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CCWA Provides Convenient Recreation Options for July 4th Weekend

Fishing Areas and Wetlands Center Trail Are Open for Fishing, Picnics and Nature Walks

Morrow, Georgia - - The Clayton County Water Authority's (CCWA) reservoir areas and Newman Wetlands Center are a great option for families looking for inexpensive outdoor fun for the upcoming 4th of July weekend.

The Blalock and Shamrock Reservoirs, which are located at 2610 Shamrock Road (off of Freeman Road) in Jonesboro, will be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The J. W. Smith Reservoir, which is located at 143 Northbridge Road in Hampton, will also be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

There is a \$5 daily fee per vehicle for Clayton County residents at all CCWA reservoirs. Non county residents pay \$10 per vehicle. For Clayton County residents planning several trips to the reservoirs this year, a season pass is a bargain at \$30. Non county residents pay \$40 for a season pass. The season pass is good at CCWA reservoirs from March – October.

For more information on the Clayton County Water Authority reservoirs, call 770.603.5605, or visit www.ccwa.us.

The Newman Wetlands Center, located at 2755 Freeman Road, features a nature trail and picnic areas that will be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. The NWC's 1/2 mile trail and picnic areas provide visitors a chance to enjoy nature while learning the importance of preserving wetlands environments and conserving natural resources.

Visitors walking through the wetlands trails might be fortunate enough to see some of the many wildlife species that either stop over during migration or take advantage of this habitat for nesting or permanent residence. In addition to over 130 bird species, visitors have seen beaver, river otter, fox, raccoon, muskrat, deer, wild turkey, opossum, mink, and many species of reptiles, insects, and amphibians. Dogs and other pets are not allowed at this facility.

For more information on the Newman Wetlands Center, call 770.603.5603, or visit www.ccwa.us.

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