

# Fish Species



## **Largemouth Bass**

In Carlyle Lake, the best largemouth bass fishing is from May to mid-October. The best spots to fish are areas with cover or an abundant food supply. This species also seems to prefer water temperatures between 58 and 75 degrees.



## **Striped Bass**

A large number of anglers prefer striped bass because of its large growth potential and powerful fighting qualities. Many anglers also like the flavorful flesh. Striped bass are capable of preying on gizzard shad, which can grow too large to be eaten by white bass and other predatory fish.



## **White Bass**

The summer and the fall are typically the best times to catch white bass. A light tackle rod and reel are well suited for the white bass. Fly fishing with both floating and sinking insect flies can be a very successful and fun way to catch these fish.



## **Bluegill/Sunfish**

At Carlyle Lake, the best bluegill fishing is from May through mid-June when they are on spawning beds. Later in the summer or early fall, bluegill hide in the rock rip-rap, under floating logs, undercut banks, in stickups, fallen trees, or brush wherever there is good cover offering shade and abundant food



## **White Crappie**

Most any type of fishing equipment can be used for crappie. It may be as simple as a cane pole or an ultra-light spinning or casting outfit. Lighter is better with crappie so anglers can detect a light or short strike. Monofilament line under 6 pound-test should be used.



### **Black Crappie**

Crappie strike a variety of baits and lures, however, fishing with live minnows is the most common. Best lure selection would be a jig that imitates a small minnow.



### **Yellow Bullhead Catfish**

Anglers generally have ample time to set the hook when they are hitting. All one need do is rig to bottom fishing with preferably a slip sinker and bait with worms.



### **Black Bullhead Catfish**

Bullheads usually begin hitting in late February or early March - after the first good warm spell. At this time, shallow bays are the best areas to fish; creeks on the rise are also good bets to fish.



### **Flathead Catfish**

Whenever this species is caught, it is generally considered a bonus or trophy fish. Carlyle Lake has a good population of "flatheads" and some anglers specialize in trying to catch this species.



### **Channel Catfish**

The channel catfish is one of the more popular species found in Carlyle lake. From early spring to late fall trotlines are set throughout the lake for the delectable "Mr Whiskers". Best fishing is usually during May, June, september and October but anytime there is a rise in the pool level, it can bring on a feeding spree.



### **Walleye/Sauger**

Walleye and Sauger tend to congregate in schools and are typically found on or near the bottom of a lake or river. Effective methods include trolling shad-pattern and multi-colored crank baits and spoons, and live night crawlers over humps, long points and break lines.



### **Drum**

Generally considered a commercial species, the drum is a popular angling species and tasty eating too. This species is abundant in both the lake and its tailwater.