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Volunteers Needed at Tygart Lake

GRAFTON, WEST VIRGINIA – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at [Tygart Lake](#) is looking for volunteers to help with their annual fish attractor project scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 23. Volunteers will assist in the construction of an artificial reef comprised of Christmas trees that have been collected from the city of Grafton, and trees donated from the Wal-Mart in Kingwood, W.Va. The trees will be placed along a section of exposed winter pool shoreline near Boat Launch #4 in Tygart Lake State Park and secured to concrete blocks that will anchor the trees in place. In the spring, Tygart Lake's pool level will be raised for the upcoming recreation season and the trees will be covered by 8 to 20 feet of water forming an artificial reef that will attract fish and improve fishing success in the area. The artificial reef will be marked with a fish attractor buoy and will be readily accessible to the public for boat or shoreline fishing.

Persons or groups interested in assisting with the fish attractor project are asked to call the Corps of Engineers' Tygart Lake office at 304-265-1760 for more information and to register for the event. On the day of the event, volunteers are asked to check in at the Resource Manager's Office at Tygart Dam at 9:00 a.m. where the purpose of the project and work safety will be discussed. The volunteers will then be directed to proceed to the work area in Tygart Lake State Park. The project is expected to take approximately two to three hours to complete.

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