

Nomination for 5 Year Volunteer Coin

Mike Capps and Lisa Heron

Mike Capps and Lisa Heron have been volunteers at Burchfield Branch Park since February 2013. They have given countless hours of their time to assist in operating the gatehouse, cleaning and maintaining the campground and water safety programs. One cannot put a dollar amount on what Mike and Lisa have given to Burchfield Branch Park and the Holt Resource Office.

When Mike and Lisa began volunteering, they worked as campground maintenance cleaning volunteers. They were the first campground maintenance cleaning volunteers at Burchfield Branch Park. Shortly after that, we needed volunteer park host help in the gatehouse to cover for another volunteer going through chemo treatment and Mike and Lisa stepped up to assist. They accepted the challenge and absolutely excelled working the gatehouse.

Mike and Lisa continuously go above and beyond their scope of work by helping patrons with their wealth of local knowledge. Mike is an avid fisherman with local knowledge of Holt Lake, as well as the upper Black Warrior River, and is always glad to share it with other fishermen coming to the park.

They have assisted with other volunteers learning the Fee Collection process as well as getting them up to speed and proficient on the Reservation Program. They have gone above and beyond assisting in any way we need to help the park operate smoothly. Mike and Lisa have assisted during off duty time to rescue stranded boaters in the middle of the night. They have exceeded our expectations in more ways than can be expressed. Mike and Lisa are the exception to the norm for the average volunteer. Never once in their five years at Burchfield Branch have they questioned procedures, or the many changes that have occurred over the past several years. They have always represented the USACE Volunteer Program in a professional manner. This is a direct reflection on their personal commitment to Burchfield Branch Park, the Holt Resource Office, and the Black Warrior & Tombigbee Project.