



Broseco Ranch - Lake Elizabeth



Mount Pleasant Broseco Ranch opens another 100 acre lake! For those who have been to Broseco Ranch and said to yourself "look at the huge lake on both sides of interstate 30. I wonder who owns that place?" The large lake that you can see from both sides of Interstate 30 about 1/2 mile before you take the exit to Caresend Lake is [Lake Elizabeth](#), and is owned by Broseco Ranch. Broseco Ranch drained both lakes 1 year apart. They first drained Caresend in 2011, and then Lake Elizabeth in 2012. Both lakes had extensive dredging and re-shaping and then bait fish added a year after draining. We now know the results. Caresend has produced more 30

pound + sacks (best 5 fish) than any lake in club history. We are looking to add to the Broseco legacy.

Here is what we do know about Lake Elizabeth: it does not have the density of fish that Caresend lake has. Electrofishing surveys put the densities about 1/2 of Caresend. The lake is 1.5 years younger than Caresend, so the top end of the fish size is about 8 lbs. There are hundreds of thousands of shad, bluegill and redear sunfish in this lake. Hence, the birds (Cormorants, Pelicans and Seagulls) love to spend time on the lake. We believe that the birds have contributed to the lower numbers of bass. Since our last electrofishing survey in late November, more than 250 bass have been moved from Caresend to Lake Elizabeth. IMO, Lake Elizabeth is more fun to fish than Caresend, There are more points, a bit more depth changes, and places you can go to get out of the wind. Like Caresend Lake, Lake Elizabeth has more than 150 pieces of artificial habitat, a boat house and two great fishing boats, equipped with Trolling motor and batteries.

So what can you expect? We have trial fished the lake more than 6 times over the past 6 months with mixed results. The last trial fish was November 7th. Two members fished a 1/2 day and caught 12 fish, with 3 over 5 lbs, including a 7.23 lb fatty. The day fishing rate will be \$150 per person for a full day, and \$100 per person for 1/2 day.

Club Fish Fry!



We will be having a club fish fry April 8th at Henderson - Dogwood Lakes Estate! We want to thank you all for your membership, and give you a chance to meet other members and share fishing stories. There are two lakes on the property ([East Lake](#) and [West Lake](#)) that members will be able to fish at no charge! This is a beautiful property with great fishing, so we hope you can make it! Members are encouraged to bring their own boat to fish from, as there will only be a couple of club boats available. Food will be served at 1:00 PM, and more details are provided below. The fish fry will be capped at 30 people, so please let us know if you can make it ASAP! To register, contact the club office by phone or email.

- Fishing starts April 8th at 8:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM (lunch at 1:00 PM)
- Members may bring up to 3 guests, based on availability
- Electrofishing demonstration after 3:00 PM for those interested
- Prizes for smallest fish caught and most fish under 16" harvested

