

## About This Lake

Hazel Creek Lake is one of two municipal water supply lakes owned by the City of Kirksville. The dam on 530-acre Hazel Creek Lake was completed in the summer of 1981, and the impoundment filled to full pool in the spring of 1984. The reservoir is surrounded by city-owned property which provides a good setting for fishing, hunting, and bird watching.

Since enrollment in the Missouri Department of Conservation's Community Assistance Program, The Department of Conservation has constructed one courtesy dock, two parking lots, two boat ramps and two privies.

Hazel Creek Lake provides fishing opportunities for largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and channel and blue catfish. Hazel Creek Lake also contains muskellunge. The large size and sharp teeth can make these trophies difficult to handle safely. We recommend that you carry gloves and pliers with wire cutters for safe hook removal. We highly recommend measuring and releasing these fish in the water at boat side, ensuring your safety and increasing chances that these valuable fish will live to fight again. Channel catfish and muskellunge are periodically stocked by the Department of Conservation.

## Things to Do

- Fishing
- Hunting (The City of Kirksville allows restricted hunting on the lake and adjacent property excluding the dam. Contact Kirksville City Hall at (660) 627-1225 for further information).
- Frogging
- Picnicking
- Outdoor Photography
- Nature Study and Bird Watching

## Rules and Regulations

Area hours – Hazel Creek Lake is closed to the public from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. daily, however, hunting, fishing, launching boats, and landing boats are permitted at any time. The dam and overflow channel are closed to the public.

## Fishing

Species	Daily Limit	Protected Length
Black Bass	6	Less than 15"
Muskellunge	1	Less than 36"
Crappie	15	
Channel and Blue Catfish (combined)	4	
All other fish combined	20	

- Only pole and line fishing (3 per person), except that carp may be taken by atlatl, gig, bow, or cross-bow during statewide seasons.
- Seining or trapping of live bait is prohibited
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season by hand, handnet, gig, longbow, and hook and line
- Electric boat motors only
- No swimming

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/5csr/3csr.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/5csr/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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