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with Guide Captain Rich Bay*



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Your fishing report for June 8, 2016

From the deck of the Kick'n Bass pontoon

Weather temps have moved back to normal and from the long range forecast we are in for above normal temps and finally no rain for a while. The high is going to reach near 95 degrees midweek. Looks like a great week to fish and play in the sun.

Lake conditions

Water temps are 76 degrees in the morning and warming up to 81 degrees in the afternoons. Water color on the main lake is surprisingly clear to about three feet. We are still about .4 feet over normal summer pool at 359.4. TVA has brought the lake levels up past normal pool and according to their published schedule it appears to be staying above for the foreseeable future. Still alot of floating debris so be careful. Saw a huge tree root knot in 10 feet of water barely exposed and stuck. It's going to be there awhile near the canal.

You can view the lake levels here:

tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels/Kentucky

Weather forecast

Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. North winds 5 mph.

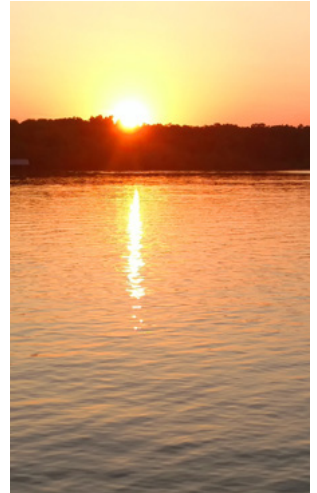
Wednesday Night...Clear. Lows in the upper 50s. Northeast winds 5 mph in the evening shifting to the east after midnight.

Thursday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 5 mph.

Thursday Night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

Friday... Sunny. Highs around 90.

Friday Night...Clear. Lows around 70.



Saturday... Sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Saturday Night... Clear. Lows in the lower 70s.

Sunday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Sunday Night... Mostly clear with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Monday... Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Crappies

Crappies are settling up into their normal pattern on the main lake.

Pulling Arkie crankbaits has produced some nice fish. I have been varying my trolling speed but faster seems to outproduce the slower speeds.....I'm no rocket scientist but I think I'll keep moving faster!! Seems the best colors this week have been the Arkansas shad and crappie colored baits. Dipping minnows over brush in deep water have been taking fish also. Having to sort through a bunch of short fish to find keepers is a good/bad situation. Never understood how or why a 5 inch fish would try to eat a 3 inch bait!!



Steelshad blade baits are great producers!



Trenton Ladd and Taylor Crider of Carterville IN



Trenton Ladd with a nice largemouth

Largemouth

Starting to see alot more bass boats fishing the main lake ledges although many fish are still being caught up shallow. Those that the toon has caught were while pulling crankbaits. Deep diving cranks, Steelshad bladebaits, shaky head worms and texas rigged creature baits have been catching fish. I have seen some of the pros throwing an A-Rig on the ledges also. The FLW is in town so keep alert for 80 mph boats headed your way!

Redear/Bluegill

I did not get the chance to fish for gills and redears this week but have seen nice baskets of both at the cleaning station. The young lady angler told me she had caught them with her daddy on crickets in 6 feet of water under a slip float.



Nice mess of gills and cats on the toon last week!

Whitebass

Haven't fished much for Whitebass yet this year, but they have completed their spawn and we've been catching some on [Steel Shad blade baits](#) and Ken's Hybrid spinners. Best tip for catching stripes is to always stay in contact with the bottom. What I mean by that is raise the lure up off the bottom but you have to let it flutter back to the bottom. They like to chase and attack their food and letting your lure flutter back towards the bottom will pick up alot of fish. The whites are deep and relating to current on the main lake and near the mouth of the bays. With this weather warming up and the lake temps rising it should be game on for stripes...hotter the water gets, the better it is fishing for stripes. Have caught a bunch of large yellows

while fishing for cats this week. I think the large size was from the fact of using large circle hooks for cats and only the bigger fishes' mouths were large enough to inhale the hook.



Left: Cap'n Rich Above: Barrett Washburn of Benton KY

Catfish

Catfish are still prespawn but are being caught from shallow to deep. Caught several on cranks this week and they were full of eggs that do not look ready to be dropped. Also caught them in 25-30 feet of water on deep creek channels. Night crawlers on a catfish rig are taking lots of channels, flatheads and bluecats right now, and I would think the bite is going to keep getting better. Catfish rigs fished near rip rap areas are producing along with cut bait and stink baits. Check out the [Rippin' Lips](#) website. I'm using their line of rod combos, terminal tackle and jars of stinkbait to catch some good fish.

Attaboy for the Captain

Fishing is always fun, but with Capt. Rich Bay it is an experience. I've known the Cap for more than my entire adult life, he's patient with beginners and enthusiastic with veterans. Either way, he is great company. If you visit beautiful Kentucky Lake, you ought to spend a morning with Capt. Rich Bay. —Jordan M.

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