

SUMMER BOATING EXPERIENCE AT LAKE LANIER BOAT RAMP SURVEY

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey

Lake Sidney Lanier is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) managed lake located in north-central Georgia. The Corps is the steward of the lands and waters around Lake Lanier 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 Lake Lanier. **You are invited to participate in a short survey to better understand your experiences and preferences regarding Lake Lanier!**

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact the Lake Lanier Project Management Office for more information at (770) 945-9531.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES AND PREFERENCES FOR BOATING AT LAKE LANIER!

If you would like to learn more about the Lake Lanier Master Plan Update or review the results of this survey when they become available in 2019 please visit <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/Lake-Sidney-Lanier/Master-Plan-Update/> or contact the Lake Lanier Project Management Office for more information at (770) 945-9531.

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Authority: The Flood Control Act of 1944, as amended; 33 U.S.C. 652, Engineer Regulations 1130-2-550 Recreation Operations and Maintenance Policies and 1130-2-540 Environmental Stewardship Operations and Maintenance Policies

Principal Purpose: The information you provide will be combined with other visitor's information to understand opinions and preferences related to boating at Lake Lanier as part of a larger master planning effort.

Routine Use: No PII is collected as part of this survey. For more information on DOD routine uses, visit <http://dpcl.d.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNsIndex/Blanket-Routine-Uses/>

Disclosure: Participation in this survey is voluntary and there are no penalties for refusing to provide any information. If you do not provide a response, it may affect the completeness and accuracy of the statistical results

Lake Lanier Boater Survey

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Date ____/____/____/ Location _____/ Survey No. _____/

Time _____ (military clock, 8:00 am=0800, 4:00 pm=1600, 8:00 pm=2000)

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Hello. My name is _____. I am working on behalf of the Corps of Engineers, and we are conducting a recreation survey at Lake Lanier. You are invited to participate in a short survey to better understand your experiences and preferences regarding Lake Lanier! Could I take about 10 minutes of your time to ask you these questions? The survey is voluntary and anonymous.

A. Boater Characteristics

- Have you boated on this lake in the last 12 months? (Circle one) Yes No
IF YES, how many years have you been boating on this lake? _____ (If this is your first year answer 0.)
- How many weekend and weekdays did you boat on this lake in the last 12 months?
Number of weekend days _____ Number of weekdays _____
- How many are in your party today? _____
How many of those are less than 18 years of age? _____
- How many days will you be visiting the lake on this visit? _____
- How much time did you spend on the water today? _____
- What type of boat(s) did you use today?

() Runabout/Speedboat/Ski Boat	() Houseboat/Cabin Cruiser
() Fishing Boat/Bass Boat	() "V" Hull Boat
() Pontoon Boat	() Flat bottom Boat/Jonboat
() Sailboat	() Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski™)
() Sailboard/Paddleboard	() Rowboat/Kayak/Canoe
() High Performance Boat (cigarette boat)	() Other _____
- What is the length of the boat you used today? _____
- What is the horsepower of that boat? _____

**HAND BOAT TYPE CARD
AND CHECK BOXES**

- Please estimate the amount of time that you spent today on the following activities. Percentages should sum to 100%

**HAND ACTIVITY CARD
AND RECORD PERCENT**

Fishing	_____ %	Swimming	_____ %
Cruising	_____ %	Relaxing	_____ %
Water-skiing	_____ %	Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski)	_____ %
Other activity	_____ %	Can you describe other activity? _____	



B. Favorite, Avoided and Unsafe Locations

Now I would like to ask you some questions about where you go on the lake.

SHOW BOATER MAP OF THE LAKE AND TELL THEM "YOU ARE HERE."

10. Are there any favorite locations that you go to on this lake? (circle one) Yes No (skip to question 11)

Name of first location: _____
(Please circle the location on the map and mark F1)

Reason why: _____
(Please be as specific as possible in your description)

Name of second location: _____
(Please circle the location on the map and mark F2)

Reason why: _____
(Please be as specific as possible in your description)

Were either of these locations your primary destination today?

If yes, which one? _____

If no, what was your primary destination today?
(Please circle the location on the map and mark with PD)

11. Are there any locations on this lake that you deliberately avoid because of other boats/watercraft? Yes No (skip to question 12)

Name of first location: _____
(Please circle the location on the map and mark A1)

Reason why: _____
(Please be as specific as possible in your description)

Name of second location: _____
(Please circle the location on the map and mark A2)

Reason why: _____
(Please be as specific as possible in your description)

12. Are there any locations on this lake where you feel unsafe because of other boats/ watercraft?
Yes No (skip to question 13)

Name of first location: _____
(Please circle the location on the map and mark S1)

Reason why: _____
(Please be as specific as possible in your description)

Name of second location: _____
(Please circle the location on the map and mark S2)

Reason why: _____
(Please be as specific as possible in your description)

C. Management Questions

13. Is there a problem from too many boats on Lake Lanier? (*Circle one*)
Yes, there is a problem No, there is not a problem

If Yes, please indicate how serious of a problem there is from too many boats on Lake Lanier. (*Circle one*)

Minor problem	Moderate Problem	Major problem
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14. How safe are boating conditions on Lake Lanier?

Not at all Safe	Slightly Safe	Somewhat Safe	Very Safe	Extremely Safe
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**HAND SAFETY CARD
AND CIRCLE ONE**

Please describe any safety concerns you have:

15. Has the noise from other boats reduced your enjoyment of Lake Lanier?

Not at all	Slightly	Somewhat	Quite a bit	Extremely
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**HAND NOISE CARD
AND CIRCLE ONE**

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

**HAND HOW LIKELY CARD
AND CIRCLE ONE**

Not at All Likely	Slightly Likely	Somewhat Likely	Quite Likely	Extremely Likely
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17. How often did you see other boaters on the water today?

- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Very often
- ☐ Extremely often

18. How did the **number** of other boaters affect your enjoyment of the lake today?

- ☐ Added
- ☐ Neither added nor detracted
- ☐ Somewhat detracted
- ☐ Moderately detracted
- ☐ Extremely detracted

19. Did you feel **crowded** by the number of boaters on the lake **today** at the following locations?¹

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
At my primary destination	1	2	3	4

20. Have you noticed any positive or negative changes at the lake in the last five years?

Yes No (If YES, can you describe those changes?)

Positive changes _____

Negative changes _____

21. Do you have any other feedback or suggestions for improvements at Lake Lanier??

Now I would like to ask personal information to help us understand who was surveyed. I would like to remind you that this survey is voluntary and strictly confidential.

D. Basic Demographics

*** DO NOT ASK, PLEASE MARK ONE*** Gender? () Female () Male

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

_____ _____ _____
City State Zip Code

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SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE ANALYZED AND MADE AVAILABLE IN EARLY 2019. PLEASE TAKE THIS COVER SHEET (OFFER THE SURVEY COVER LETTER) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN KEEPING UP WITH THE PROJECT.