

# Lake Boater Ramp Survey

(Personal Interview or Mail Survey)

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Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_ Survey No. \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you boated on this lake? • YES • NO

2. "Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am conducting a survey of boaters to help the Corps of Engineers learn more about your boating experience on Table Rock Lake. Could I take a few minutes of your time to ask you these questions? This survey is voluntary and strictly confidential."

YOUR FIRST YEAR,

NUMBER OF WEEKEND DAYS \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF WEEKDAYS \_\_\_\_\_

3. How many are in your party today? \_\_\_\_\_

How many of those are less than 18 years of age? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many days will you be visiting the lake on this visit? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How much time did you spend on the water today? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What type of boat(s) did you use today?

(HAND ACTIVITY CARD)

- Runabout/ Speedboat/ Ski Boat
- Fishing Boat/ Bass boat
- Pontoon Boat
- Personal watercraft (Jet Ski)
- High Performance Boat (cigarette boat)
- Houseboat
- Cabin Cruiser
- Rowboat/ Canoe
- Sailboat/ Sailboard
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is the length of the primary boat you used **today**? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is the horsepower of that boat? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please estimate the amount of time that you spent **today** on the following activities. (HAND ACTIVITY CARD)

<b>Fishing</b>	_____ %	<b>Swimming</b>	_____ %
<b>Cruising</b>	_____ %	<b>Relaxing</b>	_____ %
<b>Water-skiing</b>	_____ %	<b>Other activity</b>	_____ %
<b>Personal craft</b>	_____ %	<b>describe other activity</b>	_____

Now I would like to ask you some questions about where you go on the lake. SHOW BOATER MAP OF LAKE AND TELL THEM "YOU ARE HERE"

(TOTAL SHOULD = 100%)

10. Do you have a **favorite** location to go to on this lake? • YES • NO

11. Why is that/ are those your favorite location(s)?

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please circle the above location on the map and mark as **F1**)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Be as specific as possible in your description)

Name of **second location**: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please circle the above location on the map and mark as **F2**)

**Reason**: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Be as specific as possible in your description)

12. Are there any locations on this lake that you deliberately **avoid**? • YES • NO  
 Why do you avoid that/ those location(s) of the lake?

Name of first **location to avoid**: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please circle the above location on the map and mark as **A1**)

**Reason why**: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Be as specific as possible in your description)

Name of second **location to avoid**: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please circle the above location on the map and mark as **A2**)

**Reason why**: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Be as specific as possible in your description)

13. Are there any locations on this lake where you feel **unsafe**? • YES • NO  
 Why do you feel unsafe at that/those location(s) on the lake?

Name of first **that is unsafe**: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please circle the above location on the map and mark as **S1**)

**Reason that it is unsafe**: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Be as specific as possible in your description)

Name of second **location that is unsafe**: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please circle the above location on the map and mark as **S2**)

**Reason that it is unsafe**: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Be as specific as possible in your description)

14. How **safe** did you feel **today** while boating or launching your boat at the following locations? (HAND SAFTEY CARD)

Location	Not at all Safe	Somewhat Safe	Moderately Safe	Extremely Safe
At the boat ramp.	1	2	3	4
On the water.	1	2	3	4

(HAND CROWDING CARD)

15. Did you feel **crowded** by the number of boaters on the lake **today** at the following locations?

Location	Not at all Crowded	Somewhat Crowded	Moderately Crowded	Extremely Crowded
At the boat ramp.	1	2	3	4
On the water.	1	2	3	4

16. Do you feel there are an adequate number of boat ramps, parking areas, and marinas on this lake?

- |                      | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>      | <b>3</b>    |
|----------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| <u>Boat ramps</u>    | • Too many | • About right | • Need more |
| <u>Parking areas</u> | • Too many | • About right | • Need more |
| <u>Marinas</u>       | • Too many | • About right | • Need more |

17. Have you noticed any **positive or negative changes** at this lake in the last five years?  
 • YES • NO (IF YES... can you describe those changes?)

Positive changes: \_\_\_\_\_

Negative changes: \_\_\_\_\_

18. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Statement	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I thoroughly enjoy my experience at Table Rock Lake.	1	2	3	4	5
I experience a sense of satisfaction after recreating on Table Rock Lake.	1	2	3	4	5
I am disappointed with my experience at Table Rock Lake.	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of my experience at Table Rock Lake has been positive.	1	2	3	4	5
The level of noise from motorized boating is acceptable to me at Table Rock Lake.	1	2	3	4	5
The quality of the water is acceptable to me at Table Rock Lake.	1	2	3	4	5
The traffic from motorized boating is acceptable to me at Table Rock Lake.	1	2	3	4	5
The number of boat docks along the shoreline is acceptable to me.	1	2	3	4	5
The degree of shoreline development is acceptable to me (i.e., docks, marinas, & improvements on public lands).	1	2	3	4	5
The degree of residential and commercial development adjacent to public lands on Table Rock Lake is acceptable to me (i.e., buildings/homes, construction on private property).	1	2	3	4	5
The size of the boats that I saw on the lake is acceptable in terms of my experience.	1	2	3	4	5
The size and total number of public commercial marinas is acceptable to me.	1	2	3	4	5

19. Where do you live? \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

20. Do you have any additional comments? *(Write comments on back cover of survey).*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME**