

# Lake Whittington

**LOCATION:** Approximately 20 miles north of Greenville, west of Benoit, MS.

**SIZE:** 2,300 acres.

**DEPTH:** Varies with the Mississippi River.

**AQUATIC VEGETATION:** Duckweed.

**MAJOR SPORTFISH:** Largemouth bass, crappie, bream (bluegill), channel catfish.

**OTHER FISH:** Bowfin, buffalo, common carp, drum, flathead catfish, green sunfish, gar, white bass.

**FISH FORAGE:** Shad, silversides, minnows, sunfish.

**VISIBLE COVER:** Willow trees, swamp privet, rip-rap, rock banks, piers.

**BOTTOM FEATURES:** Man-made fish structures, points, rockpiles, low-water dams.

**FISHING LICENSE:** CALL 1-800-5-GO-HUNT

**GUIDE SERVICES:** CALL 1-800-270-DELTA

## MAN-MADE FISH STRUCTURES:

Approximately 140 Christmas trees were placed in two locations in Lake Whittington (see map).

1- Approximately 80 trees were placed in the main lake, south of the western end of the Middle Grounds. The area is easily located as the willows change to iron wood for a 200 yard stretch and then change back to willows again. The trees were placed in a line running parallel with the iron woods in 26' of water when the Arkansas City gauge for the Mississippi River read 19'.

2- Approximately 60 trees were placed in the main lake on an underwater sandbar located along the southern shore, half-way between the Middle Grounds and Catfish Point Chute. The trees were placed in a line running parallel with the bank in 26' of water when the Arkansas City gauge for the Mississippi River read 20'.

**ACCESS:** The only public access is Neblett's Landing, which is located on the upper end of the lake. Neblett is a pay to launch facility offering bait and boat rental. The cost to launch a boat is \$5.00. The ramp is usable when the Arkansas City gauge for the Mississippi River is 12' or higher. There are also ramps located at Catfish Point Hunting Club and the Benoit Outing Club, but use of these ramps is restricted to members only.



**DESCRIPTION:** Lake Whittington is an oxbow of the Mississippi River and was created in 1937 when the Caulk Island Cutoff was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The water in Lake Whittington is clear most of the time. The best fishing occurs between 5' and 15' on the Arkansas City gauge. There are three smaller lakes which connect to the main lake and can be accessed at certain water levels. Each of these lakes have dams across the chutes and when the water is moving over the tops of these dams, fishing can be excellent. Across the main lake and east from Catfish Point Chute is Game Warden Lake. This lake can be accessed when the Arkansas City gauge is greater than 25'. Across the main lake and west of the Benoit Outing Club is Bar Lake. The dam of this lake becomes visible around the mid 20's on the Arkansas City gauge. North and across the main lake from Neblett's Landing is State Line Lake. State Line Lake can be accessed until the Arkansas City gauge drops to around 30'. When the Arkansas City gauge falls to 7 or 8, the main lake divides onto three main pools. During extremely low water, the lake becomes so shallow in spots that boats cannot travel from one end of the lake to the other.





To Highway 1

Levee

To Benoit

To Highway 1

Neblett Landing

Mud Island

Goat Island

Caulk Island

Benoit Outing Club

Bar Lake

Mud Lake

Structures (10 trees per . . .)	Boat Ramp	Paved Road	Flooded Willows
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The Middle Grounds

1

Game Warden Lake

2

State Line Lake

Mississippi River

Cattish Point Chute

