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Cheatham Lake opens up powerhouse for public tours

CHARLOTTE, Tenn. (May 9, 2012) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District is offering the public free guided tours of Cheatham Lake's Powerhouse. These are the first tours of the powerhouse since visitation was restricted after September 11, 2001.

Approximately 45 minutes in length, tours are scheduled May 26, June 23, July 21, August 18, and September 8; with tours that begin at noon, 1 and 2 p.m.

Tour size is limited and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. All guests including minors are required to submit a request form at least five days prior to the tour and receive an email confirmation from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District Security Office.

Registered tour participants will be required to check-in at the Cheatham Dam Left Bank Recreation Area and receive a brief introduction prior to walking to the powerhouse.

Cheatham Lake Resource Manager Larry Nash said it is the Nashville District's mission to unlock the story of Cheatham Dam and its many benefits to the nation.

"Participants will be provided guided access inside the power plant where they can view the generators and gain an understanding of how the plant operates, and the importance of hydropower generation to the community and the nation," said Nash.

Cheatham Powerhouse and Dam are located at 2250 Cheatham Dam Road, Charlotte, Tenn. 37036.

To submit an online tour request form and to learn more about the tours rules and details, please visit the Cheatham Lake website at <http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/op/che/rec/tours>. For more information, or for directions to Left Bank Recreation Area, please contact the Cheatham Lake Resource Manager's Office at (615) 792-5697.

(The public can obtain news, updates and information from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District on the district's website at www.lrn.usace.army.mil, on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/nashvillecorps> and on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/nashvillecorps>. The public can also visit Cheatham Lake's Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/cheathamlake> .

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