Lone Star Cane Pole

Never guaranteed. Always honest.

Lake Livingston - fact sheet

Southeast Texas · Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker County · near Livingston · 90,000 acres

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The water

PVC habitat structures. Native plants only up-lake and in the backs of coves; water hyacinth throughout. Catfish work the main river channel and the off-channel creeks.
Level: 89.1% full, -2.35 ft vs. full pool (TWDB, Nov 14)
Water temperature: 65°F - estimated, ±5°F (Estimated from 14 days of air temperatures)

Bite outlook

Sat Nov 14: Crappie Fair Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Fair
Sun Nov 15: Crappie Fair Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Good
Mon Nov 16: Crappie Fair Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Fair
Tue Nov 17: Crappie Good Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Fair
Wed Nov 18: Crappie Good Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Fair
Thu Nov 19: Crappie Good Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Fair
Fri Nov 20: 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-livingston

Regulations (TPWD 2026-27)

Blue catfish: 50 blue + channel combined, no minimum length; no more than 5 may be 30 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: Good (sunfish)
Blue catfish: Excellent (catfish - mostly blues)
Crappie: Poor

Eat-safe advisory (Texas DSHS)

Advisory ADV-53 - Lake Livingston · issued 12/18/2015. Species and meal limits: https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/seafood/PDF2/Active/ADV-53-Lake-Livingston-Trinity-River-2015.pdf

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/