

Clear Creek Kayak Launch



In January a new Floating Kayak Launch was opened at Clear Creek Boat Ramp to provide year-round paddling access for Tellico Lake.

This launch provides added safety by separating the Kayak launch from the busy boat ramp activity, and by eliminating the need to launch from the slippery surfaces of rocks or boat ramps. Kayakers of all ages will enjoy the possibility of not needing to get wet and cold when launching and recovering at Clear Creek.

To use the launch, simply take and slide the kayak down the slide to the permanent dock. Once on the dock pull the kayak out to the floating launch pad. Then climb in, sit down, and place the paddle in the notches on the launch to pull the kayak into the water, while staying completely dry. On returning, paddle up to the launch and use the paddle in the notches pull the kayak up onto the launch.



The project was a combined effort of the Tellico Reservoir Development Agency, the Tellico Community Foundation, Timeless Tellico and dozens of area kayakers who raised the \$18,000 for the facility.

Clear Creek is located on the southern end of State Hwy. 444 a mile north of Hwy.72.