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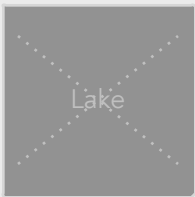
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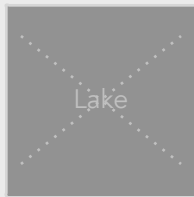
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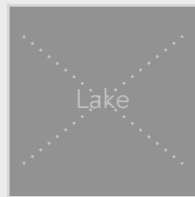
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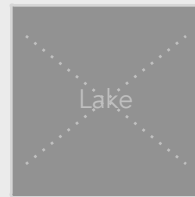
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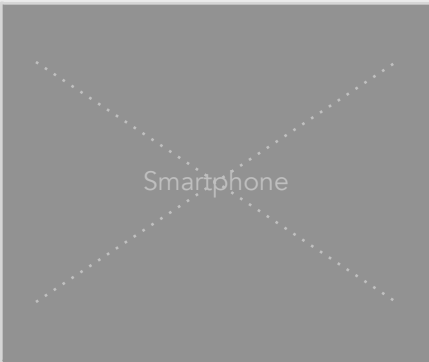


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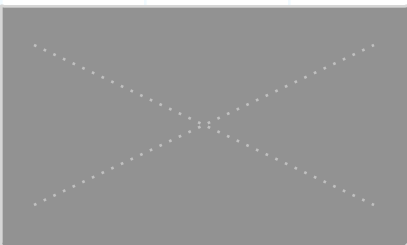
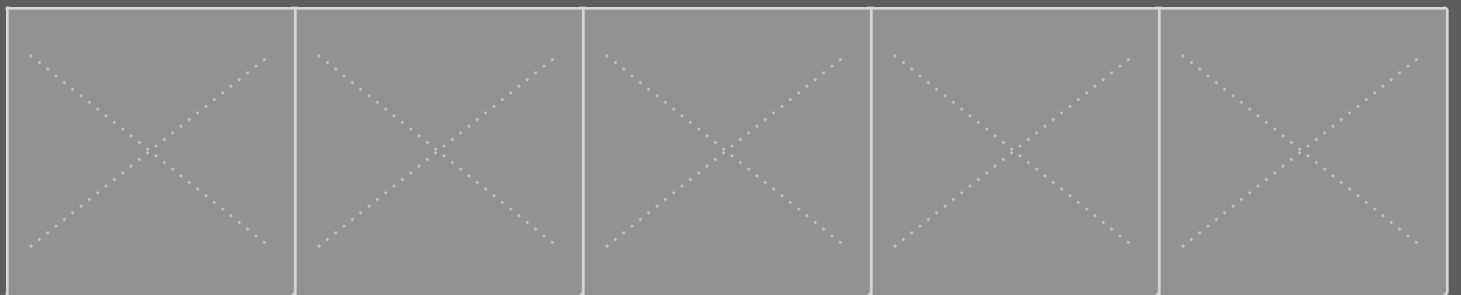
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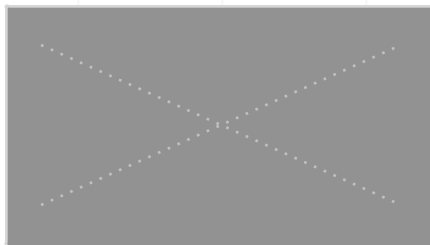
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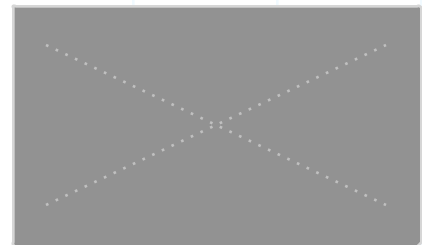
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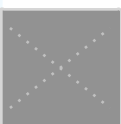
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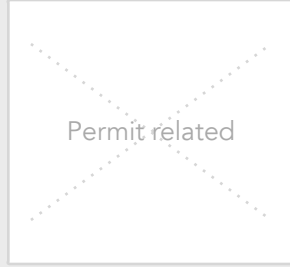
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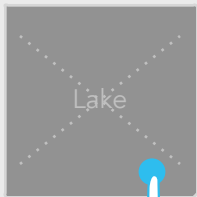
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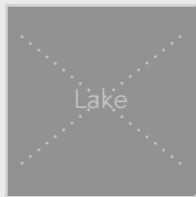
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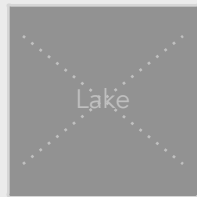
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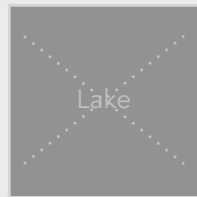
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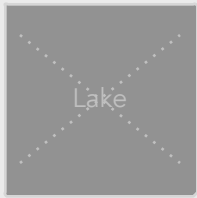
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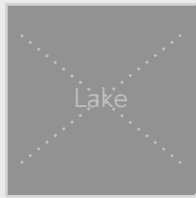
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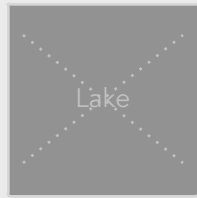
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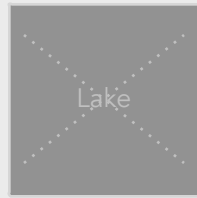
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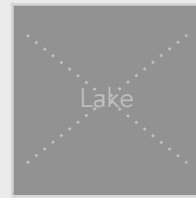
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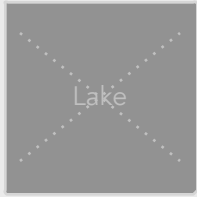
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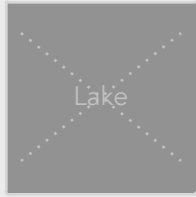
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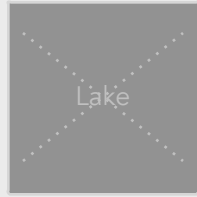
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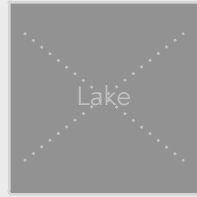
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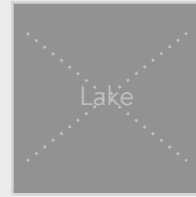
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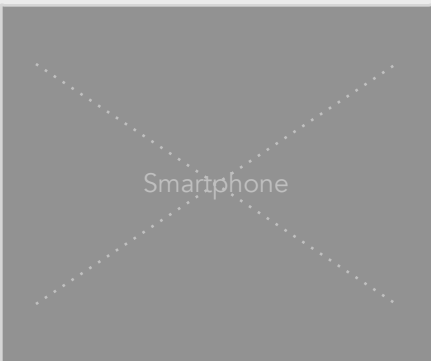
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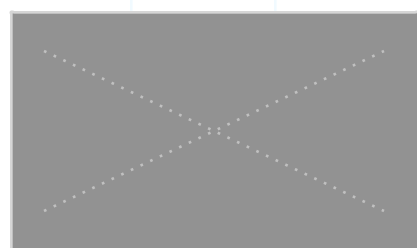
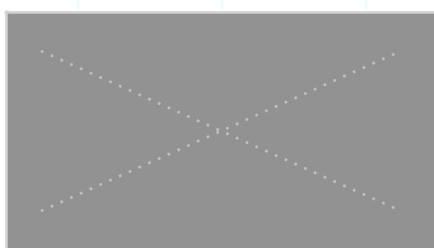
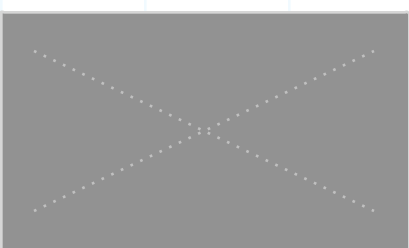
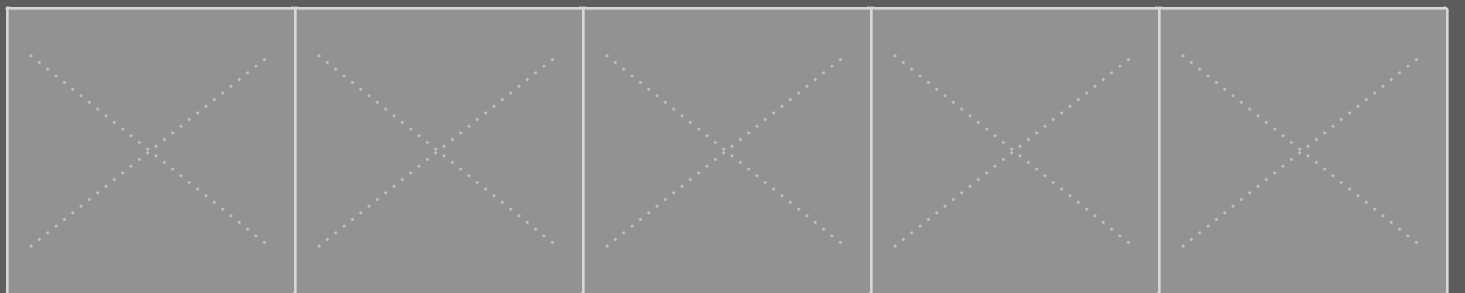
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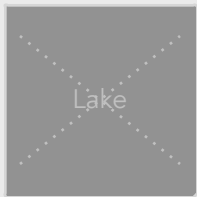
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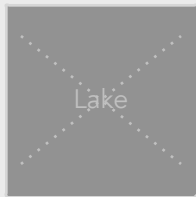
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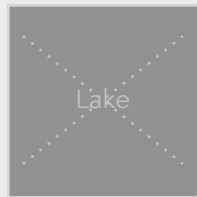
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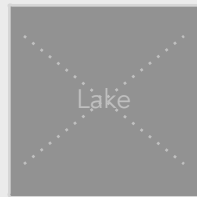
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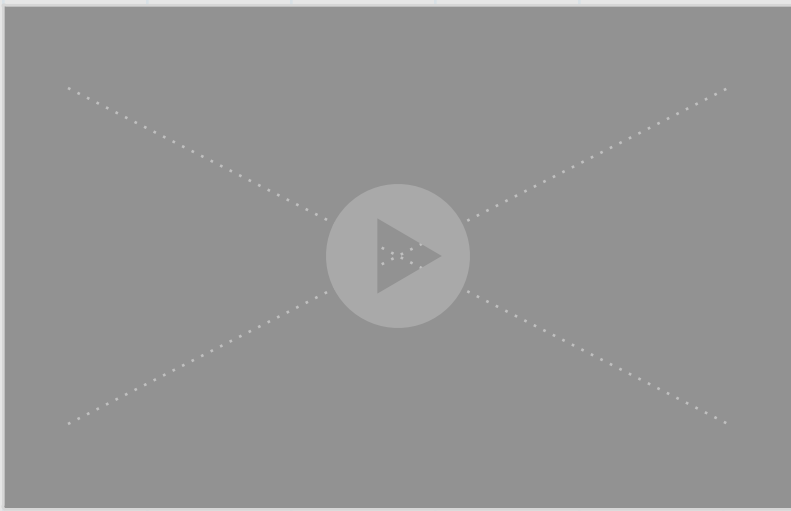


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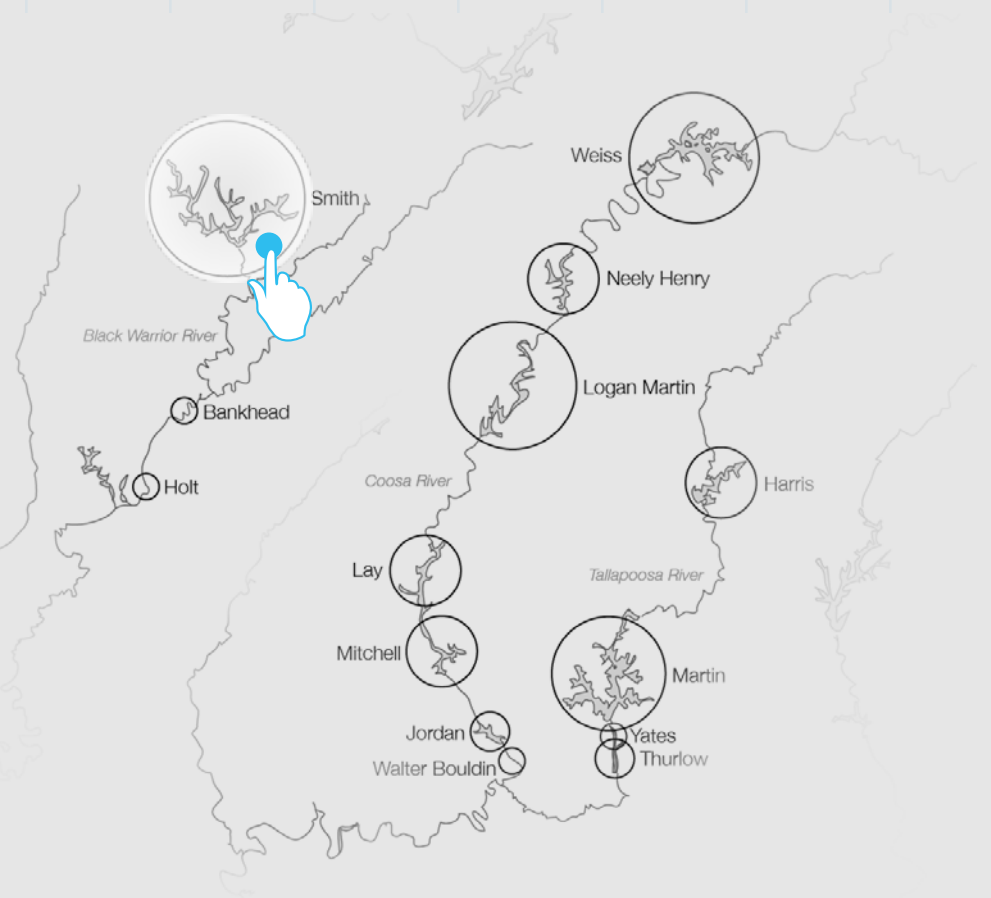
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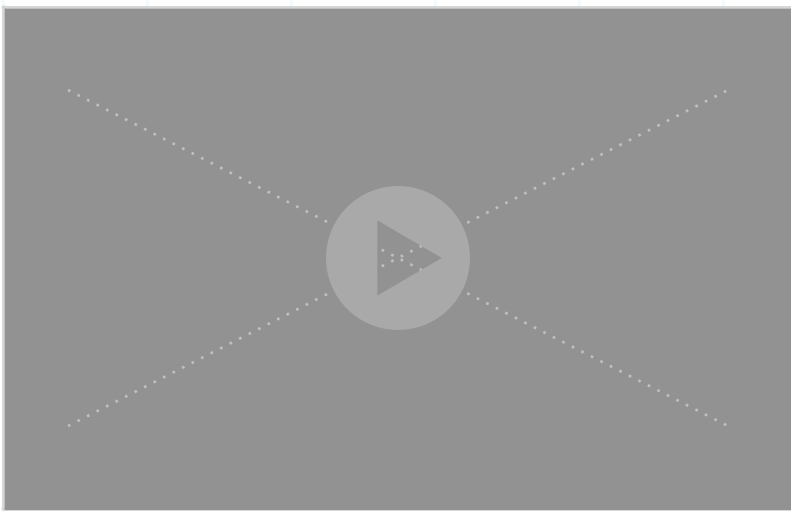
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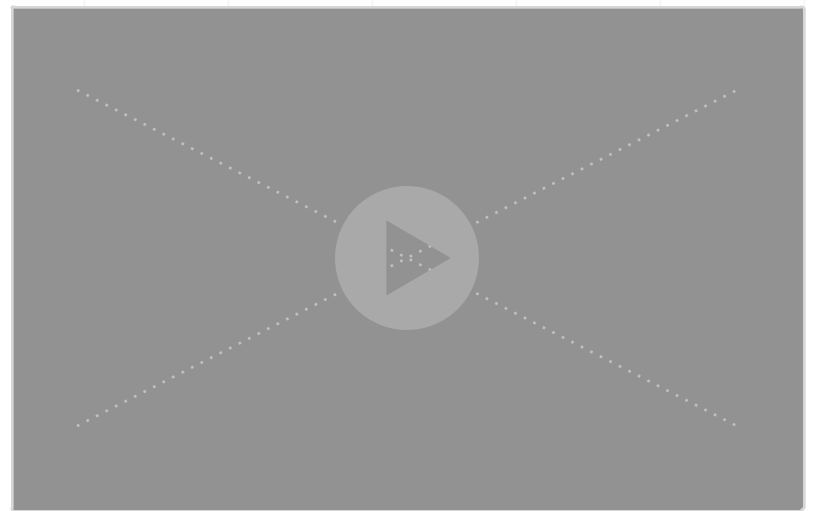
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## Harnessing the Potential of Alabama's Rivers



Alabama Power was founded on renewable hydro energy, which remains one of the cleanest, most environmentally safe and affordable sources of energy available.

## Hydroelectric generation and river management



Using the harnessed power of falling water, Alabama Power’s hydroelectric facilities are able to produce energy for more than 400,000 homes.

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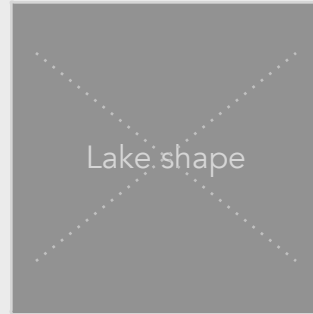
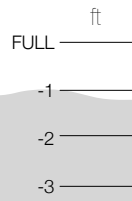
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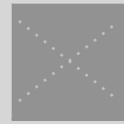
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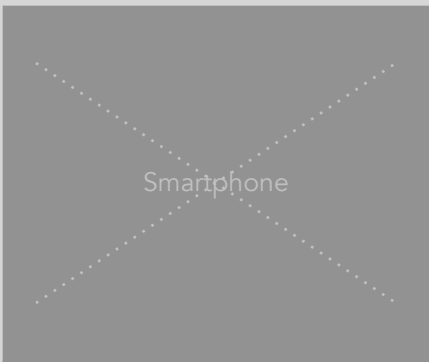
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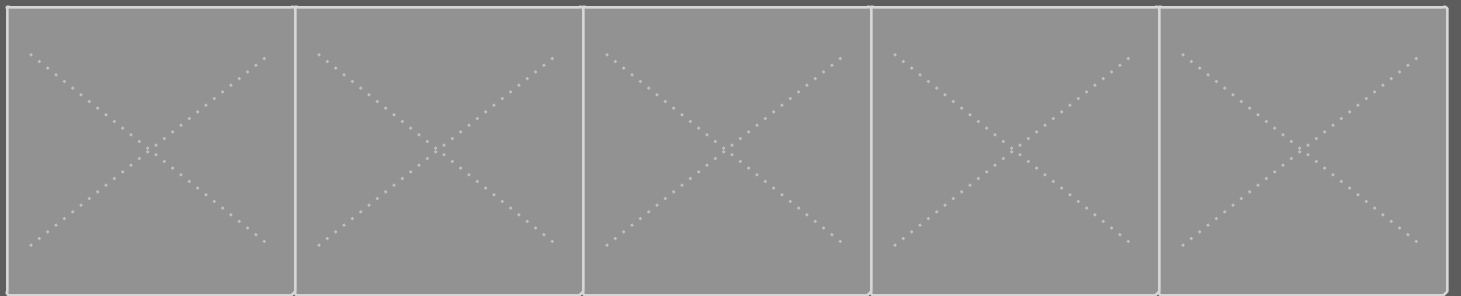
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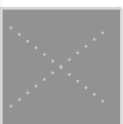
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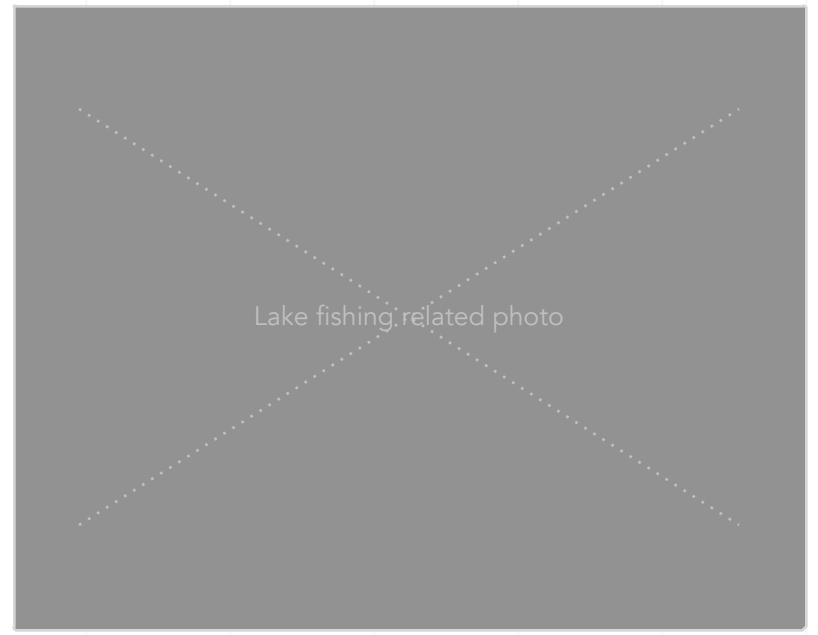
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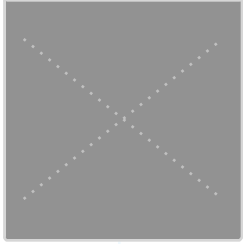


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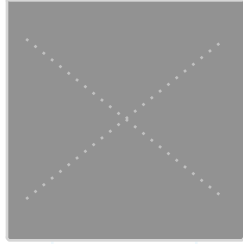
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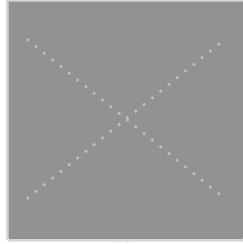
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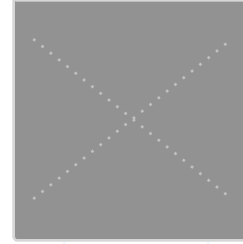
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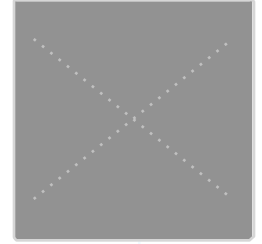
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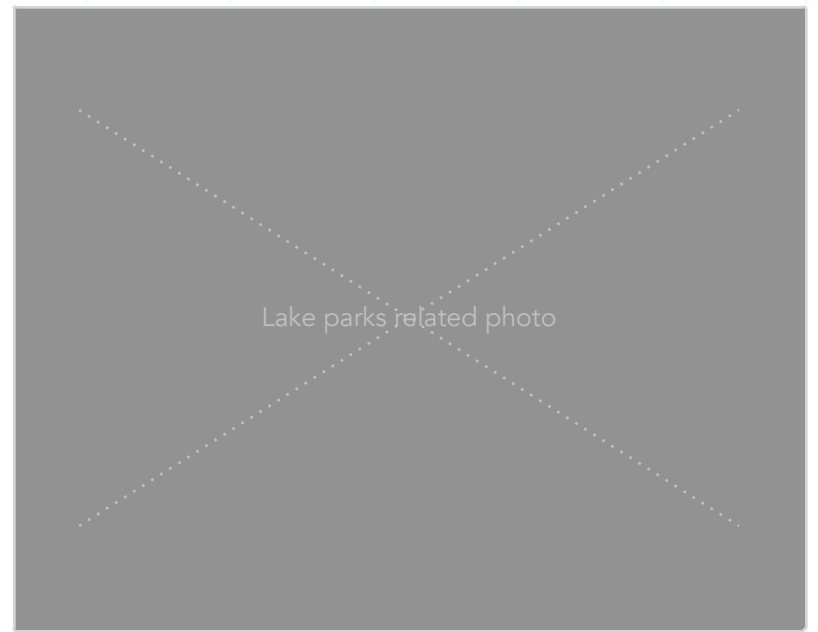


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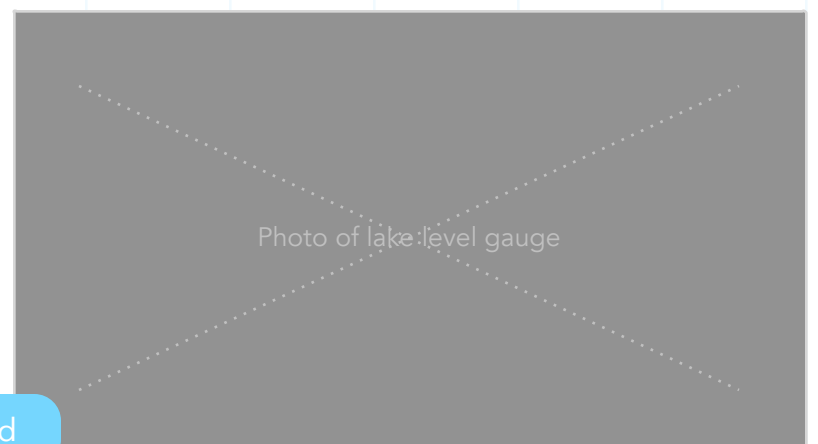
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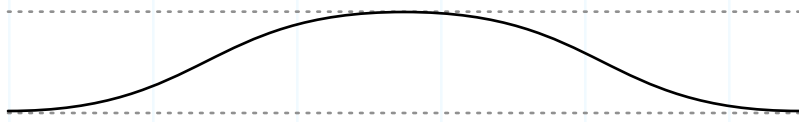
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**Reservoir Facts:**

- Elevation above sea level: 564 feet
- Area: 30,200 acres
- Shoreline: 447 miles
- Length: 52 miles
- Maximum depth at dam: 62 feet
- Area of watershed draining into reservoir: 5,273 square miles

Lake Level Notice

Lake elevations are always subject to change, depending on conditions. Individuals that recreate below our dams and those with boats and water-related equipment on our lakes and facilities should always stay alert to changing conditions and be prepared to take the necessary steps to protect their property.

We at Alabama Power are pleased to provide you information and hope you will safely enjoy the many benefits of our lakes. Please be aware that the generation schedule and subsequent water releases from the dams are subject to change without notice.

Please understand that you alone are responsible for your safety on the lakes and rivers. Areas immediately below the dams are considered hazardous because of turbulent water conditions

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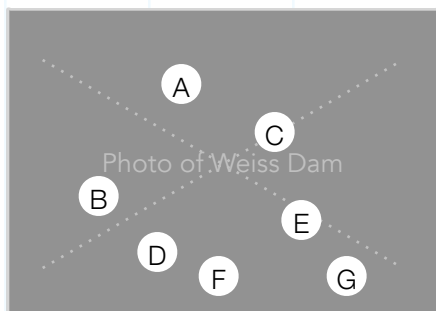
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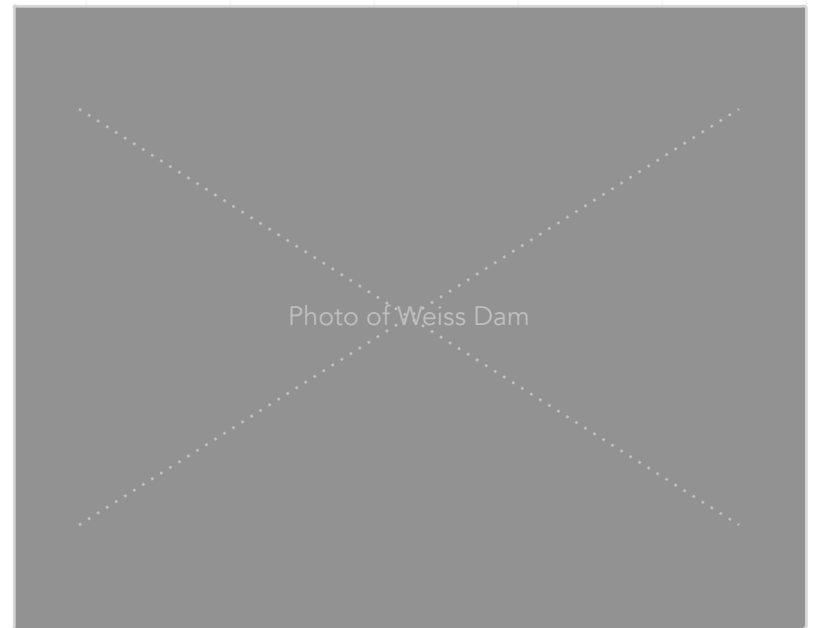
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Weiss Dam was the first dam built as a part of an Alabama Power Company construction program that further developed the Coosa River in the late 1950s and the 1960s. The facility was named after F.C. Weiss, a former chief engineer of Alabama Power.

Hazardous Zones



- A. Swirling water and strong underwater currents at powerhouse intakes.
- B. Strong current over or through spillway and trash gates.
- C. Turbulent discharges from automatically operated turbines.
- D. Cascading spillway discharges.
- E. Strong upstream currents in surface waters (reverse flow).
- F. Swift, turbulent waters below spillway gates.
- G. Rapidly rising waters from turbine or spillway discharge.



**Dam Facts:**

- In-service date: June 5, 1961
- Capacity: 3 generators rating 29,250 kW each
- Type: Gravity concrete and earth fill
- Length of concrete: 392 feet
- Length of earth-dikes: 30,406 feet
- Maximum height: 126 feet





◀ About Weiss Lake

# Weiss Lake Map

The map displays Weiss Lake and the Coosa River system. A hand cursor is pointing to a specific fishing spot, which has a pop-up box showing "Top Fishing Spot" and "GPS Coordinates N 34 08 46.2, W 85 35 23.9". An "Options" menu is open in the top right corner, listing several features with checkboxes:

- Public Use Areas
- Boat launches
- Dams
- Facilities
- Fishing Spots

Map labels include "Weiss Lake", "Coosa River", "Cornwall Furnace Memorial Park", "Cedar Bluff", "Centre", and various roads like "Blue Pond Rd" and "Weiss Lake Blvd".



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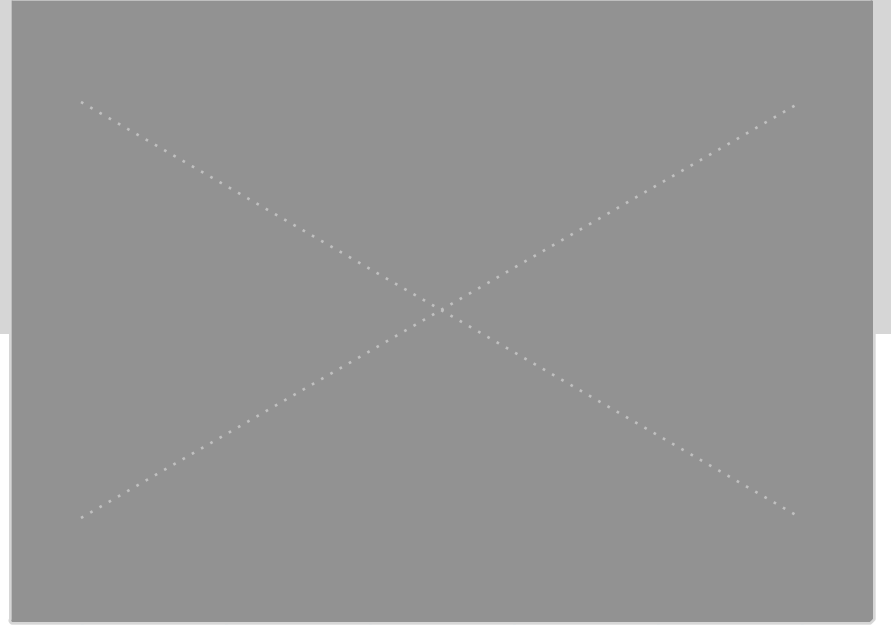
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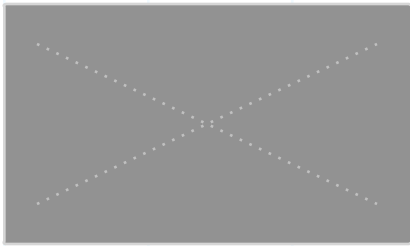


# Recreation

A love of the outdoors plays a central role in the lives and culture of Alabamians. That is why we are focused on protecting our state's natural resources and promoting their recreational enjoyment on many of the lakes and lands we manage.



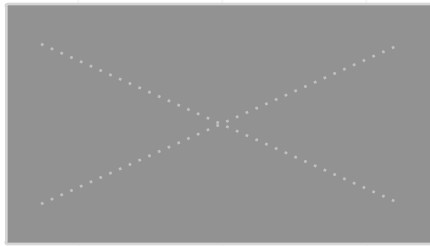
Alabama Power is able to help provide public recreation sites on lakes across the state which include five day-use facilities, dozens of boat ramps and handicapped hunting and fishing opportunities that provide open access to the beauty and fun of the state's abundant natural resources.



## Fishing



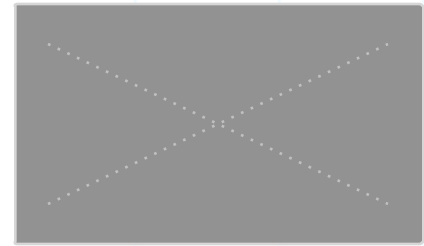
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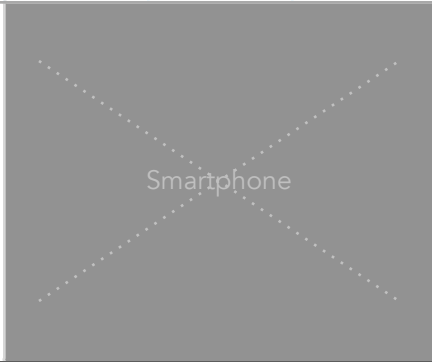
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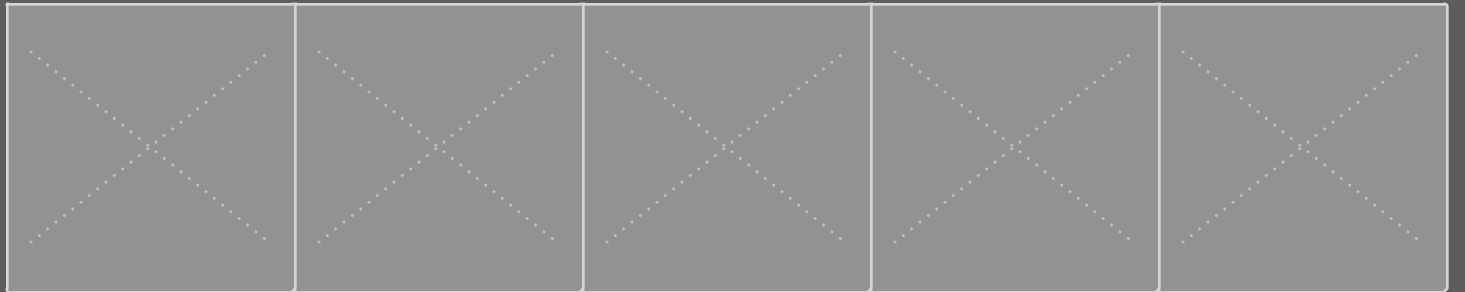
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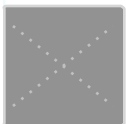


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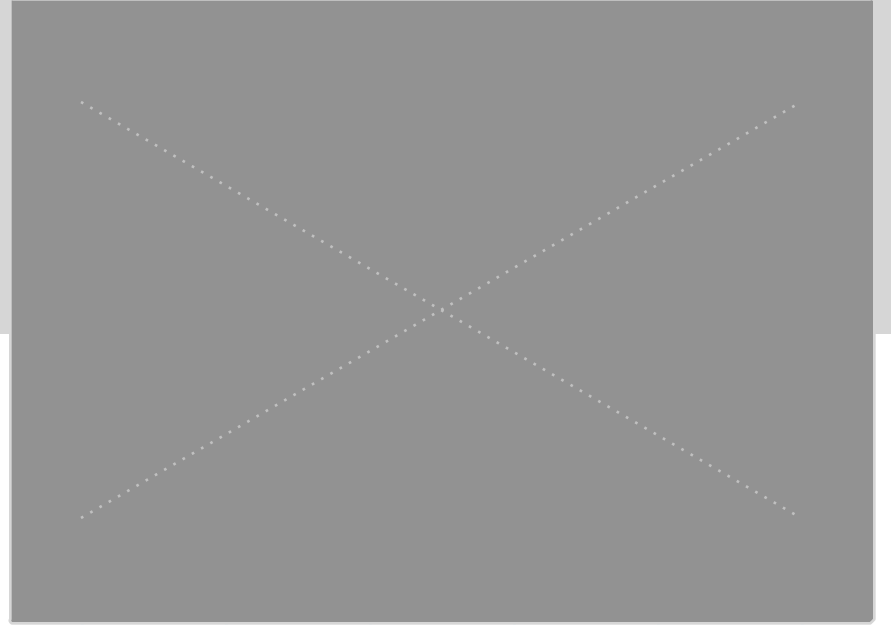
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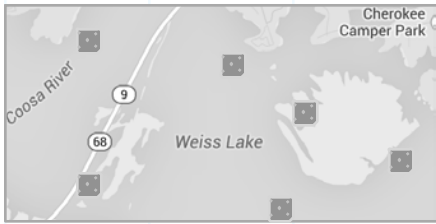
Whether you enjoy fishing from a boat, a pier, or a bank, and whether you prefer open water or secluded inlets, you'll find a great fishing spot in Alabama.



To help you find a great fishing spot, check out the GPS coordinates for fish habitats on your favorite lakes.



## Top Fishing Spots

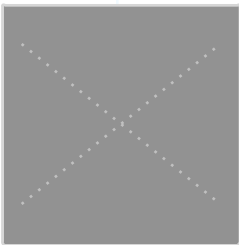


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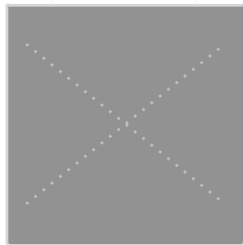
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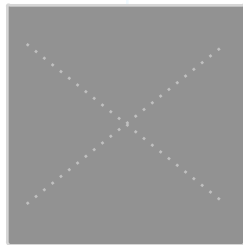
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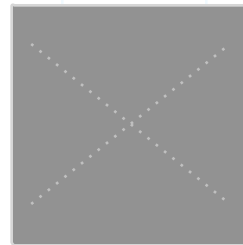
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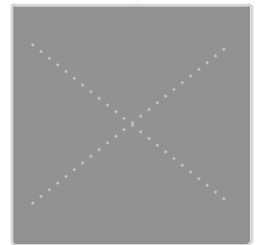
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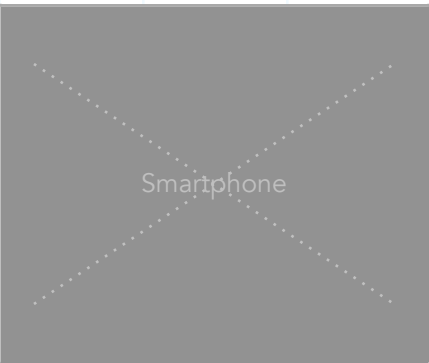
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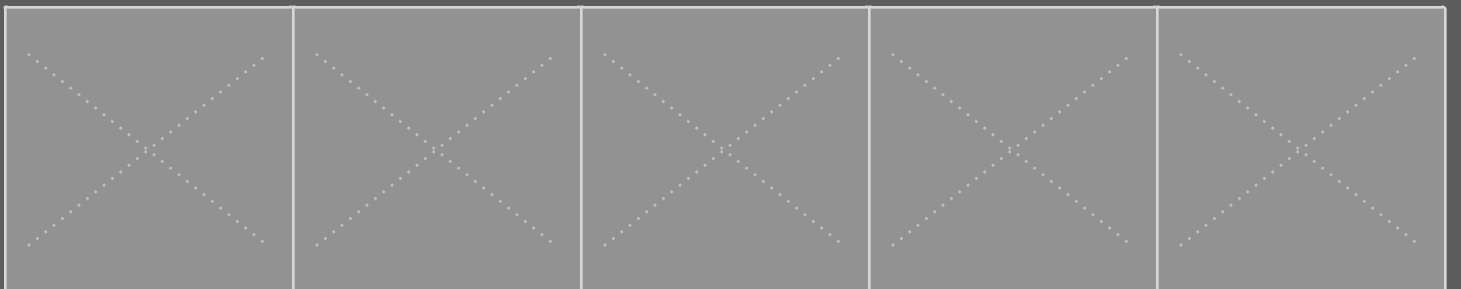


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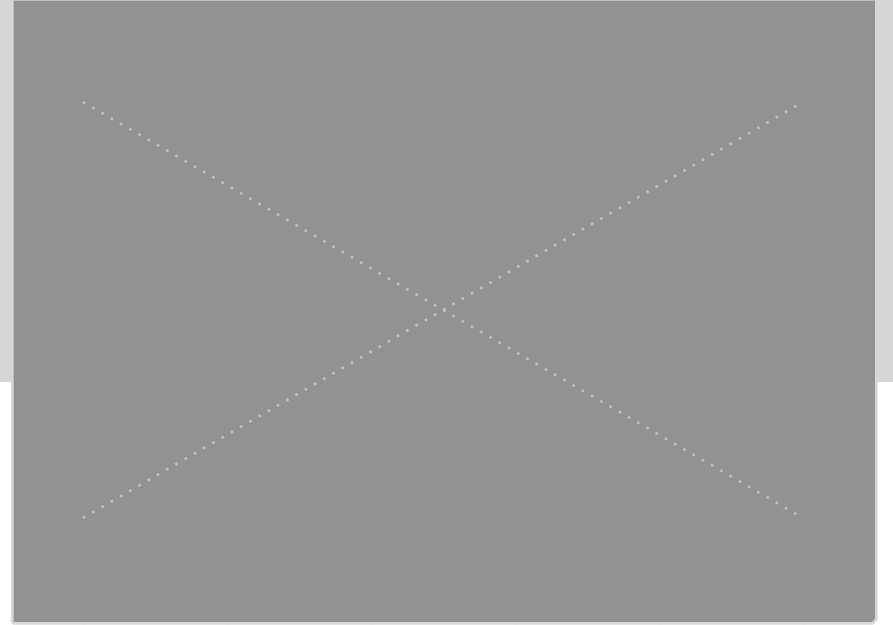
## D.A.R.E Power Park on Lake Martin

Six miles west of Dadeville, down the wooded, rolling Young’s Ferry Road, hides a sandy beach cove known as D.A.R.E. Power Park that is dotted with shaded pavilions, picnic tables and open charcoal grills. Despite its seclusion, the park is a popular spot for locals and in-the-know passersby – both by vehicle and vessel – to take a break, stretch their legs and enjoy the serene nature that envelops the Lake Martin shoreline.

“We developed the park in 1997 in cooperation with the local community and as a part of the Martin license,” says Sheila Smith, team leader for Alabama Power’s Shoreline Management Team. “We even partnered with the Drug Awareness Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) programs for fourth-grade students at four Tallapoosa County schools on a contest to let students name the park.”

The 30-acre park is one of the largest managed by Alabama Power and boasts a number of amenities for visitors by road and water. They include:

- Amphitheater
- Beach
- Boat launch
- Public restrooms
- Park attendants
- Grills
- Picnic tables
- Pavilions
- Docks



### Park Access

**May 1 – Memorial Day:**

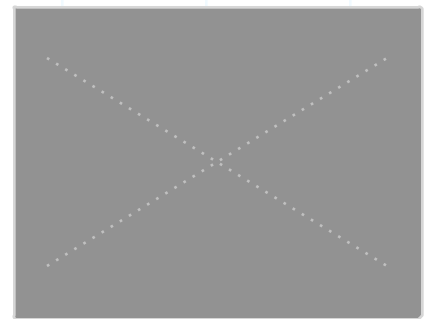
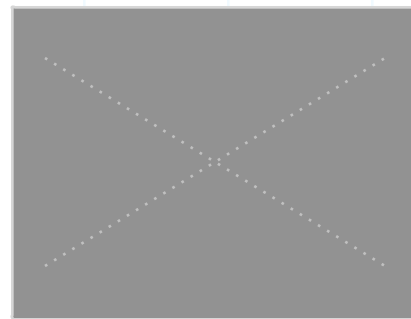
Weekend access

**Memorial Day – Labor Day:**

7-day-a-week access

Hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information about D.A.R.E. Power Park or to reserve park pavilions, contact the park office at 256-825-8386 or the Lake Martin Shoreline Management Office at 256-825-0053.



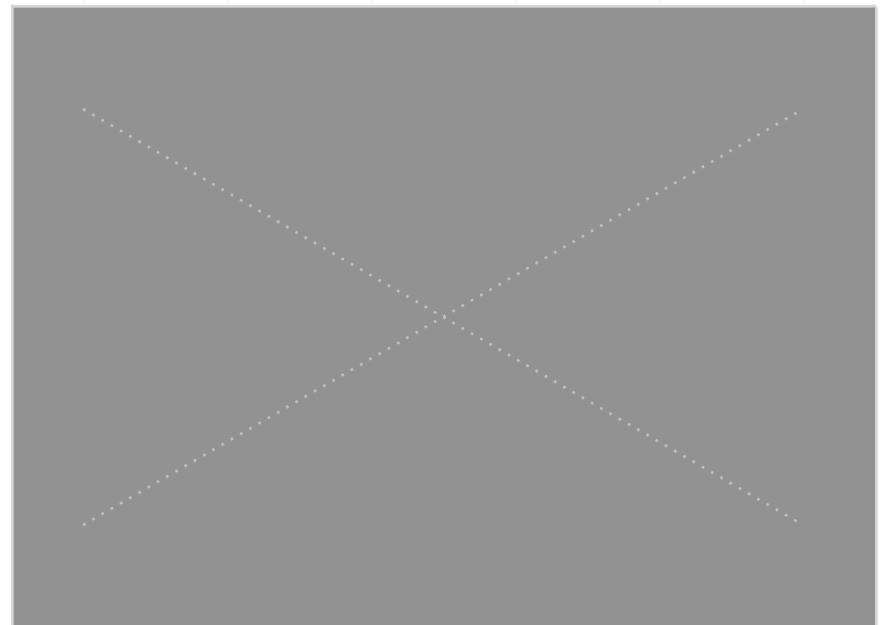
## Flat Rock Park on Lake Harris

Despite its moniker, Flat Rock Park – a popular sunbathing and fishing spot on the shores of Lake Harris – has not always been a flat rock.

Its story runs as deep as the granite vein that runs from Stone Mountain to the edges of Lake Harris and is as much a part of the lake as the water that laps on its shore.

Flat Rock Park opened in 1995 as one of five day-use parks operated by Alabama Power. Before that, the 25 acres of smooth-top granite sat like an idle slab after the turbines of Harris Dam began pumping water downstream in 1983 and providing clean, renewable power to the region.

Further back still, what was to become Flat Rock Park began as a rustic outcrop of granite at the end of a vein of rock tracing its way into the heart of Georgia. Located a mere three miles from the future site of Harris Dam, the natural outcropping of impermeable stone quickly grabbed the eye of project designers in need of materi



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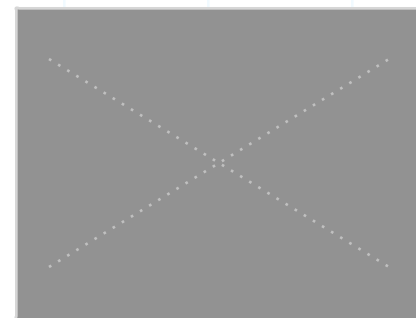
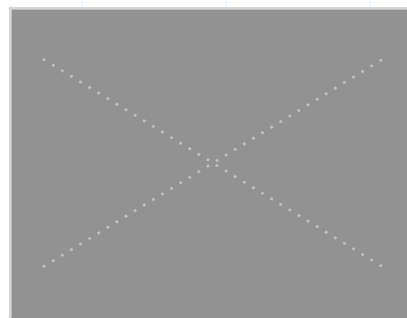
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rugged enough to tame the waters of the Tallapoosa River.

The planners built a quarry in 1977 to convert the outcropping into more than 1 million tons of pulverized granite used as riprap, embankment material and mix aggregate for the more than 400,000 cubic yards of concrete poured over 5,000 tons of reinforced steel that would become Harris Dam. A testament to their work, an island of quarried granite can be seen from Flat Rock Park today.

Today, the park's unyielding granite – notorious for battering the heavy equipment that previously rent and pulverized it – is trafficked by thousands of visitors each year who flock to this unique park so pivotal in the creation of the lake they enjoy. Park amenities include pavilions, picnic tables, grills, restrooms, swimming and fishing areas and a nature trail.

For more information about Flat Rock Park, contact the park office at 000-000-0000 or the Lake Harris Shoreline Management Office at 000-000-0000.



## Ten Island Park on Neely Henry Lake

The panorama from Neely Henry Dam features rolling, wooded hills. Scattered docks dot the shoreline – disturbed only by the occasional washing wake of a fishing boat – with paths leading up to houses hidden among the sprawling trees.

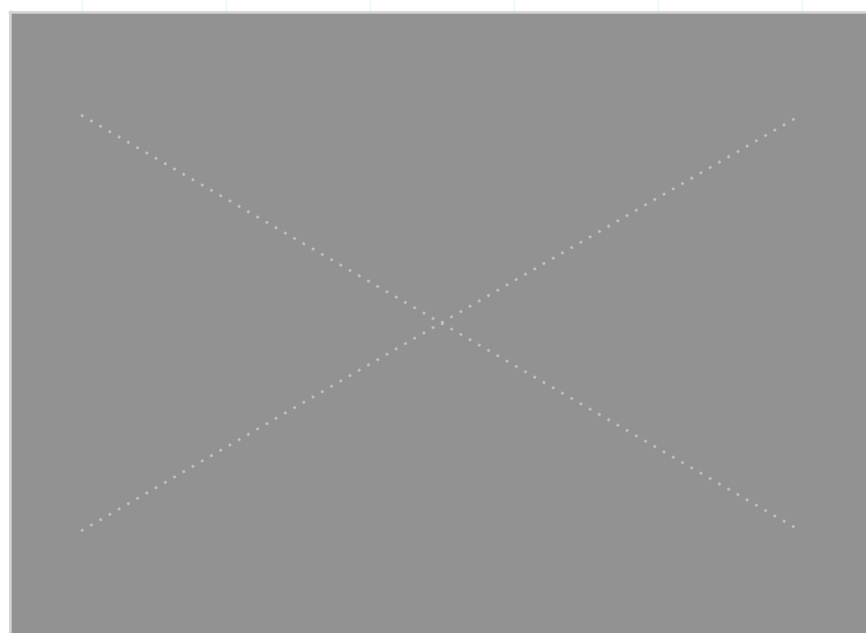
Most days, the lake is calm, serene – a quiet place to relax and watch the cool water arrive from the north, from Weiss Lake, and meander slowly on its journey south, joining the Alabama River, washing through Mobile Bay and spilling into the Gulf of Mexico.

From this unassuming view, people in a car driving across Neely Henry Dam on St. Clair County Road 26 can also see one of the most storied pieces of land in the state – Ten Island Park.

Today, the park provides a place for lake lovers and fishermen to relax, launch boats, picnic and enjoy the calm beauty of one of state's less trafficked lakes. But before construction began on Neely Henry Dam, backing up the waters of the Coosa River, Ten Island's natural river ford was a magnet for civilization, exploration and conflict.

Evidence of settlement at the site dates back to Paleo, Archaic, Woodland and Mississippian Indian groups, and there is historical speculation that Hernando de Soto used the site to cross the wild-flowing Coosa River in the early 1540s.

It was the Creek Indians who first named the site Oti Palin – or Ten Island – after a series of islands along several miles of the Coosa River. The Creek settled on Wood Island – the southernmost and largest in the chain – which was later incorporated into the construction of Neely Henry Dam.

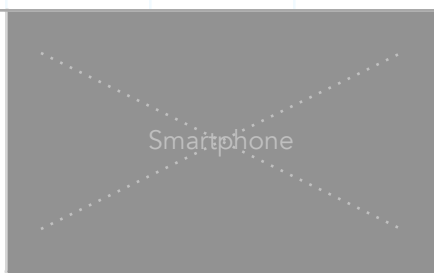
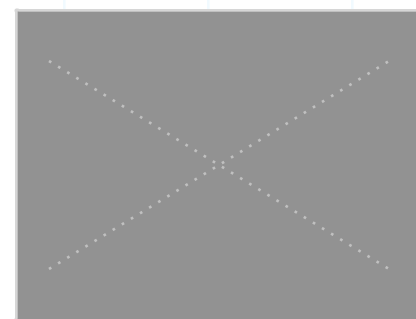
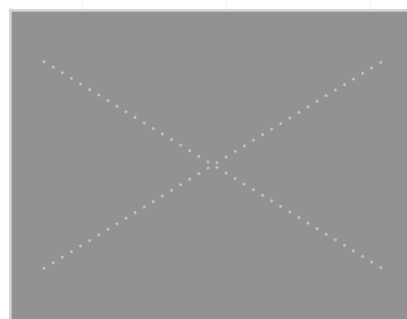


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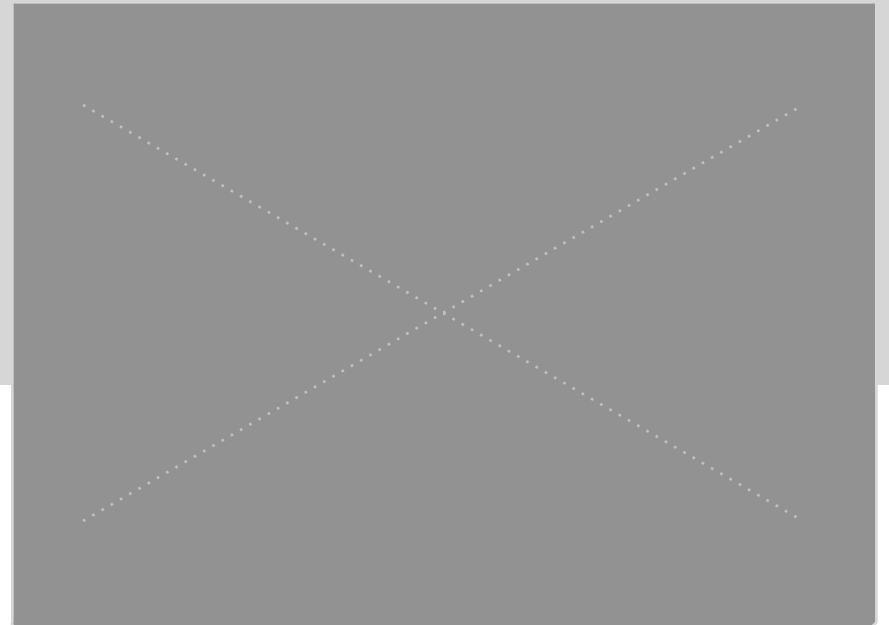
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# Hunting

Alabama Power annually licenses more than 75,000 acres for hunting. Our licenses allow exclusive hunting rights for a particular club to hunt game on Alabama Power property.



## How the Bid Program Works

The hunting license is a 5-year license which is billed annually. At the end of 5-year term, Alabama Power will review the tract of land for continuation in the program and renewal of the licensee by request.

### Hunting license bid form:

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The hunting license program has bid events in February and July. The program operates through a bid process, which allows Alabama Power to list properties to the public available for hunting. Persons wanting a license have from the first day of February or July through the last day of the month to submit a bid for properties from the list of available tracts. No properties will be licensed outside of the bid process.

While many of our hunting licenses have been held by clubs for many years and have very satisfied customers, there is annual turnover and we add new properties to the license program from time to time. If you don't see a tract of land you are interested in today, please check back in the future.

## Available Properties

The properties are listed by county and indicate the acreage plus the minimum bid per acre. A bid can be for the minimum amount listed or for any amount over the minimum. If more than one bidder submits the same bid, those bidders will be notified and allowed to submit a new bid. We ask bidders to submit their best bid initially. The bidding process closes at midnight on the last day of the month.

### Tract ID 62.684

163 acres in Tallapoosa County  
\$8/acre minimum bid

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### Tract ID 62.686

133 acres in Tallapoosa County  
\$8/acre minimum bid

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### Tract ID 62.670

614 acres in Tallapoosa County  
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### Tract ID 62.692

545 acres in Tallapoosa County  
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### Tract ID 29.002

121 acres in Elmore County  
\$8/acre minimum bid

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Once the bidding process closes, Alabama Power representatives review the bids and notify successful bidders. Should a successful bid be disqualified by Alabama Power or relinquished by the bidder, the remaining bids for that tract will be reviewed for the possibility of awarding the tract. This process will be closed by the last day of the subsequent month being March or August, respectively.

Parties wanting to view a listed property need to request access before entering Alabama-Power owned property. A release agreement must be signed and submitted to Alabama Power before access can be granted. Possession of a property map or signed release of agreement does not grant access to properties. Access will be granted by way of notification on official Alabama Power letterhead or via an email from a Leasing Representative in the Corporate Real Estate Department. For some tracts to be viewed, an Alabama Power representative may accompany a party to open gates or cross adjacent property. If multiple parties want to view the same tract, Alabama Power reserves the right to schedule group visits within a specified period of time. GPS coordinates are identified at property locations in the location maps.

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### Release of Agreement form:

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### Sample Hunting License:

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## Frequently Asked Questions

#### Do I have to submit a list of the members of my club to Alabama Power for approval?

No. Alabama Power licenses the tract to a club, by name, with an officer of that club signing the agreement on behalf of the club membership.

#### Is the use of dogs for hunting deer allowed?

No.

#### What is Alabama Power's position as to the use of ATV's on the licensed property?

Use of all-terrain vehicles on licensed property is prohibited, except as a means of transportation for the Licensee, provided this does not cause material damage or injury to the property as determined by Alabama Power.

#### Does Alabama Power require Licensee to acquire a liability insurance policy or is that part of the license fee?

Alabama Power requires the Licensee to obtain a separate, general liability insurance policy at its own expense.

#### Are there any restrictions on the use or type of firearms on the property?

Restrictions, if any, should be indicated on the map of the property and more explicitly spelled out in the license agreement.

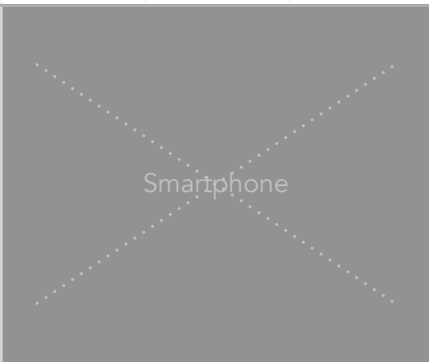
#### Does Alabama Power request access to properties on behalf of the Licensee?

No. While Alabama Power has access to property it owns as part of its rights as an owner, it cannot assign or transfer those rights to the Licensee. A Licensee has to gain access rights for its own needs from adjacent land owners. If access is not granted then Alabama Power will allow Licensee to terminate the agreement and refund any fees as necessary.

For more information

Jon Golden

Email or call (205) 257-2105



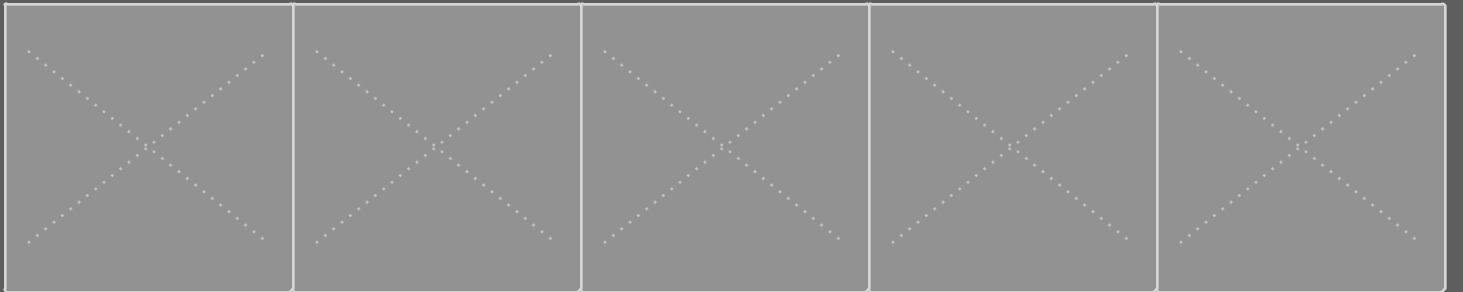
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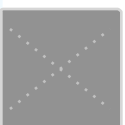
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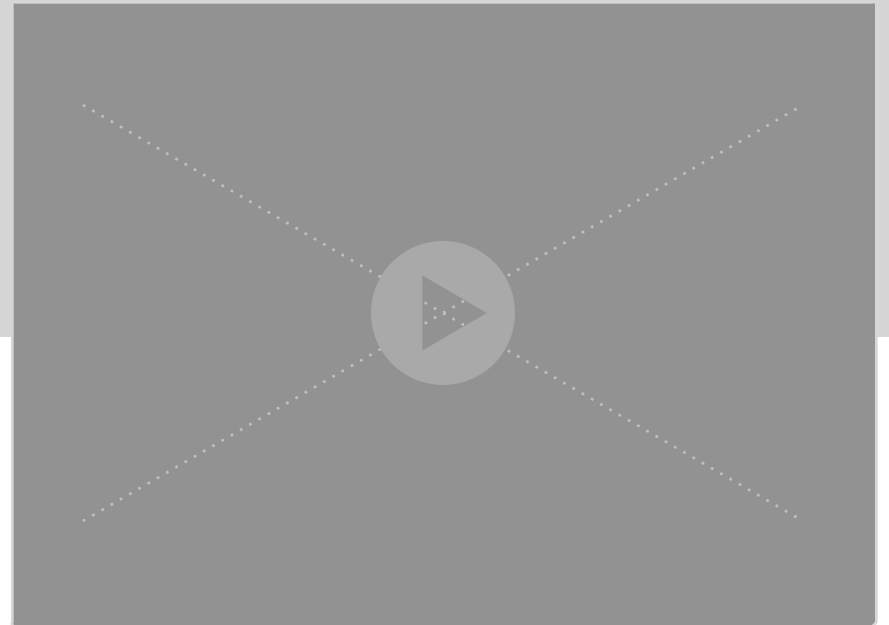
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# Shoreline Management

As part of operating 14 dams and the 11 lakes they create, Alabama Power manages more than 3,500 miles of shoreline and nearly 120,000 acres of land. To do this, our team of shoreline managers works closely with communities surrounding the reservoirs to protect and enhance the scenic, recreational and environmental resources these lakes offer.



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## Permits

Shoreline managers help maintain the company's ability to manage flood conditions on each river system by enforcing easement and construction standards specific to each lake.

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### Residential Permits

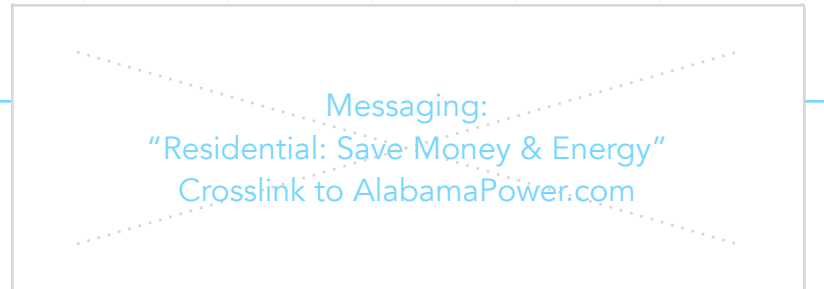
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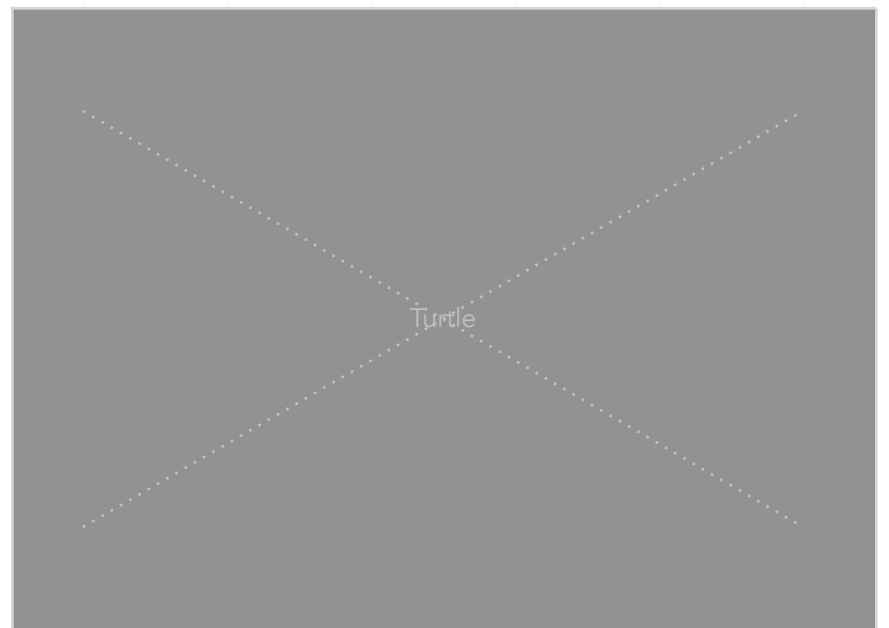
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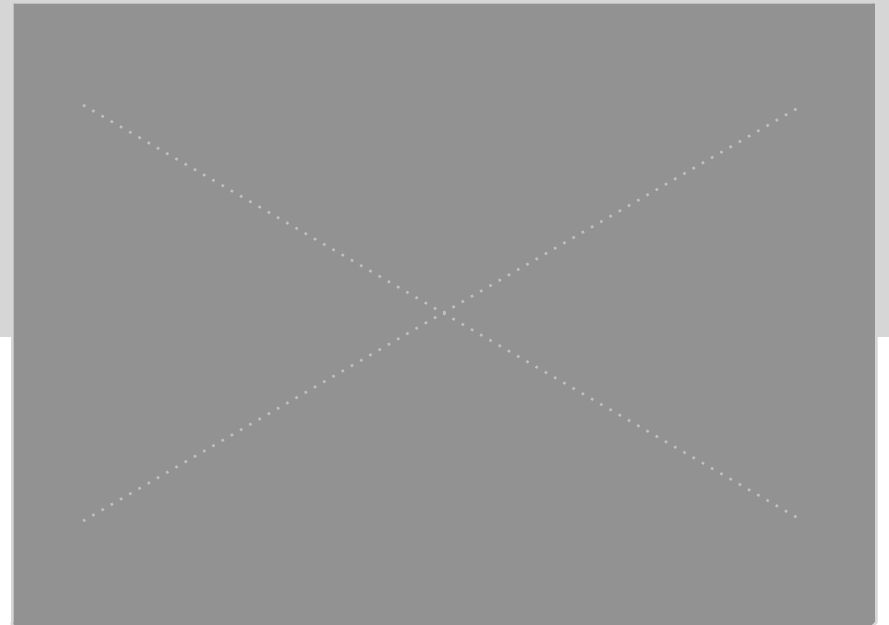




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## Helpful Resources

**Project:**

Plant native trees, shrubs, and flowers for landscaping and gardens in order to reduce watering as well as chemical and pesticide use.

**Permit Required:**

No

**Project:**

Preserve or establish a naturally managed vegetative filter strip along the shoreline to keep clearing of native trees and vegetation to a minimum. Alabama Power recommends a buffer set back of at least 15 feet measured horizontal from the top of the pool elevation.

**Permit Required:**

The implementation of a naturally managed vegetative buffer zone is recommended on all properties along Smith Lake. The implementation of a naturally managed vegetative buffer zone will be required as a condition of all new residential lake shore use permits issued on lands owned in fee by Alabama Power.

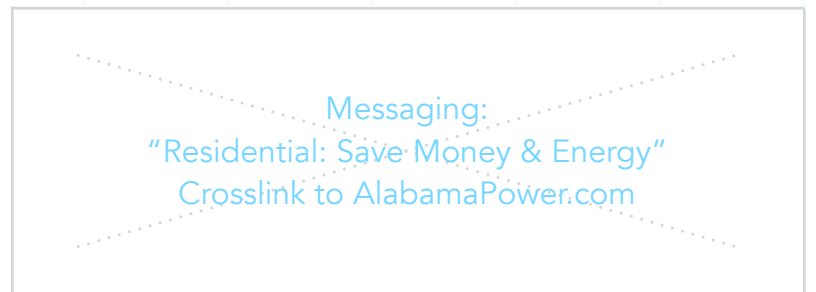
**Project:**

Plant a low maintenance, slow growing grass that is recommended for your soil conditions and climate.

**Permit Required:**

No

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## Helpful Resources

Alabama Nonpoint Source Management Program

Alabama's Best Management Practices for Forestry

Department of Landscape Horticulture Plant Selection Guide

Center for Watershed Protection

Guideline for Maintenance and Service of Unpaved Roads. Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority

Wildflowers of Alabama

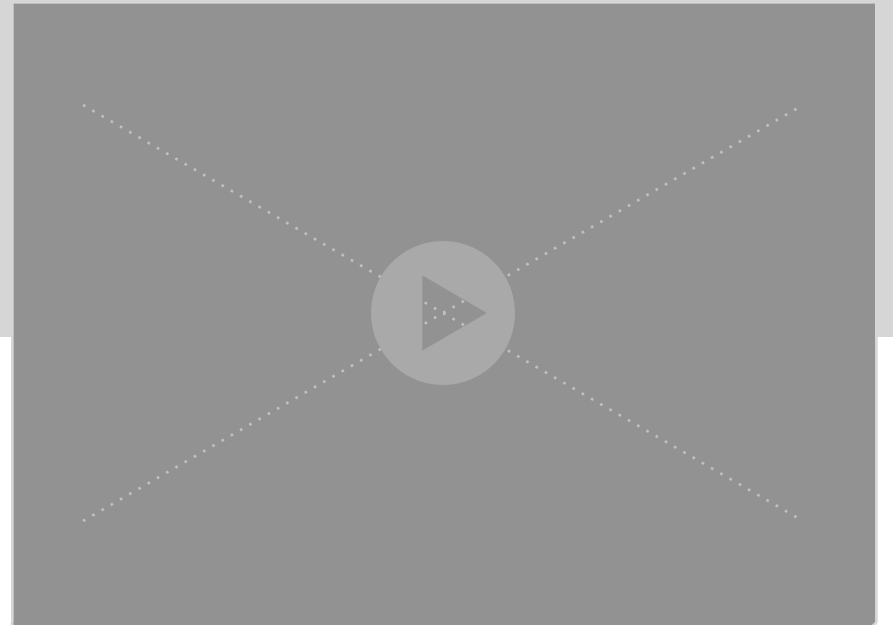
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Watershed Best Management Practices for Water Quality Protection, Management, and Restoration



# Stewardship

The environmental treasures found in Alabama lakes are invaluable resources Alabama Power strives to protect and preserve through the ongoing studies and efforts of its field research and shoreline management teams.



As a bridge between water and land, lake shorelines are vital ecosystems for countless plants and animals. In some cases, the natural characteristics of an area make shoreline crucial habitat for federally protected species. Other times, the separation between land and water blurs in the presence of biologically diverse and protected wetland habitats.

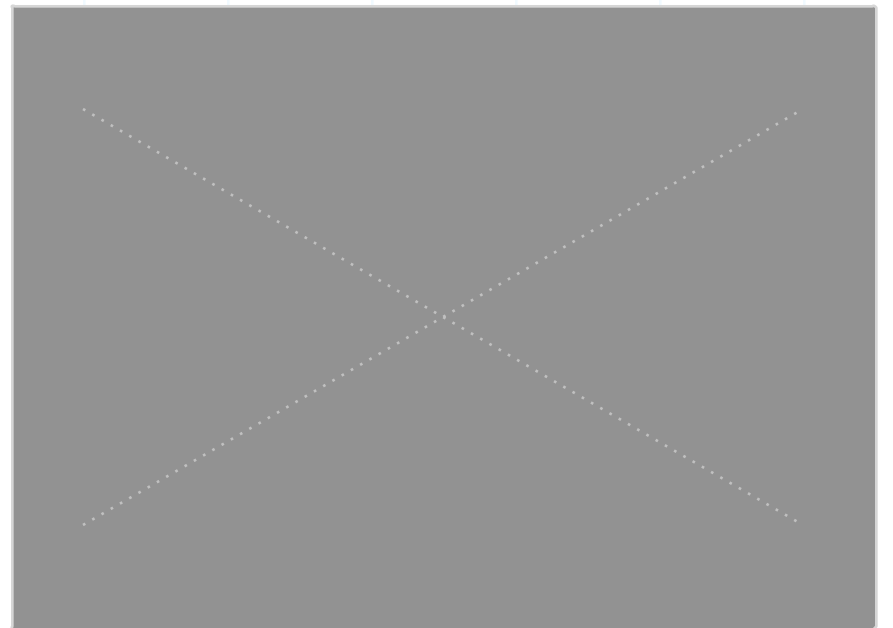
Steps must also be taken to document and protect artifacts and historically important resources that may be uncovered by washing waves, seasonal lake levels and shoreline development. To protect all of these considerations, we employ various teams to study, document and carefully manage activity in these crucial ecosystems.

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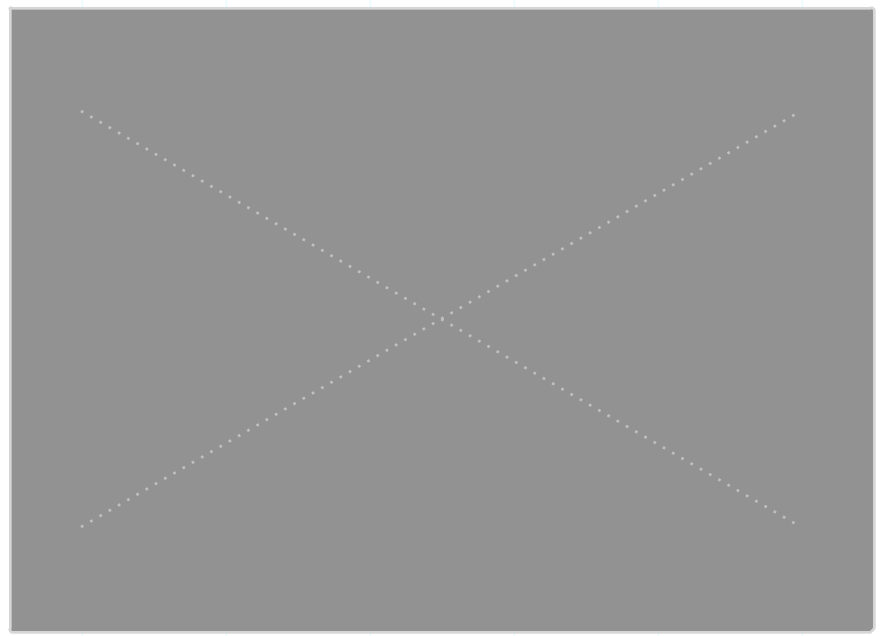


## Vegetation Control

Vegetation control is crucial for maintaining well-balanced aquatic ecosystems and fighting invasive species – like hydrilla or lyngbya algae. Left unchecked, these species can disrupt natural habitats and harm native species populations. Winter drawdowns – along with providing flood control storage during heavy spring rains – help control vegetation by exposing plants that grow quickly in sunlit-shallow water to freezing temperatures.

### Guide to unwanted vegetation

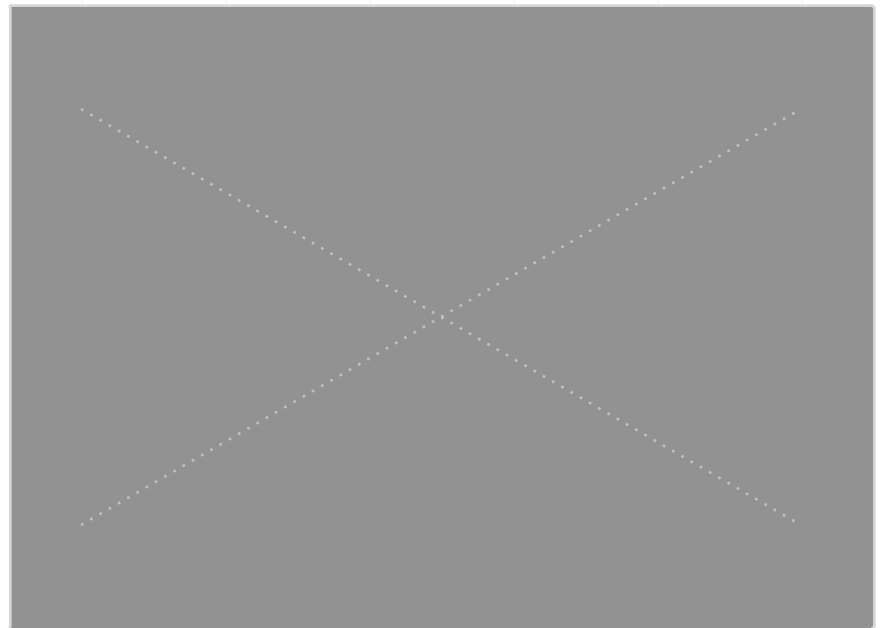
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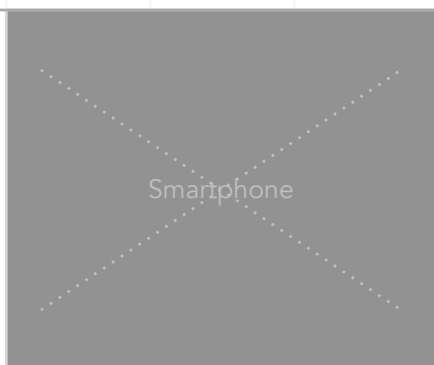
## Water Quality

Lake water quality is a complex issue impacted by a number of topics. Flood control and vegetation management help limit debris that causes navigation dangers on the water's surface and displaces storage capacity by settling to the bottom. Shoreline protection – by maintaining its natural aspect – limits erosion and harmful runoff. And properly managed aquatic species and habitat helps maintain the organisms that naturally benefit water quality.

Because lakes are large bodies of slow-moving water, small changes in conditions can have broad-ranging impact. Alabama Power relies on relationships with water protection groups to help monitor and maintain the quality of the water that provides habitat for plants and animals and draws people to the state's lakes.



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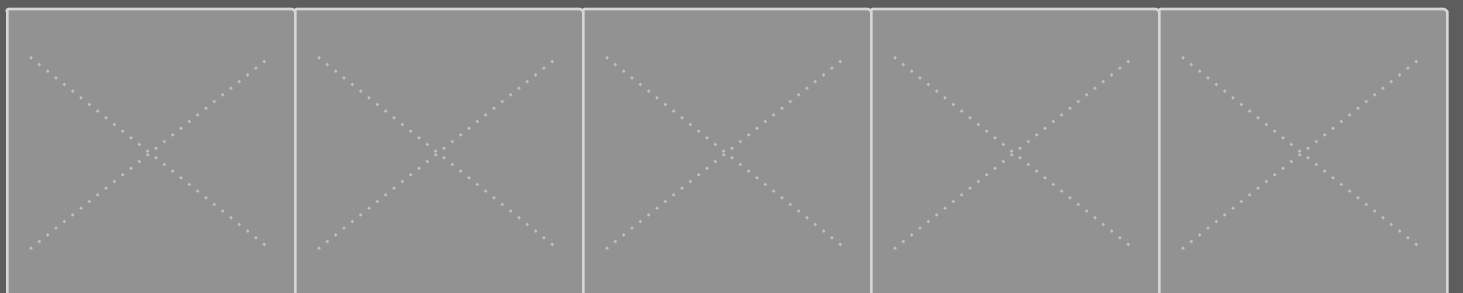
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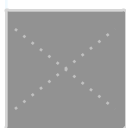
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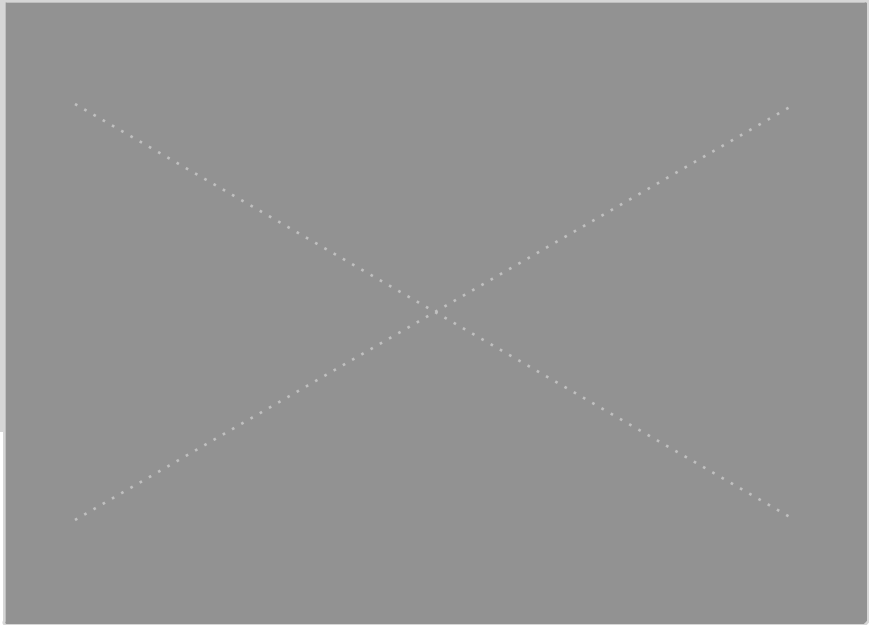
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# Renew Our Rivers

Renew Our Rivers has grown from a single river cleanup event in Gadsden to a nationally recognized campaign that includes Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and the Florida panhandle, six river systems and brings together more than 10,000 volunteers.



Alabama's rivers are cleaner, thanks to the award-winning Renew Our Rivers, one of the Southeast's largest organized river-system cleanups.

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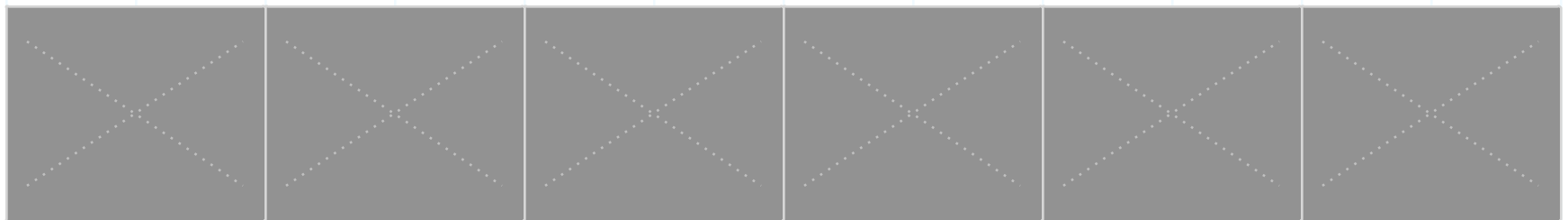
What began as a small community cleanup in 2000 has evolved into a large-scale grassroots statewide project with tens of thousands of volunteers including homeowner and boatowner associations, environmental groups, Alabama Power employees, schools and civic organizations participating.

## Recap

Alabama Power, with the help of volunteers around the Southeast, removed more than 10 million pounds of trash from 2000 to 2009 through Renew Our Rivers. The trash and debris removed includes bottles and cans to tires, water heaters, refrigerators and boats. This total encompasses cleanups in Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi.

To participate in a cleanup, simply select a location close to you, contact the organization and show up. Volunteers are welcomed at each river cleanup. Bring friends, family or a community group.

Renew Our Rivers makes a great community service project!



## Gulf Guardian Award

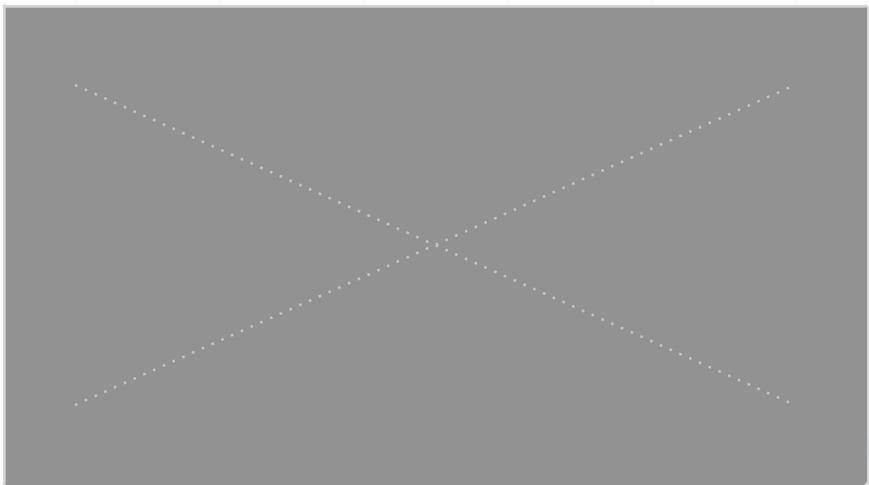
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Gulf of Mexico Program chose Alabama Power's Plant Barry for a Gulf Guardian Award in September 2009. Plant Barry won third place in the business category for its participation in the Renew Our Rivers program. Plant Barry has participated in the Renew Our Rivers program for five years.

[Learn more](#)

## Commitment

You can count on Alabama Power to continue working hard to make Alabama a better place to live.

Sign up to volunteer along the lake nearest you during Renew Our Rivers. Contact the coordinator listed on the schedule for details and directions.



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## November 2

### **Lake Mitchell (Coosa River)**

Volunteers will meet at Higgins Ferry Park at 8:00 am. The cleanup will end at noon followed by a picnic lunch.

**Contact:** Lee Poe at (205) 389-2480 or Dale Vann at (205) 979-5559 or (205) 910-3713 (cell)

## November 8 - 9

### **Lake Martin (Tallapoosa River)**

Volunteers will assist in roadside and lake shoreline cleanup. Sites to be determined. Contact coordinator for further details.

**Contact:** John Thompson at (334) 323-7880, Lake Martin Resource Association

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## Facts about the Program

Renew Our Rivers, formerly known as Renew the Coosa, began in 2000 after employees from Alabama Power's Plant Gadsden became concerned about litter in and along the banks of the Coosa River. Renew Our Rivers is now one of the Southeast's largest organized river-system cleanups of its kind.

Renew Our Rivers has grown to include annual cleanups on the Chattahoochee, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Mobile, Alabama and Black Warrior rivers in Alabama.

Since its inception, more than 10 million pounds of trash and debris has been removed from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and northwest Florida waterways with the assistance tens of thousands of volunteers who have participated in the volunteer-led cleanups.

### Education

What began as a small community cleanup in 2000 has evolved into a large-scale grassroots statewide project with tens of thousands of volunteers including homeowner and boatowner associations, environmental groups, Alabama Power employees, schools and civic organizations participating.

In 2009, Renew Our Rivers received first place in education on litter prevention for the program's continued work with the Message in the Bottle educational initiative. The award was shared between Alabama Power, Mississippi Power, Keep Etowah Beautiful and Keep Mississippi Beautiful. The coloring book depicts how trash is directly and indirectly introduced into the river and then removed by volunteers to be recycled. More than 36,000 books have been distributed to students in Alabama.

### Awards and Recognition

In 2009, Alabama Power, Mississippi Power, Keep Etowah Beautiful and Keep Mississippi Beautiful received first place in education in litter prevention from Keep America Beautiful.

In 2008, Mississippi Power received the Keep America Beautiful Award for litter prevention.

In 2007, Mississippi Power received the Keep America Beautiful Award for beautification.

In 2007, Renew Our Rivers program won the Outstanding Stewardship of America's Waters award from the National Hydropower Association.

In 2006, Alabama Power along with other Southern Company operating companies, were awarded first place in litter prevention from Keep America Beautiful.

In 2006, the Renew Our Rivers program won the Outstanding Stewardship of America's Rivers award from the National Hydropower Association (NHA). Renew Our Rivers was recognized by NHA because of the project's innovation, collaborative partnerships, accomplishments and environmental stewardship efforts. Highlights and notable accomplishments of Renew Our Rivers are listed in The Outstanding Stewardship of America's Rivers report at [www.outstandingrivers.org](http://www.outstandingrivers.org).

In 2004, at the annual Keep America Beautiful national conference, Alabama Power employee Gene Phifer was presented the Volunteer Leadership Award for his role in launching R

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In 2003, Alabama Power received the Water Conservationist of the Year Award from the Alabama Wildlife Federation.

In 2003, Georgia Power received an award from Keep America Beautiful for a cleanup at Plant Hammond.

In 2002, Alabama Power received Keep America Beautiful's highest national award for litter prevention for its role in the Renew Our Rivers/Renew the Coosa campaign.

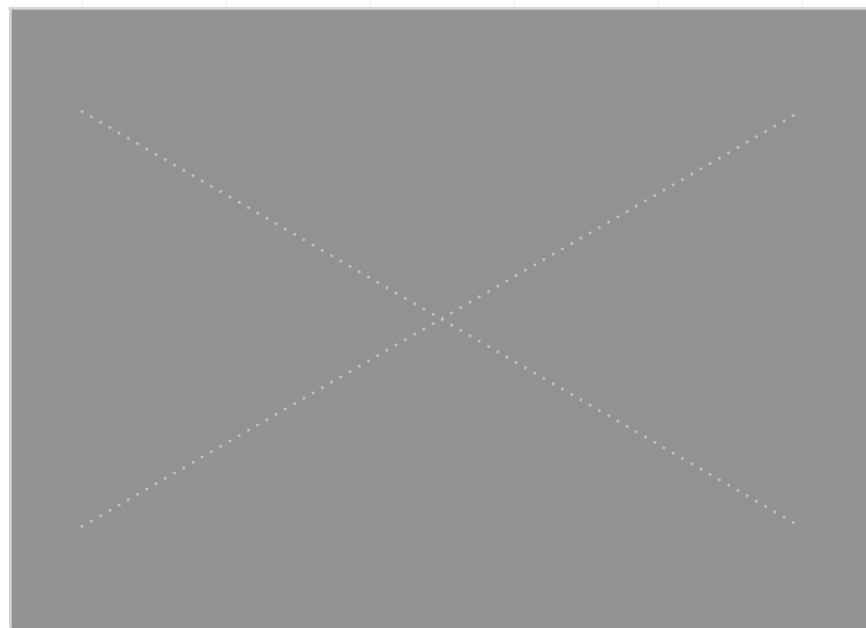
## Media Coverage

In 2003, WBRC FOX6 television station, in Birmingham, partnered with Renew Our Rivers to promote the river cleanups. With their assistance and the support of local radio, newspapers and television stations around the state, Renew Our Rivers has had unprecedented community awareness and support.

## Alabama Power Foundation

The Alabama Power Foundation continues to participate in the cleanups by awarding \$1,000 educational grants to volunteer lake associations to educate students about the environment. The grants are awarded to the lake and home owner associations annually.

[Learn more about the Alabama Power Foundation](#)  
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## 2009 Cleanups

	Tons	Volunteers
Lake Eufaula (Chattahoochee River)*	2.17	150
Mitchell (Coosa River)*	1.15	75
Weiss (Coosa)	9.67	1,722
Logan Martin (Coosa River)	9.92	450
Cahaba River	2.52	60
Smith Lake (Walker County)*	35	17
Smith Lake (Winston County)*	15.6	50
Jordon (Coosa River)	3.78	200
Lay Lake (Coosa River)**	13.66	210
E.C. Gaston Steam Plant (Lay Lake)**	2.4	154
Yates and Thurlow (Tallapoosa River)	2	195
H. Neely Henry (Coosa River)	17.87	900
Mobile River (Plant Barry)	7.58	20
Lake Martin (Tallapoosa River)	0.38	36
Weeks Bay	2.25	87
Bankhead (Black Warrior River)	7.31	132
Smith (Winston County)*	13.61	57
Alabama River	4.3	110
Upper Tallapoosa River	0.5	60
Holt (Black Warrior River)	15	143
Smith Lake (Cullman County)	11.9	15
Lake Demopolis (Greene County Steam Plant)	8.57	215
Lake Eufaula (Farley Nuclear Plant)*	2.21	115
R. L. Harris (Tallapoosa River-Lake Wedowee)	5.5	195
Smith Lake (Walker County)*	150	20
Village Creek	10.48	231
Locust Fork (Plant Miller)	1.01	29
Mitchell (Coosa River)*	0.68	85
	<b>357.02</b>	<b>5,733</b>

Note: Smith Lake tonnage is the result of large blocks of styrofoam collected

\*Two cleanups each year.

\*\*Cooperative cleanup during same time-frame.

## Total Cleanups

2000	<b>43.5 tons</b>	(waterways in Alabama)
2001	<b>142.67 tons</b>	(waterways in Alabama)
2002	<b>262 tons</b>	(waterways in Alabama and Georgia)
2003	<b>492.57 tons</b>	(waterways in Alabama and Georgia)
2004	<b>757.87 tons</b>	(waterways in AL, GA and MS)
2005	<b>1,071.19 tons</b>	(waterways in AL, GA and MS)
2006	<b>984.1 tons</b>	(waterways in AL, FL and GA)
2007	<b>553.75 tons</b>	(waterways in AL, FL, MS and GA)
2008	<b>653.34 tons</b>	(waterways in AL, FL, MS and GA)
2009	<b>357.02 tons</b>	(waterways in Alabama)

**5,317.99 tons or 10,635,980 lbs**



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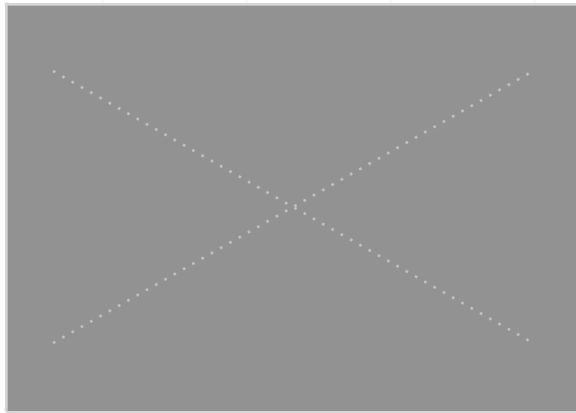
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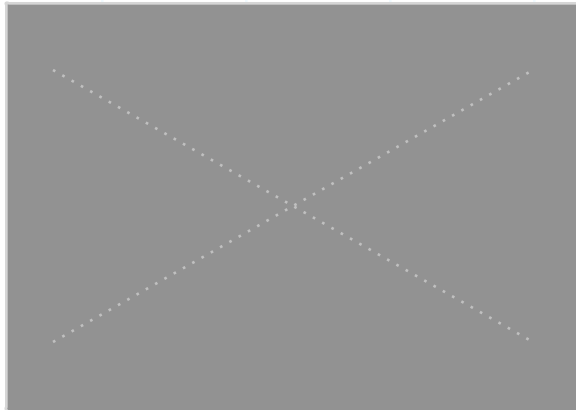
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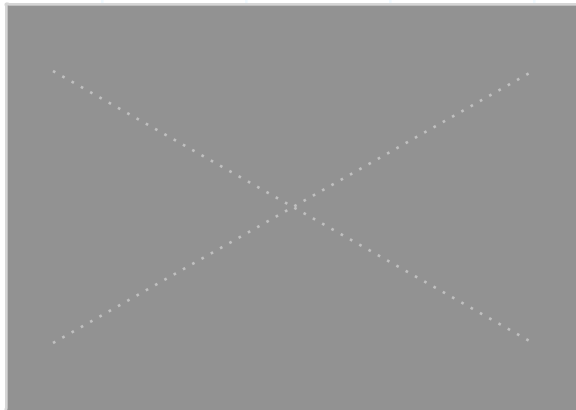
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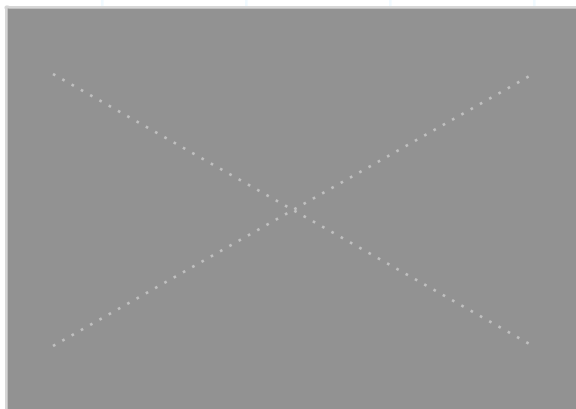
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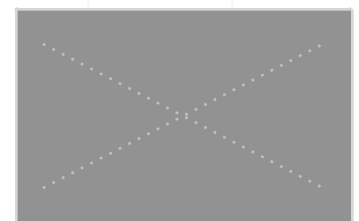
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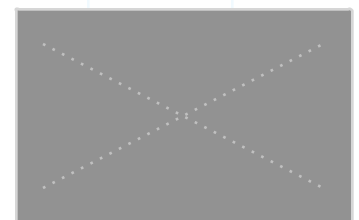
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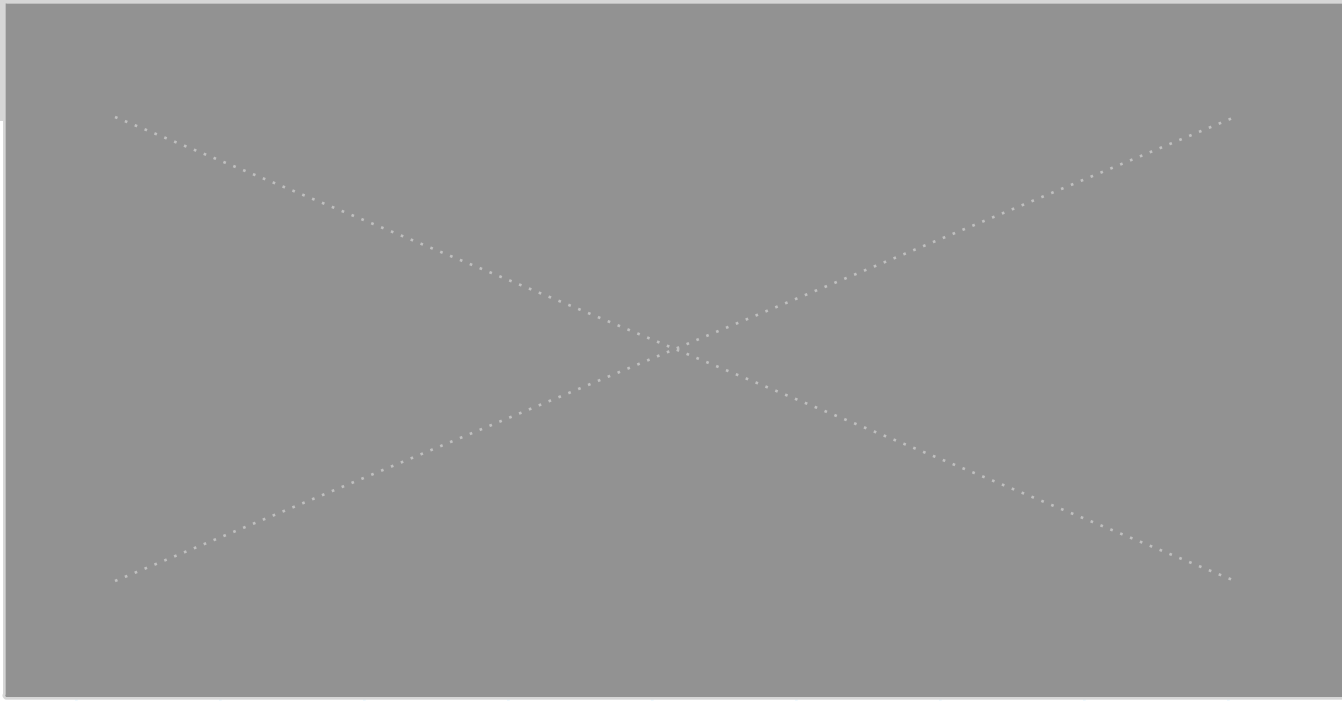
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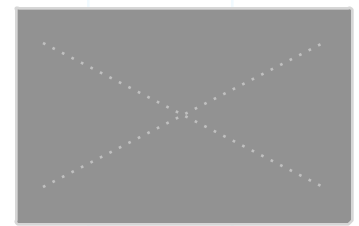
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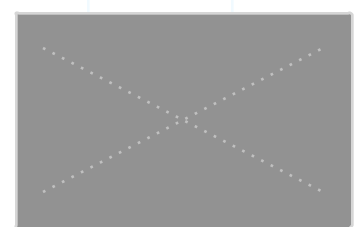
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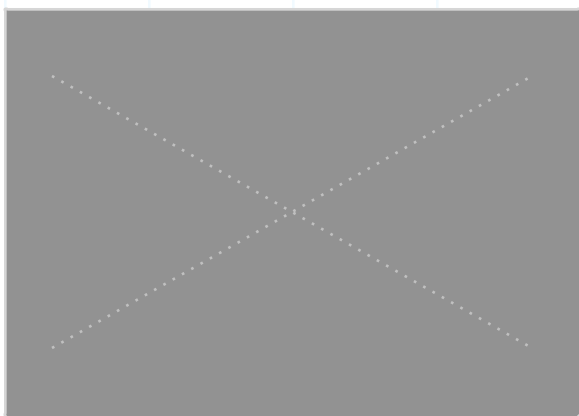
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# Green by the Water

## Low-impact lake Houses

In the old days, lake houses were more like camp cottages — simple, rustic structures in which hot water and electricity were luxuries. Today, we expect lakeside homes to be built for year-round living, with all the modern conveniences we've come to depend on. That makes energy efficiency not just smart but essential. All these trends come together at Point William, an attractive new community on Smith Lake.



"We're using natural materials wherever possible, including wood, stone and stucco finishes."  
 —Point William Developer John Hagefstration

The green-minded design began with careful planning by Birmingham architects Shepard and Davis. Occupying a wooded, hilly peninsula, Point William offers 36 lots (including 20 waterfront ones) on 22 acres. The lots were sited to maximize views and preserve trees and common areas for recreation. "We're disturbing as little of the terrain as possible," says Point William developer John Hagefstration, who owns one of the waterfront houses. "And we're using natural materials wherever possible, including wood, stone and stucco finishes."

detailed traditional exteriors and rustic-contemporary interiors that feature open-plan living areas, plank walls and bands of windows and French doors facing the lake. "All the windows and doors have insulated, double-pane glass," Hagefstration notes. "The houses have 10 inches of blown-in R-30 insulation in the ceilings, with R-13 insulation in the exterior walls. The houses are all-electric, with heat pumps for heating and cooling." (Electric heat pumps extract heat in the summer and add it in the winter.)

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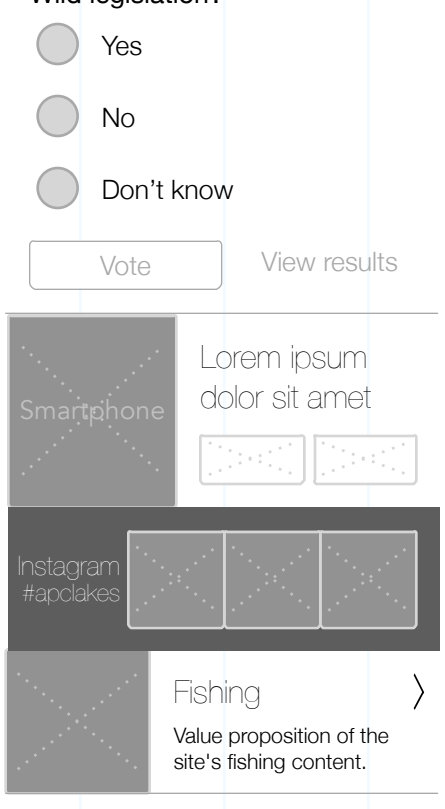
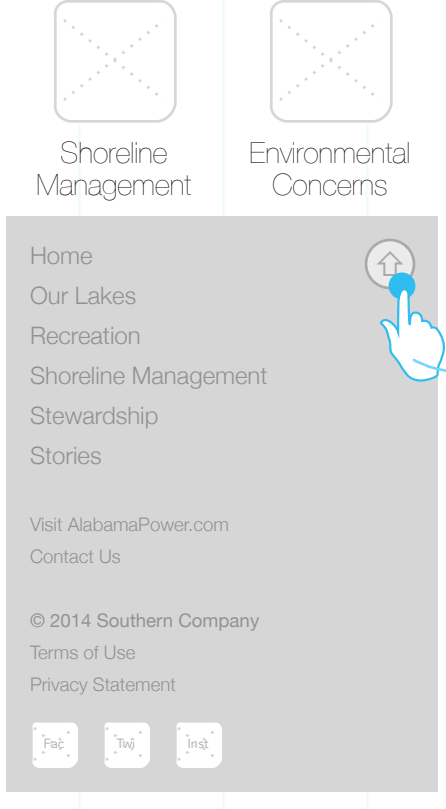
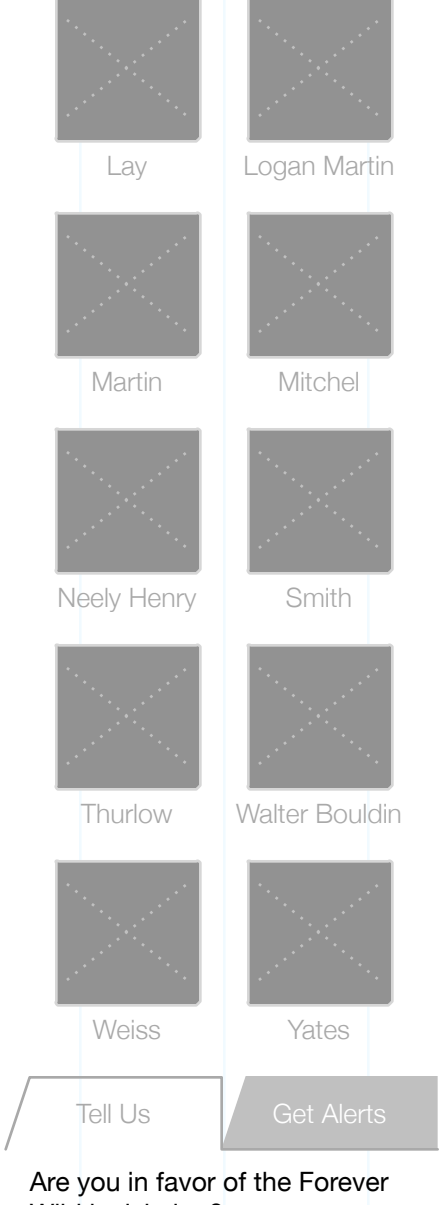
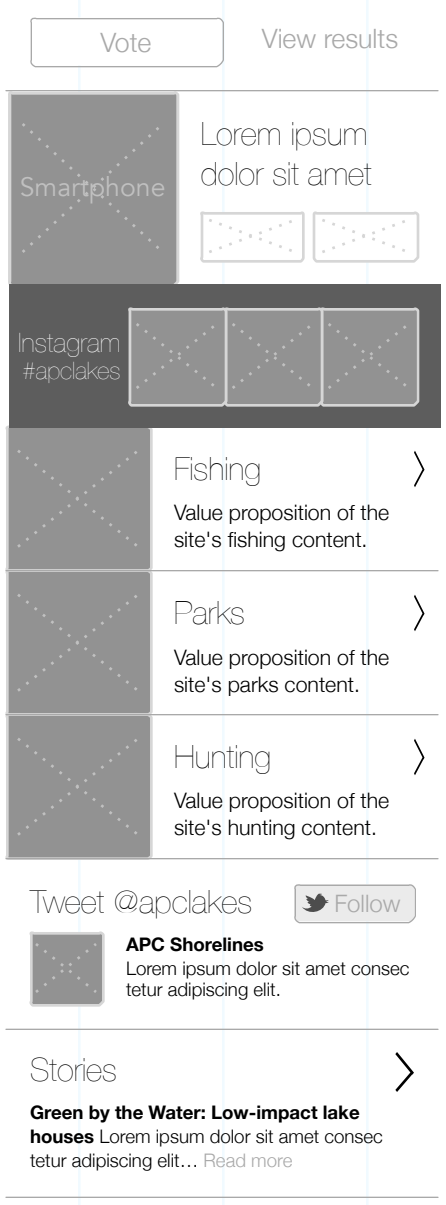
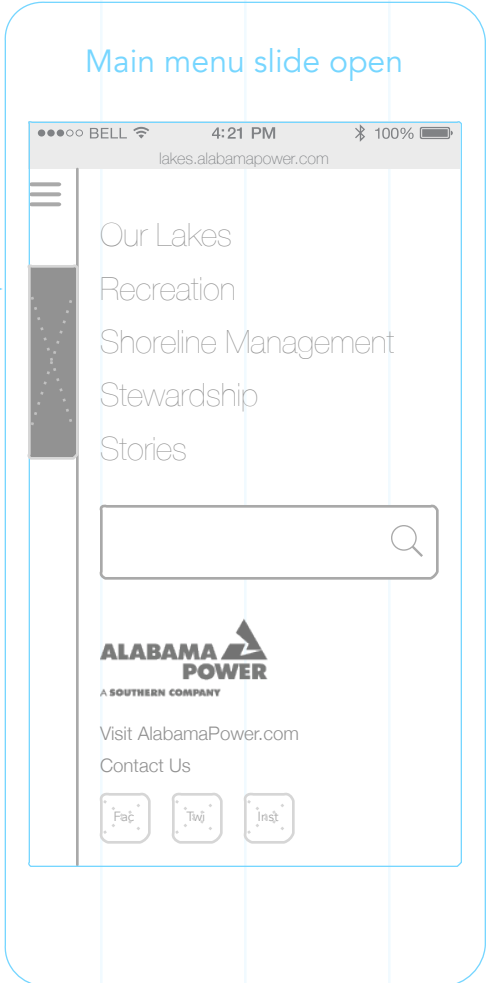
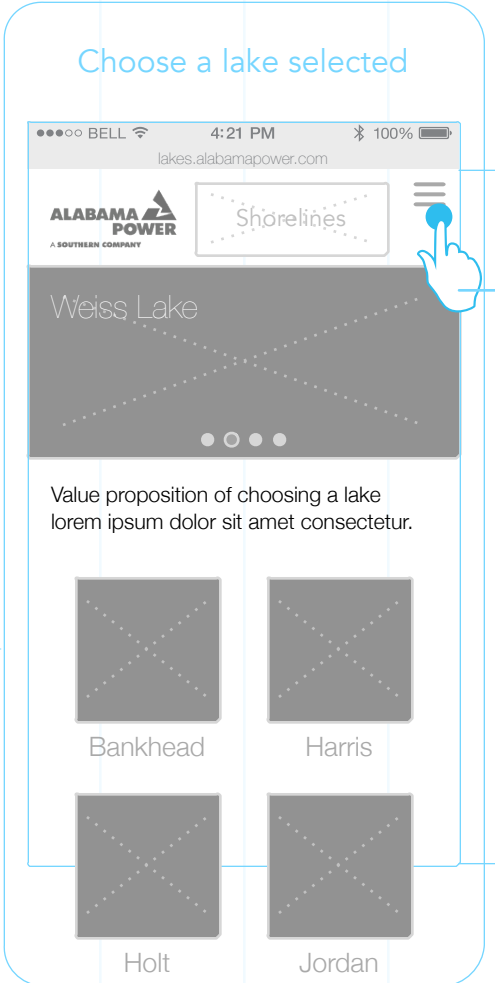
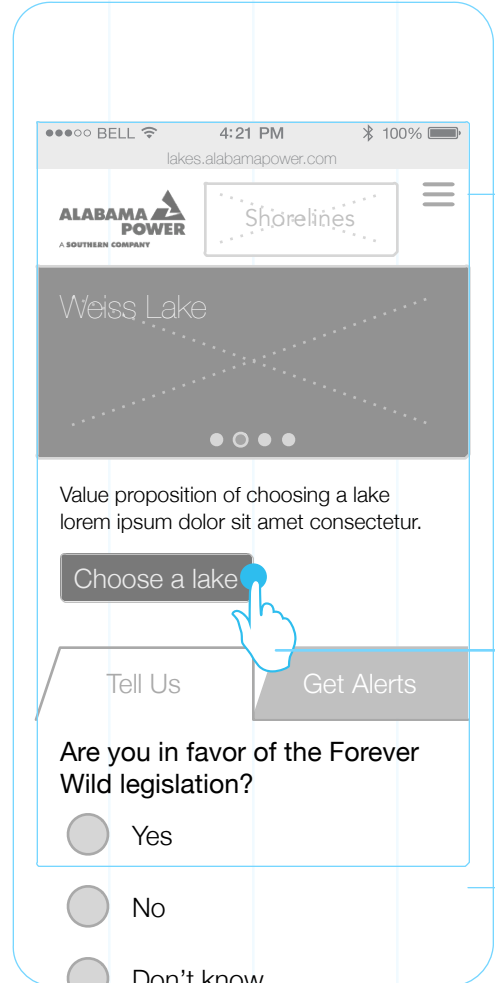
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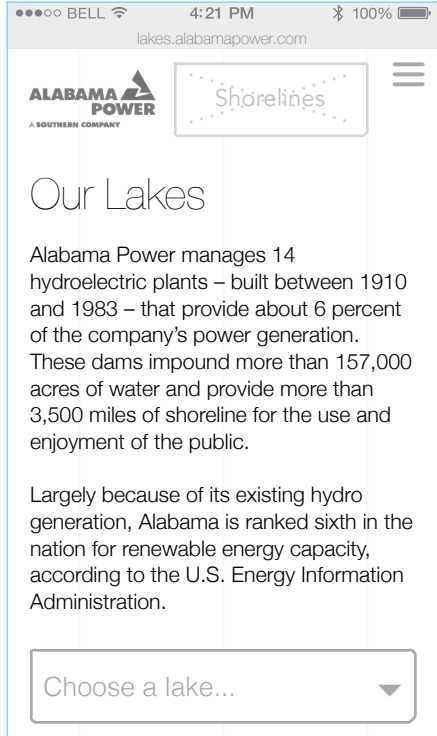


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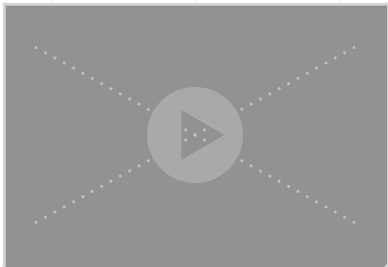
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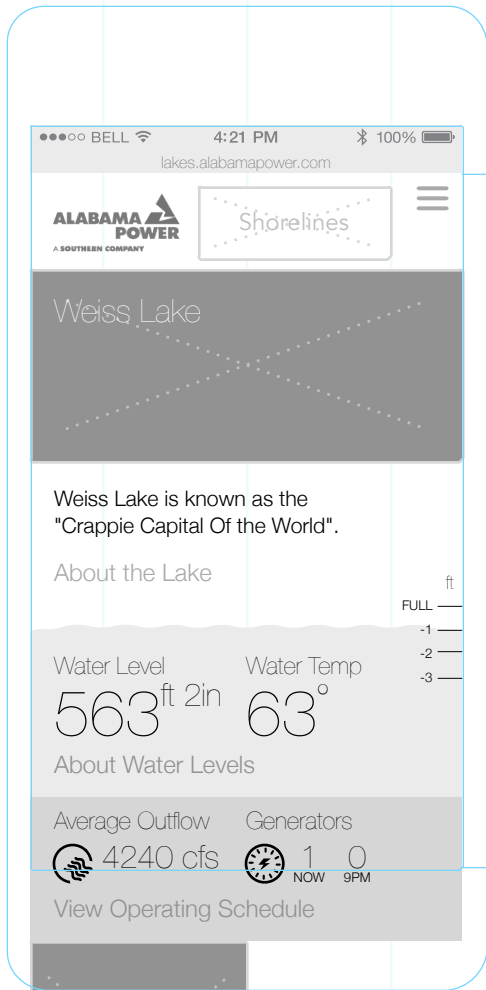
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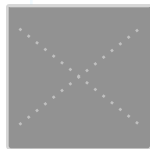
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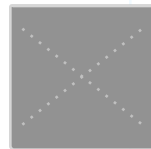
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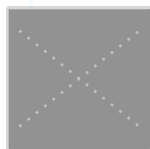
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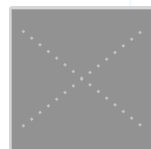
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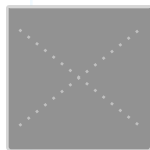
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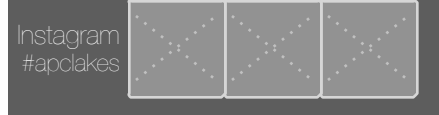
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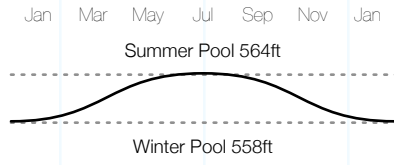


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### Lake Level Notice

Lake elevations are always subject to change, depending on conditions. Individuals that recreate below our dams and those with boats and water-related equipment on our lakes and facilities should always stay alert to changing conditions and be prepared to take the necessary steps to protect their property.

We at Alabama Power are pleased to provide you information and hope you will safely enjoy the many benefits of our lakes. Please be aware that the generation schedule and subsequent water releases from the dams are subject to change without notice.

Please understand that you alone are responsible for your safety on the lakes and rivers. Areas immediately below the dams are considered hazardous because of turbulent water conditions

#### Reservoir Facts:

- Elevation above sea level: 564 feet
- Area: 30,200 acres
- Shoreline: 447 miles
- Length: 52 miles
- Maximum depth at dam: 62 feet
- Area of watershed draining into reservoir: 5,273 square miles



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## Operating Schedule



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Start Time	Generators
12am	0
7am	1
9pm	0

Current Average Outflow

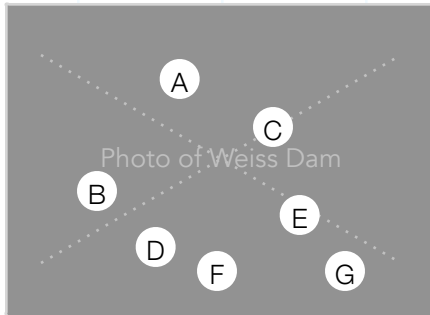
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Weiss Dam was the first dam built as a part of an Alabama Power Company construction program that further developed the Coosa River in the late 1950s and the 1960s. The facility was named after F.C. Weiss, a former chief engineer of Alabama Power.

Find the Dam

#### Dam Facts:

- In-service date: June 5, 1961
- Capacity: 3 generators rating 29,250 kW each
- Type: Gravity concrete and earth fill
- Length of concrete: 392 feet
- Length of earth-dikes: 30,406 feet
- Maximum height: 126 feet

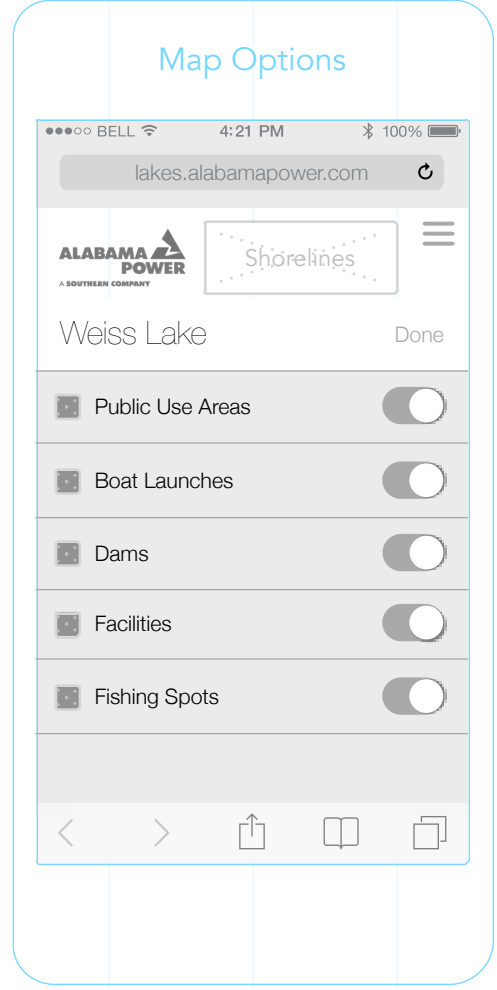
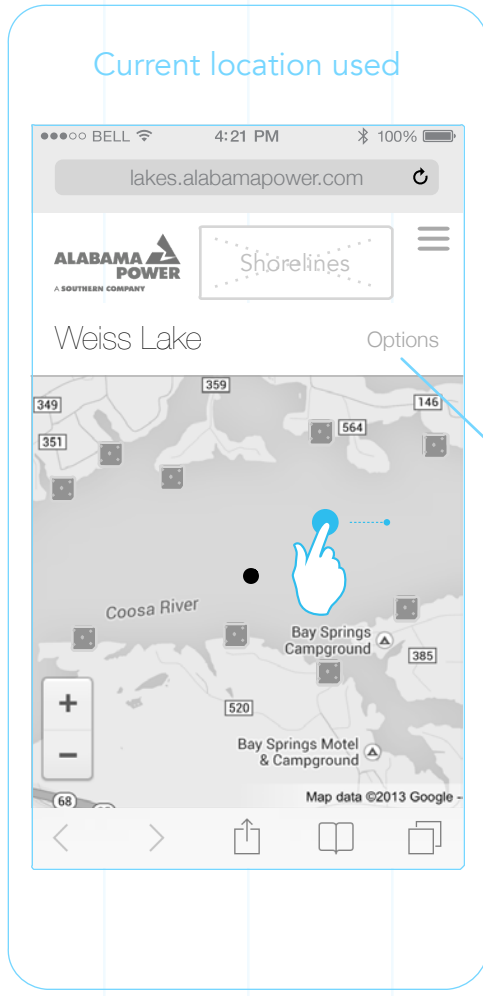
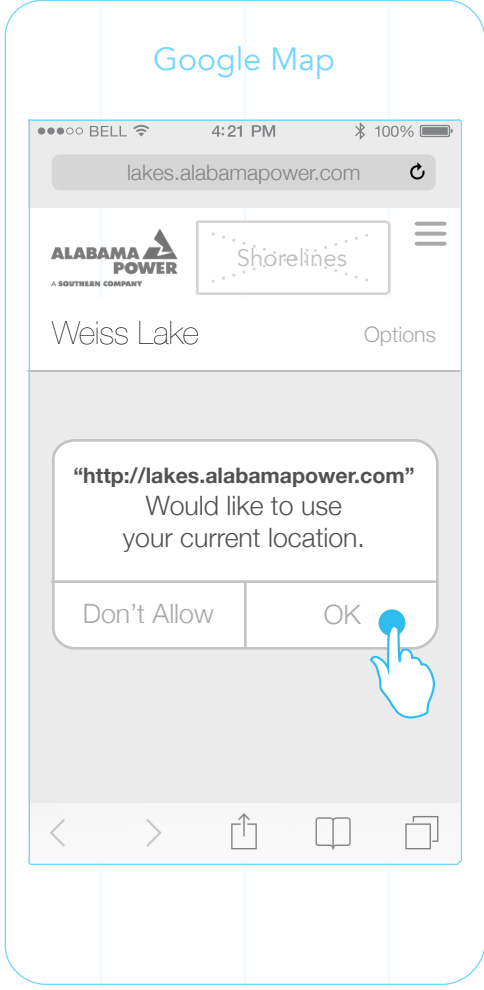


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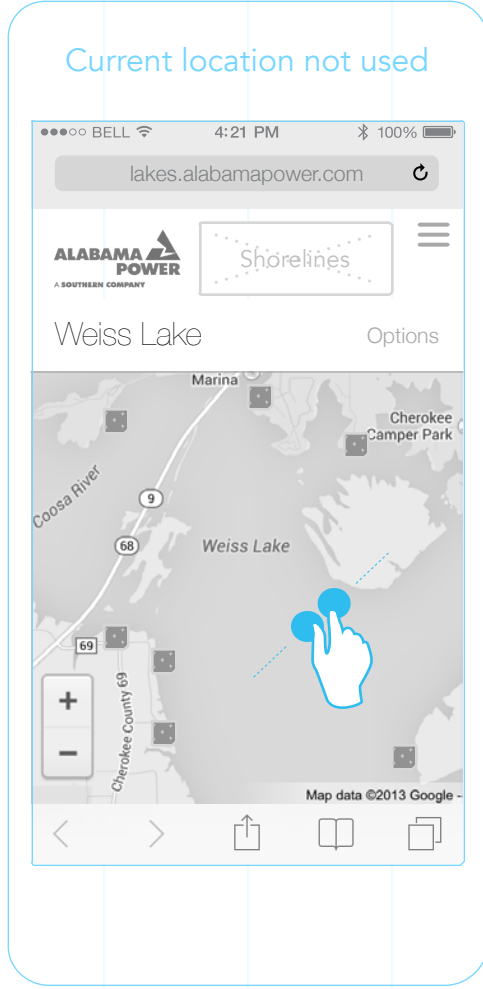
- A. Swirling water and strong underwater currents at powerhouse intakes.
- B. Strong current over or through spillway and trash gates.
- C. Turbulent discharges from automatically operated turbines.
- D. Cascading spillway discharges.
- E. Strong upstream currents in surface waters (reverse flow).
- F. Swift, turbulent waters below spillway gates.
- G. Rapidly rising waters from turbine or spillway discharge.



If the user's current location is within a certain proximity to the lake, center on the user's location and zoom to a certain mile radius; therefore limiting the amount of nearby and relevant pins to a discernible amount.



If the user's current location is not within a certain proximity to the lake, discard their current location, center on the middle of the lake and zoom to certain mile radius; again resulting in a discernible amount of pins and providing a clearer context for the user to then explore.





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## Parks



### D.A.R.E Power Park on Lake Martin

Six miles west of Dadeville, down the wooded, rolling Young's Ferry Road, hides a sandy beach cove known as D.A.R.E. Power Park that is dotted with shaded pavilions, picnic tables and open charcoal grills. Despite its seclusion, the park is a popular spot for locals and in-the-know passersby – both by vehicle and vessel – to take a break, stretch their legs and enjoy the serene nature that envelops the Lake Martin shoreline.

"We developed the park in 1997 in cooperation with the local community and as a part of the Martin license," says Sheila Smith, team leader for Alabama Power's Shoreline Management Team. "We even partnered with the Drug Awareness Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) programs for fourth-grade students at four Tallapoosa County schools on a contest to let students name the park."

The 30-acre park is one of the largest managed by Alabama Power and boasts a number of amenities for visitors by road and water. They include:

- Amphitheater
- Beach
- Boat launch
- Public restrooms
- Park attendants

#### Park Access

**May 1 – Memorial Day:**

Weekend access

**Memorial Day – Labor Day:**

7-day-a-week access

Hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information about D.A.R.E. Power Park or to reserve park pavilions, contact the park office at 256-825-8386 or the Lake Martin Shoreline Management Office at 256-825-0053.



### Flat Rock Park on Lake Harris

Despite its moniker, Flat Rock Park – a popular sunbathing and fishing spot on the shores of Lake Harris – has not always been a flat rock.

Its story runs as deep as the granite vein that runs from Stone Mountain to the edges of Lake Harris and is as much a part of the lake as the water that laps on its shore.

Flat Rock Park opened in 1995 as one of five day-use parks operated by Alabama Power. Before that, the 25 acres of smooth-top granite sat like an idle slab after the turbines of Harris Dam began pumping water downstream in 1983 and providing clean, renewable power to the region.

Further back still, what was to become Flat Rock Park began as a rustic outcrop of granite at the end of a vein of rock tracing its way into the heart of Georgia. Located a mere three miles from the future site of Harris Dam, the natural outcropping of impermeable stone quickly grabbed the eye of project designers in need of material rugged enough to tame the waters of the Tallapoosa River.

The planners built a quarry in 1977 to convert the outcropping into more than 1 million tons of pulverized granite used as riprap, embankment material and mix aggregate for the more than 400,000 cubic yards of concrete poured over 5,000 tons of reinforced steel that would become Harris Dam. A testament to their

Work, an island of quarried granite can be seen from Flat Rock Park today.

Today, the park's unyielding granite – notorious for battering the heavy equipment that previously rent and pulverized it – is trafficked by thousands of visitors each year who flock to this unique park so pivotal in the creation of the lake they enjoy. Park amenities include pavilions, picnic tables, grills, restrooms, swimming and fishing areas and a nature trail.

#### Park Access

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For more information about Flat Rock Park, contact the park office at 000-000-0000 or the Lake Harris Shoreline Management Office at 000-000-0000.



### Ten Island Park on Neely Henry Lake

The panorama from Neely Henry Dam features rolling, wooded hills. Scattered docks dot the shoreline – disturbed only by the occasional washing wake of a fishing boat – with paths leading up to houses hidden among the sprawling trees.

Most days, the lake is calm, serene – a quiet place to relax and watch the cool water arrive from the north, from Weiss Lake, and meander slowly on its journey south, joining the Alabama River, washing through Mobile Bay and spilling into the Gulf of Mexico.

From this unassuming view, people in a car driving across Neely Henry Dam on St. Clair County Road 26 can also see one of the most storied pieces of land in the state – Ten Island Park.

Today, the park provides a place for lake lovers and fishermen to relax, launch boats, picnic and enjoy the calm beauty of one of state's less trafficked lakes. But before construction began on Neely Henry Dam, backing up the waters of the Coosa River, Ten Island's natural river ford was a magnet for civilization, exploration and conflict.

Evidence of settlement at the site dates back to Paleo, Archaic, Woodland and Mississippian Indian groups, and there is historical speculation that Hernando de Soto used the site to cross the wild-flowing Coosa River in the early 1540s.

It was the Creek Indians who first named the site Oti Palin – or Ten Island – after a series of islands along several miles of the Coosa River. The Creek settled on Wood Island – the southernmost and largest in the chain – which was later incorporated into the construction of Neely Henry Dam.

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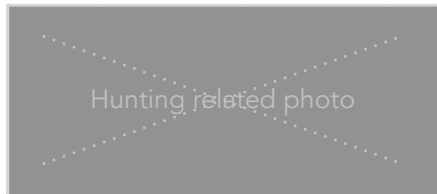
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## Hunting



Alabama Power annually licenses more than 75,000 acres for hunting. Our licenses allow exclusive hunting rights for a particular club to hunt game on Alabama Power property.

### How the Bid Program Works

The hunting license is a 5-year license which is billed annually. At the end of 5-year term, Alabama Power will review the tract of land for continuation in the program and renewal of the licensee by request.

#### Hunting license bid form:

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The hunting license program has bid events in February and July. The program operates through a bid process, which allows Alabama Power to list properties to the public available for hunting. Persons wanting a license have from the first day of February or July through the last day of the month to submit a bid for properties from the list of available tracts. No properties will be licensed outside of the bid process.

While many of our hunting licenses have been held by clubs for many years and have very satisfied customers, there is annual turnover and we add new properties to the license program from time to time. If you don't see a tract of land you are interested in today, please check back in the future.

### Available Properties

#### Tract ID 62.684

163 acres in Tallapoosa County  
\$8/acre minimum bid

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#### Tract ID 62.686

133 acres in Tallapoosa County  
\$8/acre minimum bid

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#### Tract ID 62.670

614 acres in Tallapoosa County  
\$8/acre minimum bid

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#### Tract ID 62.692

545 acres in Tallapoosa County  
\$8/acre minimum bid

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#### Tract ID 29.002

121 acres in Elmore County  
\$8/acre minimum bid

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The properties are listed by county and indicate the acreage plus the minimum bid per acre. A bid can be for the minimum amount listed or for any amount over the minimum. If more than one bidder submits the same bid, those bidders will be notified and allowed to submit a new bid. We ask bidders to submit their best bid initially. The bidding process closes at midnight on the last day of the month.

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#### Release of Agreement form:

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#### Sample Hunting License:

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For more information

Jon Golden  
Email or call (205) 257-2105

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Do I have to submit a list of the members of my club to Alabama Power for approval?

No. Alabama Power licenses the tract to a club, by name, with an officer of that club signing the agreement on behalf of the club membership.

#### Is the use of dogs for hunting deer allowed?

No.

#### What is Alabama Power's position as to the use of ATV's on the licensed property?

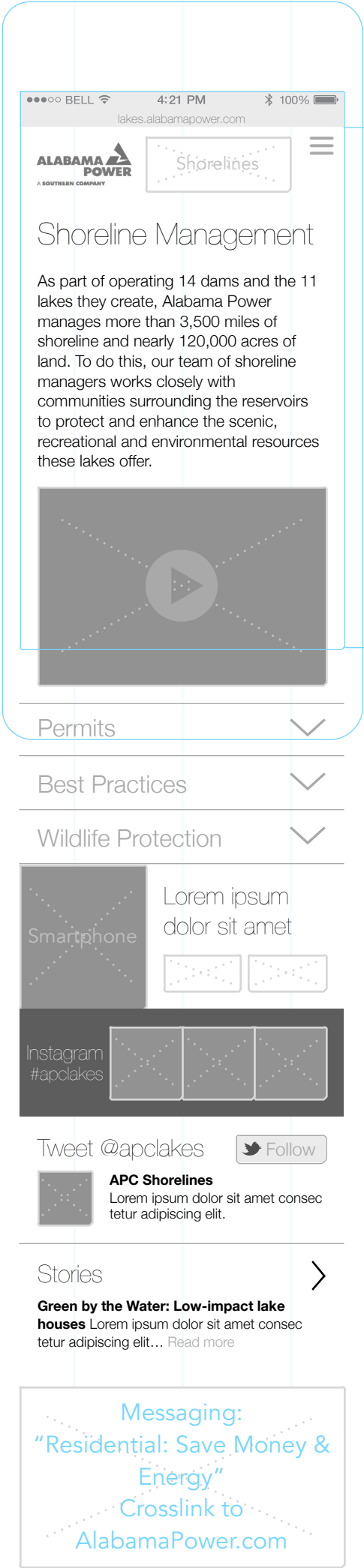
Use of all-terrain vehicles on licensed property is prohibited, except as a means of transportation for the Licensee, provided this does not cause material damage or injury to the property as determined by Alabama Power.

#### Does Alabama Power require Licensee to acquire a liability insurance policy or is that part of the license fee?

Alabama Power requires the Licensee to obtain a separate, general liability insurance policy at its own expense.

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## Permits

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Shoreline managers help maintain the company's ability to manage flood conditions on each river system by enforcing easement and construction standards specific to each lake.

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Army Corps of Engineers Programmatic General Permit

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## Best Practices

Lake construction related photo

Project: Plant native trees, shrubs, and flowers for landscaping and gardens in order to reduce watering as well as chemical and pesticide use.  
Permit Required: No

Project: Preserve or establish a naturally managed vegetative filter strip along the shoreline to keep clearing of native trees and vegetation to a minimum. Alabama Power recommends a buffer set back of at least 15 feet measured horizontal from the top of the pool elevation.  
Permit Required: The implementation of a naturally managed vegetative buffer zone is recommended on all properties along Smith Lake. The implementation of a naturally managed vegetative buffer zone will be required as a condition of all new residential lake shore use permits issued on lands owned in fee by Alabama Power.

Project: Plant a low maintenance, slow growing grass that is recommended for your soil conditions and climate.  
Permit Required: No

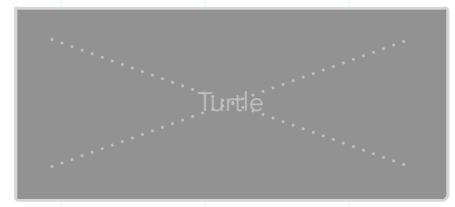
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## Helpful Resources

- Alabama Nonpoint Source Management Program
- Alabama's Best Management Practices for Forestry
- Department of Landscape Horticulture Plant Selection Guide
- Center for Watershed Protection
- Guideline for Maintenance and Service of Unpaved Roads. Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority
- Wildflowers of Alabama
- Introducing Environmental Consciousness and Practical Management Options to Our Yards & Neighborhoods
- Watershed Best Management Practices for Water Quality Protection, Management, and Restoration

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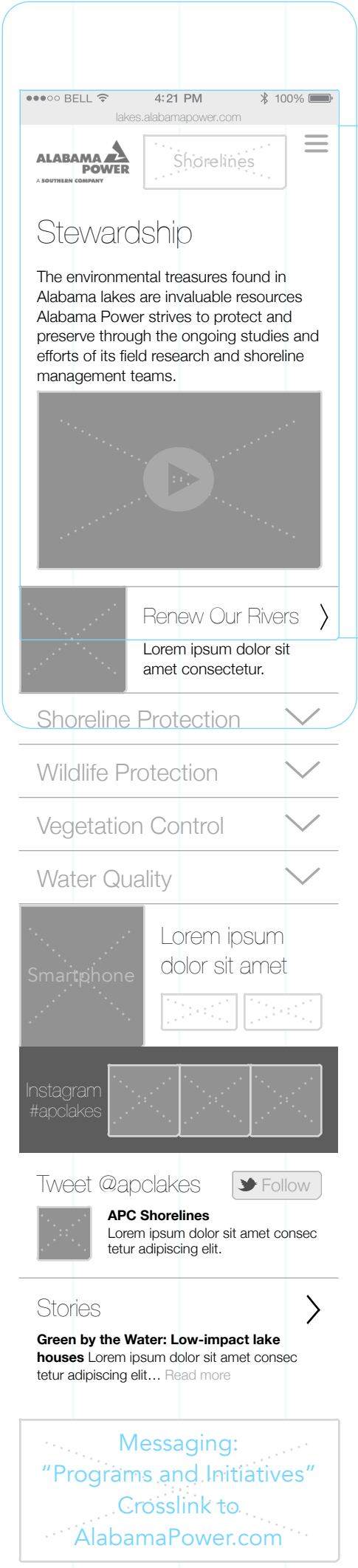
## Wildlife Protection



Alabama Power has a responsibility to protect and study species that rely on the lakes' unique ecosystems. On land, this responsibility includes wildlife population and nesting surveys, habitat protection and habitat creation for species including bald eagles, osprey, red-cockaded woodpeckers and waterfowl. It also means studying habitats – like those of the flattened musk turtle – and partnering with federal agencies to serve as an informational resource for homeowners on how best to protect these habitats. In the water, Alabama Power is focused on improving conditions for aquatic species by establishing and maintaining fish habitat.

Get more information about the protection of Flattened Musk Turtle habitats.

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### Shoreline Protection

Lake construction related photo

As a bridge between water and land, lake shorelines are vital ecosystems for countless plants and animals. In some cases, the natural characteristics of an area make shoreline crucial habitat for federally protected species. Other times, the separation between land and water blurs in the presence of biologically diverse and protected wetland habitats. Steps must also be taken to document and protect artifacts and historically important resources that may be uncovered by washing waves, seasonal lake levels and shoreline development. To protect all of these considerations, we employ various teams to study, document and carefully manage activity in these crucial ecosystems.

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### Vegetation Control

Vegetation control is crucial for maintaining well-balanced aquatic ecosystems and fighting invasive species – like hydrilla or lyngbya algae. Left unchecked, these species can disrupt natural habitats and harm native species populations. Winter drawdowns – along with providing flood control storage during heavy spring rains – help control vegetation by exposing plants that grow quickly in sunlit-shallow water to freezing temperatures.

Guide to unwanted vegetation:

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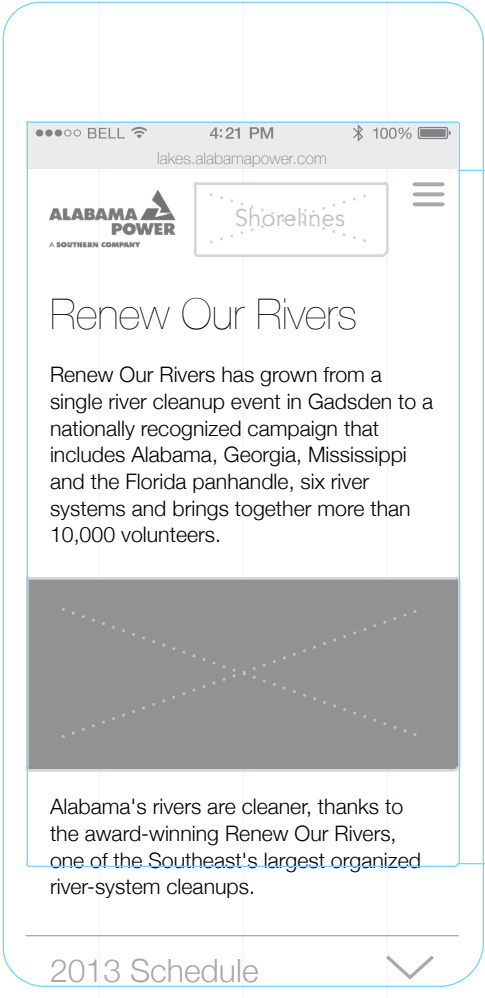
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### Water Quality

Lake water quality is a complex issue impacted by a number of topics. Flood control and vegetation management help limit debris that causes navigation dangers on the water's surface and displaces storage capacity by settling to the bottom. Shoreline protection – by maintaining its natural aspect – limits erosion and harmful runoff. And properly managed aquatic species and habitat helps maintain the organisms that naturally benefit water quality.

Because lakes are large bodies of slow-moving water, small changes in conditions can have broad-ranging impact. Alabama Power relies on relationships with water protection groups to help monitor and maintain the quality of the water that provides habitat for plants and animals and draws people to the state's lakes.

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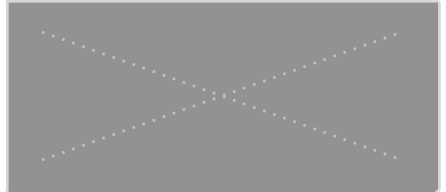


2013 Schedule

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### Evolution

What began as a small community cleanup in 2000 has evolved into a large-scale grassroots statewide project with tens of thousands of volunteers including homeowner and boatowner associations, environmental groups, Alabama Power employees, schools and civic organizations participating.



### Recap

Alabama Power, with the help of volunteers around the Southeast, removed more than 10 million pounds of trash from 2000 to 2009 through Renew Our Rivers. The trash and debris removed includes bottles and cans to tires, water heaters, refrigerators and boats. This total encompasses cleanups in Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi.

To participate in a cleanup, simply select a location close to you, contact the organization and show up. Volunteers are welcomed at each river cleanup. Bring friends, family or a community group.

Renew Our Rivers makes a great community service project!



### Gulf Guardian Award

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Gulf of Mexico Program chose Alabama Power's Plant Barry for a Gulf Guardian Award in September 2009. Plant Barry won third place in the business category for its participation in the Renew Our Rivers program. Plant Barry has participated in the Renew Our Rivers program for five years.

### Commitment

You can count on Alabama Power to continue working hard to make Alabama a better place to live.

Sign up to volunteer along the lake nearest you during Renew Our Rivers. Contact the coordinator listed on the schedule for details and directions.

### 2013 Schedule

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