

SUMMER BOATING EXPERIENCE AT NOLIN LAKE

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Introduction:

Nolin Lake is located along the northern edge of Mammoth Cave National Park in Edmonson, Grayson, and Hart Counties, Kentucky. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is the steward of the lands and waters around Nolin Lake and is responsible for providing the public with quality outdoor recreation experiences.

We would like your feedback to better understand your experiences and preferences regarding Nolin Lake! Please take a few minutes to complete a survey about your experiences boating on Nolin Lake. Participation in this survey is voluntary, however your input will help us guide management of the lake into the future.

This online survey is brief and will take approximately 12 minutes to complete. Responses will be accepted until **September, 5, 2025**. We kindly ask that you complete the survey at your earliest convenience.

If you wish to download and print out a copy of the survey to fill out, [please click here](#). You may return the printed survey to:

Nolin Lake Project Office
2150 Nolin Dam Road, Mammoth Cave, KY 42259

If you have questions about the survey or would like more information, please contact:

Nolin River Lake
270-286-4511
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THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES AND PREFERENCES FOR BOATING AT NOLIN LAKE



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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 Nolin Lake as part of a larger management effort.

Routine Use: No personally identifiable information is collected as part of this survey. For more information on DOD routine uses, visit <http://dpold.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNs/Index/Blanket-Routine-Uses/>

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Section 1

1. Where do you live?

(Please provide information for your primary residence.)

City/Town

What state do you live in?

What is your zip code?

Characters used: 0 out of 5.

Country

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2. In what type(s) of accommodations did you and your personal group spend the night(s)?
(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Campgrounds/camping in the undeveloped area at or near Nolin Lake
- ☐ Rented accommodations at or near Nolin Lake
- ☐ Private home of friend or relative at or near Nolin Lake
- ☐ Owned accommodations (home/land) at or near Nolin Lake
- ☐ Day trip only, no arrangements for overnight accommodations
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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Section 2

3. Which of the following activities have you participated in during your trip(s) to Nolin Lake? *

(Please select one option for each activity.)

	Participate In	Do Not Participate In
Boating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking/Short Hike (less than 1 hour)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Day Hiking (more than 1 hour)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Backpacking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Camping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnicking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shoreline Fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mountain Biking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Creative Arts (photography/drawing/painting/writing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[If Backpacking selected] Number of nights spent backpacking?

[If Other selected] Other activities that you have participated in during your trip(s) to Nolin Lake?

4. Which of the activities listed above is generally your **primary** activity at Nolin Lake?

If you do not participate in Boating, you will skip the remaining questions in **Section 2** and proceed to **Section 3**.

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5. How many years have you been boating?

(Please round up.)

6. How many years have you been boating on Nolin Lake?

(Please round up.)

7. How often do you engage in boating activities on Nolin Lake?

(Please select one.)

- ☐ First time
- ☐ 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

8. How experienced are you in the operation of a boat?

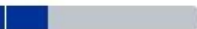
(Please select one.)

- ☐ Very inexperienced
- ☐ Inexperienced
- ☐ Experienced
- ☐ Very experienced

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9. During a typical boating trip on Nolin Lake, what is the primary area where you (and your group) do most of your recreation activities? Use the map below as a reference.

(Please select one.)

☐ Zone A

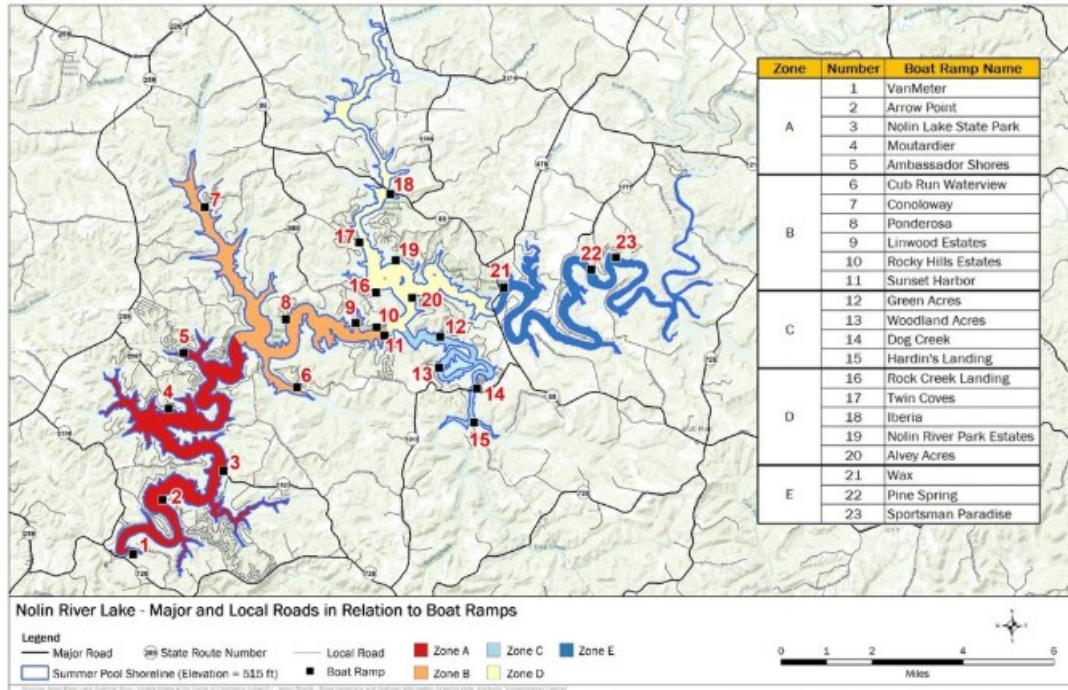
☐ Zone B

☐ Zone C

☐ Zone D

☐ Zone E

☐ No primary location



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10. Generally, where do you (and your group) enter Nolin Lake for boating? Use the map below as a reference.
(Please select one.)

☐ Zone A

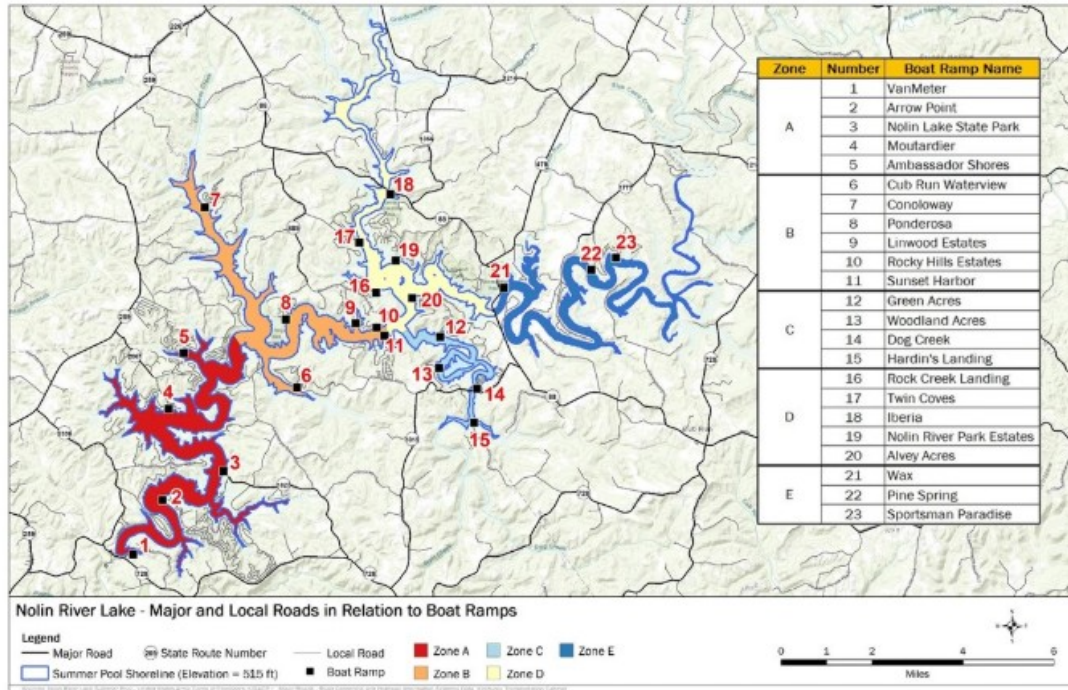
☐ Zone B

☐ Zone C

☐ Zone D

☐ Zone E

☐ No primary location



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11. What other zones do you boat in on a typical boating trip? Use the map below as a reference.

I also boat in zone(s):

☐ Zone A

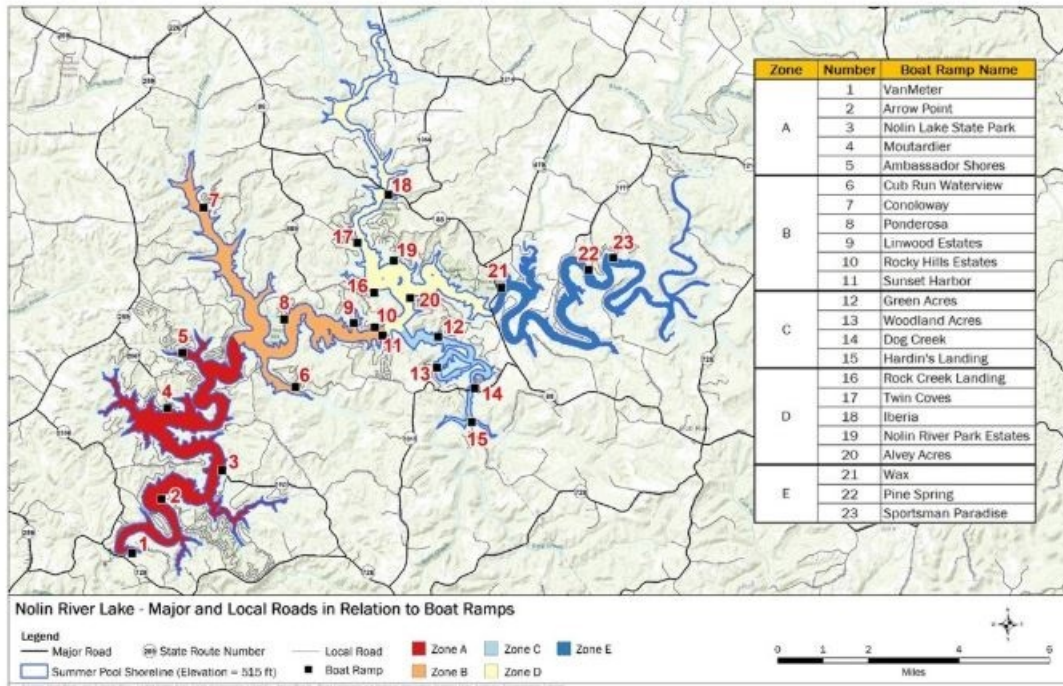
☐ Zone D

☐ Zone B

☐ Zone E

☐ Zone C

☐ No other locations



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12. Please provide the type of the **primary** boat used by you and other persons in your party at Nolin Lake.

(Please select one.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> I don't know | <input type="radio"/> Cabin cruiser |
| <input type="radio"/> Speedboat | <input type="radio"/> Sailboat |
| <input type="radio"/> Ski or wake boat | <input type="radio"/> Personal watercraft (e.g. Jet Ski) |
| <input type="radio"/> Fishing boat/bass boat | <input type="radio"/> Kayak/canoe |
| <input type="radio"/> Pontoon boat | <input type="radio"/> Other <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="radio"/> House boat | |

13. What is the size of the **primary** boat used by you and other persons in your party at Nolin Lake?

(Please select one.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> less than 16' | <input type="radio"/> 21 - 28' |
| <input type="radio"/> 16 - 20' | <input type="radio"/> 29'+ |

14. Was your **primary** boat transported to the lake (e.g., by trailer or on a car/truck roof)?

(Please select one.)

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

15. Do you own, rent, or borrow your boat?

(Please select one.)

- ☐ Own ☐ Rent ☐ Borrow

Where is your boat usually stored in the summer?

(Please select one.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Marina | <input type="radio"/> Private residence |
| <input type="radio"/> Private parking lot/Storage facility | <input type="radio"/> Private boat dock slip |

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16. On a typical visit, what percent of your time do you spend on the following activities while boating on Nolin Lake? (Consider time spent getting to or moving between fishing locations as "Fishing.")

Total must equal 100%

Fishing	<input type="text"/>
General boating	<input type="text"/>
Cruising	<input type="text"/>
Personal watercraft	<input type="text"/>
Water skiing	<input type="text"/>
Tubing, etc.	<input type="text"/>
Swimming	<input type="text"/>
Relaxing/Sunning in boat (stationary)	<input type="text"/>
Other activities	<input type="text"/>

0 out of 100% Total

If you participate in other activities while boating on Nolin Lake, please describe them:

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17. Do you have a **favorite** location to go on Nolin lake?

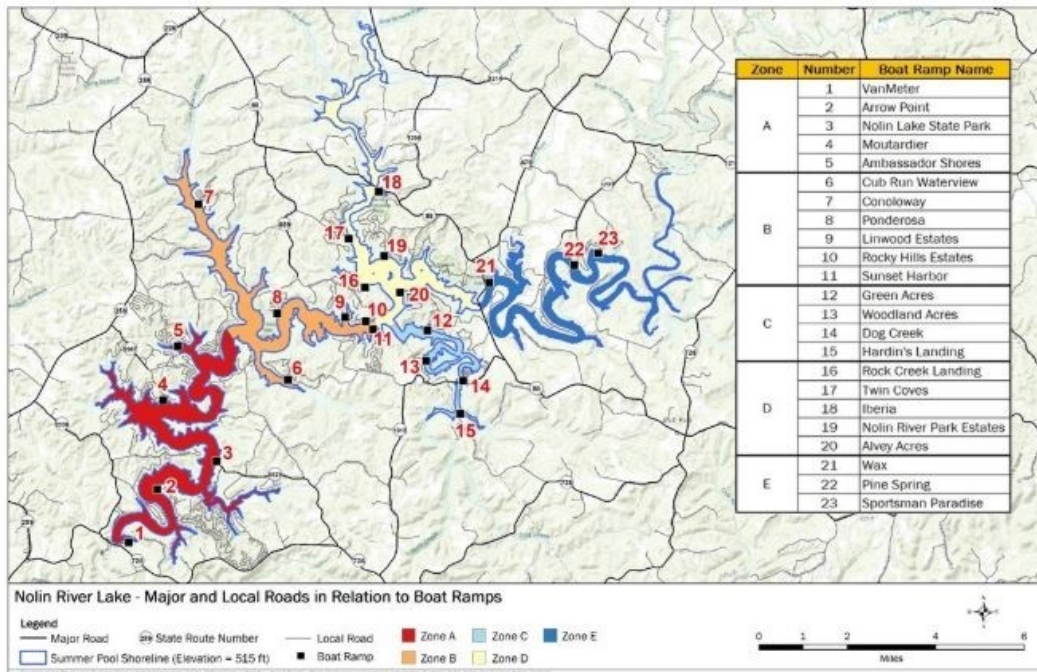
(Use the map below as a reference.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of favorite location:

Why is that your favorite location?



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18. Are there any locations on this lake that you **deliberately avoid**?

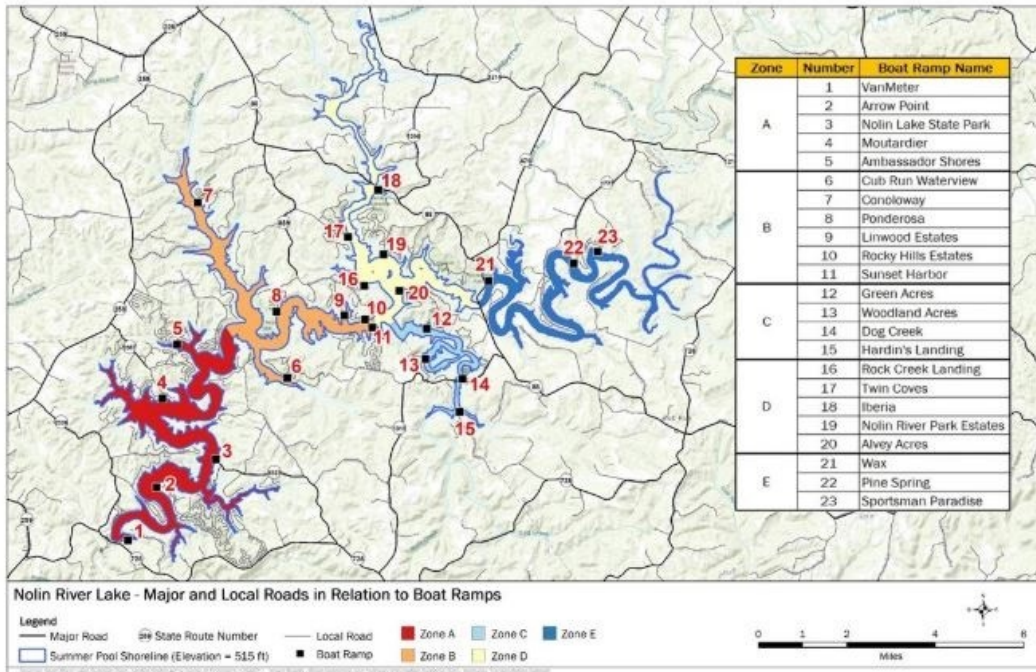
(Use the map below as a reference.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of location(s) avoided:

Why do you avoid that/those location(s)?



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19. Are there any locations on this lake where you feel **unsafe**?

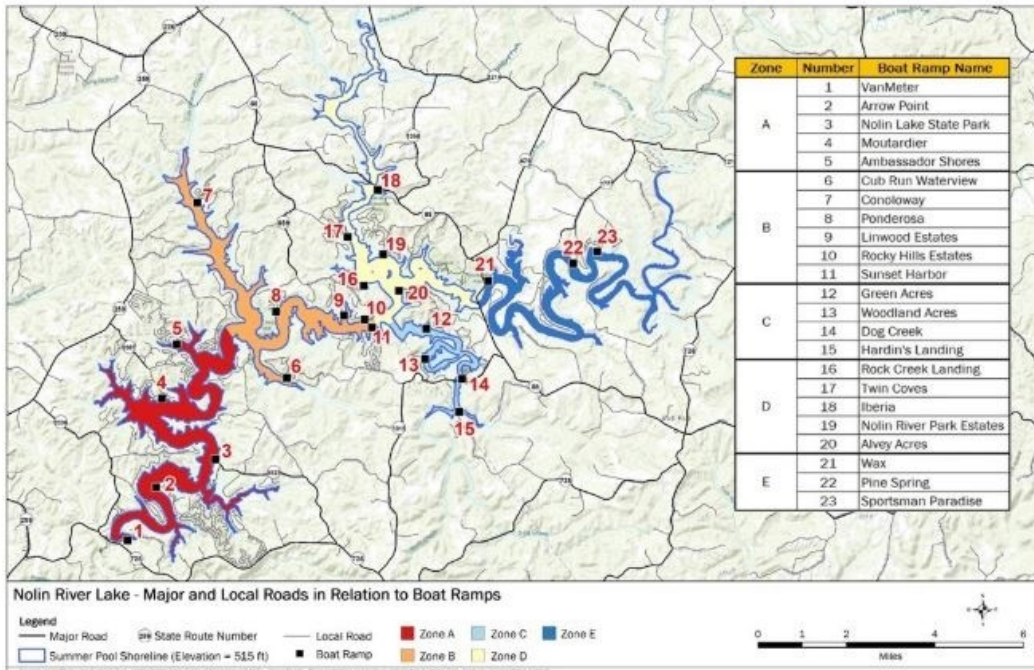
(Use the map below as a reference.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of unsafe location(s)?

Why do you feel unsafe at that/those location(s)?



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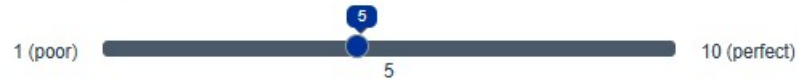
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20. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the perfect trip), how would you generally rate the quality of your boating experience at Nolin Lake?

(Please use the slider to indicate your response)



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21. How much of a problem is there from too many boats on the lake?

(Please select one.)

- ☐ Not a Problem at All
- ☐ Small Problem
- ☐ Moderate Problem
- ☐ Big Problem

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22. How safe do you generally feel while boating or launching your boat at the following locations?

(Please select one option for each activity.)

	Not at all safe	Somewhat safe	Moderately safe	Extremely safe	Not applicable
At the boat ramp	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
On the water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
At the marina	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. How crowded do you generally feel at the following locations?

(Please select one option for each activity.)

	Not at all crowded	Somewhat crowded	Moderately crowded	Extremely crowded	Not applicable
At the boat ramp	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
On the water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
At the marina	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

(Please select one.)

- ☐ Not at All
- ☐ Slightly
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ Quite a Bit
- ☐ Extremely

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

(Please select one.)

- ☐ Not at All Likely
- ☐ Slightly Likely
- ☐ Somewhat Likely
- ☐ Quite Likely
- ☐ Extremely Likely

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26. For each of the following, please indicate if you feel that at Nolin Lake there are too few, an adequate number, too many, or don't know.

(Please select one answer for each statement.)

	Too few	Adequate	Too many	Don't know
Boat Ramps	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking Areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waterways Conservation Officers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park Rangers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marinas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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27. Have you noticed any **positive** changes on Nolin Lake in the last five years?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please describe the **positive** changes that you have noticed at Nolin Lake below.

Please describe how these **positive** changes have affected your use or enjoyment of Nolin Lake.

28. Have you noticed any **negative** changes on Nolin Lake in the last five years?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please describe the **negative** changes that you have noticed at Nolin Lake below.

Please describe how these **negative** changes have affected your use or enjoyment of Nolin Lake.

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Please indicate the date of your last outing at Nolin Lake.



MM/DD/YYYY format

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

(Please select one.)

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

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

(Please select one.)

- ☐ I saw FEWER boats than I wanted to see that day
- ☐ 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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31. To what extent do you **agree** or **disagree** with each of the following statements?

(Please select the option that reflects your level of agreement for each statement.)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I generally stay off the lake during parts of the day/week because there are too many boats on the lake	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My boating trips are generally not as enjoyable as I expect them to be	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are generally an unsafe number of boats on the water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other boats generally come closer to my boat than I like	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My boat trip(s) are generally well worth the money I spend to take them	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The behavior of other boaters generally interfered with the quality of my boating experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I generally do not like the amount of time I have to wait to get on the water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boating conditions on the lake are generally safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All boaters should be required to wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) while boating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I generally do not participate in some boating activities because of crowded conditions at the lake	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The size of the boats that I generally see on Nolin Lake is acceptable in terms of my experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The speed used by other boaters is generally safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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32. Select the photo that shows the **maximum** number of boats you could see at one time on Nolin Lake **without** thinking it was crowded.

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Section 3

33. What is your sex?

(Please select one.)

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

34. What is your age?

(Please select one.)

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18 - 24
- ☐ 25 - 44
- ☐ 45 - 54
- ☐ 55 - 64
- ☐ 65+

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

(Please select one.)

- ☐ Less than high school
- ☐ High school graduate/GED
- ☐ Vocational or Technical school certificate
- ☐ Some college
- ☐ Associates degree (two-year college degree)
- ☐ Bachelor's degree (four-year college degree)
- ☐ Graduate degree or professional degree (MA, MS, PhD, JD, MBA, etc.)

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

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Nolin@usace.army.mil

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