

# Fellows Lake

Fellows Lake is an 820-acre water supply reservoir owned by City Utilities of Springfield, located approximately 10 miles north of Springfield near Highway 65. It was created in 1955 by impounding a portion of the Little Sac River. Recreational opportunities include fishing, picnicking, sail boating, and waterfowl hunting. A handicap accessible dock is located in the northeast arm of the lake for anglers with disabilities. Privies are located near the handicap accessible dock and near the boat ramp. Activities, excluding fishing and waterfowl hunting, are regulated by City Utilities of Springfield. Fishing and hunting regulations are established and enforced by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Currently there is a 40 hp restriction on boat motors and boat permits must be obtained from the lake marina before launching any watercraft. Boat permit prices are \$35 for annual motorized, \$20 for annual non-motorized and \$10 for a daily permit.

Sport fishing opportunities include largemouth bass, black and white crappie, catfish, walleye, muskie, and white bass. Other species present include bluegill, redear and green sunfish, carp, logperch, and gizzard shad. Length and daily creel limits apply and are posted around the lake.

Fish attractors are structures placed in lakes to improve angling opportunities. They provide cover habitat for small and large fish, making them good locations for anglers to fish. The attractors in Fellows Lake are mostly cedar or hardwood brush piles placed at various depths around the lake boundary and are periodically replenished. All fish attractor locations can be found at [mdc.mo.gov](http://mdc.mo.gov) or using the Find MO Fish application for smartphones and tablets.

## Fishing prospects

**Black bass** anglers will mostly encounter Largemouth Bass in Fellows Lake. A 12-15" protected slot length limit helps manage for trophy sized bass while also providing an opportunity for anglers to harvest fish.

**Muskies** are stocked annually into Fellows Lake. There is a 36" minimum length limit and 1 fish per day creel limit. Expect best fishing success on overcast or rainy days during the fall or during early spring months when water temperatures are below 70°F. Fish large spinners, bucktails, or plugs near brush structure or weed beds. Muskies are occasionally caught as anglers fish for bass or walleye. Carefully handling muskie at the water's surface will increase their chances for survival. Fishing for muskies when water temperatures are greater than 80°F can be stressful on the fish and should be avoided if possible.

**Channel catfish** remain abundant throughout the lake and commonly run from 12-20". Preferred baits include chicken livers, nightcrawlers, prepared baits, and cutbait.

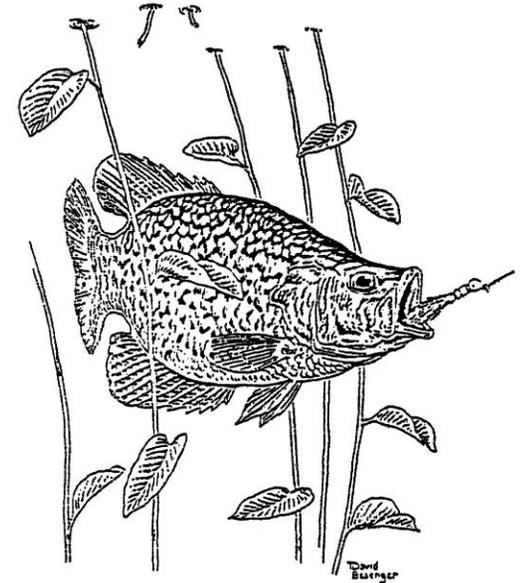
**Walleye and crappie** anglers should expect fair fishing success on Fellows Lake. Walleye can be caught fishing gravel points in the spring, the backs of coves in the summer using crappie jigs, nightcrawlers, or minnows, and trolling deep-diving crankbaits across main lake points. The minimum length limit for walleye is 15". Both white and black crappie are present with most fish ranging from 8-11". Minnows and tube jigs are the preferred baits for crappie anglers in and around brush piles and vegetation. Spring will provide the best opportunity for catching quality (10-13") fish.

Fellows Lake is managed cooperatively by City Utilities of Springfield and the Missouri Department of Conservation through the Department's Community Assistance Program. Partial funding for this program is derived from the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program.



Your purchase of fishing equipment and motor boat fuels supports Sport Fish Restoration and boating access facilities.

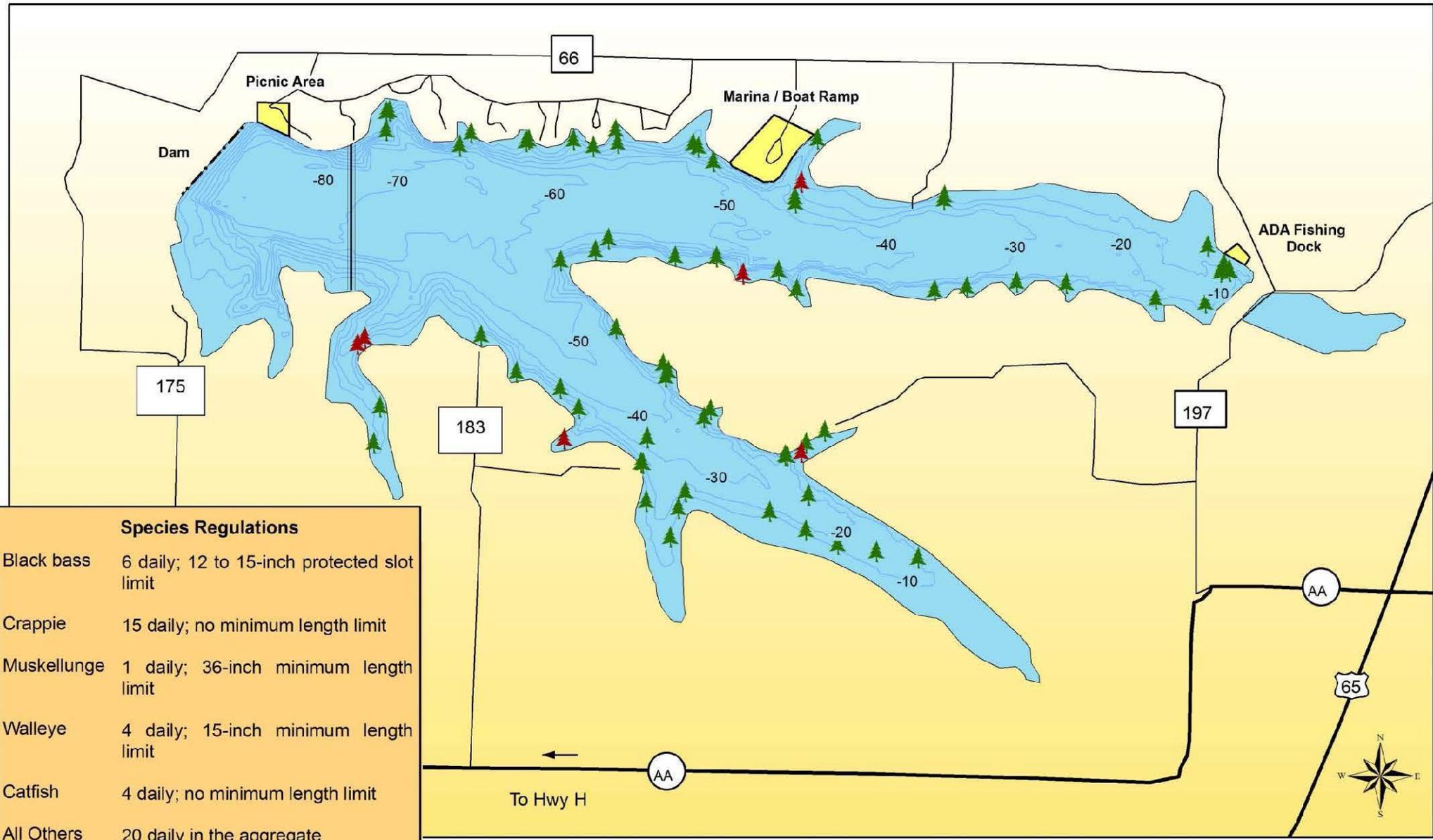
# Fellows Lake Map



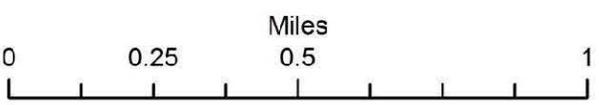
## Featuring Fish Attractors and Lake Contours

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Species Regulations	
Black bass	6 daily; 12 to 15-inch protected slot limit
Crappie	15 daily; no minimum length limit
Muskellunge	1 daily; 36-inch minimum length limit
Walleye	4 daily; 15-inch minimum length limit
Catfish	4 daily; no minimum length limit
All Others	20 daily in the aggregate



- Legend**
- Public Use Areas
  - Fish attractors
  - Signed Attractors
  - Buoy\_Line
  - Dam
  - 10 foot contour

Source: Missouri Department of Conservation. This map was updated in March 2015. GPS coordinates for brushpile locations can be found at [www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov) or using the Find MO Fish application for smartphones and tablets.