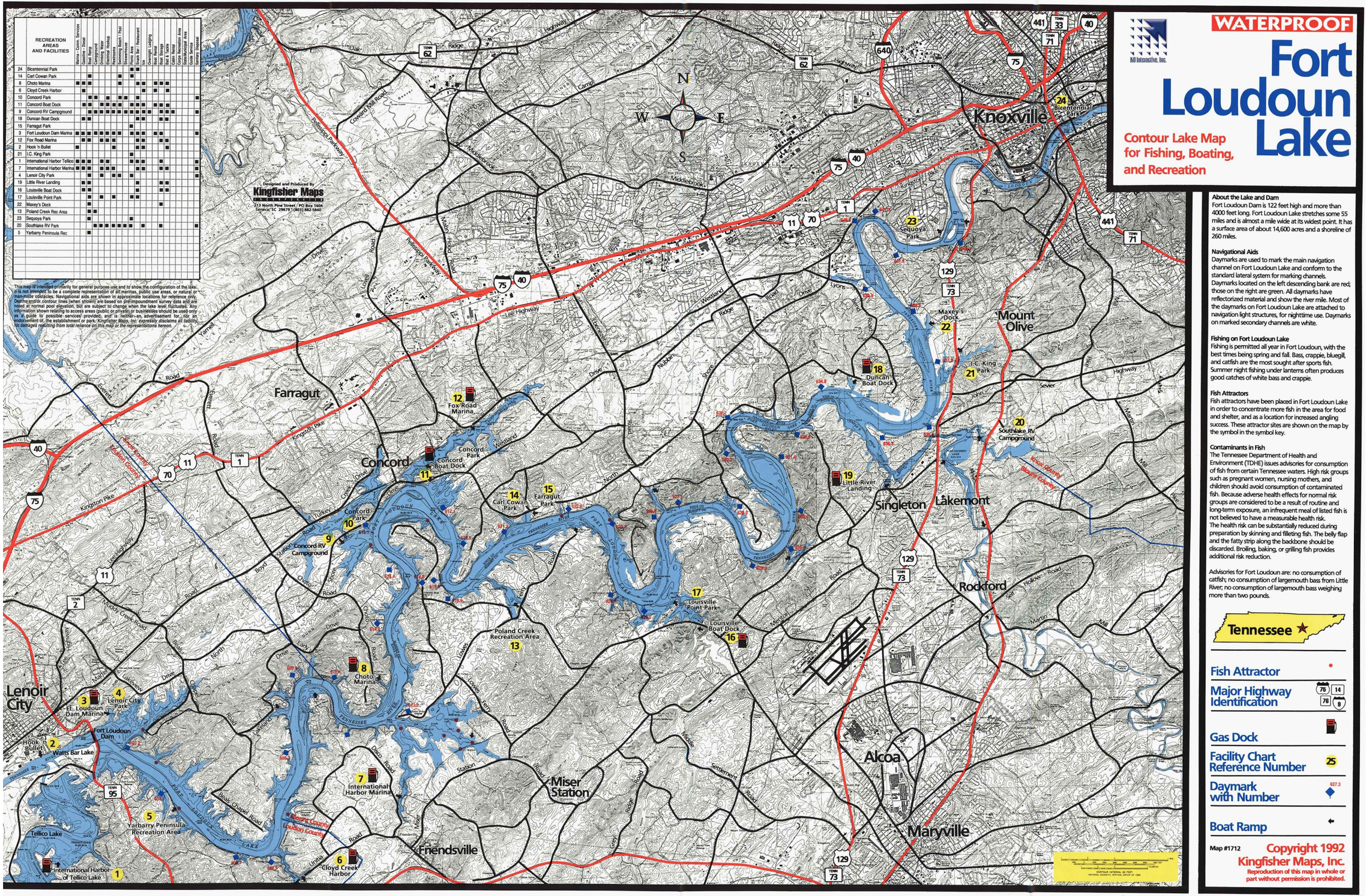

About the Lake and Dam
Fort Loudoun Dam is 122 feet high and more than 4000 feet long. Fort Loudoun Lake stretches some 55 miles and is almost a mile wide at its widest point. It has a surface area of about 14,600 acres and a shoreline of 260 miles.

Navigational Aids
Daymarks are used to mark the main navigation channel on Fort Loudoun Lake and conform to the standard lateral system for marking channels. Daymarks located on the left descending bank are red; those on the right are green. All daymarks have reflectorized material and show the river mile. Most of the daymarks on Fort Loudoun Lake are attached to navigation light structures, for nighttime use. Daymarks on marked secondary channels are white.

Fishing on Fort Loudoun Lake
Fishing is permitted all year in Fort Loudoun, with the best times being spring and fall. Bass, crappie, bluegill, and catfish are the most sought after sports fish. Summer night fishing under lanterns often produces good catches of white bass and crappie.

Fish Attractors
Fish attractors have been placed in Fort Loudoun Lake in order to concentrate more fish in the area for food and shelter, and as a location for increased angling success. These attractor sites are shown on the map by the symbol in the symbol key.

Contaminants in Fish
The Tennessee Department of Health and Environment (TDHE) issues advisories for consumption of fish from certain Tennessee waters. High risk groups such as pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should avoid consumption of contaminated fish. Because adverse health effects for normal risk groups are considered to be a result of routine and long-term exposure, an infrequent meal of listed fish is not believed to have a measurable health risk. The health risk can be substantially reduced during preparation by skinning and filleting fish. The belly flap and the fatty strip along the backbone should be discarded. Broiling, baking, or grilling fish provides additional risk reduction.

Advisories for Fort Loudoun are: no consumption of catfish; no consumption of largemouth bass from Little River; no consumption of largemouth bass weighing more than two pounds.