

Lake Taneycomo

Taney County Missouri

Trout Capital of America!

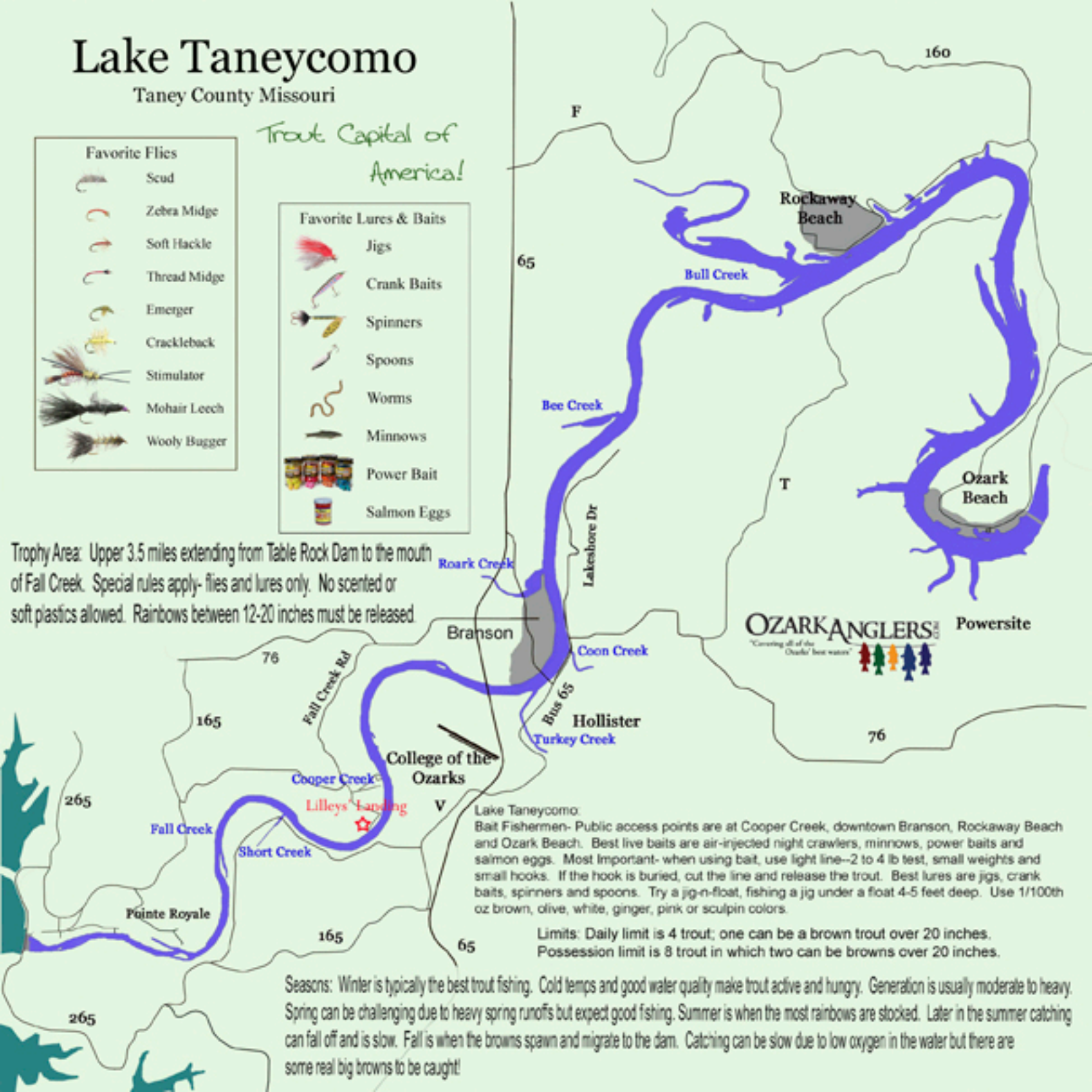
Favorite Flies

-  Scud
-  Zebra Midge
-  Soft Hackle
-  Thread Midge
-  Emerger
-  Crackleback
-  Stimulator
-  Mohair Leech
-  Wooly Bugger

Favorite Lures & Baits

-  Jigs
-  Crank Baits
-  Spinners
-  Spoons
-  Worms
-  Minnows
-  Power Bait
-  Salmon Eggs

Trophy Area: Upper 3.5 miles extending from Table Rock Dam to the mouth of Fall Creek. Special rules apply- flies and lures only. No scented or soft plastics allowed. Rainbows between 12-20 inches must be released.



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Bait Fishermen- Public access points are at Cooper Creek, downtown Branson, Rockaway Beach and Ozark Beach. Best live baits are air-injected night crawlers, minnows, power baits and salmon eggs. Most important- when using bait, use light line--2 to 4 lb test, small weights and small hooks. If the hook is buried, cut the line and release the trout. Best lures are jigs, crank baits, spinners and spoons. Try a jig-n-float, fishing a jig under a float 4-5 feet deep. Use 1/100th oz brown, olive, white, ginger, pink or sculpin colors.

Limits: Daily limit is 4 trout; one can be a brown trout over 20 inches. Possession limit is 8 trout in which two can be browns over 20 inches.

Seasons: Winter is typically the best trout fishing. Cold temps and good water quality make trout active and hungry. Generation is usually moderate to heavy. Spring can be challenging due to heavy spring runoffs but expect good fishing. Summer is when the most rainbows are stocked. Later in the summer catching can fall off and is slow. Fall is when the browns spawn and migrate to the dam. Catching can be slow due to low oxygen in the water but there are some real big browns to be caught!