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**The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
Rock Island District, and  
The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
cordially invite you to attend the dedication ceremony of the  
Lake Chautauqua Habitat Rehabilitation & Enhancement Project  
at 1 p.m. on July 7, 1999.**

**To be held at the  
Eagle Bluff Access Area, Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge.**

**The keynote speaker will be the  
Honorable Congressman Ray LaHood.**

**RSVP: The favor of a reply is requested by June 28, 1999. Please call 309-794-4687.**

## DIRECTIONS TO CHAUTAUQUA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

### ILLINOIS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE & FISH REFUGES

#### From Route 136 West

1. **Cross Havana bridge into Havana**
2. **Go straight (east) through 2 stoplights to Promenade Street** (Kentucky Fried Chicken, MacDonalds, & Sycamore Motel on corners).
3. **Turn left** (ALCO and Oneys will be on your left).
4. **At stop sign** (Wareco/Taco Bell), **go straight on Manito Blacktop.**
5. **Continue approximately 6.7 miles to County Road 1950E.** Large brown sign directing you to Chautauqua Refuge will be on your right.
6. **Turn left on County Road 1950E.**
7. **Go 2 miles to Eagle Bluff Access Area - EVENT SITE**

#### From Route 97 South

1. Entering Havana, **turn right at first stoplight onto Promenade Street.**
2. **Follow directions 4 - 7 above.**

#### From Route 136 East

1. You can come into Havana to the T-intersection (Wareco/Taco Bell) and **turn right onto the Manito Blacktop (Promenade Street).** Follow directions 5 -7 in Route 136 Directions above...OR
1. East of Havana on Route 136, **turn right on County Road 2130E.**
2. **Continue straight to T-intersection.** (You may come to 2 intersections with stop signs at 1800N & 1900N - go straight through them.
3. **Turn left at T-intersection (County Road 2000N;** you will see a Chautauqua Refuge sign.
4. **Go west through Manito, Forest City, and Bishop to County Road 1950E.**
5. **Turn right and go 2 miles to Eagle Bluff Access Area - EVENT SITE**

#### From Pekin/Peoria

1. **Take Route 9 south out of Pekin.**
2. **Turn right onto Manito Blacktop** (Federal prison will be on left at stoplight)
3. **Go west through Manito, Forest City and Bishop to County Road 1950E.**
4. **Turn right and go 2 miles to Eagle Bluff Access Area - EVENT SITE**

WELCOME TO CHAUTAUQUA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DIRECTIONS...CALL 309/535-2290



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# News Release



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## **Illinois Congressman Ray LaHood Hosts Lake Chautauqua Dedication**

**ROCK ISLAND, ILL.** – Congressman Ray LaHood, Peoria, Ill., will host a dedication ceremony for the recently completed Lake Chautauqua Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project. The ceremony is being held at the Eagle Bluff Access Area of the Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge, Havana, Ill., at 1 p.m., July 7.

The Lake Chautauqua project is part of a joint effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to improve the backwaters of our nation's waterways for productive resting, feeding, and wintering wildlife habitat. The \$12.49 million project significantly improved an area important to threatened species such as the American Bald Eagle, waterfowl, and other migratory birds. Lake Chautauqua is the most important migration stop for water birds in the Illinois River Corridor. The enhancements at Lake Chautauqua are expected to benefit wildlife for years to come.

The dedication ceremony is open to the public and will include pontoon boat rides and nature talks at refuge observation areas. The pontoon rides and nature talks will continue into the late afternoon.

During the program, 40 brood-stock bass, between three and four pounds each, will be released into the lake.

The Lake Chautauqua Habitat Project is part of a \$236 million program between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other state and federal agencies, to plan, design, and build a variety of environmental enhancement projects to restore spawning and feeding habitats of fish and wildlife in backwaters and side channels of the upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers. Lake Chautauqua complements the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' plans for restoration of the Illinois River basin.

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## Dedication Ceremony Activities

Following the formal dedication ceremonies, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Corps of Engineers staff members will be stationed at the following locations to provide you with additional information and to answer any questions you may have about the habitat project features and refuge operations:

- **Pump station**

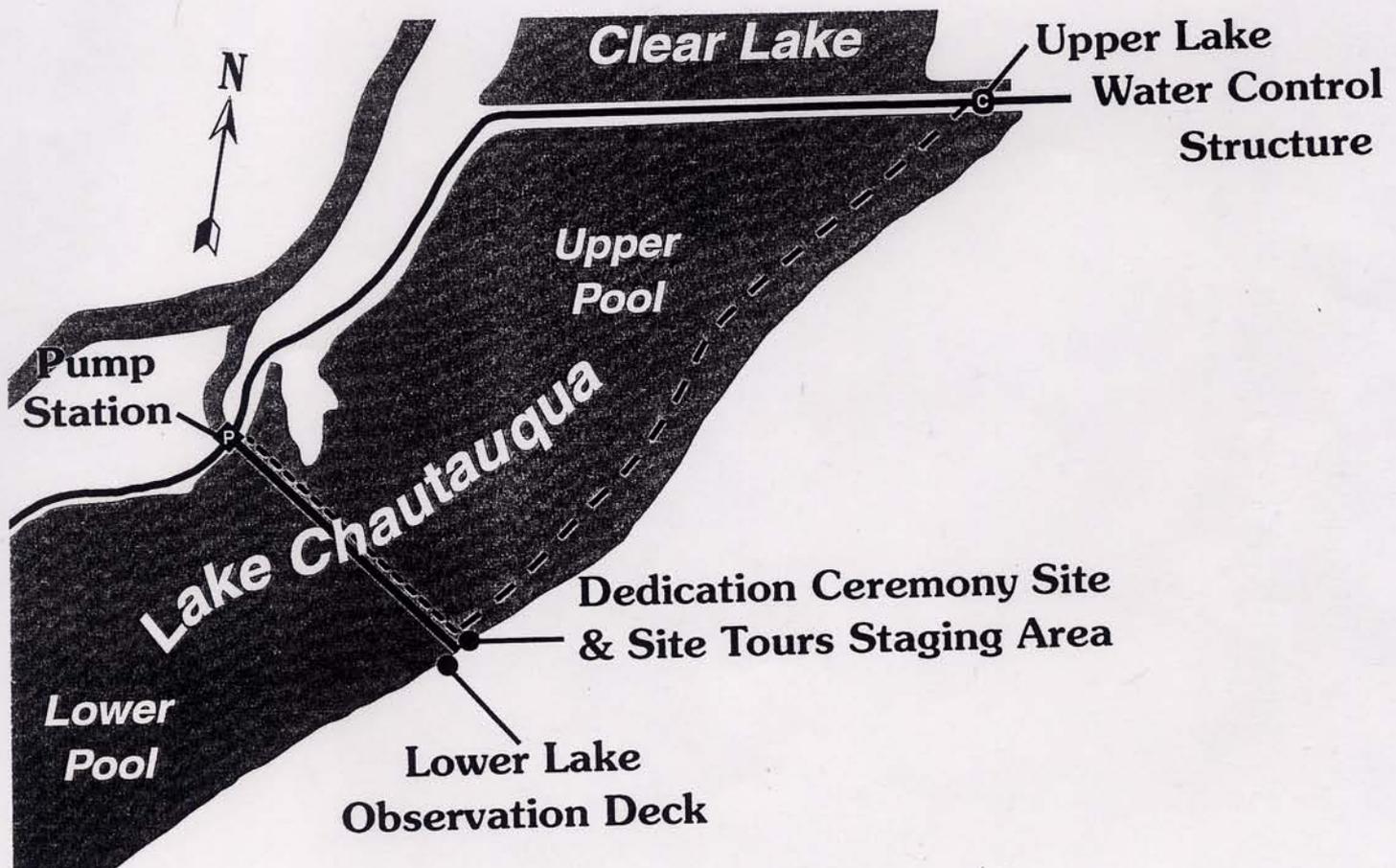
The pump station may be reached either by walking across the cross dike (a distance of approximately 5,000 ft one way) or by taking a shuttle van that will run continuously back and forth following the formal dedication.

- **Upper Lake Water Control Structure**

Two pontoon boat shuttles will run continuously to and from the upper lake water control structure following the formal dedication ceremony. This service will take approximately 15-20 minutes each way.

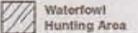
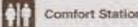
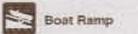
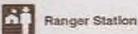
- **Lower Lake Observation Deck**

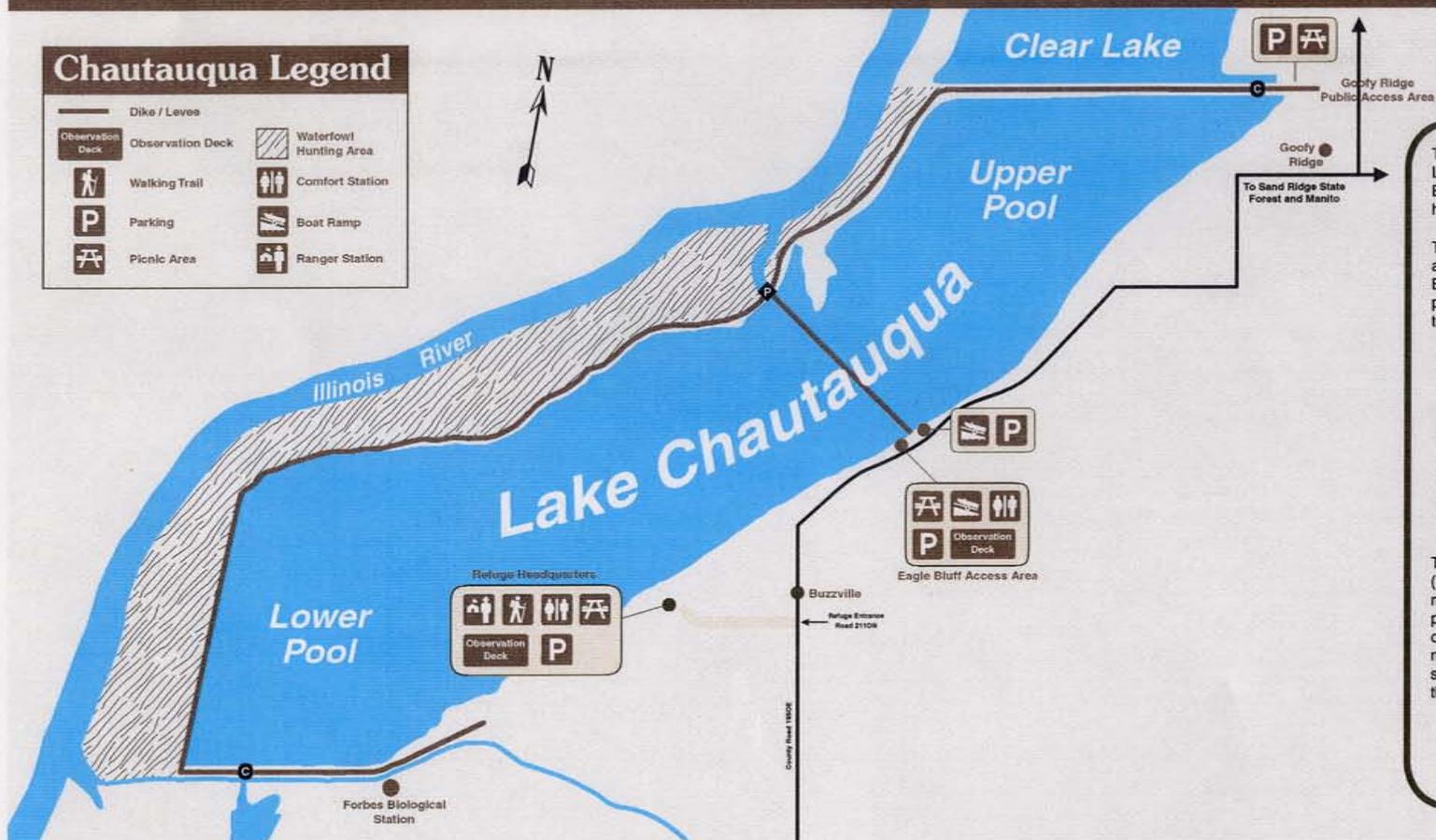
The lower lake observation deck is located immediately off of the parking area.



# Welcome to Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge

## Chautauqua Legend

	Dike / Levee		Waterfowl Hunting Area
	Observation Deck		Comfort Station
	Walking Trail		Boat Ramp
	Parking		Ranger Station
	Picnic Area		



This sign was erected to commemorate the Lake Chautauqua Habitat Rehabilitation and Enhancement Project Dedication Ceremony held July 7th, 1999.

This multi-million dollar project, carried out as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Environmental Management Program (EMP), provided the following significant improvements to the Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge:

- 41,000 gallon per minute pump station (P)
- 4 miles of perimeter levee and cross dike improvements
- Upper and lower lake water control structures (C)
- Lower lake drainage channels
- Upper lake boat ramp, access road, and parking area

The Environmental Management Program (EMP) is a congressionally authorized, multi-state, multi-agency partnership. Its dual purposes are to provide a greater understanding of the ecology of large floodplain rivers through monitoring and research and to assure sustainable, multi-purpose use of the river system through habitat protection and restoration.





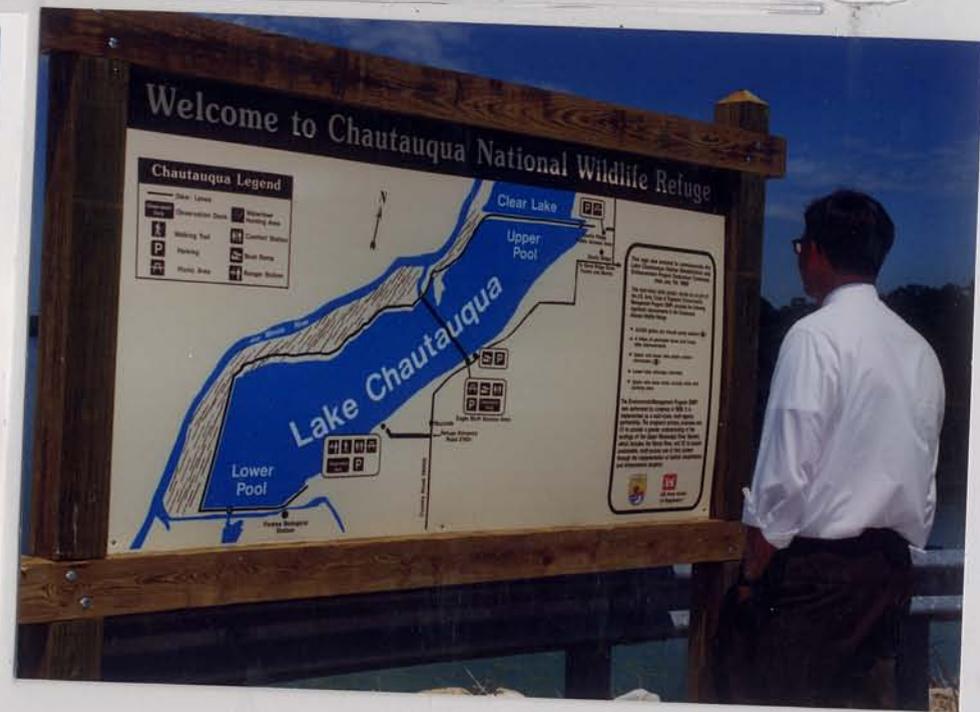
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July 9, 1999

Colonel James V. Mudd  
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Dear Colonel Mudd:

I wish to express my appreciation for your participation in our dedication ceremony for the Lake Chautauqua HREP on July 7, but more importantly, I want to thank you for your support of the project without which the project would not have been completed.

I would also like to express my appreciation for all of your staff involved in the project from beginning to end including the dedication ceremony. They were all highly professional and a great group of people to work with without exception.

Congratulations to you and all of your staff for helping us to pull this one off.

Sincerely,

Ross Adams  
Refuge Manager

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