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Dedication of A. Perry Philips Park

May 21, 2011



The first phase of construction of A. Perry Philips Park is complete. The 140-acre park features a 40-acre lake with accessible fishing dock and boat ramp, some single table picnic shelters, rain garden, restrooms, parking lot and a 1.44 perimeter trail around the lake.

Park visitors have actually been frequenting the lake since it opened for fishing in July 2008. Non-motorized boats and boats with trolling motors are allowed at Philips. The lake is managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). MDC fishing regulations and limits do apply.

Philips Park was planned after the City of Columbia purchased 77 acres of the former E. M. Philips farm in October 2004. Based on the purchase agreement approved by the City Council, the 63-acre lake area was donated by Bristol Lake Investments, LLC in December 2005. Acceptance of the donated property was contingent upon completion of improvements that included raising the dam for the lake, improving the spillway, dredging part of the lake to make it deeper and removing silt. These improvements made the lake suitable for a regional stormwater facility and a public recreational facility.

About \$423,000 has been spent to date on the development of Philips Park. Funding comes from an MDC grant in the amount of \$157,500 and the remainder from the Park Sales Tax.

Future phases of Philips Park will be developed in conjunction with the Gans Creek Recreation Area, as part of the future southeast regional park. These phases will occur over many years as funding becomes available.

Thank you for being here today to celebrate the dedication and enjoy the first fishing derby at Philips Park!

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A. Perry Philips Park
5050 Bristol Lake Parkway
Dedication and Fishing Derby
9:30 am, Saturday, May 21, 2011

Welcome ~ Mike Hood, Director, Columbia Parks and Recreation

Remarks ~ Mayor Bob McDavid, City of Columbia

Remarks ~ Paul Calvert, Fisheries Field Operations Chief, Missouri Department of Conservation

Ribbon Cutting

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