

Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Use the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Website to Find a Place to Fish



Finding a place to catch largemouth bass, like this one from Kentucky Lake, or other fish species is much easier using the tools available free on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' website at www.fw.ky.gov.

Fish habitat improvement project continuing at Cave Run Lake

Kentucky state and federal agencies, along with several local angling groups, are working together to improve fish habitat at Cave Run Lake near Morehead, Ky. Trees, stumps and other wooden structures are being submerged underwater to provide fish habitat and shelter in the coves of Cave Run.

The Clay Lick Boat Ramp will serve as the staging area for this year's phase of the habitat improvement project. Beginning Monday, July 24 to Friday, July 28, boaters can expect the boat ramp to be busy during project activities, but the boat ramp will remain open for public use.

"This is the final year of a multi-year habitat enhancement project at Cave Run

Lake," said Joseph Zimmerman, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Fisheries Habitat Coordinator. "Thousands of fish habitat structures, ranging from brush piles to wooden pallets, have been added to the lake since 2014."

"The great fishing at Cave Run Lake just keeps getting better thanks to this collaborative project between partners," said District Ranger Jon Kazmierski with the Daniel Boone National Forest.

"Smaller fish are attracted to these areas as a place to hide from predators, but predators use these areas as a place to search for food. Anglers have more fishing locations and opportunities for a good catch.

"While this is the last

year for this large project, we will continue in future years to work to maintain and enhance habitat around the lake," added Kazmierski.

Beginning Aug. 14 through Aug. 17, the Poppin Rock and Bangor boat ramps will temporarily close for project activities to wrap up in those areas.

Anglers can see photos and find additional information about the Cave Run Lake fish habitat improvement project at www.fw.ky.gov. The site also includes a Google map with GPS coordinates for all fish attractors placed in the lake during the project. A video is available online on the Kentucky Afield TV YouTube channel.

Two employees of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources recently used the department's website at www.fw.ky.gov to glean information on catching saugeye.

They used the 5-foot contour maps on the "Find a Place to Fish" to study the bottom of Guist Creek Lake in Shelby County and determine a place to fish. They later fished those areas and caught their first saugeye.

"We trying to provide information on our website to make it easier for anglers to find places to fish and be successful," said Mike Hardin, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "The "Find a Place to Fish" page allows anglers to sort by county, city, waterbody, access type or even species of fish."

Many of the waterbodies detailed in the "Find a Place to Fish" page contain important fishing information, such as the 5-foot contour maps. "When you pull these waterbodies up, many of them have the location of fish attractors, species assessments as well as the contour maps. We have the contour maps for most of our smaller state-owned lakes as well as the Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) lakes."

Hardin said the large reservoirs operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have commercially available maps at tackle shops near the lakes or for sale online. Many of the large outfitters also sell these maps.

"Each entry contains driving directions to all of the ramps on that waterbody," Hardin said. "They also contain a link to the Fish-

ing Forecast, detailing the fishing for many species in waterbodies across the state."

Planning a float trip on a stream can be daunting. The "Canoeing and Kayaking" page contains loads of information to help select a place to paddle. You may click on the "Stream Fisheries" tab for detailed information on access sites, lengths of floats and recommended floating levels for streams across Kentucky.

This page also contains photos of each access point and a description of the access. This is invaluable information to paddlers floating a stream for the first time. This page also shows the abundance and size structure of the population of the desirable fish in the stream such as rock bass or smallmouth bass.

The "Canoeing and Kayaking" page also contains a link to the award winning Blue Water Trails series of articles detailing more than 30 different floats across Kentucky. These articles also contain fishing tips for the species in the waterbody as well as a printable map.

"If you are trying to figure out a place for the coming weekend, our website has many resources to help guide you," Hardin said. "We want people to enjoy our water resources and catch some fish."

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Letter to Community

Estill Co. Schools Opening Day for Staff

Dear School District Partner and Vendor:

The Estill County Schools will be hosting a "Back to School" celebration for all district staff on Monday, August 7, 2017, at the Estill County High School.

"Oh, the Places You'll Go!" will be the theme for the event this year. The purpose of this event will be staff introductions and the role we each have in impacting our students and our community. Whether they are driving a school bus, providing outreach to parents, maintaining one of our many facilities, working in an administrative function, teaching in a classroom, or serving in any of the many other important capacities in this district, that are integral to ensuring that our schools are highly effective centers of learning.

As a community partner-

or vendor partner, we want to invite you to attend and showcase your services to our staff. Participants will have the opportunity to set-up a booth and share information with all District employees. To make this event a success we are asking our partners to donate your business related items that we can share to promote your business or your organization. You may also choose to be a resource partner and bring your organizational information.

Things to Know:

★ 375 District Employees will be in attendance.

★ Doors open at 7:30am for District Employees.

★ Partners can begin setting up their booth at 6:30am in the ECHS 1st floor lobby. We will also be setting up from 1:00pm-3:00pm on Friday, August 4th.

★ We encourage all

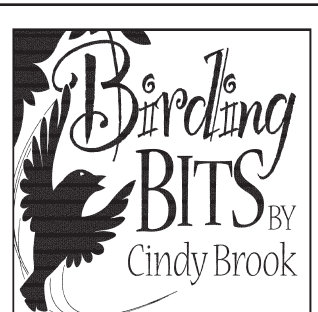
community and vendor partners to provide a door prize that best represents your services. Partners will have the opportunity to announce their door prize winner at the conclusion of the ceremony.

★ The program will conclude at 11:00am

Please let us know as soon as possible if you will be attending the Opening Day event or if you can provide information or a door prize to represent your services. For additional questions, please call Teresa Dawes at 723-2181, ext. 2226. Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate.

Sincerely,

Teresa Dawes
Director, Community Education



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West Irvine Intermediate Back to School Night Monday, August 7 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**3rd Grade Check-In - 4 p.m.
4th Grade Check-In - 5 p.m.
5th Grade Check-In - 6 p.m.**

Join us as prepare for another great school year at West Irvine Intermediate! Families will enjoy a resource fair, learning how to navigate the school, a free family dinner and more! For more information, call 723-7733.

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Estill Clinic Pharmacy and Irvine Health Care Pharmacy's

Customer Appreciation Day

**Friday, July 28, 2017
11:00-2:00
at Irvine Health Care Pharmacy**

**905 Richmond Road
Come out and let us show you our appreciation with food, prize drawings and giveaways!**

