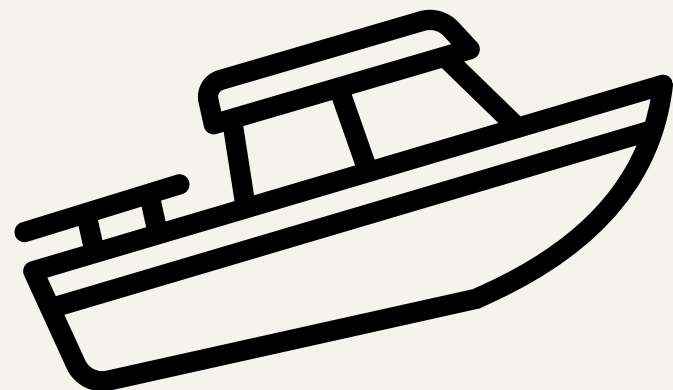


A day on the lake





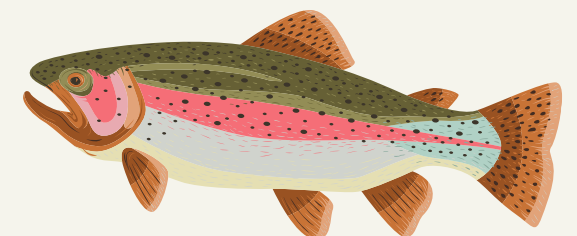
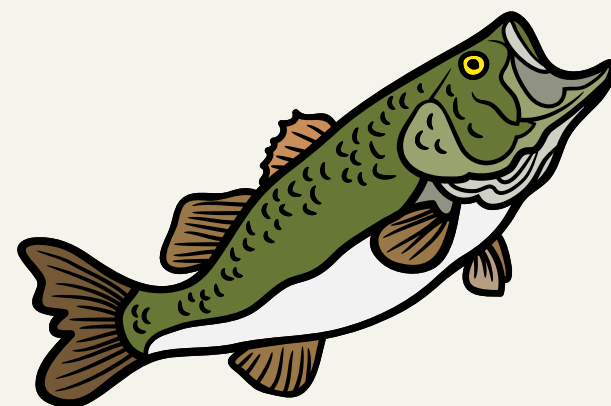
My girlfriend's family and I set out on the lake from this dock. We've used other boat launches before however this is our favorite due to ease of access. We all eagerly got on the boat for a day of tranquility and relaxation.

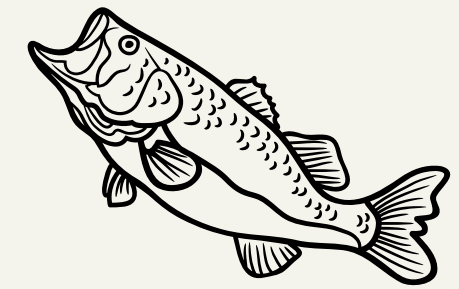
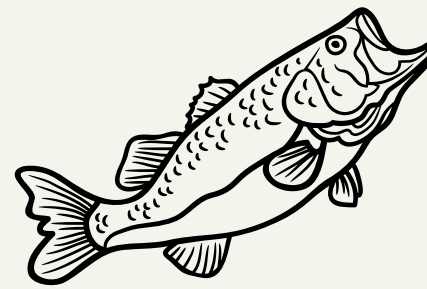


This was our view from leaving the dock. Personally I really enjoy this photo as it says a lot. It marks the beginning of something for a lot of people. This is what everyone sees when they set out on the lake. After leaving the dock we set out on the lake.



After taking a stroll around the lake for a short while we settled on a spot to throw out our rods and wait. After a short while my girlfriend and I chose to make fishing today a competition. We wanted to see who could catch the most fish today. And with that our competition began.





Our competition began in full force At first it seemed that I would be the clear victor by a landslide I had already caught 3 fish before she had caught one. I vividly remember myself saying "Marissa how many fish have you caught so far?" We're both very competitive people, this all in good fun. Alas this banter of mine would soon prove to be my downfall as she began to start getting bites soon after.

After she caught a few and we began to go back and forth with the standings for our competition we decided to move the boat, to see what we could get on the other side of the lake. After getting to the other side we had went in being tied at 5-5 for the day. She quickly rose up to 7 mere minutes after getting to the dock. Her trash talk came in full force. "Are you sure you're doing it right? You haven't caught anything in a while."





We sat at 6-7. She was up again, nearing the end of our time on the lake. The emotions reached an all time high we both really wanted to win this. I reeled in this small mouth bass thinking I could come back and win this. It would in fact be my last catch of the day. Shortly after being tied at 7-7 she caught another fish ending the score at 7-8. We both had an amazing time and in the end I was really happy that she won. As she was ecstatic that she beat me in this competition. It makes me happy to see her happy, and I'm glad we both had an amazing day on the lake.