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NEW BICYCLE TRAILS TO OPEN AT THURMOND LAKE

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – Bicycle enthusiasts can enjoy new and improved bike trails at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' J. Strom Thurmond Dam and Lake Project. The new portion of Bartram Trail, located between Petersburg Campground and Wildwood Park, will open Saturday, May 8, in conjunction with the International Mountain Biking Association's World Summit meeting in Augusta this week.

The \$79,800-project created nine miles of new intermediate and advanced trails along the reservoir shore. Funding for the improvements came through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act ("stimulus package") in 2009. The Southern Off-Road Bicycling Association's Central Savannah River Chapter provided a portion of the labor through its volunteers.

Riders participating in the IMBA Summit may also join a guided tour ride on the Bartram Trail at Thurmond Lake.

The Bartram Trail guided tour begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Petersburg Campground Trailhead. Only those registered for the IMBA Summit can participate in the guided tour, but the trail is open to the public. The public can enter the trail at West Dam Park, Lake Springs Road, Petersburg Campground, or Wildwood Park.

For more information on this and other recreational opportunities at Thurmond Lake, call 800-533-3478 or visit the reservoir's web site at www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/thurmond/.

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