

Clarence Cannon Dam & Mark Twain Lake



Partners



Christmas Tree Fish Habitat Program

Many Christmas trees have been collected over the last 5 years of the Christmas tree recycling program. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is always seeking more volunteers to place the trees at several established sites in Mark Twain Lake. Partnerships include the Mark Twain Bassmasters and the Missouri Department of Conservation. The John Spalding Boat Ramp is designated as the starting point. Residents of the Mark Twain Lake community contribute their time and equipment to assist the Corps in placing the trees. The trees are bundled together and sunk in Mark Twain Lake, developing an underwater habitat. These structures provide excellent places for fish to rest. Creating this structure also encourages the growth of algae and zooplankton for young fish to feed upon, which in turn enhances growth. Of course the biggest advantage is they make excellent places to catch fish, and all those volunteering will have first-hand knowledge of these "honey holes".

