

OKLAHOMA

Bixhoma Lake

Boat dock at **35.89616 -95.79813**

(918) 366-4430

Five miles southeast of Bixby on Leonard Mountain, turn south off Highway 64 on Lake Bixhoma Road. Two boat ramps. Two fishing docks. Picnic areas with grills, fire pits. One portable outhouse. Low-wake only.

Good shoreline access. State license and city permit required. Permits: Daily fishing (under 65) or boating permits \$2 daily or \$10 annual, available at Bixby City Hall, 116 West Needles or at Bixby Police Department after hours or on weekends at 116 W. Needles just southeast of Apple Barrel Café. Police 366-8294, City Hall Main Switchboard 366-4430. No swimming allowed.

Bass: 5 daily less than 13 or greater than 23 inches. Catfish: 5 daily greater than 10 inches. Crappie: 5 daily greater than 10 inches.

110 acres of peaceful, quiet and clear water. Nearly 50 feet deep at its deepest point, it is surrounded by steep forested hills. Its clear water allows water willow to take root and surround the steep sloping shoreline. It grows up from deeper than 5 feet to the surface and provides ideal fish habitat.

The shallower Mountain Creek inlet side of the lake – the “hook end” to the west – holds more standing wood, rocky structures and vegetation. It is the area famed for holding the largest bass.

It is managed as a trophy bass fishing lake and is one of the northernmost in the state, stocked with fast-growing Florida strain bass.

It is open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Lakeside facilities are hanging on with just adequate care, litter seems to be more prevalent these days, and the fish just aren't growing like they could. Part of the problem at Bixhoma is it tends not to produce shad like other Green Country Lakes. Threadfin shad are stocked annually, and when the shad have a mild winter and are able to over-winter and reproduce, the bass of Bixhoma grow fat quickly. But it has been awhile since that happened. It wasn't stocked this year due to winter shad kills throughout Green Country.

The management plan for the lake asks for help from anglers and proposes a change to the city's rule that allows a catch of only five bass shorter than 13 inches or longer than 23. “We will be working with the City of Bixby to adjust the trophy slot limit and encouraging people to keep more bass,”

Had a pretty decent morning on Bixoma. Caught 5 Bass and 2 perch. Fly of choice.

