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Norfork Lake

by Tom Reynolds

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LOCATION: Baxter/Fulton Counties, Arkansas

SIZE/DEPTH: 22,000 surface acres. Maximum depth: 177 ft

DOMINANT SPECIES: striped bass, hybrid bass, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleyes,

crappies, white bass, bluegills, catfish



- **Thumb Point:** Thumb Point is a great night spot for early stripers/walleyes. Sloping banks provide easy access from deep water. Later in summer, stripers school on Thumb's big flat and right off the edge of the flat.
- Dam Cove: Dam Cove is another spot for the night bite in March and April. The summer bite for stripers and hybrids is very good also. The cove is deep, leading back to a small flat where the fish will school.
- **Point One:** Excellent beginning in April. It features a large flat that goes nearly across the lake and has the river channel bordering three sides. Stripers feed on the flat, and as summer progresses they school up, feeding on crawdads.
- **Hand Cove:** This flat is an outstanding location for the night bite beginning in early March and on into May. Both stripers and walleyes can be caught along the whole bank. The bank slopes off into deep
- Barren Point: Good for both the night bite and spring and summer stripers on the inside of the point. Smallmouth spawn on the point, because it has the right structure and depth.
- Brushy Creek: Outstanding area for crappies and stripers. The beginning section of the creek is very good for the March to May striper bite. The back end of the creek is loaded with trees and structure for crappies. You can find crappies on the brush piles early and during the spawn all the way back into the willows.

- **Big Creek:** The other outstanding creek for crappies and stripers. The creek is much larger than Brushy Creek and has many inlets that have brush piles and blow-downs. Stripers will be caught all around (and to the north of) Reynolds Island during March through May. The back end of the creek near the Boggy Access is loaded with trees and structure for crappies. You'll find crappies on the brush piles early and during the spawn all the way back along the blow-downs.
- **KOSO Point:** Koso Point has an outstanding flat that borders the river channel on three sides. During April and May, stripers will be shallow between the two points, and anchor each end of the flat. In late summer, stripers school on the flat, feeding on crawdads.
- **Brushy Point:** Straight across from Woods Point, this entire area is good for schooling stripers during summer.
- **Holiday Hills:** Holiday Hills is a cove that has a series of points leading to the actual cove. During spring and early summer, look for stripers feeding in the early morning off of these points.
- **Shoal Creek:** This is a mid- to late-summer creek that can be outstanding striper/hybrid fishing. It is one of the deepest creeks on Norfork Lake and you will find lots of schooling fish.
- **Long Flat:** This is a long flat heading into Big Creek. Stripers will feed and spawn along this flat starting in April and May.

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