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Your fishing report for May 17, 2017

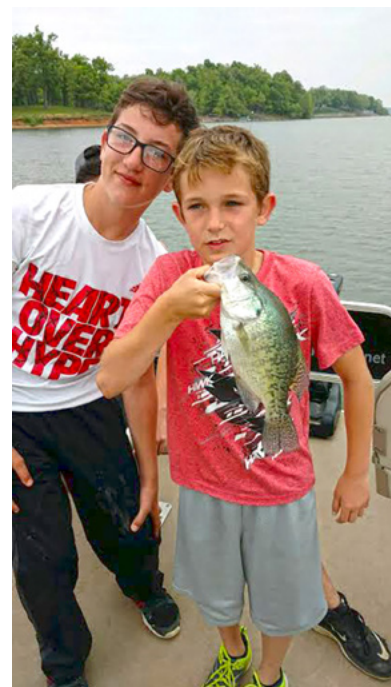
From the deck of the Kick'n Bass pontoon

Crappies are still there to be caught but we have recently switched over to redear/bluegill fishing. Whitebass trips are not that far away and it is a great time of year to have multiple ways to fish. Just about all species of fish are being caught on the lake at this time. The minor flooding in the lake has changed some of the fishes' spawning areas so put in the time and you can find the fish!

Lake conditions

Since my last report the water level has risen 6 feet to about 363.0!! That's A LOT of water. The weather has really turned beautiful. Nights in the mid 50's and days to the low 80's. This hasn't slowed the fishing much but be very careful.... We have seen whole trees floating along in the water. The TVA is slowly lowering the level at this time.

You can view the lake levels here: tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky



Two of the Knepp boys from Montgomery IN, showing off a nice crappie.



Dan Crede of Champaign, IL

Weather forecast

<https://weather.com/weather/tenday/l/42025:4:US>

Crappies

These last few weeks have been just fantastic for fishing...especially for crappies! Some weather has caused a couple of rough trips but that has turned the corner for the best weather of the year so far. The KnB pontoon has been pulling crankbaits in most of the bays but we let out a little more line to get the baits deeper because of the water levels. With the water temps and the water rising the fish have been caught deeper than earlier this spring. Pink and the brown/orange

colored crankbaits have been working well. Try a sexy shad colored crankbait and you may pick up largemouth and whitebass also.

Bluegills and Redears

The redear/bluegill spawn is under way! With the higher water we have been fishing a Sheltons Phyllis bug in deeper water. Using an ESB float deep has been fantastic. The ESB float comes with a slip bobber knot in the package. We have been tipping the bugs with crickets. You know fishing is great when you go through 5 tubes of crickets in a few hours. Another fishing type that has been working is to attach a split shot a foot above your bait to help get the bait to the bottom quicker. This keeps you in the strike zone.



Steve and Ciel Kloss,
from Highland IL



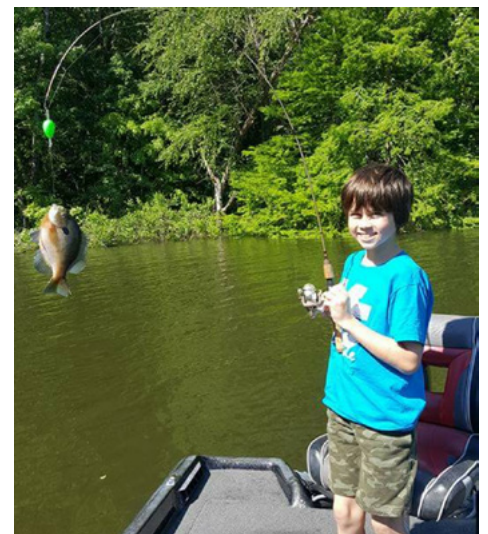
Gail and Mark Frey, and Steve and Ciel Kloss, relaxing after a big day of catching this fantastic mess of 'gills!

Other Species

We have caught a bunch of channel cats also while bluegill fishing. Mostly males which I suspect are raiding beds for food. Great eater size cats in the 2 pound range. Largemouth, whitebass, crappie and even a gar have been caught fishing this way.

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Owen Lepisto of Benton catches a nice one with an ESB bobber.

ATTABOY

*Hey Rich, Thanks so much. We had a great time. Dorse is 78, John is 71, I am 66 and Doug is 62.
Thanks for providing us old farts some quality time together.
—Darrell C. Charleston, SC*

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