

## **FY 2015 Annual Report Summary**

### Program:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Fishing & Outdoor Camp was held and included 2 Bartow Boys & Girls Club members who received scholarships to attend.
- 861 students were seen in the onsite school field trip program, a 12% increase over previous year
- 189 persons attended onsite public outreach programs, a 70% increase over the previous year, due in part to the addition of public Hike-Only Saturdays in months with no programmed hike.

### Grounds/Facility

- Georgia Power volunteers provided labor and materials for a 6 picnic tables on the dam. These are used both in the education program and by Preserve members & visitors.
- Fish beds of gravel & concrete block were added to the lake bed to encourage growth of fish in lake; 40 Christmas trees, most from Keep Bartow Beautiful, were added to the lake as fish shelters.

### Administrative/Fundraising

- Added new fundraiser, a Clay Shoot at Spring Bank at Barnsley Gardens, with net proceeds of over \$9,100
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser was held with net proceeds of over \$19,000
- A Board retreat was held in May 2015 to consider short and long term plans for the Preserve
- A new educator was hired to replace a staff member who resigned to accept a full time position elsewhere. Mary Ann Pawlowski just retired from 30 year teaching in Cartersville and Bartow Co schools and continues the role of part time educator for the Preserve.