Karick Lake is in northwest Okaloosa County in the Blackwater River State Forest. Karick Lake is approximately 8 miles north of Baker and 2 miles south of Blackman, east off County Road 189. It is within driving distance of Crestview and Alabama. There are concrete boat ramps with ample parking located at the north and south campgrounds.

A wheelchair accessible fishing pier is located on the north shore while kiosks near each boat ramp provide information about the lake and regulations. Bathroom facilities, camping and picnic areas are provided by the Florida Forest Service. For reservations contact Reserve America at (888) 622-9190.

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**Daily Bag Limits**
- **Largemouth Bass**: Daily bag limit of 5 fish per angler. No minimum size, only one fish may be 16 inches in total length or longer.
- **Channel Catfish**: Daily bag limit of 6 per angler.
- **Panfish**: Daily bag limit of 50 per angler.
- **Crappie**: Daily bag limit of 25 per angler.

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**Boating and Facilities**
- Gasoline powered motors are prohibited, only electric motors are permitted for use.
- No motor vehicles are allowed on the dams, spillways, or fishing fingers.

**FISH SPECIES**

**Bluegill and Redear Sunfish** – Often referred to as “bream,” Karick Lake holds several species of sunfish. Congregating around structure, vegetation, or spawning over bare spots on the bottom, known as “bream beds,” these panfish can provide non-stop excitement for anglers. Crickets, worms, or even jigs fished underneath a cork are effective methods. A small rooster tail spinner or beetle spin can also provide a fun way to catch these feisty fish.

**Largemouth Bass** – This popular sportfish tends to hang around structure or vegetation. In the springtime, they can be targeted spawning in shallower areas of the lake while they generally seek deeper, cooler water during the summer. Plastic worms, spinner baits, crank baits, and even topwater lures can all be used to catch these aggressive fish.

**Channel Catfish** – These hard-pulling fish generally inhabit the deeper areas of the lake and tend to become more active after the sun goes down. Catfish use their “whiskers” to locate food, so baits that emit an odor will be the most successful at enticing a bite. Chicken livers, beef livers, worms, and commercial “stink baits” fished on the bottom are the most effective methods.