

# DeSoto Lake

**LOCATION:** West of Clarksdale; 6 miles South of the junction of Highway 1 and 322.

**SIZE:** 3,600 acres.

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

**AQUATIC VEGETATION:** None.

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

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

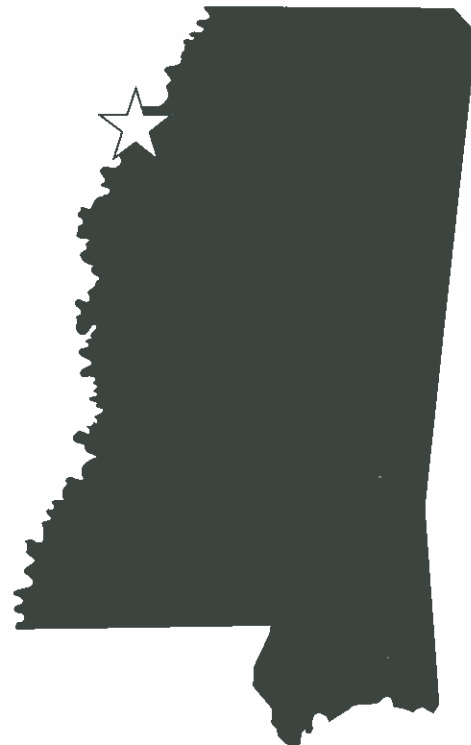
**FISH FORAGE:** Shad, silversides, minnows, sunfish.

**VISIBLE COVER:** Willow trees, swamp privet, buttonbush, floating docks, rip-rap.

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

**FISHING LICENSE:** CALL 1-800-ASK-FISH

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



## **MAN-MADE FISH STRUCTURES:** *(see map)*

- 1 - Old Boat Slip - One pallet structure on point.
- 2 - Old Conservation League Ramp - One pallet structure, three tree structures.
- 3 - Rock Point (first rock point downstream from League ramp) - Two pallet structures, three tree structures.
- 4 - Rock Point (first rock point upstream from DeSoto Park ramp) - three tree structures.
- 5 - DeSoto Park Ramp Pilings - three tree structures.
- 6 - Tom White Chute - Two pallet structures, five tree structures.
- 7 - DeSoto Park Rock Point - One pallet structure, one tree structure.
- 8 - DeSoto Park Rock Point - One pallet structure, three tree structures.
- 9 - DeSoto Park Rock Point - One pallet structure, one tree structure.
- 10 - Rock Point - Four tree structures.
- 11 - Point - Two tree structures.
- 12 - Abandoned Ramp - Three tree structures.
- 13 - Boat Ramp Pocket - Two pallet structures in center of pocket, one pallet structure on willow point.
- 14 - Boat Ramp - Two tree structures.
- 15 - Island 66 - Nine tree structures (off willow edge, roughly 30 yds apart, directly between from 16 and 17).
- 16 - Spring Hole (Downstream from old boat ramp) - Two pallet structures.
- 17 - Spring Hole - Two pallet structures.

- 18 - Spring Hole - One pallet structure.
- 19 - Spring Hole - One pallet structure.
- 20 - Sand Point - Two pallet structures.
- 21 - Rock Point - One pallet structure.

**ACCESS:** The lower lake has access at Hillhouse Landing (off Hwy 1 at Hillhouse, west of levee). The upper lake has access at DeSoto Park Landing (off Hwy 1 at Rena Lara, west of levee).

**DESCRIPTION:** This oxbow lake, formerly part of the Mississippi River, offers good fishing for many species of fish. The River can be accessed on the lake's south end. DeSoto has mud flats and willow flats that are flooded during high water. The lake also has rock rip-rap extending off many of the deep points. DeSoto is full of bream, crappie, bass, and catfish. The better fishing occurs when the Mississippi River gauge reads between 10' and 17' on the Helena Gauge. There are two bait/tackle shops available to fishermen of this lake. Rico's Bait Shop is located on Hwy 1 at Rena Lara. Buckshot Hollar is located on Hwy 1 at Hillhouse.



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Fish Structure	①
Public Boat Ramp	▲
Bait/Tackle Shop	<b>B/T</b>
State Line	- - - -

