Lone Star Cane Pole

Never guaranteed. Always honest.

Choke Canyon Reservoir - fact sheet

South Texas · Live Oak, McMullen County · near Three Rivers · 25,670 acres

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The water

Flooded and submerged timber; brushy flats; hydrilla and native plants; islands, humps, roadbeds and rocky banks.
Level: 21.4% full, -29.83 ft vs. full pool (TWDB, Nov 13)
Water temperature: 70°F - estimated, ±5°F (Estimated from 14 days of air temperatures)

Bite outlook

Fri Nov 13: Crappie Fair Bluegill Good Blue catfish Fair
Sat Nov 14: Crappie Fair Bluegill Good Blue catfish Fair
Sun Nov 15: Crappie Fair Bluegill Good Blue catfish Good
Mon Nov 16 (FRONT): Crappie Tough Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Fair
Tue Nov 17: Crappie Tough Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Tough
Wed Nov 18: Crappie Tough Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Fair
Thu Nov 19: Crappie Fair Bluegill Good Blue catfish Fair

Never guaranteed - an honest read of the weather and water. Full reasons at https://matthewcoley.site/canepole/index.php?lake=choke-canyon

Regulations (TPWD 2026-27)

Blue catfish: 14 in minimum length, 15 blue + channel combined.
Crappie: Statewide rule - 25 a day, 10-inch minimum.
Bluegill: no bag or length limit on sunfish.

Confirm current rules at tpwd.texas.gov before keeping fish.

TPWD ratings

Bluegill: Good (sunfish)
Blue catfish: Excellent (blue and flathead catfish)
Crappie: Good

TPWD's page text says recent crappie fishing has been poor.

Eat-safe advisory (Texas DSHS)

None on file in the DSHS advisory layer. Check dshs.texas.gov/seafood for the current list.

Where the fish are this month

Crappie (Fall): Shallower again, usually no less than 10 ft. Docks hold fish in the top 10 ft (MDC).
Bluegill (Fall): Same deeper cover as late summer, plus shallower cover as water cools.
Blue catfish (Fall): Deeper in fall, following shad. On Texoma, blues returned from the river in late September-October.

Sources: TPWD, TWDB, USGS, National Weather Service, Data from MET Norway, Texas DSHS. https://matthewcoley.site/canepole/