

Ride a Wave, Throw a Line or Just Relax in the Sun

The three main lakes in the Branson Tri-Lakes area are Table Rock Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, and Lake Taneycomo. Together they offer a world-class combination of fishing, boating, and recreational water activities. Whether it's angling for "warm water" fish such as Large Mouth Bass or "cold water" fish such as Rainbow and Brown Trout, you're in the right place!



Swimming, boating, water skiing, dinner and entertainment cruises, a relaxing stroll on a nature

trail - you name it, the Tri-Lakes area of Branson is perfect for you!



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Table Rock

Table Rock Lake, spanning more than 43 thousand acres and 750 + miles of shoreline, has become a perennial favorite vacation spot for campers, pleasure boaters, fishermen and lovers of water sports of all kinds. Located in the beautiful Ozark Mountain Country of southwestern Missouri, Table Rock Lake is situated near one of the nation's most popular entertainment and leisure destinations, Branson, Missouri.

Fishing: Acclaimed as one of the top bass fishing lakes in North America, Table Rock boasts an abundance of bass, crappie, white bass, catfish, and bluegill. An aggressive fish management program, resulting in an impressive resurgence of largemouth, Kentucky and smallmouth bass of exceptional size, has allowed the lake to become an exciting stop for hobbyists and professionals alike. Nature enthusiasts and hunters enjoy using the public lands surrounding Table Rock Lake which includes portions of the Mark Twain National Forest.

History: Table Rock was created in August of 1958, when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built Table Rock Dam across the White River. Construction had begun in October of 1954 and by June of 1959 hydro-electric power was being distributed to the Ozarks. The area had already established itself as a prime fishing and recreation area as far back as the 1930s, but needed protection from devastating floods on the White River. Beneath the dam, the Missouri Department of Conservation operates a fish hatchery, which is used to stock trout in Lake Taneycomo.

Activities: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages the lake and Table Rock Dam. Thirteen Corps of Engineers operated campgrounds, located adjacent to Table Rock Lake, provide swimming areas, boat launch sites, campgrounds and family picnic areas. Full service marinas and over 100 privately owned resorts supply convenient services and a wide variety of water related activities for visitors. Boat cruises ranging from small pleasure craft and amphibious vehicles to a full sized Showboat are also available.

So put on our suit and get ready for high speed thrills or relaxation in the sun. Whatever your choice you'll be amazed at the beauty of Table Rock Lake. The shorelines are mostly undisturbed and the water quality is usually some of the clearest lake water you'll ever see. Enjoy!

Lake Taneycomo

Lake Taneycomo's clear cold waters provide some of the finest trout fishing available anywhere in the world. The Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout that ply the waters of Lake Taneycomo provide an exciting, year-round fishing experience. From fly fishing and artificial-only fishing in the Trophy Trout Area near the lake's headwaters, to bait fishing outside of the Trophy area, Lake Taneycomo makes fishing for coveted Rainbow and Brown Trout a rewarding experience. Numerous state records have been earned in Taneycomo's waters.

History: Lake Taneycomo (short for Taney County Missouri) was created in 1913 when the White River was captured by the newly constructed "Power Site" Dam, near Forsyth, Missouri. The completion of Table Rock Dam in 1958, 22 miles upstream, created a southern boundary for the Lake which now consists of over 2,080 surface acres. Unlike the Table Rock and Bull Shoals Dams and Lakes, which are owned by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Power Site Dam is privately owned by Empire Electric Company. This company holds a license to continue operating the Dam and its hydroelectric plant until 2022. From 1913 until 1958 Taneycomo was a "warm water" lake, but when Table Rock Dam started feeding Taneycomo, the water coming through the "power generators" was significantly lower in temperature. Virtually overnight, a "cold water" fishery was created. To take advantage of this change, the Junction of State Highways 165 and 265 near the Table Rock Dam, averages 48 degrees F, resembles a river and permits wading and bank fishing for trout. The average temperature of the water gets warmer as the lake sinks to depths in excess of 50 feet near Lake Taneycomo Mile Marker 1 and the Power Site Dam in Forsyth. When Table Rock Dam is generating power its current is very strong throughout its whole length, its water temperature drops, and for all practical purposes it becomes a very deep, cold, fast running river. Exactly how deep, cold, and fast depends on how many generators are being used to generate electricity at Table Rock Dam.

Warning: When fishing near the Table Rock Dam from the shore or particularly when wading in, pay attention to the horn when it blows. This is a warning indicating that they are going to start generating power. This will cause a sudden increase in the speed of the current and depth of the water. The water can rise feet in a matter of minutes.

Note: The majority of the shore on Lake Taneycomo is private property; shore fishing is limited to the public land in state and municipal parks along the shoreline. Additional shore fishing is available at the many trout docks located along the lake. Call the specific resort or trout dock to check their availability.

Bull Shoals

Bull Shoals Lake, governed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, spans 45,000 acres and has nearly a one-thousand mile shoreline surrounded by deep forests.

History: Bull Shoals Lake is a recreation and water sports paradise nestled in north central Arkansas and southwestern Missouri. The lake was formed after the five -year construction of the massive Bull Shoals Dam was completed in 1952. The dam was built to produce hydroelectric power and to help control flooding in the White River basin. As a note of interest, several small family cemeteries and twenty large cemeteries were carefully relocated to enable construction to continue.

Fishing: Bull Shoals Lake has garnered wide recognition as a prime mid-western fishery. Boasting several Missouri and Arkansas state angling records, the lake is home to many species, ranging from largemouth and stripped bass to wall-eye. Programs to improve habitat and enhance fishing have resulted in great success. The White River, downstream of Bull Shoals Dam, is the premier trout fishery in the central United States and has yielded Arkansas state records for cutthroat and rainbow trout.

Facilities: Nineteen developed parks around the lake offer facilities including campgrounds, pavilions, docks and boat launches, picnic sites, swimming areas and commercial marinas offering boat and equipment rentals, supplies sales and fishing guide services.

Activities: Visitors from across the nation come to the clear blue waters of Bull Shoals to enjoy camping, water skiing, tube floating, sail boating, wake boarding, scuba diving, and top-rated fishing.





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Any person, 16 to 65 years old, is required to purchase a valid Resident or Non-Resident Fishing Permit, whichever is applicable. State of Missouri Fishing Permits and prices may be viewed and purchased on-line at the following sites:

<http://www.mdc.mo.gov/regs/permits.htm>

<https://www4.wildlifelicense.com/mo/start.php>

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<http://www.agfc.com/fishing/anglers-corner/license-info-fishing/prices-decriptions-fishing.aspx>

<http://www.agfc.com/fishing/anglers-corner/license-info-fishing/prices-decriptions-fishing.aspx142>



Table Rock Lake

Table Rock Lake offers excellent fresh water fishing for warm water species such as Large Mouth Bass, Spotted Bass, White Bass, Crappie, Channel Cat, Bream, and other panfish. In addition, the cold water of the tailwaters of Table Rock Dam serve as the headwaters for Lake Taneycomo, a world class fishery for Brown and Rainbow Trout. The Lake provides excellent fishing all year long, seldom freezes, and has no closed season. Obviously the best Large Mouth fishing will be in the Spring and Fall of the year but excellent Large Mouth Small Mouth, and Spotted Bass fishing is available all year providing the angler is willing to modify their tactics to fit the changing conditions. Night fishing for Large Mouth Bass during the months of July and August can produce some nice fish. Early morning fishing for Small Mouth along the banks south of the Table Rock Dam can also provide excitement.

Lake Taneycomo

Lake Taneycomo's clear cold waters provide some of the finest trout fishing available anywhere in the world. The Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout that ply the waters of Lake Taneycomo provide a year round fishing experience that is exciting as well as varied. From Fly Fishing and artificial only fishing in Lake Taneycomo's Trophy Trout Area, near her Headwaters, to bait fishing outside of the Trophy Trout Waters, Lake Taneycomo offers Rainbow and Brown Trout fishing at its best all year round.

Bull Shoals

Bull Shoals Lake offers some of the finest and most varied fresh water fishing anywhere. On average it is a warm water lake offering the standard varieties of warm water fishing such as Large Mouth Bass, Spotted Bass, White Bass, Stripers, Crappie, Channel Cat, Bream, other panfish, and Walleye.

On the upper end of the Lake, near the portion of her headwaters consisting of the tailwaters of Lake Taneycomo, there is enough temperature variation to offer Trout fishing for both Rainbow and Brown Trout. It should also be pointed out that the tailwaters of the Bull Shoals Dam feed the White River and its world class Brown Trout fishery. Excellent Rainbow and Brown Trout fishing is also provided in Lake Taneycomo located above the Power Site Dam near Forsyth, Missouri.

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Species

Table Rock Lake contains several species of Game and Pan Fish including:

Dominant Species: Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass, White Crappie, Bluegill, Long Ear Sunfish, Channel Catfish and Flat Head Catfish.

Secondary Species: White Bass, Bullhead, Carp, and Black Crappie

Limited Species: Walleye, Paddlefish, Warmouth, Striped Bass

Fishing Techniques

Spring: As the water depths rise and temperatures warm, the fish in Table Rock Lake become more active and move into shallower areas seeking spawning locations. The King's River has the most color and will warm first, followed by the James River. If targeting Largemouth Bass, look for areas with shallow wood cover in eight feet or less of water. Smallmouth and Spotted Bass will be in the clearer water from the mid-lake to the dam and can be found holding onto rock cover at 15 feet or deeper. Popular baits include: suspending jerkbaits like Smithwick Rouges or Lucky Craft Pointers, white War Eagle spinner baits, tight wiggling crankbaits like a Storm Wiggle Wart and small jig and craw combos such as a Jewel Eakins' Jig and Craw. Once the spawn is complete fish will move out of spawning areas and suspend on points, bluff ends and drop offs as they feed on abundant threadfin shad. Top water baits like Heddon Spook or Lucky Craft Sammy are very effective both early and late in the day. Small buzz baits, floating worms and Yamamoto Senko are all productive post-spawn baits on Table Rock. On windy days a 4" single tail smoke colored grub on a ¼ oz. head can be hard to beat on flat pea gravel points and flats.

Summer: Most of the fishing on the lower end of the lake in the summer takes place well off shore. Spotted Bass are the primary target and can be caught on spoons, drop shot rigs and ¾ oz. Jewel football jigs. The fish will generally be found holding on the sides of deep points from 30 feet to 70 feet deep. Using high quality sonar units, fishermen will locate schools of spotted bass and drop baits directly into the school to trigger strikes. While not impossible to catch, Small mouth become pretty tight lipped in the heat of summer and most are caught on the bottom holding tight to rock cover. Shaky head worms, Jewel spider jigs, Chompers' spider grubs and tubes work from 25 feet to 45 feet deep. Largemouth can be found in the stained water of the James and Kings rivers, 8 inch and 10 inch Berkley Power worms, Jewel Heavy Cover Football Jigs and deep diving crankbaits like DD-22's and DT-16's in chartreuse or shad colors, are the most effective baits. Look for Largemouth to be on points near main river or creek channel drops. Target isolated brush piles and standing timber to be effective.

Fall: Much like the Spring, Fall is a transition time for bass on Table Rock. Fish move out of their deep water summer haunts following schools of shad as they move toward the backs of creeks in search of zoo plankton blooms. Channel swing banks and points close to channel swings become very important in the fall. These areas act like holding areas for both shad and bass causing both to "bunch up" making the bass easier to catch. Productive baits include Jewel spider and football jigs, Storm Wiggle Wart crankbaits and War Eagle Spinner baits and buzzbaits. Look for wood cover on these types of banks in the James and Kings River areas. Mixed rock will hold Smallmouth in the lower end of the lake and Spotted bass can be found on either wood or rock cover.

Winter: This can be one of the most productive times of the year for Spotted and Smallmouth bass. Both species will school together and follow large schools of threadfin shad into major creek arms and up the river arms. A quality sonar unit is crucial to find and catch these fish. Usually suspended over water from 40 feet to 150 feet deep, they use the shad as cover and a source of food. During this time of year, an effective bait of your choice will help you find the fish in strong numbers. Spoons, drop shot rigs and blade baits are your best bet and once the fish are located it is a matter of dropping the bait in front of them to trigger a strike. Fishing small jigs like an Eakins' jig or a ¼ oz. buck hair jig is a good secondary pattern in the winter. Deep rocky points and bluff ends will hold all three species of bass from 10 feet to 35 feet deep.

Boat Ramps & Shore Fishing

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission maintain several public boat ramps on Table Rock Lake. Many of the larger resorts on the lake also maintain boat ramps. Some of these areas allow on-shore fishing, but it is advisable to pay special attention to any regulations or restrictions when fishing around boat ramps, docks and marinas.

Cricket Creek: Located on the east side of Long Creek. Take HWY 65 SOUTH into Arkansas to HWY 14. Head WEST approximately 5.6 miles to the end of HWY 14 and the park. You'll find a two lane ramp and parking for about 30 rigs. A second ramp is available next to the public swim beach. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina.

Long Creek: On the east side of the Long Creek arm of the lake; Take HWY 65 SOUTH to HWY 86 and WEST approximately 4 miles to road 86-50. Head approximately one mile SOUTH to the park. You'll find a two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina.

Old 86: On the west side of the Long Creek arm of the lake. Take HWY 65 SOUTH to HWY 86 west approximately 6.4 miles to UU, head approximately two miles NORTH to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately two miles NORTH to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, and restrooms.

Combs Ferry: On the south side of the lake. Take HWY 65 SOUTH to HWY 86 WEST approximately 8 miles to JJ, NORTH approximately four to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers limited services.

Branson/Dam Area

Table Rock State Park: On the east side of the Long Creek arm of the lake just south of the dam; follow either HWY 165 or 265 north from HWY65 or south from HWY 76 to the park on west side of the HWY. A five lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 60 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina.

Dewey Short Visitor Center: On the east side of the Long Creek arm adjacent to the dam. Take either HWY 165 or 265 north form HWY 65 or south from HWY 76 to the park on the west side of the HWY. There is limited shore fishing access from the park, NO BOAT RAMP. This area offers picnic areas, limited shore fishing access, visitor center and restrooms.

Moonshine Beach: On the east side of the Long Creek arm of the lake just north of the dam; take either HWY 165 or 265 north from HWY 65 or south from HWY 76 to the park on the west side of the HWY. A four lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers; picnic areas, swimming beach and restrooms.

Indian Point: On the north side of the lake near the mouth of North Indian Creek; Take HWY 76 west to Indian Point Road (Silver Dollar City) approximately four miles south to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 50 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and full marina.



James River Area

Aunts Creek: On the east side of the James River arm of the lake; Take HWY 76 west to Branson West and HWY 13, south to OO, west approximately 2 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs and a one lane concrete ramp with parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach and showers, restrooms.

Cape Fair: On the west side of the James River arm; Take HWY 76 through Branson West to Cape Fair south on 76-82 road approximately 2 miles. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs and a one lane concrete ramp with parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full marina.



Kimberling City/Mid Lake Area

Cow Creek: On the south side of the lake; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86, west to approximately 12 miles to 86-10 road, north approximately to and one half miles. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 30 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers and restrooms.

Highway 13: On the north side of the lake; Take HWY 76 west to Branson West and HWY 13, south to Kimberling City east three quarters of a mile on Lake road to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. Additional concrete ramps and parking are available at the campground for campers only and on Schooner creek. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina.

Mill Creek: On the south side of the lake; Take HWY 76 west to Branson West and HWY 13, south through Kimberling City, approximately two miles south of the bridge head west on RB to park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, and restrooms.

Joe Bald: On the north side of the lake; Take HWY 76 west to Branson West and HWY 13, south to James River road, west approximately six miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground and restrooms.



Kings River Area

Viola: On the east side of the Kings River arm; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 25 miles to HWY 39, north to 39-48 road to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina.

Kings River: On the east side of Long Creek arm; HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west 30 miles J, north to Golden, north on RA to Sweetwater Creek. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers restrooms.



White River Area

Baxter: On the south side of the lake in the mouth of Big Indian Creek; Take HWY 76 to Branson West and HWY 13, south through Kimberling City over the bridge and approximately six miles to Lampe and H, H west to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 30 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina.

Big Indian: On the east side of Big Indian Creek; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 25 miles to HWY 39, north through Shell Knob to H, east to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers limited services.

Big Bay: On the south side of Big Creek; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 25 miles to HWY 39, north to Shell Knob to YY east to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers picnic areas and restrooms.

Campbell Point: On the north side of the White River arm of the lake; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 25 miles to HWY 39, north to Shell Knob to YY east approximately 5 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina.

Viney Creek: On the south side of the White River arm of the lake; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 30 miles to J north through Golden approximately 7 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, and restrooms.

Big M: On the north side of the White River arm of the lake; Take HWY 76 approximately 40 miles west to M, south to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina.

Eagle Rock: On the north side of the White River arm of the lake; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 50 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina.

Holiday Island: On the south side of the White River arm of the lake; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 25 miles to ARK 23, south to 187, north to K north to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers restrooms and a full service marina.

Beaver: On the north side of the White River arm of the lake; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 25 miles to ARK 23, south to 187 over the bridge to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground and restrooms.

Houseman: On the north side of the White River arm of the lake; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 25 miles to ARK 23, south to 187 through Beaver to HWY 62 east to Busch, east on access road to the park. A one lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers limited services.

Beaver Dam Site: On the north side of the White River arm of the lake; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 25 miles to ARK 23, south to 187 through Beaver to HWY 62/187 east to Beaver dam to access road into the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers limited services.



Long Creek Area

Cricket Creek Marina: On the east side of Long Creek; Take HWY 65 south into Arkansas to HWY 14 head west approximately 5.6 miles to the end of HWY 14 and the park. A two lane ramp and parking for about 30 rigs, a second ramp is available next to the public swim beach as well. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina. 870-426-3474

Creekside Marina At Long Creek: On the east side of the Long Creek arm of the lake; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 4 miles to road 86-50, head approximately one mile south to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-334-4860

Branson/Dam Area

Table Rock State Park Marina: On the east side of the Long Creek arm of the lake just south of the dam; follow either HWY 165 or 265 north from HWY65 or south from HWY 76 to the park on west side of the HWY. A five lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 60 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-334-2628

Indian Point Boat Dock: On the north side of the lake near the mouth of North Indian Creek; Take HWY 76 west to Indian Point Road (Silver Dollar City) approximately four miles south to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 50 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-338-2891.

Kimberline City/Mid Lake Area

What's Up Dock: On the north side of the lake; Take HWY 76 west to Branson West and HWY 13, south to Kimberling City east three quarters of a mile on Lake road to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. Additional concrete ramps and parking are available at the campground for campers only and on Schooner creek. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-739-4511

James River Area

Cape Fair Boat Dock & Marina: On the west side of the James River arm of the lake; Take HWY 76 through Branson West to Cape Fair south on 76-82 road approximately 2 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs and a one lane concrete ramp with parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-538-4163

White River Area

Baxter Boat Dock: On the south side in the mouth of Big Indian Creek; Take HWY 76 to Branson West and HWY 13, south through Kimberling City over the bridge and approximately six miles to Lampe and H, H west to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 30 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-779-4301

Campbell Point Marina: On the north side of the White River arm of the lake; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 25 miles to HWY 39, north to Shell Knob to YY east approximately 5 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-858-6331

Big M Marina: On the north side of the White River arm of the lake; Take HWY 76 approximately 40 miles west to M, south to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-271-3190

Eagle Rock: On the north side of the White River arm of the lake; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 50 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-271-3398

Holiday Island: On the south side of the White River arm of the lake; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 25 miles to ARK 23, south to 187, north to K north to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers restrooms and a full service marina. 479-253-8300

Kings River Area

Viola Boat Dock - King's River Marin: On the east *side of the Kings River arm of the lake; Take HWY 65 south to HWY 86 west approximately 25 miles to HWY 39, north to 39-48 road to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-858-6429

Species

Bull Shoals Reservoir contains several species including:

Dominant Species: Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass, Walleye, White Crappie, Bluegill, Long Ear Sunfish, Channel Catfish and Flat Head Catfish.

Secondary Species: White Bass, Bullhead, Carp, and Black Crappie

Limited Species: Rainbow Trout, Paddlefish, Warmouth, Striped Bass

Fishing Techniques

Spring: Rising warm waters in Spring draw fish from the lower depths of Bull Shoals causing them to become more active in seeking shallow spawning locations. The colored water of the Theodosia arm will warm first followed by the larger creeks like Big Creek and the Sugarloaf Creek Arms. As the fish move, shallow specific cover becomes important to each species. Largemouth Bass tend to hold to wood cover like laydowns and brush piles. Spotted Bass will move to chunk rock points and bluff ends and Smallmouth Bass will hold on isolated rock piles and mixed pea gravel and rocky banks. Popular baits include: suspending jerkbaits like Smithwick Rouges or Lucky Craft Pointers, 4" single tailed grubs on ¼ oz. jig heads, tight wiggling crankbaits like a Storm Wiggle Wart, and small jig and craw combos such as a Jewel Eakins' Jig and Craw. After the fish have spawned they will move into open water and suspend. Top water baits like Cotton Cordell Redfins, Heddon Spooks and Lucky Craft Sammys, are all very effective. Bull Shoals has a tremendous reputation for its walleye population. In early spring walleye will make a run up the White River, Theodosia Arm and some of the major creeks to spawn. When making their spawning run, walleye will "stack up" in deeper pools and channel bends, suspending jerkbaits, single tailed grubs and small crankbaits are all effective baits for these fish.

Summer: Summer (especially early and late in the day) offers some of the most exciting action on Bull Shoals Lake. Schools of Spotted Bass chase shad on the surface during the low light hours of the day. Top water baits like Heddon Spooks, Lucky Craft Sammys and Cotton Cordell Redfins will all catch these aggressive bass. During the heat of the day, conditions can be much tougher. Look for fish to move out to deep ledge rock points and channel banks up to 50' deep. Jewel football and spider jigs matched with a Chompers' jig trailers, tube baits, and Carolina rigged French fries or finesse worms are all effective baits during the summer. Slowly work the bottom in these areas paying special attention to any wood or rock cover you may run into with the bait. Largemouth will tend to be in shallower areas than Smallmouth or Spotted Bass and they will hold in the large number of brush piles set by Arkansas Game and Fish Department and by individual anglers. Texas rigged Berkley Power worms and Jewel Eakins' jig and craw combos are your best bet in the heat of the day. The majority of the walleye caught during the summer are taken in the upper half of the lake by anglers trolling bottom-bouncing live night crawler rigs and jigs tipped with minnows from 20 feet to 40 feet deep.

Highway K (K Dock): On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 76 east HWY K, east to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 50 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina.

Woodward: On the south side of the lake. Take HWY 76 east to Forsyth and HWY 160 through Kissee Mills to KK HWY, south to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers limited services.

Mid-Lake Area

Tucker Hollow: On the south side of the lake. Take HWY 65 south into Arkansas to HWY 14 east to HWY 281 north to park. A four lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 60 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina.

Lead Hill: On the south side of the lake. Take either HWY 65 south into Arkansas to HWY 14 east to HWY 7 north to the park. A four lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 60 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina.

Buck Creek: On the north side of the lake. Take either HWY 65 north to HWY 160 east to HWY 125 south to the park. Multiple two lane concrete ramps and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers; picnic areas, swimming beach and restrooms.

Hwy 125: On the south side of the lake. Take HWY 65 south into Arkansas to HWY 14 east to HWY 125 north to the park. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina.

Theodosia Arm

Theodosia: On the west side of the Theodosia Arm of the lake. Take HWY 65 north to HWY 160, east to approximately 25 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 50 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina.

Spring Creek: On the east side of the Theodosia Arm of the lake. Take HWY 65 north to HWY 160, east approximately 30 miles to HH Hwy south to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 30 rigs. This area offers rest rooms.

Pontiac: On the east side of the Theodosia Arm of the lake. Take HWY 65 north to HWY 160, east approximately 40 miles to HWY 5, south to W HWY west approximately 7 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina.

Welcome Ridge: On the south side of the lake near the mouth of the Theodosia Arm. Take HWY 65 into Arkansas and HWY 14, east to Welcome Ridge road / CR-801 to Yocum Bend road / CR d 804 to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 30 rigs. This area offers limited services.

Oakland: On the north side of the lake in the mouth of the Theodosia Arm. Take HWY 65 north to HWY 160, east approximately 40 miles to HWY 5, south to HWY 202 west approximately 10 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina.

Ozark Isle: On the north side of the lake in the mouth of the Theodosia Arm. Take HWY 65 north to HWY 160, east approximately 40 miles to HWY 5, south to HWY 202 west approximately 10 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms. Note: This area is closed from November 1 d March 31.

Bull Shoals/Dam Area

CCC Access: On the west side Jimmie Creek. Take HWY 65 into Arkansas and HWY 14, east to CR-850 north to the park. A one lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers limited services.

Fairview: On the east side Jimmie Creek. Take HWY 65 into Arkansas and HWY 14, east to HWY 202, east to HWY 178 east to Fairview, White Hole Access Road west to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 30 rigs. This area offers limited services.

Bull Shoals: On the east side Jimmie Creek. Take HWY 65 into Arkansas and HWY 14, east to HWY 202, east to HWY 178 east to Bull Shoals west on Shorecrest and south on west to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 30 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, restrooms and a full service marina.

Point Return: On the south side of the lake near the dam. Take HWY 65 into Arkansas and HWY 14, east to HWY 202, east to HWY 178 east into Bull Shoals north on Browns Beach Road to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 30 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground and restrooms.

Dam Site: On the south side of the lake adjacent to the dam. Take HWY 65 into Arkansas and HWY 14, east to HWY 202, east to HWY 178 east through Bull Shoals to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 30 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground and restrooms.

Lakeview/Bull Shoals Park: On the north side of the lake near the dam. Take HWY 65 into Arkansas and HWY 14, east to HWY 202, east to HWY 178 east over the dam to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 30 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina.

Howard Creek: On the east side Jimmie Creek. Take HWY 65 into Arkansas and HWY 14, east to HWY 202, east to HWY 178 east to over the dam and into Lakeview, west on Howard Creek road to the park. A one lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers limited services.

Marinas & Boat Rentals Forsyth/Upper White River Area

Beaver Creek Marina: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 76 east to Forsyth and HWY 160 to Kissee Mills and O HWY, south to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 50 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-546-5121

Highway K (K Dock): On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 76 east HWY K, east to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 50 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-334-2880

Mid Lake Area

Tucker Hollow Marina: On the south side of the lake. Take HWY 65 south into Arkansas to HWY 14 east to HWY 281 north to park. A four lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 60 rigs. This area offers; picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina. 870-436-5564

Lead Hill Boat Dock: On the south side of the lake. Take either HWY 65 south into Arkansas to HWY 14 east to HWY 7 north to the park. A four lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 60 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina. 870-422-7444

Hwy 125 Marina: On the south side of the lake. Take HWY 65 south into Arkansas to HWY 14 east to HWY 125 north to the park. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina. 870-436-5390

Theodosia Arm

Theodosia Marina: On the west side of the Theodosia Arm of the lake. Take HWY 65 north to HWY 160, east to approximately 25 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 50 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, showers, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-273-4444

Pontiac Cove Marina: On the east side of the Theodosia Arm of the lake. Take HWY 65 north to HWY 160, east approximately 40 miles to HWY 5, south to W HWY west approximately 7 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers; picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina. 417-679-3676

Oakland Marina: On the north side of the lake in the mouth of the Theodosia Arm. Take HWY 65 north to HWY 160, east approximately 40 miles to HWY 5, south to HWY 202 west approximately 10 miles to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service ma-rina. 870-431-5381

Bull Shoals/Dam Area

Bull Shoals Boat Dock: On the east side Jimmie Creek. Take HWY 65 into Arkansas and HWY 14, east to HWY 202, east to HWY 178 east to Bull Shoals west on Shorecrest and south on west to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 30 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, restrooms and a full service marina. 870-445-4424

Lakeview Cove Marina: On the north side of the lake near the dam. Take HWY 65 into Arkansas and HWY 14, east to HWY 202, east to HWY 178 east over the dam to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 30 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, tent and trailer campground, swimming beach, restrooms and a full service marina. 870-431-5291



Species

Lake Taneycomo contains several species of game and pan fish including:

Dominant Species: Rainbow and German Brown Trout

Secondary Species: Cutthroat Trout, Largemouth Bass, Bluegill

Limited Species: Smallmouth Bass

Fishing Techniques

Below the Table Rock Dam to the mouth of Fall Creek: This area is managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation as a fly fishing and artificial lure only area. In addition there is a slot limit on trout that are harvested in this area. The Specific regulations read:

“Lake Taneycomo’s fishing regulations changed on” March 1, 1997, when the Conservation Department established a special management area in the upper portion of the lake. The management area extends three miles, from the mouth of Fall Creek upstream to the “No Fishing” cable 760 feet below Table Rock Dam.

In that area, all rainbow trout between 12 and 20 inches in total length must be released, unharmed, immediately after being caught. Fishing in this area is restricted to flies and artificial lures. Soft plastic, natural and prepared baits are specifically prohibited. Downstream from Fall Creek, anglers may still harvest five trout per day. All kinds of baits, lures or flies are legal. The lake wide, 20-inch minimum length limit for brown trout is still in effect.

The majority of anglers in this area are fly fishermen, without current from the generators at the Table Rock dam the upper portion of Taneycomo fishes like a large trout stream; pools, riffles and wood cover are all important areas to fish. Productive fly patterns can change for day to day or even hour to hour so be sure to check the reports before you go. The most reliable patterns will be scuds, sow bugs and other nymphs most of the time, but productive colors will change. Anglers with casting and spinning equipment will fish this area as well with small spinners or small twitch baits like Rapalas and Lucky Crafts. Despite the amount of fishing pressure this area receives it remains a quality fishery due to daily stocking by the Department of Conservation with trout from the Shepard of the Hills Hatchery located below the Table Rock dam.

Trout Fishing from Fall Creek to Powersite dam: From Fall Creek on down stream the majority of anglers will fish live and prepared baits. While fly fishing still takes place, the majority of fisherman utilize a “Taneycomo Drift Rig” with live night crawlers, red worms or assorted colors of Berkley power bait eggs and nuggets on casting or spinning equipment. Boating anglers will run up stream a few miles from their launching point and then control the drift back against the current making casts to deeper pools and wood cover along the banks. Productive lures in this area include

twitch baits like Rapalas and Lucky Craft pointers, small spinners like Rooster Tails, Mepps, Super Dupers and Panther Martins or small crankbaits such as Norman Crappie Crankbaits or Yozuri Snap Beads. The “Taneycomo Drift Rig” will also work as you drift down the lake, simply cast and allow the rig to bounce the bottom. This portion of the lake also holds all of the public and private trout docks. Most anglers fishing from the docks will fish on the bottom or with a float around the dock with either live or prepared baits.

Bass Fishing on Taneycomo: One of the best kept secrets in the Ozarks is the bass fishing on Lake Taneycomo. While bass have been caught above the Downtown Branson area most bass fishing takes place in the lower end of the lake from Bull Creek near Rockaway Beach to the Powersite dam. Most of the fish are caught on either the abundant wood cover that dots the shoreline or on the ledge rock that marks the channel swing areas of the lake. Unlike the warm water lakes on either end of Taneycomo, the colder water keeps bass more active throughout the year. With this in mind Lake Taneycomo bass will chase reaction baits like spinnerbaits, buzzbaits and crankbaits for a greater portion of the year. Big bass seem to show up every year on Taneycomo, with several bass over five pounds being caught with regularity and a few over eight pounds becoming more and more prevalent. Big fish tend to be caught in the cooler months on the deeper drops close to ledge banks with Jewel Eakin’s Jig, and Craw combos and football or spider jigs accounting for many each year.

Boat Ramps & Shoreline Fishing

The Missouri Department of Conservation and local municipalities maintain the limited number of boat ramps on Lake Taneycomo. While several of the resorts maintain ramps as well they are generally for the use of their guests only. Shore fishing is also available at these locations offering either bank, pier or wading access.

Shepherd of the Hills: Located directly below the Table Rock dam adjacent to the Shepard of the Hills fish hatchery. Take HWY 165 to Hatchery road and the park. A one lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers picnic areas, hatchery tours, and restrooms.

Cooper Creek: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 76 to Fall Creek road, west to Cooper Creek road south to the park. A two lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers fishing dock and restrooms.

Branson RV Park: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 76 to Branson Landing road to the park. A one lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers fishing dock, trailer camping, showers, restrooms and a full service marina.

Rockaway Beach: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 65 north to HWY F east to HWY 176 to Rockaway Beach and the park. A one lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 20 rigs. This area offers a fishing dock, restrooms and a full service marina.

Empire Park: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 65 north to HWY 160 east to Forsyth and Y HWY south to the park. A one lane concrete ramp and parking for approximately 40 rigs. This area offers picnic area, a fishing dock and restrooms.

Marinas & Boat Rentals

Fall Creek Marina: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 76 west to HWY 165 south to Fall Creek Resort. This area offers: restrooms and a full service marina. 417-336-4937

Cooper Creek Resort: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 76 west to Fall Creek road and follow the signs. This area offers trailer camping, restrooms, cabins, store and a boat and fishing dock. 417-261-8398

Ozark Trout Resort: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 76 west to Fall Creek road and follow the signs. This area offers lodging, restrooms and a boat and fishing dock. 417-335-4619

Lilley's Landing: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 76 west to Fall Creek road and follow the signs. This area offers lodging, restrooms, fly & tackle store, and a full service marina. 888-lil-leys

Lazy Valley Resort: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 76 west to Fall Creek road and follow the signs. This area offers lodging, restrooms, and a full service marina. 417-261-8398

Scotty's Trout Dock: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 76 east to Branson Landing drive and follow the signs. This area offers trailer camping, restrooms, store and a full service marina. 417-334-4288

Taneycomo Resort: On the south side of the lake. Take HWY 76 east over the lake to Lake Shore drive and follow the signs. This area offers lodging, trailer camping, restrooms, store and a boat and fishing dock. 800-949-9975

Briarwood Resort: On the south side of the lake. Take HWY 76 east over the lake to Lake Shore drive and follow the signs. This area offers lodging, restrooms, store and a boat and fishing dock. 417-334-3929

Blue Haven Resort: On the south side of the lake. Take HWY 76 east over the lake to Lake Shore drive and follow the signs. This area offers lodging, restrooms, a boat and fishing dock. 417-334-3917

Tangle Wood Lodge: On the south side of the lake. Take HWY 76 east over the lake to Lake Shore drive and follow the signs. This area offers lodging, restrooms, store and a boat and fishing dock. 417-334-1642

Taneycomo Market & Campground: This area offers cabins, full service marina, full hook-ups, restrooms and more. 417-561-4746

Hollister Area

Trout Hollow Lodge: On the south side of the lake. Take HWY 65 south over the lake to 165, south to Acacia Club road and follow the signs. This area offers lodging, restrooms, store and a fishing dock and a full service marina. 800-328-1246

River Lake Resort: On the south side of the lake. Take HWY 65 south over the lake to HWY 165 south to Acacia Club road to River Lake Circle and follow the signs. This area offers lodging, restrooms, store and a boat and fishing dock. 417-334-2800

Rockaway Beach

Duck Harbor Resort: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 65 to HWY 160 east to HWY 176 to Rockaway Beach and follow the signs. This area offers lodging, restrooms, store and a boat and fishing dock. 417-561-4426

Pipers Resort: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 65 to HWY 160 east to HWY 176 to Rockaway Beach and follow the signs. This area offers lodging, restrooms, store and a boat and fishing dock. 417-561-4242

Rainbow Haven Resort: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 65 to HWY 160 east to HWY 176 to Rockaway Beach and follow the signs. This area offers lodging, restrooms, store and a boat and fishing dock. 417-561-4179

Port O' Call Resort: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 65 to HWY 160 east to HWY 176 to Rockaway Beach and follow the signs. This area offers lodging, restrooms, and a boat and fishing dock. 417-561-4354

Forsyth

Edge Water Beach Marina: On the north side of the lake. Take HWY 65 to HWY 160 east to Forsyth to Y HWY south to marina. This area offers lodging, trailer camping, restrooms, store and a full service marina. 417-546-2721

