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## Old Hickory Lake Seeks Volunteers for National Public Lands Day

Nashville, Tenn. [Sept. 8, 2005] — Old Hickory Lake will make improvements to the Archery Range Sept. 17 in observance of National Public Lands Day and invites the public to help.

Corps of Engineers staff members and volunteers will conduct a number of activities that day to protect and improve public property.

The Archery Range, located off Rockland Road, will give volunteers a unique opportunity to give something back to the area and community by helping to install new targets and yardage markers, and by placing new stone on the trail. Volunteers who join staff members will have the opportunity to help remove invasive exotic plants and clean up various locations surrounding the lake. Necessary tools and gloves will be provided but volunteers may bring their own work gloves if they wish.

The check-in station for this year's event will be located at the Archery Range and volunteers should arrive no later than 8 a.m. on Saturday. Volunteers will be treated to lunch at 11 a.m., courtesy of Whit's Barbecue.

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# To Better Serve The Public

Volunteers may call Park Ranger Steven Gregory at (615) 822-4846 or 847-2395 for more information or to pre-register for Sept. 17 activities.

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) was designed to provide an opportunity for everyone to contribute to the betterment of our public lands.

At least 70,000 volunteers are expected at 500 sites for NPLD 2005. The National Environmental Education and Training Foundation estimates that the volunteers' work along with community contributions of food, tools, and equipment, will result in more than \$8 million dollars in improvements nationwide.

Make plans now to join other volunteers to enhance the natural resources of Old Hickory Lake.