

Hamilton City Lake

About This Area

This 85-acre lake was constructed in 1922 by horse-drawn scrapers as a water supply for Hamilton. The dam was raised in 1954 and again in 1982 to bring the lake to its current size. The reservoir is surrounded by 194 acres of city-owned land which provides a good setting for picnicking, bird-watching, and nature viewing. A walk-in campground (primitive) maintained by the city is available to campers on the western side of the lake.

Since enrollment in the Community Assistance Program, the Missouri Conservation Department has added a handicap accessible parking lot, privy, fishing dock, and concrete boat ramp.

Hamilton City Reservoir provides fishing opportunities for largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, and channel catfish. Channel catfish are stocked periodically by the Conservation Department.

Things to Do

- Fishing
- Frogging
- Camping (primitive)
- Hiking
- Picnicking
- Outdoor Photography
- Nature Study and Birdwatching

Rules and Regulations

Areas hours - Open daily from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. Camping, fishing, launching and landing boats are permitted at any time when authorized.

Fishing

Species	Daily Limit	Length Limit
Black bass	6	15" minimum
Channel catfish	4	None
Crappie	30	None
Flathead catfish	4	24" minimum
White bass, striped bass, and their hybrids	4	20" minimum
All other fish combined	20	None

- Only pole and line fishing (3 per person)
- Seining or trapping live bait is prohibited
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season by hand, handnet, gig, longbow, and hook and line
- No swimming
- Horseback riding not permitted
- Vehicles on roadways and parking areas only
- All terrain vehicles prohibited
- Electric boat motors only

The Community Assistance Program sponsored by the Missouri Conservation Department provides fisheries management and assistance to local communities for developing or upgrading facilities. In return, local communities maintain the area and facilities and open their lakes to the public. This program provides fishing and improved facilities at lakes close to home. Everyone benefits.

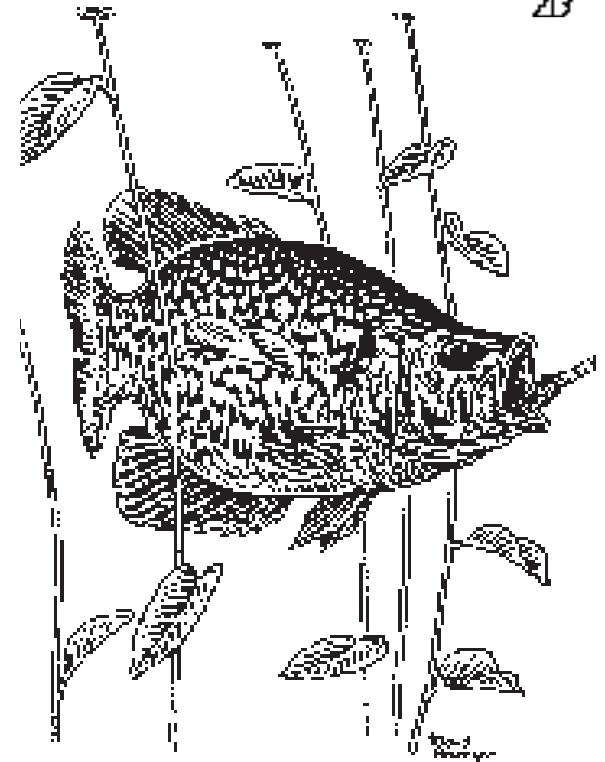
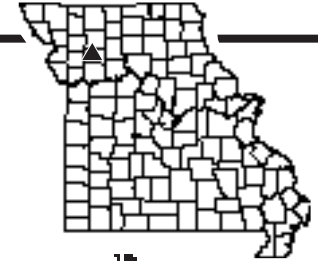
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