

SUMMER BOATING EXPERIENCE AT LAKE LANIER

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!**

The survey is brief and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please mail back the survey and map in the postage paid envelope provided. We kindly ask that you complete the survey at your earliest convenience.

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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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.dod.mil/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

A. Boater Characteristics

1. Have you boated on this lake in the last 12 months?
(Please circle one)
Yes
No
IF YES, how many years have you been boating on this lake? _____ (If this is your first year answer 0.)
2. How many weekend and weekdays did you boat on this lake in the last 12 months?
Number of weekend days _____ Number of weekdays _____
3. How many were in your party on your last visit? _____
How many of those were less than 18 years of age? _____
4. How many days did you visit during your last visit? _____
5. How much time did you spend on the water during your last visit? _____
6. What type of boat(s) did you use during your last visit? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Runabout/Speedboat/Ski Boat	<input type="checkbox"/> Houseboat/Cabin Cruiser
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Boat/Bass Boat	<input type="checkbox"/> "V" Hull Boat
<input type="checkbox"/> Pontoon Boat	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat bottom Boat/Jonboat
<input type="checkbox"/> Sailboat	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski™)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sailboard/Paddleboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Rowboat/Kayak/Canoe
<input type="checkbox"/> High Performance Boat (cigarette boat)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
7. What is the length of the boat you used during your last visit? _____
8. What was the horsepower of that boat? _____
9. Please estimate the amount of time that you spent during your last visit on the following activities. (Percentages should sum to 100%)

Fishing	_____ %	Swimming	_____ %
Cruising	_____ %	Relaxing	_____ %
Water-skiing	_____ %	Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski)	_____ %
Other activity	_____ %	Describe other activity	_____

B. Favorite, Avoided and Unsafe Locations

Please use the attached boater map to support your answers to the following questions.

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?

If yes, which one? _____

If no, what was your primary destination?
(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? (circle one)

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? (*Circle one*)

Not at all Safe	Slightly Safe	Somewhat Safe	Very Safe	Extremely Safe
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Please describe any safety concerns you have:

15. Has the noise from other boats reduced your enjoyment of Lake Lanier? (*Circle one*)

Not at all	Slightly	Somewhat	Quite a bit	Extremely
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16. How likely is it that the presence of too many boats would cause you to avoid your favorite parts of Lake Lanier? (*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. Is there anything that you would like to add to make Lake Lanier the best that it can be?

D. Basic Demographics

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22. What is your gender? (*Mark one*) () Female () Male

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

City

State

Zip Code

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

Please return your completed survey and map in the
postage paid envelope provided.