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## Corps, state partner to create handicap access at Long Branch

**MACON, Mo.** – Col. Donald Curtis, commander of the Kansas City District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will join representatives from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri Department of Conservation in dedicating a new fishing dock at Long Branch Lake at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

The new dock, built as a partnership between the three agencies, gives physically handicapped anglers a chance to cast for catfish, bass and crappie from the 24' by 36' floating platform. Anglers can cast from the sides of the dock that are lined with railings or drop line in the dock's 8' by 20' fishing well located in the center of the dock.

“We received a number of requests at the visitor center from disabled and elderly patrons asking for a dock like this,” said Paul Sampson, operations manager for the lake. “The comments from the public prompted the three agencies to partner and create the recreational opportunity.”

The dock, located adjacent to the Bloomington area of Long Branch State Park, provides accessibility via a 60' sloped ramp and provides a safe fishing experience courtesy of handrails that line the exterior of the platform.

For more information, contact Sampson at (660) 385-2108.