

CEDAR BLUFF

This map is being provided for the benefit of anglers and boaters using Cedar Bluff Reservoir. The features shown

relate to these activities and their associated access. Cedar Bluff Reservoir encompasses 6,900 acres of clear, blue

water at conservation pool. 7,300 acres of public wildlife area and 1,000 acres of state park surround the lake.

FISHING

During the 1990s, Cedar Bluff Reservoir experienced a fishing resurgence unequalled even by the period when it was first impounded in the early 1950s. This rebirth has seen Cedar Bluff rebound from 950 surface acres and a maximum depth of 11 feet at its lowest level in the fall of 1992, to a revitalized recreational mecca nearly 70 feet deep and 6,900 acres in size. However, since 2001, limited inflow has caused a steady decline. As of this reprint, the lake is 17 feet low and has changed the look of the lake, its shoreline, and inundated structure.

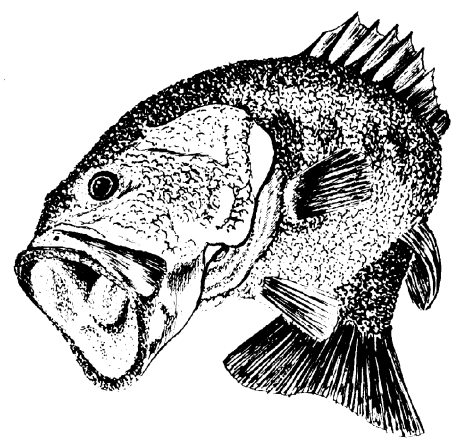
A variety of habitat types make Cedar Bluff an angler's paradise. Underwater parking lots and roads, flooded timber stands, rock bluffs, gravel-strewn beaches, all surrounded by a rim of flooded salt cedar near the shoreline, provides a number of places for anglers to find fish.

Black bass, crappie, and catfish benefited from the resurgence and today still provide fishing opportunities. However, degradation of flooded habitat and declining water levels have limited bass and crappie recruitment. The result is a change in dominance of species from sportfish dependent on structure to the open-water species like white bass, wipers, and walleye. Introduced wiper and existing white bass populations have exhibited fantastic growth and currently provide excellent opportunities. Walleye numbers have been rebuilding in response to the reduction of crappie and will return Cedar Bluff to the walleye fish-

ing prominence it enjoyed decades ago.

Several artificial fish attractors have been constructed throughout the lake and are marked with floating, vertical buoys. Materials used include cedar trees sunk with weights and wire and old tires configured to attract various fish species.

CATCH & RELEASE: Voluntary catch and release extends the lake's fish resources. Reduced harvest of small fish allows many fish to reach a larger, more desirable size. Releasing larger fish increases their recreational use and keeps them in the water to help control undesirable fish. A properly-released fish are an investment in future fishing opportunities.



BOATING

Three boat ramps with associated parking areas are located around the reservoir. No-wake zones exist at strategic locations throughout the lake for safety as well as protection of the shoreline. All boaters are reminded to be safe, courteous, and responsible. The

demand for recreational use of Cedar Bluff waters has increased dramatically the past few years. It is our goal to provide as many safe recreational boating opportunities as possible.

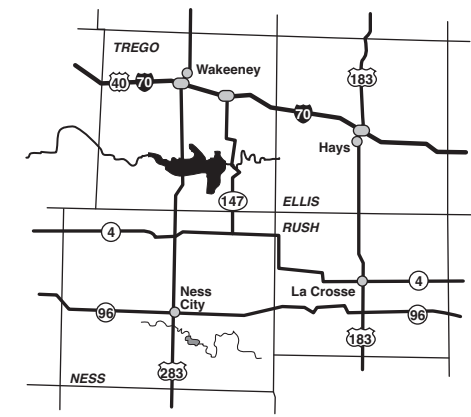
REGULATIONS - INFORMATION

Park permits are required for all activities within the state park. Information centers are strategically located around the reservoir and provide information on area regulations.

OPERATION GAME THIEF

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General Area Map

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