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Lake Conditions

Lake Levels ... As of this morning both lakes are sitting at or very near winter pool which is approximately 5 feet lower than summer lake levels. **Currently Kentucky Dam is spilling and there is increased current in the lake.** For additional info, including generation schedule for Kentucky Lake, visit the TVA website: http://www.tva.gov/lakes/kyh_r.htm

Water Clarity and Temperature ... on Kentucky Lake ranges from light stain in some of the creeks with the main lake very clear. The lake is very fishable. Barkley is lightly stained and the main lake is very fishable. Surface water temps on both lakes are in the mid 40's.

Weather Outlook – Winter Storm Warning!

Friday...Sleet...Possibly mixed with freezing rain in the morning...Then snow and sleet in the afternoon. Snow and sleet accumulation of 2 to 3 inches. Ice accumulation of up to one half of an inch. Highs around 30. Temperature steady or slowly falling in the afternoon. North winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation near 100 percent.

Friday Night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow in the evening...Then partly cloudy after midnight. Lows around 15. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night...Cloudy. Freezing rain and sleet likely after midnight. Lows in the mid 20s. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Sunday...Freezing rain and sleet in the morning...Then rain... Possibly mixed with freezing rain in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 30s. Chance of precipitation 80 percent.

Sunday Night...Mostly cloudy with freezing rain...Possibly mixed with rain and sleet. Lows in the mid 20s. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s. Lows around 12.

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Tuesday...Mostly clear. Highs in the mid 20s. Lows around 12.

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Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 30s.

Prime Feeding Times for Gilbertsville, KY 42044

Date	Temps	Sun Data	Moon Data	Moon Phase	Major Times	Minor Times	Prediction
Thursday 12/5/13	H: 49° L: 45°	Rise: 6:51 AM Set: 4:35 PM	Rise: 9:13 AM Set: 7:54 PM Overhead: 2:32 PM Underfoot: 2:02 AM	11% Waxing Crescent	2:02 AM - 4:02 AM 2:32 PM - 4:32 PM	9:13 AM - 10:13 AM 7:54 PM - 8:54 PM	Average

Friday 12/6/13	H: 30° L: 30°	Rise: 6:51 AM Set: 4:35 PM	Rise: 10:00 AM Set: 9:04 PM Overhead: 3:30 PM Underfoot: 3:02 AM	19% Waxing Crescent	3:02 AM - 5:02 AM 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 9:04 PM - 10:04 PM	Average
Saturday 12/7/13	H: 28° L: 15°	Rise: 6:52 AM Set: 4:35 PM	Rise: 10:42 AM Set: 10:11 PM Overhead: 4:24 PM Underfoot: 3:58 AM	29% Waxing Crescent	3:58 AM - 5:58 AM 4:24 PM - 6:24 PM	10:42 AM - 11:42 AM 10:11 PM - 11:11 PM	Average
Sunday 12/8/13	H: 35° L: 24°	Rise: 6:53 AM Set: 4:35 PM	Rise: 11:20 AM Set: 11:17 PM Overhead: 5:16 PM Underfoot: 4:51 AM	40% Waxing Crescent	4:51 AM - 6:51 AM 5:16 PM - 7:16 PM	11:20 AM - 12:20 PM 11:17 PM - 12:17 AM	Average+
Monday 12/9/13	H: 34° L: 28°	Rise: 6:54 AM Set: 4:36 PM	Rise: 11:55 AM Set: --:-- Overhead: 6:05 PM Underfoot: 5:41 AM	50% First Quarter	5:41 AM - 7:41 AM 6:05 PM - 8:05 PM	--:-- --:-- 11:55 AM - 12:55 PM	Average
Tuesday 12/10/13	H: 23° L: 13°	Rise: 6:55 AM Set: 4:36 PM	Rise: 12:29 PM Set: 12:21 AM Overhead: 6:53 PM Underfoot: 6:30 AM	62% Waxing Gibbous	6:30 AM - 8:30 AM 6:53 PM - 8:53 PM	12:21 AM - 1:21 AM 12:29 PM - 1:29 PM	Average
Wednesday 12/11/13	H: 29° L: 9°	Rise: 6:55 AM Set: 4:36 PM	Rise: 1:03 PM Set: 1:23 AM Overhead: 7:41 PM Underfoot: 7:17 AM	72% Waxing Gibbous	7:17 AM - 9:17 AM 7:41 PM - 9:41 PM	1:23 AM - 2:23 AM 1:03 PM - 2:03 PM	Average

Fishing Report

This will be an abbreviated fishing report due to the Winter Storm Warning and unsettling weather. Currently Kentucky Dam has 2 gates open and this is creating significantly more current in the upper lake. With the gates open at the Dam expect the water to start to have a tad more color to it. And this is probably a good thing.

Crappie Fishing ... The very clear water has hampered crappie fishing over brush somewhat. The fish have been somewhat spooky at times and catching multiple fish from a single brush pile has been difficult. The best plan has been to move from one brush pile to another rather than to try and wait things out. Best depths have been 12-15 feet and minnows cast on a slip bobber rig has out produced casting a jig. My suggestion is to scan the brush piles and once you find a productive one, mark it with a buoy and go find another and mark it too. Go back to the first pile and back off and cast your slip bobber rigs and minnows. Be Patient it's a slow bite.

Bass Fishing ... We've managed to catch a few fish either throwing an Alabama rig on a slow retrieve or fishing a Jerk Bait very slowly. Best Jerk Bait has been the SPRO McStick. Fish the main lake points at the mouth of the bays and use a long pause between jerks.

Stripes & Yellows ... Use a Steel Shad or a Dixie Jet Spoon around the mouth of the bays. Look for the gulls circling and most likely you find a big school mauling shad.

Once we get past the inclement weather the fish will get more into their winter feeding habits and will be easier to pattern.

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Kick'n Bass Sonar Tip of the Week ...



Locating your LSS Transducer (StructureScan transducer) in the proper location is critical if you want to achieve peak performance from your system. In this case the transducer was mounted on the left side of the jack plate resulting in a loss of about 40% view on the right side. Unfortunately I see this scenario way too often. The first step in our "On the Water Sonar Class" is to inspect your system to see if the installation has been done to factory specs and the components are installed in the proper location. If adjustments are needed we make them prior to beginning your class. Doing so assures you that your system will perform at a high level and you'll get the most out of our time on the water.

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Here's just some of what Kick'n Bass can do for YOU!

- **Make sure your HDS unit(s) has the correct settings for the type of fishing you do.**
- **Program the individual screens and install the overlay data on the screen that you want. Example: Depth, Water Temp, Time, etc.**
- **Arrange the screens so they display what you want them to show and make going from page to page orderly and non-confusing.**
- **Eliminate unwanted, non-practical on screen data that clutters your screen and gets in the way of using your unit to its maximum potential.**
- **Learn the art of waypoint management. No more cluttered maps with useless or unproductive waypoints. You'll learn how to identify which locations are waypoint worthy and how to go back to those locations without ever assigning a waypoint. You'll learn to only assign a waypoint once you are satisfied the location is worth saving.**
- **Demo the unit for you to help you be familiar with the screens and commands, so you'll have a good understanding of how to use the unit and take advantage of its fish finding capabilities.**

As a bonus Kick'n Bass will help you learn to read an electronic topo map and find "places of interest" that could be potential fishing hot spots.