Lake Ferguson

LOCATION: At Greenville in northwest Washington County.

SIZE: Ten miles in length.

DEPTH: Varies with the Mississippi River.

AQUATIC VEGETATION: None

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

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

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

VISIBLE COVER: Willow trees, barges, sunken barges, floating docks, rip-rap.

BOTTOM FEATURES: Man-made fish structures, sunken barges, rockpiles, sandbars.

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MAN-MADE FISH STRUCTURES (see map):

- Upper Lake Chute 9 structures stair-stepped down the dropoff.
- 2 House Boat Site 10 structures parallel to shore, immediately south of houseboat.
- Red Buoy Rockpile 9 structures stair-stepped down rockpile northeast of buoy.
- 4 Sunken Barge Site 8 structures stair-stepped down the dropoff.
- Coast Guard Pier 5 structures stair-stepped off the end of pier.
- 6 Loading Dock 2 structures, one on each end of dock.
- 7 Yacht Club Point 4 structures stair-stepped off point just north of Yacht Club.
- 8 Willow Islands 2 structures in pocket of large willow island across from beach.

ACCESS: The lower lake has access at Warfield Point State Park (just off Mississippi Hwy 82 West). The lake can be accessed at the Greenville waterfront between the Casino boats. Plans have been made to construct a new ramp in 1995.

DESCRIPTION: This ten mile 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, where numerous sandbars can be found. The Lake also has deep rocky structure along with mud flats. This lake is full of bream, crappie, bass and catfish and the water stays clear year around. Better fishing occurs when the Mississippi River gauge at Greenville reads between 30.0 and 10.0 feet.

There are six bait/tackle shops available to Anglers of this lake. Walnut Street Bait Shop is located at the base of the levee near the riverfront; Ware's Bait Shop is located off North Broadway in Greenville; Bob's Bait Shop is located on Upper Lake Ferguson Road and is the only lakeside bait shop (boat rentals available). The Sportsman, located on Highway 1 and The Corner Market, located at the intersection of V. F. W. Road and Highway 1 South both have bait and tackle, as does Taylor's Bait Shop, also located on Highway 1 South.









