

Beaver Lake Boater Survey

Introduction

Beaver Lake, located in Northwest Arkansas, is the headwaters of the White River. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is the steward of the lands and waters around Beaver Lake and is responsible for providing the public with quality outdoor recreation experiences.

As such, the Corps is currently examining future management of recreation and natural resources at Beaver Lake. **You are invited to participate in a short survey to better understand your experiences and preferences regarding Beaver Lake!**

The survey is brief and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The response period will be open for 30 days, so we ask that you complete this survey at your earliest convenience.

If you have questions regarding the survey, please contact the Beaver Lake Operations Project Manager for more information at (479) 636-1210 ext. 1701.

This study is being conducted by CDM Smith, a contractor, on behalf of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCE AND PREFERENCE FOR BOATING AT BEAVER LAKE!

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User Characteristics

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1. Do you own a residence located within 1/4 mile of the Beaver Lake shoreline?

- Yes
 No

2. What are the City, State, and Zip Code of your permanent residence?

City

State

Zip Code

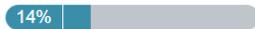
3. Do you engage in any boating activities on Beaver Lake *

- Yes
 No

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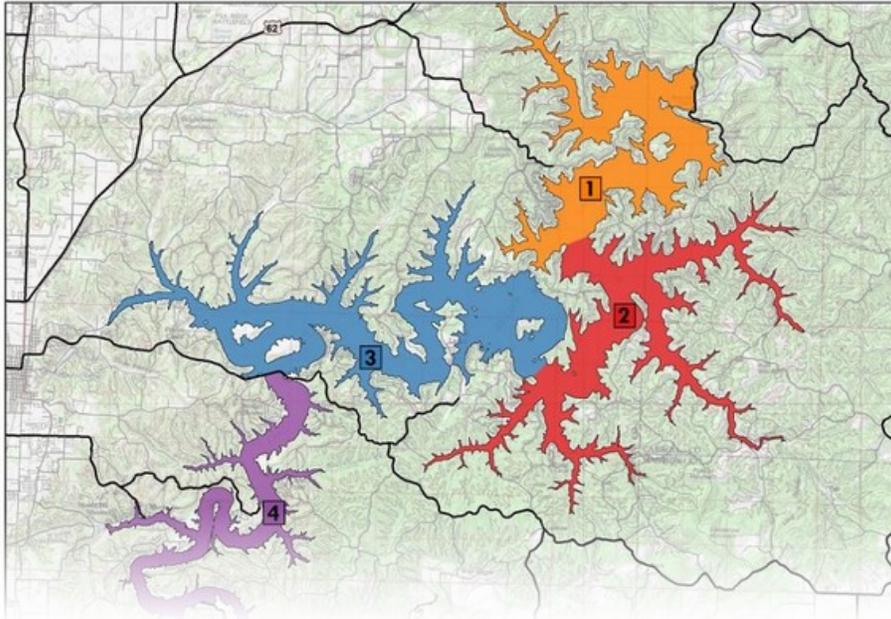
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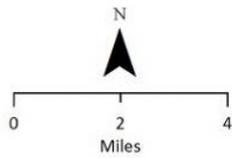
a. Referencing the map below, please mark the lake zone number below indicating where along the shoreline this residence is located.

- Zone 1 Zone 2 Zone 3 Zone 4 Zone 5





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U.S. Arm

Beaver Lake Car

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Basemap Source: National Geographic Society



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City

State

Zip Code

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- Yes
- No

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4. How often do you engage in boating activities on Beaver Lake?

- Less than once per year
- 1-5 times per year
- 6-10 times per year
- 11-15 times per year
- 16-20 times per year
- 21 times or more per year

5. How many years have you been boating? (round up)

6. How many years have you been boating at Beaver Lake (round up)?

7. During a typical boating trip on Beaver Lake, please indicate the primary area where you do most of your recreation activities. Use the map below as a reference.

- Zone 1
- Zone 2
- Zone 3
- Zone 4
- Zone 5





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8. Please provide the type and size of the **primary** boat that you use at Beaver Lake and whether this boat was trailed to the lake or launched from the lake.

Boat Type

Boat Size

Was this boat transported (e.g., trailed or car/truck roof) to the lake, kept at a marina on the lake, or rented/borrowed?

9. In general, what percent of your time do you spend on the following activities while recreating on Beaver Lake? (Consider time spent getting to or moving between fishing locations as "Fishing")

<input type="text" value="15%"/>	% Fishing
<input type="text" value="20%"/>	% Cruising
<input type="text" value="20%"/>	% Swimming
<input type="text" value="20%"/>	% Water Skiing
<input type="text" value="25%"/>	% Relaxing/Sunning in boat (stationary)
<input type="text" value="0%"/>	% Other Activities

100% out of 100% Total

If you spend time doing "Other Activities" on the lake (question 9), please describe what those activities are.

20%	% Swimming
20%	% Water Skiing
20%	% Relaxing/Sunning in boat (stationary)
5%	% Other Activities

100% out of 100% Total

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10. Is there a problem from too many boats on Beaver Lake?

- Yes, there is a problem
 No, there is not a problem

Please indicate how serious of a problem there is from too many boats on Beaver Lake.

- Minor Problem Moderate Problem Serious Problem

11. How safe are boating conditions on Beaver Lake?

- Not at all safe Slightly safe Somewhat safe Very safe Extremely safe

Please describe any safety concerns you have

my safety concerns

12. How serious of a safety problem is the number of boats on Beaver Lake?

- Not at all serious Slightly serious Moderately serious Very serious Extremely serious

13. How much do private docks interfere with your use of Beaver Lake?

Not at all serious Slightly serious Moderately serious Very serious Extremely serious

13. How much do private docks interfere with your use of Beaver Lake?

- Do not interfere at all Slightly interfere Somewhat interfere Seriously interfere
- Tremendously interfere

14. How much, if at all, has the noise from other boats reduced your enjoyment of Beaver Lake?

- Not at all Slightly Somewhat Quite a bit Extremely

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15. How likely is it that the presence of too many boats would cause you to avoid your favorite parts of Beaver Lake?

- Not at all likely Slightly likely Somewhat likely Quite likely Extremely likely

16. Which of these statements best describes your **expectation** for the number of boats on Beaver Lake? Please refer to your last outing on the lake when answering this question.

- I saw ABOUT AS MANY boats as I expected to see that day
- I saw MORE boats than I expected to see that day
- I saw FEWER boats than I expected to see that day

Please indicate the date of your last outing

07/05/2016



17. Which of these statements best describes your **preference** for the number of boats on the lake? Please refer to your last outing on the lake when answering this question.

- I saw ABOUT AS MANY boats as I wanted to see that day
- I saw MORE boats than I wanted to see that day
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18. Please review the boating conditions depicted in the photos below. Which photo shows the maximum number of boaters you could see at one time on Beaver Lake without thinking it was too crowded?

- A B C D E I don't think it looks crowded in any of the photos



A



B



C



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Basic Demographics

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19. What is your gender?

Male Female

20. What is your age?

25 - 44

21. Please indicate the highest level of education you have completed.

Some college, no degree

22. Which category best represents your annual household income (before taxes) last year?

\$75,000 to \$99,999

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Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.
Your responses are important and will help inform the
future management of Beaver Lake.

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