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Brief: There are several recreation facilities that provide public access to the Bartletts Ferry Project. Lake Harding and the surrounding recreation and wildlife lands offer opportunities for a host of outdoor activities.

- Lake Harding offers opportunities for boating, water skiing, swimming, fishing, and sightseeing.
- Two park areas developed on Georgia Power lands abut Lake Harding and offer diverse opportunities for recreation. These park areas are Blanton Creek Park and Campground and Chattahoochee Valley Park. These areas provide opportunities for camping, picnicking, boating, bank fishing, wildlife viewing, and walking.
- There are 8 public access points on the shoreline around Lake Harding, which are summarized as follows:

Access Point	Operator/Owner	Location
Jay's Marina	Commercially Owned	Georgia
Idle Hour Park	Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources/Georgia Power	Georgia
Blanton Creek Park & Campground	Georgia Power	Georgia
Po' Boy's Landing	Alabama Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources/Georgia Power	Alabama
Halawakee Marina	Commercially Owned	Alabama
Halawakee Boat Access	Alabama Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources	Alabama
Chattahoochee Valley Park	Georgia Power	Alabama
Riverview Park Access	City of Valley, Alabama	Alabama

- The Blanton Creek Wildlife Management Area, comprised of 4,785 acres outside the project boundary and leased from Georgia Power, is managed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for hunting, with 60 acres reserved as a waterfowl refuge.
- Bartletts Ferry is approximately 24 river miles downstream from West Point dam and lake and 36 river miles upstream of the Walter F. George reservoir, Lake Eufaula. Both of these Army Corps of Engineers reservoirs offer additional, well-developed water-based recreational opportunities and parks for land-based outdoor activities near Bartletts Ferry.

Bottom Line Take Away: The Bartletts Ferry Hydro Project, with its lake access and wildlife areas, provide abundant recreation opportunities for local and regional communities, and play a vital role in providing hunting and fishing opportunities in the area.

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