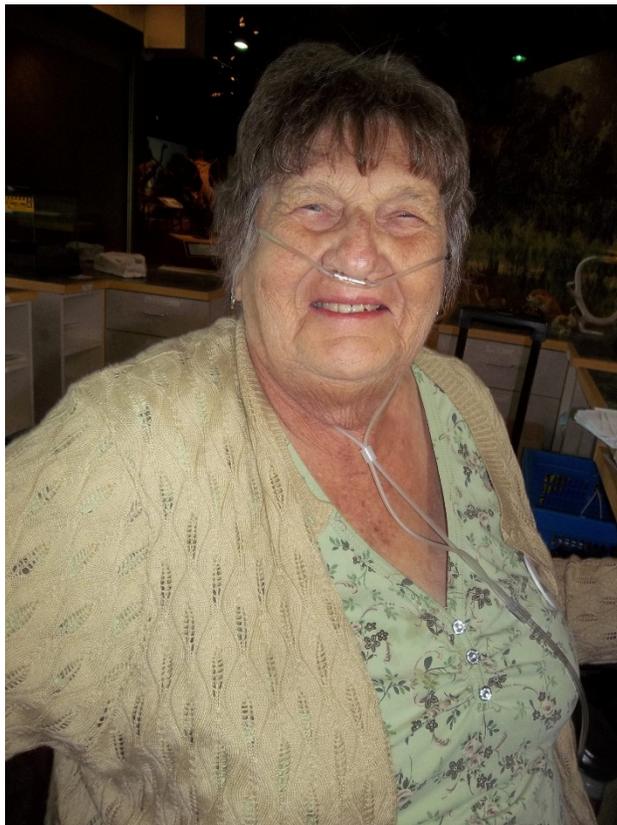


During her time here she has been a passionate advocate for the Corps and made visitors of all ages feel welcome.

From answering complex questions on powerhouse operations and river flows, to assisting young children with games and activities, Donnajo has been invaluable in enriching the visitor experience.

As a former contractor gate attendant, Donnajo is experienced in campground operations. In addition to donating her time to the interpretive center, she has routinely volunteered as campground host in the absence of the regular host, performing those duties in an outstanding manner.

Not only is Donnajo knowledgeable of 'all things Fort Peck', she readily and easily assists visitors with questions well beyond the lake. She provides visitors with information related to traveling in Montana, campgrounds, restaurants, churches, vehicle repair assistance gives driving directions, and much more. She goes above and beyond to assist the visiting public.



Donnajo arrives early in the recreation season, long before any seasonal employees begin, and stays through September, long after seasonal employees are done for the season. Her willingness to do this has enabled the Corps to operate the Interpretive Center 7 days per week for 5 months, with only one permanent employee. This invaluable level of support has resulted in minimal need for overtime or additional assistance. Often operating the facility alone, she has enabled natural resource staff to accomplish much needed, time sensitive work in other recreation areas.

As a longtime volunteer, Donnajo has mentored the summer staff; readily explaining the numerous details of

operating the facility, answering questions, and demonstrating how to interact with the public. She has actively promoted the Montana Dinosaur Trail, consisting of 15 affiliated facilities in Montana with dinosaur displays, of which the Fort Peck Interpretive Center is a member. She promotes learning and interest in Fort Peck by telling visitors about powerhouse tours and the fish hatchery, as well as the many other activities available in the Fort Peck area.

She is always looking for ways to improve operations, making suggestions on exhibits, information sheets and brochures. She continually seeks to improve and expand her knowledge of Fort Peck.



