

Lawson City Lake

About This Area

Due to the need to increase the city's water supply a new dam for the Lawson City Reservoir was completed in 1964. This 25-acre reservoir flooded the existing 7-acre Lawson City Lake. This reservoir sits on 111 acres of land on the north end of Lawson, Missouri in Ray County. The reservoir is surrounded by a 1.7 mile trail and provides a great setting for picnicking, nature viewing, bird watching, hiking, and fishing.

Since enrollment in the Community Assistance Program, the Missouri Department of Conservation has added a parking lot, a concrete boat ramp, a double disabled-user accessible privy, and utilized the old pond dam to create a disabled user accessible fishing jetty. The city of Lawson has also built a large storm shelter at the reservoir for visitors to use for picnicking and outdoor events.

Lawson City Lake 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	12-15" slot
Channel catfish	4	None
Crappie	30	None
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, long-bow, 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.

Missouri Department of Conservation
 816/539-2035 or 816/271-3100
 City of Lawson
 816/580-3232

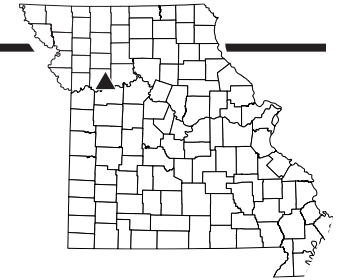


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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special regulations for areas owned by other entities are in Chapter 12 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 12 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/ladrules/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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