

Outdoor Adventure Campground Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake 2014 Handshake Partnership Program



Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake collaborated with the Mark Twain Lake Friends of Recreation and Environmental Stewardship (FOREST) Council to construct the Frank Russell Pond Barrier Free Access and Fishing Facility. Recognizing an opportunity to meet the needs of outdoor enthusiasts utilizing the Frank Russell Pond, the FOREST Council supported the development of 280 feet of ADA compliant concrete sidewalk, three paved fishing pads, and an aquatic landscape feature. In addition, the project addressed the remediation of 500 feet of shoreline impacted by wave erosion.

Grant resources received from the Handshake Partnership Program funded construction of the concrete sidewalk, fishing pads, and limestone armorment. The FOREST Council provided materials, equipment and labor to plant 45 trees, establish grade along sidewalk, and construct the aquatic landscape feature. A Challenged Partnership Agreement was enacted January 2014, which formalized the commitment of the Mark Twain Lake FOREST Council to contribute to the community.



Sidewalk and Fishing Pad

The project commenced in August 2014 when Corps of Engineers IDIQ contractors installed a new water control pipe, and began the erosion remediation along the shoreline. September 2014 yielded the completion of the sidewalk and accessible fishing pads by Corps of Engineers IDIQ contractors.



Back Country Horsemen and Hannibal FFA Installing Benches

A massive work effort was coordinated for September 27, 2014, in conjunction with National Public Lands Day to complete the project. Members of the Mark Twain Lake FOREST Council, Show Me Missouri Back Country Horsemen, Hannibal FFA Chapter, and area Boy Scouts converged on Frank Russell to plant 45 trees, construct the aquatic landscape feature, install benches, and perform the backfill and grade work along the sidewalk and fishing pads.

The contributions and involvement of over 100 community partners made it possible for Mark Twain Lake to offer a quality recreational facility, and will enhance the services offered to our visiting public.