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Construction Update: Boone Beach, Boat Ramp Now Open, Bustling with Boaters

Within hours of its opening last Saturday May 21, more than 50 boats lined the new Boone beach and boat ramp parking lot. Scott Arnold, TVA facilities manager, attributed the crowd to at least two fishing tournaments. Kevin Holbrook, TVA construction manager, said the first-day activity “confirms that Boone is still available for families to enjoy,” offering diverse recreational opportunities while lake levels are below normal. In the picture at left, Kevin and Scott (l to r) hold the new facility’s grand opening sign.

Meet Your New Neighbor: Alan Casady

Alan Casady, general manager of civil construction at Boone Dam, oversees all dam construction and safety work. Before joining TVA eight years ago, he was involved in drilling oil and gas wells in Texas and Louisiana. Alan holds a bachelor’s degree in geology from West Virginia University. He’s married with one daughter who recently graduated from Clemson University and plans to become an architect.



Hydroseeding “Takes Root”

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) officers have covered more than 23 lakebed acres with hydroseed mixtures, (as seen in photo at left across from Boone Dam). The TWRA-TVA partnership already has yielded some germination and growth of sunflowers, coneflowers and black-eyed Susans. At lake homeowners’ requests, TWRA is mixing a few annuals into the seed mixture for even faster-growing vegetation. These include millet and buckwheat this spring, and rye-grass and/or wheat this fall and winter. Once normal lake levels return, the vegetation will provide a habitat for juvenile fish.

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.

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