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**Three Boone Boat Ramps Now Open for Summer Fun: Pickens Bridge Expansion Nearly Complete**

All three Boone Lake boat ramps are now open for public recreation and enjoyment. In addition to the new ramps at Boone beach and Sugar Hollow access area near Devault Bridge, work is nearly complete at Pickens Bridge ramp expansion project. The new, paved access road into the Pickens Bridge boat ramp (photo at right) is now 10 feet wider, allowing for easy two-way traffic. The boat ramp itself is 15 feet wider. Some final clean-up items, including gates and trash cans at Sugar Hollow, should be completed in the coming days.



**Construction Update: Safety is Priority One at Boone**

Safety is our overriding priority at Boone Dam – for our workers, for the downstream area/businesses and for the general public. One of the ways we reinforce that priority is our monthly “All Hands” safety meetings where we recognize winners from our “Good Catch” safety program for each 12-hour shift. In picture at left, our June “Good Catch” recipients included: (l to r) Leon Logan, Charlie Morgan, William Bryson, Claude Christian and Waylon Burke.



**Community News: Seedlings Planted at Beaver Creek, Sinking Creek, Boone Lake**

Nearly 20 members of the Boone Watershed group and the Boone Lake Association pitched in last weekend to plant 500 seedlings donated through a joint partnership with TVA and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The Button Bush, Water Hickory and Bald Cypress tree seedlings were given to Dennis Scheer, an officer in both organizations, who distributed to the members for planting. The vegetation creates future fish habitats and helps prevent erosion. At left above, Boone Watershed Partnership President Matt Dake was one of the volunteers that helped transform the area along Beaver Creek shown at the bottom.

### **Questions about Vegetation Management in the Lakebed?**

Visit our web site at <https://www.tva.gov/Newsroom/Boone-Dam-Project/Boone-Exposed-Lakebed-An-Owner%E2%80%99s-Guide> to read the new guide designed to help Boone Lake property owners better maintain the expanded shoreline.

### **How to Receive Regular Updates**

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