



# WATeR WORKS

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## AFTER 9 YEARS OF DIRECTING THE TRAIL BUILDING PROGRAM, BOB MARTIN HAS PASSED THE LEADERSHIP TO MEL FISHER



Bob Martin (on right) passes the Golden Mattock to Mel Fisher.



A close-up of the Golden Mattock shows the succession of trail building leadership.

**Bob Martin's** dedicated leadership has helped to develop 30 miles of beautiful hiking trail that has been recognized by the Department of the Interior as a National Recreation Trail. To quote Bob, "It has truly been an honor and a privilege to lead our joint efforts to develop the East Lakeshore National Recreation Trail. What a joy it has been to work with TVA and so many great volunteers to help make a meaningful concept into a reality for the enjoyment of many people, hopefully for generations to come."

"**Mel Fisher** has agreed to be the new Chairman of the Trails Committee for WATeR. Mel has put in many hours of work on the trails over a period of time. He is a trained trail builder and has a passion for the trail, as do I. He has many fresh and good ideas, and has taken the initiative to promote the trail in many ways. I will work closely with Mel to make a smooth transition. To each and everyone who have supported the trail project in one way or another, thank you so much!"

**Here is a brief listing of trail features:** 6 paved trailhead parking areas (with 3 more to be developed), 6 kiosks with bulletin boards and detailed trail maps (with 4 more to be developed), 31 bridges, 172' of wooden boardwalk over wet areas, 8 sets of stairs and 180 timber tread steps, 7 fence stiles over pasture fences, 2,000 feet of crushed stone on trails, 6 scenic view benches and 3 boat landing areas where boats can be tied up and hikers have immediate access to trails.

## WATeR's 14TH ANNUAL LAKESHORE CLEANUP HAD PARTICIPANTS REPRESENTING OVER 30 COMMUNITIES, CLUBS, CIVIC GROUPS AND SCHOOLS FROM AROUND TELlico LAKE



Pictured are [WATeR's dedicated trail builders](#) working on one of the newest trail sections. Items collected included, 35 bags of glass bottles, engine parts, and bed springs.



[Tellico Riders](#) and [students from Sequoyah High School](#) in Madisonville joined efforts to cleanup a very trashy location south of route 411 in Vonore. Three truck loads of trash were removed.

[Bill Webster](#), chair of WATeR's Annual Lakeshore Cleanup, reports another successful event with over 7 tons of trash collected from the three county areas around Tellico Lake, including Loudon, Monroe and Blount counties. This impressive effort was accomplished by volunteer members of many clubs, civic groups, neighborhoods and organizations, including students from Sequoyah High School and Hiwassee College.

After years of focusing on the north end of the lake, trash volume as somewhat decreased. For this reason, areas south of route 411 in Vonore have been added. The trash collected includes significant quantities of items that were recycled, including aluminum cans, plastic bottles and tires.

WATeR coordinates the cleanup effort via an organization of team captains who pass out long handled grabbers, gloves and bags to the volunteers in their group. They direct volunteers to specific cleanup areas. Dumpsters are strategically located to accommodate the collection of trash.

Here is a partial list of the many organizations that participated: TVA, Kiwanis and Lyons Clubs, Sequoyah H.S. students; Hiwassee College students, Neighborhoods: Foothills Pointe, Rarity Bay, Kahite and Toqua, Muddy Boots Hiking Club, Soggy Bottoms Kayak Club, Hiwassee College students, Ford Retiree's Club, Tellico Riders and Dock Captains.