

## Lake Shelbyville Guide Fishing Forum

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A couple of years ago we came up with the idea of having a fishing forum and Illinois Fish Talk came to life. This forum has everything from classifieds to recipes to just about anything you want to know. Not just about Lake Shelbyville but any lake anywhere.

We have members from Australia, Ukraine and Switzerland. Let alone all over the U.S. My partner Alan Corzine is one of a very limited few that get to test all Lowrance products far before we see them. He teaches Lowrance University classes all over the Midwest and is by far the most knowledgeable electronics expert I know of. He will answer any question you might have big or small.

Of course there is a lot of info about Lake Shelbyville since I guide there every day and I am always helping folks with hot patterns and up to date fishing reports. I post a weekly fishing report on several websites including my own at [www.LakeShelbyvilleGuide.com](http://www.LakeShelbyvilleGuide.com) but I post daily on Illinois Fish Talk.

We have a strict policy of harassment and do not give three strikes and this has kept our site clean and without controversy. We currently have nearly 1100 members and growing each day. Since I foot the bill for this site we don't have pop up ads or any other distractions.

I encourage you to join and not just browse the site or be a stalker as my buddies put it. If you are not a member you cannot see any pictures. I post tons of them from both Lake Shelbyville and Kentucky Lake the other lake I have started to guide on. My members post pics from all over the world and it is interesting to see some of the fish we never get to fish for. There are even hunting videos made by a local that likes to hunt coon, squirrel and rabbit with dogs.

Of course we have our jokesters all in good humor and that makes sharing info such fun. All you need to do to join is go to my website at [www.LakeShelbyvilleguide.com](http://www.LakeShelbyvilleguide.com) and click the flashing sign in the top right hand corner. That will take you to Illinois Fish Talk. Then you just go through the steps to join and you become one of our family.

As you know I am in the middle of my show season and by the time you read this I will be at the Arthur High School fund raiser for their high school bass team. It is February 1<sup>st</sup> from 11-5. Then off to the Tinley Park Show February 7&8. Then last but not least the Elmwood Show on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. You can go to my website and get a list of my seminar times.

I will be guiding on Kentucky Lake February 14<sup>th</sup>-March 3<sup>rd</sup>. I still have some openings left at this time. You can check my availability list on my website for those trips and the early season Lake Shelbyville trips.

The Kentucky trips are strictly big fish hunting. It is the winter months that the really big crappie get out on the river channel drops and we slow troll them with 1/4oz. Deep Ledge Jigs and we get into some real giants. If you have a case of winter blues give me a call. They get some cold weather down there but it never lasts. We are fishing at the Big Sandy which is the south end of the lake down in Tennessee.

If you miss out on the February trips I go back mid-September and fish for three weeks and plenty of those are still open.

I will be back to catch the ice out bite on Lake Shelbyville and this too is a big fish pattern. We fish very close to the same way as Kentucky by tight lining heavy jigs in deep water. I have plenty of March trips still open for that as well. My article for March will go further into how we target ice-out crappie.

My Yar-Craft walleye boat is set up so three of us can all tight line from the nose of the boat. This is deadly for probing deep cover. We use stout bass flipping rods to set a hook in those deep fish and it is a blast since you never know what you will get. We have caught crappie up to 18 inches and flathead catfish up to sixty pounds.