

Lake Ray Roberts Project Summary

Volunteer opportunities vary from year to year at Lake Ray Roberts depending upon whether or not one or more park interpreters are employed. There are two branches that could have an interpreter on staff, Isle Du Bois on the south side of the lake, and Johnson Branch on the north side of the lake. Some of the volunteer opportunities that might be available include Junior Angler Education events and guided hikes for local school children. In the event that interpreters are not on staff, and/or there is not a Master Naturalist project manager, notices of service opportunities may be sent out by park volunteer coordinators.

Junior Angler: These events begin early Saturday morning and end early in the afternoon. They generally attract large crowds (50-250) that rotate through educational stations in small groups. You would have the opportunity for direct interaction with many people.

If you are interested in helping with a Junior Angler event, but are not certain, you could ask to sit at one or more educational stations to become familiar with the event. You would receive advanced training for the time spent observing, and service hours for any time you spend in a teaching role.

If you help with a Junior Angler event you should plan your day based on the weather. Consider bringing drinking water, sunglasses, hat, bug spray, sunscreen, and a snack. The event is sponsored by the Rotary Club and they normally provide bottled water and hot dogs.

School Groups: Local schools frequently schedule educational field trips to the park, normally in the spring. Extra help is always appreciated with large groups. The children have a much better experience in smaller groups where they can get more direct contact, hear, and interact with you, their instructor/guide.

If you are interested in helping with guided hikes, you could team up with a park ranger or another Master Naturalist in advance of the planned event to get some advanced training. The hikes generally take place on the Lost Pines Trail near the park entrance. If you help with a guided hike you may be asked to lead 2-3 groups of about 20 children (each group) on hikes that last about 45 minutes.

Please note that additional service opportunities may be available at Ray Roberts through the Interpretive Center and Junior Master Naturalist projects. Please refer to those project summaries for information regarding those projects.