

Lake Claiborne Tour 2007

The tour took place the morning of September 15.

The tour, and refreshments, were provided courtesy of Bob Robinson.

The Purpose was to assess the lake and its needs in preparation for Keep Claiborne Beautiful's Lake Clean-Up Day on September 29 and the Watershed District's planning meeting in December. Very invasive aquatic weeds on surrounding lakes threaten Lake Claiborne, so special attention was paid to appreciation of aquatic vegetation.

The public was invited.



Tour Participants



Left to right Vista Volunteer Lauren Tichenor, Alf Pike, Watershed District Commissioner Robert Haynes, Bob Robinson, Police Juror Jerry Adkins, Keep Claiborne Beautiful Board Member Don McCalman (not shown: Watershed District Commissioner Alice Stewart)

Scenic Shoreline



Egret looks onto a cypress tree



Home on Lake Claiborne



Lakeshore Home: Western end of Lake



***State Park: Area of Artificial Reef
(project of Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries and Watershed District
completed in 2002 – to attract fish)***



Aquatic Plants Appreciation

Submerged portions of all aquatic plants provide a habitat for invertebrates that feed fish and other wildlife



***Dr. Robert Haynes
demonstrates
Lizard's tail
(*Sarurus cernuus*)***

Please see 'Lake Tour: Aquatic Plants' for Dr. Haynes' plant education part of the tour.

Suggestions from an August, 2007 Lake Claiborne Aquatic Weeds Meeting:

- 1. Current Problem [confined to a few Lisbon Landing-area residences; mostly water hyacinth, which is resistant to herbicides]***
 - Affected residents have been invited by mail to participate in a hand weed removal drive on Sept. 29 (Lake Clean-Up Day)***

- 2. Long term Prevention Program [primarily against invasion of Lake Claiborne by Hydrilla and Giant Salvinia, which are causing costly damage to neighboring lakes]***
 - Measures to prevent unclean boats and boat trailers from importing these plants. Consider ordinance and enforcement.***
 - Consider hiring a ranger, who will regularly inspect the lake for serious invaders, report to Wildlife & Fisheries, and hand remove the weeds when appropriate.***

Update 2010: Giant Salvinia was first spotted on Lake Claiborne early in 2009 in the Lisbon Landing area. Wildlife and Fisheries biologists are working to contain it. The

Watershed District is considering routine plant and channel markers surveillance.

Eye Sores

Litter was Uncommon. Residents who take pride in the lake often pitch in and remove litter when they see it. There is litter to remove on Lake Clean-Up Day, particularly at public landings.



Metal Litter behind Shoreline Brush



***Poorly Maintained Property
Few Cases; Lake Residents Take Pride in Lake Claiborne***



Lisbon Landing



Suggestions

- 1. Lisbon Landing received repairs in 2004.***
- 2. Arizona Landing. The process for applying for a Wallop-Breaux grant to fund repairs has been initiated. A grant will be submitted after the Permanent Markers grant has been decided.***
- 3. Trash Cans and Regular Waste Management at the landings and the Spillway Road.***

Update 2010: Arizona Landing pier repair was completed 2009.