Lone Star Cane Pole

Never guaranteed. Always honest.

Lake O' the Pines - fact sheet

East Texas · Marion, Morris, Upshur, Camp County · near Jefferson · 19,780 acres

Printed November 14, 2026 5:26 pm

The water

Hydrilla covers 15-20% of the lake; buttonbush, primrose and lotus; artificial habitat placed by TPWD and the Corps of Engineers.
Level: 88.7% full, -1.60 ft vs. full pool (TWDB, Nov 14)
Water temperature: 62°F - estimated, ±5°F (Estimated from 14 days of air temperatures)

Bite outlook

Sat Nov 14: Crappie Good Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Fair
Sun Nov 15: Crappie Fair Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Good
Mon Nov 16: Crappie Good Bluegill Fair Blue catfish Fair
Tue Nov 17: Crappie Fair 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 Fair 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-o-the-pines

Regulations (TPWD 2026-27)

Blue catfish: Statewide rule - 25 blue + channel combined, no minimum length; only 10 may be 20 in or longer.
Crappie: Dec 1 through end of Feb: no minimum length and every crappie caught must be kept. Mar-Nov: 10 in minimum. 25 a day.
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: Good (blue and flathead catfish)
Crappie: Excellent

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/