

Fishing at Dale Hollow Lake

Dale Hollow Lake is world renowned for its trophy smallmouth bass. In fact since 1955, the world record smallmouth bass caught by Mr. Hayes, at 11 lbs. 15 ounces has not been beaten. This is the fishermen's ultimate goal when fishing the pristine, deep waters of Dale Hollow Lake. Fishermen from all over the country come to Dale Hollow Lake with dreams of catching the "big one". What type of bait or lures will snatch this granddaddy is talked about amongst the avid fishermen, blogged about and some hire Dale Hollow Lake fishing guides to guide them around the lake and show them the perfect place and bait to maximize their opportunity. **THE FISHING GURU**, Stephen Headrick of Punisher Lures, has fishermen pile into his convenience store **Dale Hollow #1 Stop** (located on the western side of the lake in Celina) to glean bits of information from the dozens of fishermen that hang out at the fishing tables in hopes that they can learn more to help increase their chances of catching the next "big one". Stephen's **Punisher Lures** are popular with the fishermen and the experts that write about smallmouth bass fishing. They have been writing about how to catch them for decades. The legend on Dale Hollow Lake, the late Billy Westmoreland, was the grandfather of smallmouth bass fishing and wrote books about it - before the days of blogging and Facebook. His memory lives on. Today, they host an annual **Billy Westmoreland Fishing Tournament** at Horse Creek Resort. The Wal-Mart BFL Tournament Trail also loves Dale Hollow Lake and comes up often. The **Dale Hollow Bass Classic** is the fishing tournament favored among the fishermen. It is held the first weekend of October at Star Point Resort. Close to a hundred fishing boats descend upon the lake. This is a two man buddy fishing tournament with a 100% pay back. There is something magical about seeing the boats depart out of the fishing harbor at Star Point Resort



at the crack of dawn. The cool, crisp mornings are very conducive to thick fog that sits on the water like a blanket and rises ever so slowly illuminating the anxious fishermen perched on their fishing chairs - bundled up for the cool morning. Many have planned all year how they are going to catch the "big fish" and the most fish. Start Point Resort is a favorite marina due to its family atmosphere and fishing friendly environment. They are particularly a favorite amongst the fishermen and tournament trails due to their familiarity with the sport, easy access to the water with camping and cabin rentals nearby. Nathan Copeland and his dynamic team love fishing and are proud that so many come back year after year. Nathan said that he has generations of fishermen and families that have come to Star Point Resort and Dale Hollow Lake for three to four generations - calling it their "home away from home". While the men are fishing there are plenty of things to do for the ladies and children if they don't want to fish. Shopping is a favorite and there are plenty of shops, off-the-beaten track antique and gift stores, places to eat and arts and crafts to discover. Come enjoy the fishing at Dale Hollow Lake and happy trails!

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