

*FISH KENTUCKY & BARKLEY LAKES
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Your fishing report for April 8, 2016

from the deck of The Kick'n Bass Fishing Pontoon

Weather temps have been below average this week with a freeze warning for this weekend. The wind continued, sometimes hitting gusts to 30 mph. After the rain and wind on Wednesday there is a major coldfront coming into the lakes area. Let's hope it doesn't knock the fish in the head again. Fishing in general is picking up and steady temps will increase the bite. All fish need to eat so let's hope the crappie start first.



Lake Conditions Water Clarity and Temperature ...

Both lakes are still not as clear as we'd like, but it is getting better. With the cold fronts and rain that moved in, the surface water temps on both main lakes are around 57 degrees and warming in the bays to 60+ by afternoon on the sunny days. Still some debris floating all over the lake—the TVA has started bringing both lakes up to summer pool, and that brings all sorts of things into the lake. Watch for floating logs especially in the bays.

You can view the lake levels here:

tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky

Weather outlook:

Friday Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. West winds 10 to 20 mph.

Fri Night Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

- Sat Night** Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.
- Sunday** Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 60s.
- Sun Night** Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 50s.
- Monday** Showers likely and a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. Chance of precipitation 70 percent..
- Mon Night** Showers likely and a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.
- Tuesday** Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.
- Tues Night** Partly cloudy. Lows around 40.
- Wednesday** Partly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Crappies:

The KNB pontoon has been pulling crankbaits this week and occasionally fishing the stakebeds on the banks that have been in the sun most of the day. Fished mostly in the deeper bays from 10 to 14 feet but also fished some main lake ledges when the wind allowed it. We have caught several in water as shallow as 6 feet but a lot were shorter fish. Good news for next year. Best colors for jigs have been Kentucky green and pearl. Tipped with a minnow and also just casting with a slow retrieve. Some black crappies have been moving into shallow gravel banks along with small male whites. Water coming up is going to make fishing get a lot better this week.



Bill from Peoria, IL



Ed Kelly of Chicago
celebrates his birthday in style



Olivia Froehlich from
Dayton, OH

Largemouth Bass:

Largemouth Bass are being taken on main lake points and all the way back into the bays. According to local folklore, when the mustard flowers bloom the bass move into shallower water. Even some ledge fish are still waiting on warmer water. A-Rigs, jigs, and shaky heads dragged on bottom in junebug color have been catching fish. The college tournament last weekend brought in some respectable bags even with an off bite.

Other species:

Haven't fished for other species but have seen some nice bluecats at the cleaning station. They were caught using cut shad bait in 20 feet of water.



Lee McEwyn of Houston TX
enjoyed a day with his sons

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Attaboys for the Captain:

I should have told you on the phone-my Mom got teary eyed in the car and said that was the most fun she has had in 3 years! My sister and Mom both thought you were awesome-thanks for taking such good care of us. We'll be back next year.

—Judy P., Cape Girardeau, Mo