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## Media Release

### Recreation Options for July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend in Clayton County

*Water Authority's Fishing Areas and Wetlands Center great for fishing and nature walks*

Morrow, Georgia - - There's no need for Clayton County residents to leave the county to enjoy the beautiful outdoors during the upcoming holiday weekend. The Clayton County Water Authority's (CCWA) reservoir areas and Newman Wetlands Center are a great option for families looking for close, inexpensive outdoor fun for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

Pack a lunch and some fishing gear and head to one of CCWA's fishing reservoirs. The Blalock and Shamrock Reservoirs, which are located at 2610 Shamrock Road (off of Freeman Road) in Jonesboro and J. W. Smith Reservoir, which is located at 143 Northbridge Road in Hampton, will all be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

There is a \$5 daily fee per vehicle for Clayton County residents at all CCWA reservoirs. Non county residents pay \$10 per vehicle. For Clayton County residents planning several trips to the reservoirs this year, a season pass is a bargain at \$30. Non county residents pay \$40 for a season pass. The season pass is good at CCWA reservoirs from March – October. For more information on the Clayton County Water Authority reservoirs, call 770.603.5605, or visit [www.ccwa.us](http://www.ccwa.us).



The Newman Wetlands Center, located at 2755 Freeman Road, features a nature trail and picnic area that will be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. The NWC's 1/2 mile trail and picnic areas provide visitors a chance to enjoy nature while learning the importance of preserving wetlands environments and conserving natural resources. This center is handicapped accessible and stroller friendly.

Visitors walking through the wetlands trails might be fortunate enough to see some of the many wildlife species that either stop over during migration or take advantage of this habitat for nesting or permanent residence. In addition to over 130 bird species, visitors have seen beaver, river otter, fox, raccoon, muskrat, deer, wild turkey, opossum, mink, and many species of reptiles, insects, and amphibians. Dogs and other pets are not allowed at this facility. For more information on the Newman Wetlands Center, call 770.603.5603, or visit [www.ccwa.us](http://www.ccwa.us).

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