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Lake's new fishing trail is fun and educational

Fishing sites designed as part of Boy Scout's Eagle Project

The City of Reidsville has a new amenity, a Bass Fishing Trail at Lake Reidsville, thanks to the efforts of a local Boy Scout.

Hunter Martin, a member of area Boy Scout Troop 701, worked with members of the N.C. B.A.S.S. and fellow Scouts last year to design the trail as part of his Eagle Project. Martin and his helpers also obtained the materials for the fish attractors and built and installed all of the structures.

Martin said he has loved fishing since he was young, really getting into it during his teenage years. He decided to take on this project after seeing on a local newscast another Boy Scout's similar endeavor on Lake Thom-a-Lex in Lexington.

"I am glad I chose this project because it helped me understand more of the science behind the behavior of bass and how you can use science to your advantage when fishing," Martin said.

Largemouth bass and other sport fish use different habitats dependent on the season. Fishermen who learn about these seasonal movements can be more successful anglers, making their fishing experience more enjoyable overall.

Martin's part of the project started in November of 2017 and ended in mid-2018, but the City had been waiting on the installation of the buoys, which was recently completed, according to Reidsville Parks and Recreation Superintendent Fred Thompson. Before



Hunter Martin, above, explains the next steps for those helping him with his Eagle Scout project, designing a fishing trail at Lake Reidsville. Below, Hunter checks on the location of one of the nine fishing sites along the trail.



unveiling the trail, maps also needed to be made in a collaborative effort between the City, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and the N.C. Bass Federation.

The City of Reidsville paid for the buoys, which were installed at the nine fishing sites scattered around the lake. Each of the nine sites also has been enhanced with fish attractors to entice largemouth bass and other sport fishes to frequent the trail.

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission provided the technical know-how as well as the buoy anchors for the project. The Commission also helped Martin build and install the structures and buoys, aided by funding from the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Thompson lauded the collaborative relationship the City has had with Scouting.

“The support of the local Boy Scout Organization has been crucial in completing several projects for the Parks and Recreation Department where adequate funding was not available,” he said. “These included this project and the current expansion of the Jaycee Dog Park.”

The City of Reidsville’s Lake Reidsville is in elite company. Only three other local governments have established fishing trails in the State, although a fifth trail is in the works.

A grand opening for the fishing trail at Lake Reidsville is being planned for the near future by the Reidsville Chamber of Commerce.