

# Harrison County Lake

## About This Area

Harrison County Lake is located about 9 miles north of Bethany, just west of county road W. The lake was built in 1994 as a water supply and recreational reservoir. It covers 280 acres, is moderately fertile, and contains several areas with flooded timber which provide excellent fish habitat. The fishery is managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) through a Community Assistance Program (CAP) agreement with Harrison County. The reservoir was initially stocked by MDC with largemouth bass, redear sunfish, bluegill, and channel catfish. Crappie (white and black) have also become established in the lake. The fish population has responded well, with consistent reproduction, high growth rates, and an abundance of quality-sized fish in the creel.

Facilities at the lake include an accessible fishing jetty, a small campground with water and electric hookups, primitive camp sites, shelter house, one boat ramp, fish cleaning station, two small swimming beaches, and privies. All facilities are maintained and managed by Harrison County.

## Things to Do

- Fishing, Frogging, Bowfishing
- Camping, Hiking, Picnicking
- Outdoor Photography
- Nature Study and Birdwatching
- Water Skiing
- Swimming

# Rules and Regulations

## Fishing

Species	Daily Limit	Length Limit
Black bass	6	15" minimum
Channel and Flathead catfish	4, in the aggregate	None
Crappie	30	None
Walleye	4	15' minimum
All other fish combined	20	None

- Only pole and line fishing (3 per person).
- Bowfishing allowed for carp year round.
- Seining or trapping live bait is prohibited.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season by hand, handnet, gig, long-bow, hook and line, or firearm.

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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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special regulations for areas owned by other entities are in Chapter 12 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 12 in its entirety is available at [www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp).) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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