

Richard "Ricky" Whitehead has filled multiple roles at the Black Warrior and Tombigbee Lakes project. He has been a facility cleaner at Jennings Ferry Campground, Foscue Creek Campground, and Spillway Falls Park. During his time here he performed duties to make improvements to each of the parks as well as maintaining the cleanliness of the campground. He is always ready to lend a helping hand to project staff or visitors.

Soon after Ricky's arrival at Black Warrior and Tombigbee Lakes we realized that his talents would be very beneficial to our project. He has assisted with multiple projects on top of his normal facility cleaning duties. He has maintained four miles of walking/hiking trails, cleaned and stabilized one mile of shoreline, assisted in planting 8.25 acres of wildlife food plots, and aided in prescribed burns of four acres of native grasses. These yearly burns are essential in eliminating invasive and nuisance species. This allows the grasses to grow properly to provide habitat for pollinators, songbirds, turkey, quail, whitetail deer, and various other animals. Without his help many of these projects would take much longer to complete or simply would not be done at all.

Ricky is the hardest worker the Black Warrior and Tombigbee Lakes staff have ever seen. Many improvements have been made to the project lands due to his volunteering. Always eager to help out and one of the most pleasant personalities to be around make Ricky a priceless addition to the Corps of Engineers.



When Warren Brawley first arrived at Black Warrior and Tombigbee Lakes project he and his wife were operating the gatehouse at Foscue Creek Park and Campground. Their friendly personalities were praised by visitors to the campground. They were excellent in their operation of park gatehouse in collecting funds, maintaining grounds, and communication to the campers and visitors of the park on the programs of Corps of Engineers.

The following year, Warren returned to maintain our day use park, Spillway Falls. He has been crucial in maintaining the extensive trails located in the park as well as cleaning the restrooms, pavilion, and keeping the grounds clear of litter. During his time at Spillway Falls, the covolunteer had to leave due to family responsibilities. Warren stepped up to fill this vacant role and maintained the park on his own. His efforts have allowed us to keep the park open during this time. He is a great asset to the Black Warrior and Tombigbee Lakes project.