

Lake Livingston

Size: 90,000 acres

Age: Impounded in 1969

Location: Lies on the Trinity River about 70 miles north of Houston off U.S. Highway 190 in the counties of Walker, Polk, Trinity and San Jacinto.

Description: This is the second largest reservoir that lies totally within Texas. Nestled in mixed forest of pine and hardwoods, the lake provides public water supply for Houston and surrounding communities. The lake is 52 miles long, fairly turbid and fertile with a maximum depth of 90 feet.

Controlling Authority: Trinity River Authority, P. O. Box 360 Livingston, TX 77351.

TPWD Fisheries Office: Rt. 5 Box 402, Huntsville, TX 77340, (409) 291-6665.

Fishing Regulations: Channel catfish -- 50 per day, all at least nine inches long (14 inches for commercial fishermen). All others same as statewide.

Stocking History:

Largemouth bass -- 1969

Florida bass -- 1975, 76, 77, 78

Channel catfish -- 1969, 70

Paddlefish -- 1990, 91

Blue catfish -- 1969

Striped bass -- 1977 - 80, 82 - 89

Comments: This is one of the most productive reservoirs in the state for catfish and white bass. What's more, TPWD fisheries crews use the river below the dam to gather much of their striped bass brood fish for the hatchery system. The area below the dam is also one of the top tailrace fisheries in the state.

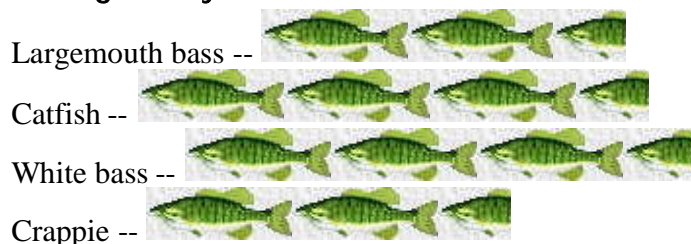
Lake Records:

Species	Pounds	Inches	Angler
Largemouth bass	12.45	23.50	Jack Truelove Jr.
White Crappie	1.35	13.00	Roger D. Putnam
Striped bass	31.50	37.00	C.W. Henry
Flathead catfish	114.00	56.50	Charles J. Booth
Hybrid striped bass	12.88	28.00	Tommy Leonard
Blue Catfish	78.00	54.00	Doyle Chaney

White bass	3.08	17.00	Patricia Ann Gibson
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Fishing Tips: Calling-card fish for this lake are the flathead and blue catfish, especially for trotliners. Select a location near deep water and bait your line with shad, bluegill or crawfish. Then with luck, you might challenge these outstanding lake records.

Fishing Quality:



Facilities: Numerous private marinas dot the shoreline. Each has excellent camping and boat launching for a fee. The TRA has parks on both the east and west sides of the lake, and TPWD has built a state park on the southeast corner (409/365-2202).

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