Lone Star Cane Pole

Never guaranteed. Always honest.

Lake Buchanan - fact sheet

Central Texas · Burnet, Llano County · near Burnet · 22,211 acres

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The water

Rock piles and ledges from the dam to Silver Creek; flooded brush in west-side coves at high water; no real vegetation; habitat structures placed with the Lake Buchanan Conservation Corp.

Level: 95.9% full, -1.61 ft vs. full pool (TWDB, Nov 13)

Water temperature: 65°F - estimated, ±5°F (Estimated from 14 days of air temperatures)

Bite outlook

Fri Nov 13: Crappie Fair Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Fair

Sat Nov 14: Crappie Fair Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Good

Sun Nov 15 (FRONT): Crappie Tough Bluegill Tough Blue catfish Good

Mon Nov 16: Crappie Tough Bluegill Tough Blue catfish Fair

Tue Nov 17: Crappie Fair Bluegill Tough Blue catfish Fair

Wed Nov 18: Crappie Fair Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Fair

Thu Nov 19: Crappie Good Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Fair

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

Regulations (TPWD 2026-27)

Blue catfish: Statewide rule - 25 blue + channel combined, no minimum length; only 10 may be 20 in or longer.

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: Fair (sunfish)

Blue catfish: Excellent (catfish - blues dominate)

Crappie: Fair

Crappie are not numerous, but the upper lake gives up big white crappie.

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/