



# TWRA NEWS

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### **8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STEVE McCADAMS “CASTING FOR A CURE” KIDS FISHING RODEO**

The 8th Annual Steve McCadams “Casting For A Cure” Kids Fishing Rodeo returns to Carroll Lake on Saturday, June 2nd for a fun filled morning where even little fish bring on big smiles.

Young anglers ages 15 and under are invited to participate in the FREE event which will benefit the American Cancer Society. Each year Steve teams up with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the big event continues to grow in popularity each year.

More than 2,800 kids from five states have been introduced to the great sport of fishing since the rodeo’s conception.

“I’m looking forward to another big rodeo and we’ve got more prizes than ever to offer the kids this year,” said Steve McCadams, nationally known outdoorsman. “Thanks to the help of TWRA, lots of volunteers and donations, the festivity will build some self-esteem in these future fishermen as they fight fish and cancer at the same time.”

Participants are asked to arrive early and check-in at the registration tent where each contestant will receive a bag of goodies. Pre-registration will be from 7-9 a.m. with the actual competition taking place from 9-11 a.m.

Kids are asked to bring their own bait and tackle. However, TWRA will have loaner rods so every kid will have a chance to fish.

“It’s a great opportunity for kids to learn about the great sport of fishing while sharing some time with their family and friends,” said McCadams, himself a cancer survivor. “I wanted to do something to help fight this terrible disease that affects so many people for no reason. It’s especially sad to see young kids stricken with cancer but with events like these we can give them hope as we work together to find a cure.”

A Bassmaster Casting Kids contest will be held under the shade of live oaks hosted by the McKenzie Bass Club. Winners will advance to state and national competition.

The event will coincide with National Fishing Week across America (June 2 -10) so come on out and enjoy the fun.

Carroll Lake is located five miles east of McKenzie, TN and five miles north of Huntingdon, on U.S. Highway 22. For additional information log on to [www.stevemccadams.com](http://www.stevemccadams.com) or call 731-642-0360.

### **MAKE THIS BOATING SEASON A SAFE ONE**

Traditionally, the Memorial Day weekend marks the official start of the boating season in Tennessee. For many, this will be the first time to have the boat in the water. So far this year, there have been 32 boating accidents reported with 4 fatalities. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) urges all Tennessee boats to take a few extra minutes to review the basics, which may be the key to having a fun, safe day on the water.

TWRA wants to remind all boaters to:

- Have a wearable life jacket for every person onboard.
- If your boat is 16 feet or longer, there must be a type IV throwable device onboard.
- Have onboard a fire extinguisher if you have enclosed fuel compartments or cabins.
- Anyone under the age of 13 must wear a life jacket at all times while the boat is underway – drifting is considered underway.
- Any boat/pwc operator born after January 1, 1989 must have the TWRA – issued wallet Boating Safety Education Certificate if operating alone.
- Keep alcohol to a minimum – choose a designated boat operator.
- Make sure the boat/pwc registration is current and onboard.

For all information about safe boating in Tennessee, log on to [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org)

### **WEST TENNESSEE FISHING REPORT**

#### **REELFOOT LAKE:**

**Creel Limits-** Largemouth Bass/Spotted Bass – 5 (minimum length 15 inches/ no length limits on Spotted Bass), Crappie – 30 (no size limit). Bass fishing is good. Crappie fishing is good, water temperature is in the 70’s. Fish being caught on minnows and jigs in both deep and shallow water. Most fish being caught on south end of lake. Bluegill fishing is excellent. Catfishing is excellent.

Most fish being caught on nightcrawlers.

**KENTUCKY LAKE:**

**Creel Limits-** Largemouth Bass/ Smallmouth Bass/ Spotted Bass – 5 (minimum length 15 inches/ no length limit on Spotted Bass), Redear – 30, Crappie – 30 (minimum length 10 inches) Sauger – 10 (minimum length 14 inches), Catfish (only one catfish over 34 inches per day. No limit on fish under 34 inches)

North of I-40: Lake level is above summer pool and on a slow fall. Water temps are in the 70's. Bass fishing is good. Some small fish being caught around stumps along the edge of creek channels on crawfish colored crankbaits. Crappie fishing is good. Most fish being caught in 11-14 foot water. Catfishing is good as fish head for the rock banks. Fish being caught using turkey livers or night crawlers. Bluegill and Redear fishing is excellent. Most fish being caught on crickets.

South of I-40: Water temps in the 70's. Bass fishing is good. Fish being caught around weed beds on spinnerbaits. Crappie fishing is good. Fish being caught in 6 ft.-12ft. water in the creek channels on minnows and jigs. Catfishing is good. Fish being caught on the main channel in 35 ft.-40 ft. water. Bluegill and Redear fishing is excellent. Most fish being caught on crickets.

**PICKWICK LAKE:**

**Creel Limits:** Largemouth Bass/Smallmouth Bass/Spotted Bass – 5 (minimum length 15 inches/ no length limit on Spotted Bass). Redear – 20, Crappie – 30 (minimum length 9 inches). Water temps are in the 70's. Largemouth bass fishing is good. Fish being caught along shore lines on spinnerbaits. Smallmouth fishing is good. Fish being caught on plastic lizards. Crappie fishing is good. Bluegill and Redear fishing is good. Fish being caught on small jigs and crickets.

**LAKE BARKLEY:**

**Creel Limits:** Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass/Spotted Bass – 5 (minimum length limit 15 inches/ no length limit on Spotted Bass), Redear – 20, Crappie – 30 (minimum length limit 10 inches). Water temps in the mid 70's. Bass fishing is good. Fish being caught on plastic worms and lizards. Crappie fishing is good. Large fish are being taken around stumps and other cover along edge of creek channels on small jigs and minnows. Bluegill and Redear fishing is good. Most fish being caught on crickets or redworms.

**REGION I TWRA FAMILY FISHING LAKE REPORT**

**BROWNS CREEK LAKE (located ten miles south of I-40 in Natchez Trace State Park):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass- 5 (16"-21" PLR) only one per day greater than 21", Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie - 30 ( 10" minimum). Bass fishing is good, fish are being caught on crank baits. Crappie fishing is good, being caught on small minnows and jigs around the fish attractors. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill / Redear fishing is good.

**CARROLL LAKE (located on Hwy. 22 between McKenzie and Huntingdon):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass- 5, Blue and Channel Catfish -5, Crappie - 30 (10"minimum). Bass fishing is good, fish are being caught on spinnerbaits. Crappie fishing is fair, being caught on small minnows. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill / Redear fishing is fair.

**DAVY CROCKETT LAKE (located 4 miles west of Humboldt off Hwy. 152):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass-10, Blue and Channel Catfish- 5, Crappie-30 (10" minimum). ). Catfish are being caught chicken/turkey livers and night crawlers. Bass fishing is good. Crappie fishing is good, fish being caught in deep water on small minnows. Bluegill / Redear are being caught on redworms in 4 - 5 ft of water.

**GARRETT LAKE (located on Hwy. 190 near Dresden ):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass- 5, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie-30 (10" minimum). ). Catfish are being caught chicken/turkey livers and night crawlers. Bass fishing is fair. Crappie fishing is fair, fish being caught in deep water on small minnows. Bluegill / Redear fishing is good.

**GIBSON CO. LAKE (located at Trenton)**

**Creel Limits** – Bass – 5 (14"-18" PLR) only one per day greater than 18", Bluegill/Redear (in combination) – 20, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Catfishing is good. Bass fishing is good. Crappie fishing is good, fish are being caught in deep water on small minnows. Bluegill / Redear fishing is good.

**GLENN SPRINGS LAKE (located on Glenn Springs Rd, 12 miles northeast of Millington):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass - 5 (14"-18" PLR) only one per day greater than 18", Bluegill/Redear (in combination) – 20, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Catfish are being caught chicken/turkey livers and night crawlers. Bass fishing is good. Crappie fishing is good. Bluegill / Redear are being caught using crickets and redworms.

**HERB PARSONS LAKE (located 8 miles north of Collierville off Collierville-Arlington Road):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass - 10 (14"-18" PLR) only one per day greater than 18", Blue and Channel Catfish -5, Crappie - 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is good. Catfishing is good, being caught on chicken/turkey liver. Crappie fishing is fair, fish being caught around fish attractors. Bluegill / Redear fishing is good on crickets and redworms.

**LAKE GRAHAM (located 5 miles east of Jackson on Cotton Grove Road):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass - 10 (14"-18" PLR) only one bass per day greater than 18", Blue and Channel Catfish -5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is good. Crappie fishing is fair. Catfishing is good, fish being caught on turkey livers and night crawlers. Bluegill / Redear fishing is good.

**MAPLES CREEK LAKE (located 4 miles north of I-40 in Nathez Trace State Park):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass -5, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie - 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is good. Crappie fishing is fair. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill / Redear fishing is good.

**WHITEVILLE LAKE (located 2 miles south of Whiteville off Hwy. 64):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass - 5, Blue and Channel Catfish- 5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is good. Crappie fishing is fair. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill / Redear fishing is good, fish being caught on crickets and redworms.