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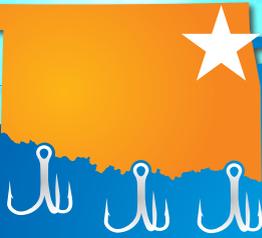
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On the cover:

Any kid can enjoy sitting on a dock, reeling in some feisty sunfish on a warm summer's day. Take a kid fishing soon, and make memories that can last a lifetime!



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Highlights of Changes

- **Tom Steed Reservoir and Waurika Lake:** The minimum size for saugeye/walleye/sauger is reduced from 18 to 14 inches effective Sept. 15, 2014.
- **Streams and Rivers:** Daily limit is six (6) black bass, only one of which may be a smallmouth bass of 14 inches or longer. Possession of any smallmouth bass less than 14 inches is prohibited effective Sept. 15, 2014.
- **Striped Bass Hybrids:** The statewide bag limit is 20 per day, and only 5 may be greater than 20 inches in length effective Sept. 15, 2014.
- **Turtle Harvest:** Minimum size requirement for common snapping turtle has been removed.
- **Commercial Turtle Harvest:** Language pertaining to commercially trapping turtles in municipal lakes and streams with land-owner permission has been removed.
- **Lifetime Licenses:** All legal residents of Oklahoma for at least six months who intend to remain residents of the state (as required on application) may purchase a lifetime fishing, hunting or combination license.





LICENSE COSTS

Resident	Cost	Valid
Annual Fishing	\$25	January 1 - December 31
Annual Combination, Fishing & Hunting	\$42	January 1 - December 31
Fiscal Year Combination, Fishing & Hunting	\$53	July 1 - June 30
2-Day Fishing	\$15	Two consecutive days of choice
Youth Annual Fishing (16 & 17 years old)	\$5	January 1 - December 31
Youth Annual Combination, Fishing & Hunting (16 & 17 years old)	\$9	January 1 - December 31
Youth Fiscal Year Combination, Fishing & Hunting (16 & 17 years old)	\$19	July 1 - June 30
5-Year Fishing	\$88	Five years from date of purchase
5-Year Combination Fishing & Hunting	\$148	Five years from date of purchase
Lifetime Fishing	\$225	Lifetime
Lifetime Combination Fishing & Hunting	\$775	Lifetime
Lifetime Disabled Veteran Combination Hunting & Fishing (under 60 percent disability)	\$200	Lifetime
Lifetime Disabled Veteran Combination Hunting & Fishing (60 percent or more disability)	\$25	Lifetime
Lake Texoma (see 1A below)	\$12	January 1 - December 31
Paddlefish	Free	January 1 - December 31
Senior Citizen Fishing (see 2A below)	\$15	Lifetime
Senior Citizen Combination Fishing & Hunting (see 2A below)	\$25	Lifetime
Disability Fishing (see 3A below)	\$10	Five years from date of purchase
Land Access Permit (Honobia Creek & Three Rivers WMAs)	\$40	January 1 - December 31
3-Day Land Access Permit (not valid for fishing or hunting) (Honobia Creek & Three Rivers WMAs)	\$10	Three consecutive days of choice
Wildlife Conservation Passport (permit does not provide fishing privileges)	\$26	January 1 - December 31
Fishing Guide License (Cost reduced to \$20 with Coast Guard Mariner credentials)	\$90	January 1 - December 31

Nonresident	Cost	Valid
Annual Fishing	\$55	January 1 - December 31
6-Day Fishing	\$35	Six consecutive days of choice
1-Day Fishing	\$15	One day of choice
Lake Texoma (see 1A below)	\$12	January 1 - December 31
Land Access Permit (Honobia Creek and Three Rivers WMAs)	\$85	January 1 - December 31
Paddlefish	Free	January 1 - December 31
Wildlife Conservation Passport (permit does not provide fishing privileges)	\$26	January 1 - December 31
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1A) Allows anglers to fish the entire lake without having to purchase a resident or nonresident license. Oklahoma residents with a valid fishing license are not required to purchase this license if only fishing the Oklahoma portion of the lake.

2A) Residents who reach 65 years-of-age (or those who turn 65 during the calendar year) are eligible to purchase a Senior Citizen License which is good for the rest of their lives. Anyone born before January 1, 1923, is exempt from the license but must carry proof of age such as a driver's license. Senior Citizen License applications are available through wildlifedepartment.com, Department headquarters, field installations and license vendors, but the license is purchased only through Department headquarters.

3A) For legal residents who have resided in this state for at least six months and who are receiving Social Security disability, Supplemental Security Income benefits, disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A., Sect. 231a, postal employees receiving disability benefits under 5, U.S.C., Section 8451 (1998), or disability benefits through the Multiple Injury Trust Fund. This license is valid for five years. Can be purchased only through Department headquarters.

Residency definitions

A "resident" is any individual who has an established residence in Oklahoma for 60 consecutive days prior to submitting a license application, except for lifetime license applicants and senior citizen lifetime license applicants who must have established residency for a period of six months and intend to remain a state resident. Any person holding a valid driver license is considered a resident of the state that issued the permit. For a valid Oklahoma driver license to be used as the sole source of proof of residency, it must be at least 60 days from the date the license was issued, except for lifetime license applicants, whose license must have been issued for six months or longer. If a person does not hold a valid Oklahoma driver license, the Department may consider other reliable documentation, such as resident income tax returns, voter registration, motor vehicle or vessel registrations, and other public records documenting residence. Residency for children under 18 years of age is presumed to be that of the custodial parent or

legal guardian unless otherwise documented. Persons who own land in Oklahoma but do not live here are considered nonresidents. A person cannot claim multiple states of residence, with the following exception:

- Active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces, and any dependents, qualify as residents for the purpose of obtaining an annual license if the person presents valid military documentation.
- The residency status of any person, except active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces and any dependents of the member, shall terminate if the person obtains any resident hunting, fishing, trapping license or permit or valid driver license issued by another state.

A nonresident is any individual who is a resident of another state or who has resided in Oklahoma for a period of less than 60 days whether or not he or she intends to make Oklahoma his or her home.



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An Oklahoma resident or nonresident fishing license is required of all persons who take, attempt to take or possess fish or other aquatic dwelling organisms by any method in Oklahoma. Persons fishing the Red River must have a valid Oklahoma fishing license unless exempt.

In addition, persons fishing on waters located within the Honobia Creek or Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas must have a valid Land Access Permit, unless exempt.

Persons residing in another state who own land in Oklahoma but do not live on that land, and are fishing on that land, must purchase a nonresident fishing license.

All required licenses or written evidence of exemption and identification must be carried while fishing.

Fishing Guide License

Fishing guides must possess an Oklahoma fishing guide license. This license costs \$90 unless the guide provides Coast Guard Mariner credentials, in which case the license costs \$20. For a list of licensed guides, visit wildlifedepartment.com.

License Exemptions

The following persons are exempt from the resident or nonresident fishing license:

- Residents under 16 years old.
- Nonresidents under 14 years old.
- Nonresidents under 16 years old who reside in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Texas or Wisconsin.
- Resident owners or tenants, their spouses, parents, grandparents, children and their spouses, grandchildren and their spouses who fish in private ponds on land owned or leased by such owner or tenant.
- Nonresidents 65 and older who are residents of Texas. (Valid ID required.)
- Resident disabled veterans with 60 percent or more disability. Call State Department of

Veterans Affairs, (888) 655-2838 to acquire proof of exemption.

- Any person who fishes with pole and line, trotline or throw line in streams, natural ponds and mine pits in or forming the boundary of the county in which he is a bona fide resident, when using any bait other than commercial or artificial bait, blood, stink bait, cut fish, and shrimp.
- Any person legally blind or physically impaired who is unable to properly use fishing apparatus and one accompanying companion while the blind or physically impaired person is fishing.
- Persons under 18 who are in legal and physical custody of the State of Oklahoma or its agencies by court order.
- Persons under 18 who are in the custody of a child care facility as defined by Title 10 O.S., Section 402.
- Persons fishing during Oklahoma's Free Fishing Days.
- Any patient of a state institution in Oklahoma established for the care and treatment of mental illness or alcohol or drug dependency or any person developmentally disabled residing in any group home or other institution or persons developmentally disabled when accompanied by an attendant of such institution or legal guardian or when fishing on institutional property.
- Residents having a proven disability rendering them nonambulatory and confined to wheelchairs as certified by a duly qualified physician.
- Job Corps trainees of this state, having a proper identification card.
- Any person participating in an aquatic education event or clinic sanctioned by the Wildlife Department.
- The following persons are exempt from the purchase of the **Land Access Permit** (Honobia Creek and Three Rivers WMAs): Any Oklahoma resident who on the first day of the current calendar year was younger than 18, or anyone 64 or older. All nonresidents are required to purchase an \$85 annual Land Access Permit (no exemptions).



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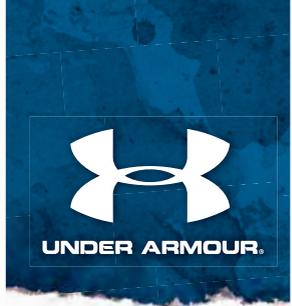
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Fiscal-Year Licenses

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Resident 5-Year Combination Hunting/Fishing License

People who have been residents of Oklahoma for at least six months may buy a 5-year combination hunting/fishing license. Holders of these licenses are exempt from the annual fishing and hunting license only. Holders of resident 5-year licenses who become residents of another state during the 5-year period of their license may continue to use their license as a nonresident annual fishing or hunting license. When hunting, they must buy any season-specific hunting licenses that are not covered by a nonresident annual hunting license.

Lifetime Senior Citizen Combination Hunting/Fishing License

Residents born on or after Jan. 1, 1923, upon reaching age 65 (or those who turn 65 during the calendar year) are eligible to buy a senior citizen combination hunting/fishing license, which is valid for life. The license provides the same exemptions as a resident lifetime combination hunting/fishing license. Anyone born before Jan. 1, 1923, is exempt but must carry proof of age such as a driver's license.

Disability Fishing License

Persons who have resided in Oklahoma for at least six months and who are receiving Social Security disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits, or persons receiving disability benefits under the Federal Railroad Retirement Act or the Multiple Injury Trust Fund may buy a five-year disability fishing license for \$10. Applicants for this license are urged to ask for a Benefits Verification Statement from Social Security at (800) 772-1213.

Lifetime Disabled Veteran Combination Hunting/Fishing License

This license is available to resident disabled veterans, as certified by the Veterans Affairs Department. For veterans with a disability of less than 60 percent, the cost of the license is \$200. For veterans with a disability of 60 percent or more, the cost of the license is \$25. The license provides the same benefits as a resident lifetime combination hunting/fishing license.

Land Access Permit

A \$40 annual Land Access Permit is required of all residents who fish or hunt on Honobia Creek and Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas, unless exempt. Nonresidents are required to buy an \$85 annual permit, no exemptions.

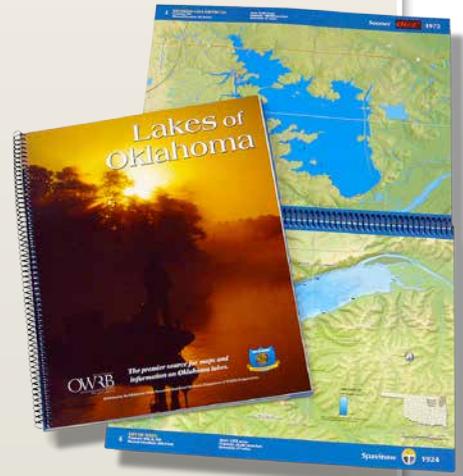
Wildlife Conservation Passport

People who use Department-managed areas for nonhunting or nonfishing activities, such as birdwatching or photography, are required to have either a Wildlife Conservation Passport or any current hunting or fishing license* issued by the Wildlife Department.

Buying a hunting or fishing license can cost less than buying a Wildlife Conservation Passport. Plus, license holders are granted the privileges of that license and can enjoy those activities during the license term.

Residents who are younger than 18 at the start of the calendar year, and students and instructors participating in bona fide educational tours or activities sponsored or organized by an education institution or any other organized event sanctioned by and approved in advance by the Wildlife Department are exempt from the Wildlife Conservation Passport requirement.

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This atlas was published with funds granted through the Sport Fish Restoration Program, which is supported by a special excise tax paid by boaters and anglers.

"The 'Lakes of Oklahoma' atlas is a great example of a Sport Fish Restoration Program project," said Barry Bolton, chief of fisheries for the Wildlife Department. "I'm confident this book will greatly improve the access to information anglers and boaters need to spend a weekend at the lake with their family."

"Lakes of Oklahoma" is free of charge when picked up at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation headquarters, 1801 N. Lincoln, or the Oklahoma Water Resources Board office, 3800 Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City. To request a copy by mail, go online to owrb.ok.gov (a postage fee is required).

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General Regulations

Game Fish

Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass; black and white crappie; rainbow and brown trout; sauger, saugeye and walleye; white and striped bass; blue and channel catfish. Species not listed are nongame fish.

It is unlawful to:

- Fish without carrying a license or written evidence that you are exempt.
- Fish upon the land of another without consent of the owner, lessee or occupant of that land. Anglers must obtain permission to enter any posted or occupied land or land primarily devoted to farming, ranching or forestry purposes. Nothing in this guide shall be interpreted as permitting fishing or allowing access into any area, public or private, without permission from the owners or custodian as required by law. Consent is not valid for more than one year, unless the owner, lessee, or occupant specifically grants consent for a specified period of time.
- Catch fish from the waters of this state which are dead or die as a result of angling, and not remove those fish and bury or burn them, except nothing will prevent anglers from

returning fish remains to lakes and reservoirs. No person may bury or burn any dead fish where it will become exposed through erosion or where that land is at any time subject to overflow.

- Sell, barter or trade fish, frogs or turtles, except with a commercial license.
- Enter, swim, wade, operate a boat or a float or floating device in any safety zone (the water area below any dam for a distance of 50 yards from base of the dam).
- Use, operate or park vehicles not registered for use on public roadways under Vehicle Code 47 O.S. 1971, 15-101 through 15-114, on lands owned or managed by the Wildlife Department.
- Possess fish, or parts thereof, taken by another person without written information which includes the taker's name, address, license number, date taken, and number and kind of fish, plus name and address of person receiving those fish.
- Use and/or place into lakes and reservoirs of this state any container, including but not

limited to drums, cans, tubs, boxes or barrels which attract, entice or lure fish into an open cavity within the container.

- Possess, consume or use any alcoholic beverage as defined in 37 O.S., Section 163.1 on any lands or waterways subject to the control of the Wildlife Department, except in designated parking or camping areas.
- Use or possess any controlled and/or dangerous substance as defined in 63 O.S., Section 2-101 on any lands or waterways subject to the control of the Wildlife Department.
- Use Jet Skis, jet boats and other similar non-propeller-driven watercraft in the upper Illinois River above the confluence with Baron Fork Creek.
- Tamper with the trotline, throwline, jugline or limblime of another person without permission from that person.
- Stock fish in any public waters including streams and rivers without written consent from the Wildlife Department director.

Method of Take Regulations

These methods are legal for taking game and nongame fish throughout the year, statewide, unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations" starting on page 18.

Rod and Reel: A person may use up to seven rods while fishing unless restricted further under "Special Area Regulations."

Trotline/Throwlines: Trotlines/ throwlines are restricted to no more than three lines and 100 hooks per person.

A legal trotline/throwline has:

- no glass or metallic floating device on the line;
- no metallic posts in water for attachment;
- lines made of nonmetallic material only;
- hooks at least 24 inches apart;
- owner's name and address attached to each line;
- been attended at least once every 24 hours;
- not been set within three feet of surface of water at any point beyond six feet from either point of attachment, except at Great Salt Plains and Fort Supply reservoirs where water is less than three feet deep.

Jugline: Juglines are restricted to no more than five hooks per line and 20 juglines per person. A legal jugline is a vertical line suspended from a nonmetallic or nonglass floating device, drifting free or anchored, and has:

- owner's name and address attached;
- been attended at least once every 24 hours.

Limblime: Limblines are restricted to no more than two hooks per line and 20 limblines per person. A legal limblime is a line attached to a limb, branch, other natural object, or non-metallic manmade material and has:

- the owner's name and address attached;
- been attended at least once every 24 hours.

Yo-Yo: Yo-yos are restricted to no more than 20 per person and shall:

- have the owner's name and address attached;
- not be left unattended for more than six hours;
- not be strung or suspended from any horizontal line across any channel or navigable waterway;
- have no more than 10 yo-yos attached from any one line or support;
- not have metallic material in lines used for attachment;
- have lines no greater than 50 feet in length and must be placed or suspended without restricting or impeding boat traffic. Lines must be visible to boats at all times, day or night.

These methods are legal for taking nongame fish according to the following provisions unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations" starting on page 18.

Bow and Arrow: Bowfishing may be used to take nongame fish only, throughout the year in all waters unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations." Legal bowfishing is restricted to:

- any bow (including a crossbow);
- arrows having no more than one point with no more than four barbs on each point;
- devices that permit a bow to be held mechanically at full or partial draw are permitted.

Gig, Grabhook, Spear and Speargun: Gigs and spears are legal for taking nongame fish and white bass only. Grabhooks (handheld hook, handheld pole of natural or man-made material, or rope with a single hook attached used in the initial taking of a fish) are prohibited in all state waters. Note: Scuba divers in Delaware and Mayes counties are no longer exempt from the grabhook restriction. Spearguns used by Scuba divers are legal for taking nongame fish, blue and channel catfish.

Gigs, spears and spearguns shall:

- not contain more than three points with no more than two barbs on each point;
- be lawful in all rivers and streams from Dec. 1 through March 31, and year-round in all reservoirs, unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations;"
- Gigs shall be lawful year-round in rivers and streams in Delaware and Mayes counties, unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations."

Snagging: Snagging, the dragging of one single hook or one treble hook attached to a



fishing line through the water to impale fish, shall be lawful in all waters year-round for nongame fish only unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations." Only one rod or pole per angler is allowed while snagging.

Noodling: Noodling is the taking of nongame fish and catfish by use of hands only. Possession of hooks, gaff hooks, spears, poles with hooks attached or ropes with hooks attached while in the act of noodling shall be proof of violation of the "hands only" noodling law. Noodling shall be lawful year-round in all waters during daylight hours only unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations."

Netting (Noncommercial): The use of gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, or haul seines is prohibited statewide.

Seines, Cast Nets, Trawls and Dip Nets (Noncommercial): Seining, cast netting, trawling and dip netting bait for personal use is lawful in all waters year-round except Lakes Taft, Lone Chimney, Overholser (including tailwaters and downstream to NW 10th Street bridge), Hefner, Draper, Close to Home Fishing Waters (see page 27), the Wichita Mountains NWR, and in Wildlife Department Fishing Areas (see pages 16-17), however cast nets may be used to take bait for personal use at Lake Carl Etling and on the Illinois River from the south boundary of the MarVal trout camp downstream to the U.S. 64 Bridge. The use or possession of cast nets is prohibited on all Oklahoma Scenic Rivers.

Any person may seine, trap or transport nongame fish commonly used for personal bait, provided the seine does not exceed 20 feet in length and 1/2 inch mesh; unless seining for minnows, then the mesh shall not exceed 1/4 inch. Minnow traps shall have a mesh size no greater than 1/2 inch, shall not be longer than three feet, shall not exceed 18 inches in diameter on round traps or 18 inches on a side on square or rectangular traps. The trap entrance (throat) cannot exceed two inches across the opening. No person shall fish with more than three minnow traps. All minnow traps must have the owner's name and address attached and the traps must be attended once every 24 hours. All game fish and nongame fish not commonly used for bait must be released immediately. No person may take or possess more than 25 nongame baitfish harvested from a river or stream. No person may possess with intent to transport or transport via land-based transportation more than 200 nongame fish, including shad, for personal use as bait (see page 37 for special regulations). The sale, offer for sale, transport from Oklahoma with intent to sell or offer to sell shad taken from Oklahoma waters is prohibited. Minnow traps cannot be made with glass. Cast nets shall have a mesh size no greater than 3/8 inch square. Trawl nets pulled by motor-driven boats may not exceed three feet in diameter and 3/8 inch square mesh. Cast nets, trawls and handheld dip nets are lawful for taking nongame fish only as bait for personal use. A resident or nonresident fishing license is required of each person using these methods, unless exempt.

WHAT'S LEGAL WHEN NOODLING?



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Legal:

- Using only the hands to take catfish and nongame fish, which includes buffalo and carp.
- Using a stringer to secure a fish once it has been caught.

Not legal to use to help catch fish:

- Any object other than your hands used to help you catch a fish.
- It is unlawful to place into any lake or reservoir any container that will attract, entice or lure fish into an open cavity within that container. Containers include, but are not limited to, drums, cans, tubs, boxes and barrels. It is also illegal to noodle within such containers.

Not legal to possess when noodling:

- Hooks, gaffs, spears, poles with hooks attached, ropes with hooks attached.

Season & Limits:

- Noodling is lawful year-round in all waters only during daylight hours unless restricted under "Special Area Regulations" (pages 18-26). From May 1 to Aug. 31, the daily limit for noodling is three blue, channel or flathead catfish in any combination, of which only one may be 30 inches or longer. From Sept. 1 to April 30, the daily limit for noodling is 10 flathead catfish (except Lake Texoma's five-flathead limit). There is no statewide daily limit or size restriction for buffalo, carp or any other nongame fish.

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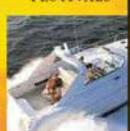
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STATEWIDE DAILY & SIZE LIMITS

SPECIES	DAILY LIMIT (for areas without special regulations)	SIZE LIMIT (for areas without special regulations)
Largemouth and/or Smallmouth Bass	6 (combined)	14" minimum (in public waters)
Spotted Bass	None	None
Channel and/or Blue Catfish (A)	15 (combined)	Only one Blue Catfish over 30"
Flathead Catfish (B)	10	None
White and/or Black Crappie	37 (combined)	None
Striped Bass (C)	5 (except Lake Texoma)	None
Striped Bass Hybrids (C)	20	Only five fish over 20"
White Bass	None	None
Trout (C)	See Trout regulations on pages 29-32	
Walleye, Sauger and/or Saugeye	6 (combined)	18" minimum
Paddlefish (C)	See Paddlefish regulations on page 14	None
Alligator Gar (D)	1	None
(All species not listed, except shad, have no daily or minimum size limits) (E)		

- A.** Scuba divers from May 1 through August 31: Daily limit of three combined, of which only one may be 30 inches or longer. Statewide limits apply remainder of the year.
- B.** Noodlers and scuba divers from May 1 through August 31: Daily limit is three catfish, only one of which may be 30 inches or longer. Statewide limits apply remainder of year.
- C.** Release of paddlefish, trout, striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids caught and placed on a stringer, in a livewell, or otherwise held in possession is prohibited, statewide (no culling).

- D.** Alligator gar may be caught by use of rod and reel, trotline, and throwline. Alligator gar taken by bow and arrow, gigs, spears, or spearguns cannot be released. Alligator gar caught and placed on a stringer cannot be released (a practice called culling).
- E.** It is unlawful to take or possess more than 25 nongame bait fish in rivers or streams, except for shad, of which 200 may be taken or possessed.

Some areas have different regulations. See pages 18 – 26, "Special Area Regulations" for daily and size limits on specific areas.

BLACK BASS (LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH & SPOTTED BASS)

Statewide Daily Limit:

- Largemouth & Smallmouth – 6 (combined)
- Spotted – None

Statewide Minimum Size Limit:

- Largemouth & Smallmouth – 14" minimum (in public waters)
- Spotted – None

Check pages 18 - 26 for areas with additional daily and size limits



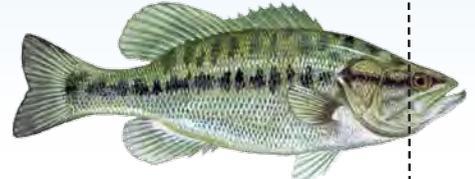
Largemouth Bass

- Mouth hinge well behind eye
- State record: 14 lbs., 13.7 oz.



Smallmouth Bass

- Mouth hinge in front of eye
- State record: 8 lbs., 7 oz.



Spotted Bass

- Mouth hinge even with back edge of eye
- State record: 8 lbs., 2 oz.

Tooth Patch: Another way to distinguish black bass is the presence or absence of a tooth patch on the tongue. The majority of largemouth bass have no tooth patch on the tongue, while smallmouth and spotted bass do have a tooth patch on the tongue.



Most largemouth bass have no tooth patch on the tongue.



Smallmouth and spotted bass display a tooth patch on the tongue.

CATFISH

Statewide Daily Limit:

- Channel and/or Blue Catfish combined – 15
- Flathead Catfish – 10

Statewide Size Limit:

- Channel Catfish – None
- Blue Catfish – Only one over 30"
- Flathead Catfish – None

Check pages 18 - 26 for areas with additional daily and size limits



Channel Catfish

- Curved anal fin
- State record: 35 lbs., 15 oz.



Blue Catfish

- Straight anal fin
- State record: 98 lbs.



Flathead Catfish

- Tail not forked
- State record: 78 lbs., 8 oz.

CRAPPIE

Statewide Daily Limit:

- 37 (combined White and/or Black crappie)

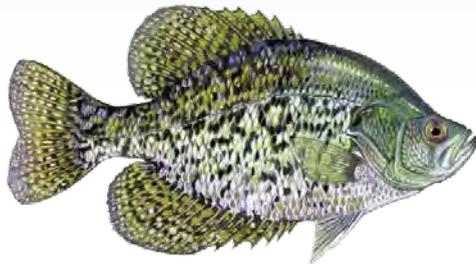
Statewide Minimum Size Limit:

- None

Check pages 18 - 26 for areas with additional daily and size limits

Black Crappie

- No true pattern to black spots
- 7-8 bony spines in dorsal fin
- State record: 4 lbs., 10 oz.



White Crappie

- Distinct vertical bands of blue/gray spots
- 5-6 bony spines in dorsal fin
- State record: 4 lbs., 15 oz.



DAILY LIMITS & MEASURING FISH

Daily limits are for 24-hour periods (midnight to midnight). No person can have in his or her possession while in the field more than one daily limit of any fish species. Nonresidents cannot have more than two days' limit in his or her possession at any time, except for paddlefish (see page 14).

Daily limit is 1 for any fish species of special concern in category I or II, which includes alligator gar, black buffalo, shovelnose sturgeon and Wichita Mountains spotted bass (see Title 800:25-19-6). Such harvest must be reported to the Wildlife Department.

When measuring fish, total length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with fish laid flat on a ruler, mouth closed and tail fins pressed together.



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STATEWIDE DAILY & SIZE LIMITS

STRIPED BASS, HYBRIDS, & WHITE BASS

Statewide Daily Limit:

- Striped Bass - 5
- Striped Bass Hybrids - 20
- White Bass - None

Statewide Size Limit:

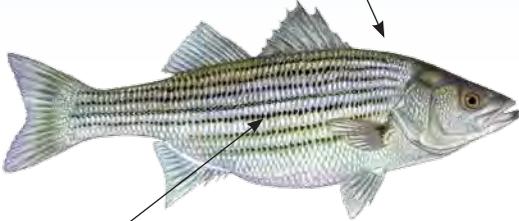
- Striped Bass - None
- Striped Bass Hybrids - No more than 5 fish over 20"
- White Bass - None

Check pages 18 - 26 for areas with additional daily and size limits



Striped Bass

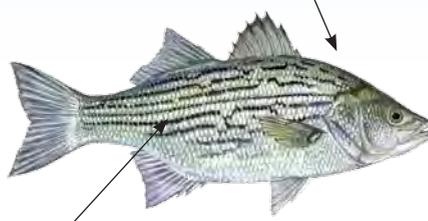
- Back not arched
- State record: 47 lbs., 8 oz.



- Strong, unbroken dark lines

Striped Bass Hybrid

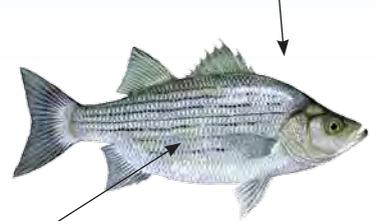
- Back slightly arched
- State record: 23 lbs., 4 oz.



- Some broken lines

White Bass

- Arched back
- State record: 4 lbs., 9.6 oz.

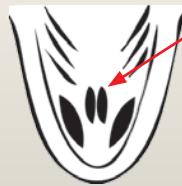


- Faint lines, usually unbroken

DISTINGUISHING WHITE BASS

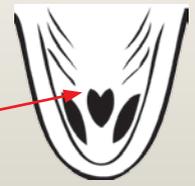
White bass are also distinguished from striped bass and striped bass hybrids by tooth patches on the tongue. White bass have a single tooth patch, striped bass and striped bass hybrids have two tooth patches.

Downward Views Inside Mouth of Lower Jaw and Tongue.



Two long patches on tongue

Striped Bass and Striped Bass Hybrid



One round or heart-shaped patch on tongue

White Bass

TROUT (RAINBOW & BROWN)

Statewide Daily Limit:

- Rainbow Trout - 6
- Brown Trout - 6

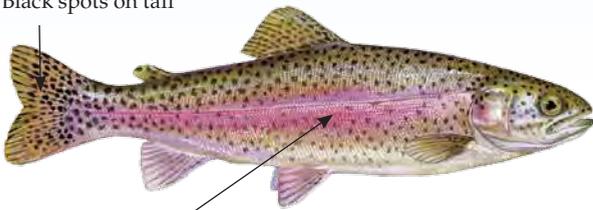
Statewide Minimum Size Limit:

- None

Check pages 29 - 32 for areas with additional daily and size limits

Rainbow Trout

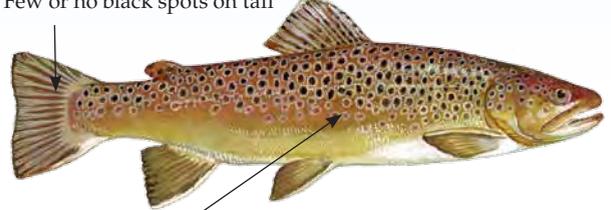
- State record: 10 lbs., 10.56 oz.
- Black spots on tail



- Iridescence on sides

Brown Trout

- State record: 17 lbs., 4.6 oz.
- Few or no black spots on tail



- Orange and red spots on side

WALLEYE, SAUGER, SAUGEYE

Statewide Daily Limit:

- 6 (combined)

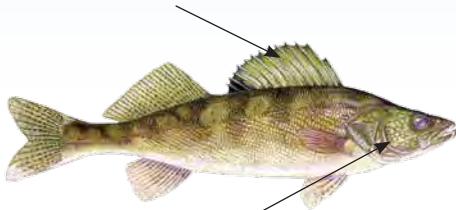
Statewide Minimum Size Limit:

- 18" minimum

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Walleye

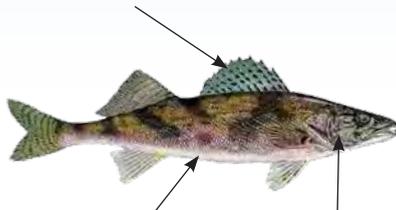
- **State Record:** 12 lbs., 13 oz.
- No spots on spiny dorsal fin



- Few or no cheek scales

Sauger

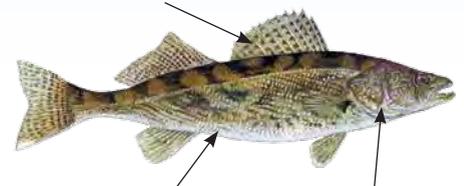
- **State Record:** 5 lbs., 5 oz.
- Distinct spots on spiny dorsal fin



- Tan body with distinct brown blotches
- Cheek covered with scales

Saugeye

- **State Record:** 10 lbs., 10 oz.
- Spiny dorsal fin with distinct spots and bars in webbing



- Body gold with distinct brown blotches
- Cheek covered with scales

PADDLEFISH

Statewide Daily Limit:

- 1

Statewide Minimum Size Limit:

- None

Statewide Annual Limit:

- 2

Harvest must be reported via E-Check at wildlifedepartment.com.

Check page 14 for additional paddlefish regulations



- Distinctive rounded, protruding blade in front.
- **State Record:** 125 lbs., 7 oz.

ALLIGATOR GAR

Statewide Daily Limit:

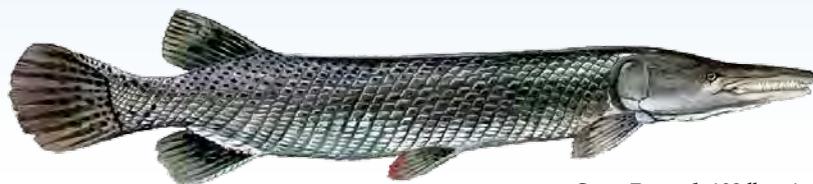
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Statewide Minimum Size Limit:

- None

Harvest must be reported to Wildlife Department.

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- **State Record:** 192 lbs., 1 oz.

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REGULATIONS ADDED FOR PADDLEFISH

- All harvested paddlefish **must be reported** within 24 hours using the online E-Check system at wildlifedepartment.com.
- The **daily harvest limit** is 1 paddlefish. The annual harvest limit per angler is 2 paddlefish. Catch-and-release is permitted year round where allowed.
- The **nonresident possession limit** is equal to the annual harvest limit.
- **Legal snagging** is limited to only one rod and reel per angler.

Paddlefish Regulations

Paddlefish daily limit is one daily on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. **Any paddlefish caught on a Monday or Friday must be released immediately.** Anglers cannot possess a paddlefish in the field on Mondays or Fridays.

Once you keep a fish, you must stop paddlefish fishing (snagging) for the day and report the harvest using the online E-Check system.

The annual paddlefish harvest limit is two paddlefish per angler.

Paddlefish angling by all methods is closed on the Spring River from the State Highway 60 bridge upstream to the Kansas line. Snagging of paddlefish or any fish is closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. year round on the Grand River from the State Highway 412 bridge upstream to the Markham Ferry (Lake Hudson) dam.

Residents and nonresidents must obtain a free paddlefish permit in addition to a fishing license before fishing for paddlefish. The free permit is available at wildlifedepartment.com or by contacting fishing license dealers or any Wildlife Department office in the state (see Fisheries Offices, page 38).

Residents and nonresidents may have one paddlefish in their possession in the field. Nonresidents may possess no more than the annual harvest limit at any other time.

Catch and release of paddlefish by use of rod and reel, trotlines and throwlines is allowed, year-round. Paddlefish must be released immediately after being caught, unless kept for the daily limit. Anglers must stop snagging for the day when a paddlefish is kept. Anglers fishing trotlines or throwlines must release

all paddlefish before leaving their lines (unless keeping one for a daily limit).

Paddlefish taken by bowfishing, gigs, spears and spearguns cannot be released. These methods cannot be used Mondays and Fridays.

Paddlefish not immediately released are considered kept and must be tagged immediately with the angler's paddlefish permit number. Date and time of harvest must be recorded on the permit. All harvested paddlefish must be reported within 24 hours to the Online Check Station at wildlifedepartment.com. Under no circumstances can any paddlefish be caught, kept and later released (no culling).

Each cleaned paddlefish and its parts (carcass, meat or eggs) must be tagged and kept separate from all other cleaned paddlefish or paddlefish parts. Each person must keep his paddlefish distinctly separate from paddlefish taken by others. Paddlefish and paddlefish parts must remain tagged until the person in possession of the same reaches his residence.

When snagging for paddlefish, anglers are allowed only one single hook or one treble hook. All hooks must have barbs removed or completely closed. Anglers must stop snagging when a paddlefish is kept. When landing a paddlefish, it is illegal to use gaff hooks or any technique or device that injures the fish, unless the angler is bowfishing.

No person can possess eggs (attached to the egg membrane) of more than one paddlefish. No person can possess more than 3 pounds of processed paddlefish eggs or fresh paddlefish eggs removed from the membrane. Processed eggs are any eggs taken from a paddlefish that have gone through a process that turns the eggs into caviar or into a caviar-like product.

No person can ship into or out of, transport into or out of, have in possession with the intent to so transport, or cause to be removed from this state, raw unprocessed, processed or frozen paddlefish eggs.

All paddlefish must have all internal organs removed before leaving the state.

Note: For information on fishing below dams for paddlefish, see "Tailwaters" in the Special Area Regulations section starting on page 18.



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Contacts: Call Paddlefish/Caviar Coordinator Brent Gordon at (918) 686-3673 or the PRC at (918) 542-9422.

Fish pick-up: Wildlife Department personnel will pick up live paddlefish from bank and boat anglers at Grand Lake. Call the PRC to arrange for a pick-up.

Purpose: Wildlife Department biologists collect important biological data for paddlefish management, process paddlefish meat for anglers and salvage paddlefish eggs. The PRC also serves as the hub for statewide paddlefish management and research activities.

Q: Why can I only keep two fish this year when in previous years there was no limit?

A: After years of data collection and consideration of numerous alternatives, Wildlife Department biologists have concluded that an individual annual harvest limit is the best solution for long-term harvest management in Oklahoma. Fortunately, a majority of anglers will not be affected by this restriction, as 83 percent of paddlefish anglers keep two or fewer fish per year. The primary goals are to conserve the resource and reduce total harvest while preserving opportunity for as many anglers as possible. Catch-and-release angling for paddlefish remains available statewide, year-round with few restrictions.

Q: I am confused about the new regulations. I have a permit, so what do I need to do to harvest a fish on a legal harvest day?

A: Once an angler catches and decides to keep a fish, the fish should be labeled with the angler's paddlefish permit number. One option is to put duct tape around the bill and write the angler's permit number on the tape in permanent marker. Record the date and time of harvest on the "record of game" section on the paddlefish permit.

Within 24 hours of harvest, the paddlefish must be reported. Go to wildlifedepartment.com or visit the Paddlefish Research Center during business hours to report your harvest. Once reported, the angler will receive a confirmation number. Retain the number for your records by writing it on the paddlefish permit.

Q: Why is it now prohibited to snag for paddlefish with more than one rod and reel while fishing from a boat?

A: In recent years, snagging for paddlefish has transitioned from primarily a bank fishery to a boat fishery due to improvements in sonar technology, access, and information on staging areas. Groups of paddlefish staging to spawn are highly vulnerable to boats with multiple rods per angler, and this scenario provides for higher incidence of take violations, additional fish stress, and gives boating anglers a distinct advantage over bank anglers.

Q: What do I do if I catch a banded paddlefish?

A: If you harvested the fish, there will be an opportunity to report the band during the E-Check process at wildlifedepartment.com. If you released the fish, please report your band at PaddlefishBands.com or call the Paddlefish Research Center at (918) 542-9422.

TURTLE & BULLFROG REGULATIONS

Turtle Regulations

Turtles may be taken in all waters with a resident or nonresident fishing license with the provisions listed below. Turtles taken with a firearm require a hunting license. Turtles may be taken year-round provided that:

- no more than six turtles per day are taken;
- shooting of turtles on federal reservoirs is prohibited;
- terrestrial (land) turtles may not be sold;
- taking of the western chicken turtle, map turtle, painted and razor-backed musk turtles and/or alligator snapping turtle is prohibited;
- the Wichita Mountains NWR is closed to turtle harvest;
- all soft-shell turtles greater than 16 inches front to back must be returned to water immediately.
- no aquatic turtles may be sold or purchased without the proper commercial turtle harvester or buyer's license.

Note: The above regulations apply to the non-commercial harvest of turtles. Separate regulations govern the commercial harvest of turtles.

Bullfrog Regulations

Bullfrogs may be taken with hook and line, gig, spear, bow and arrow or other methods, except firearms, under a resident or nonresident fishing license. Bullfrogs taken with a firearm require a hunting license. Bullfrogs may be taken year-round provided that:

- no more than 15 bullfrogs per day are taken;
- bullfrogs may not be sold or shipped out of state;
- the Wichita Mountains NWR is closed to bullfrog harvest.



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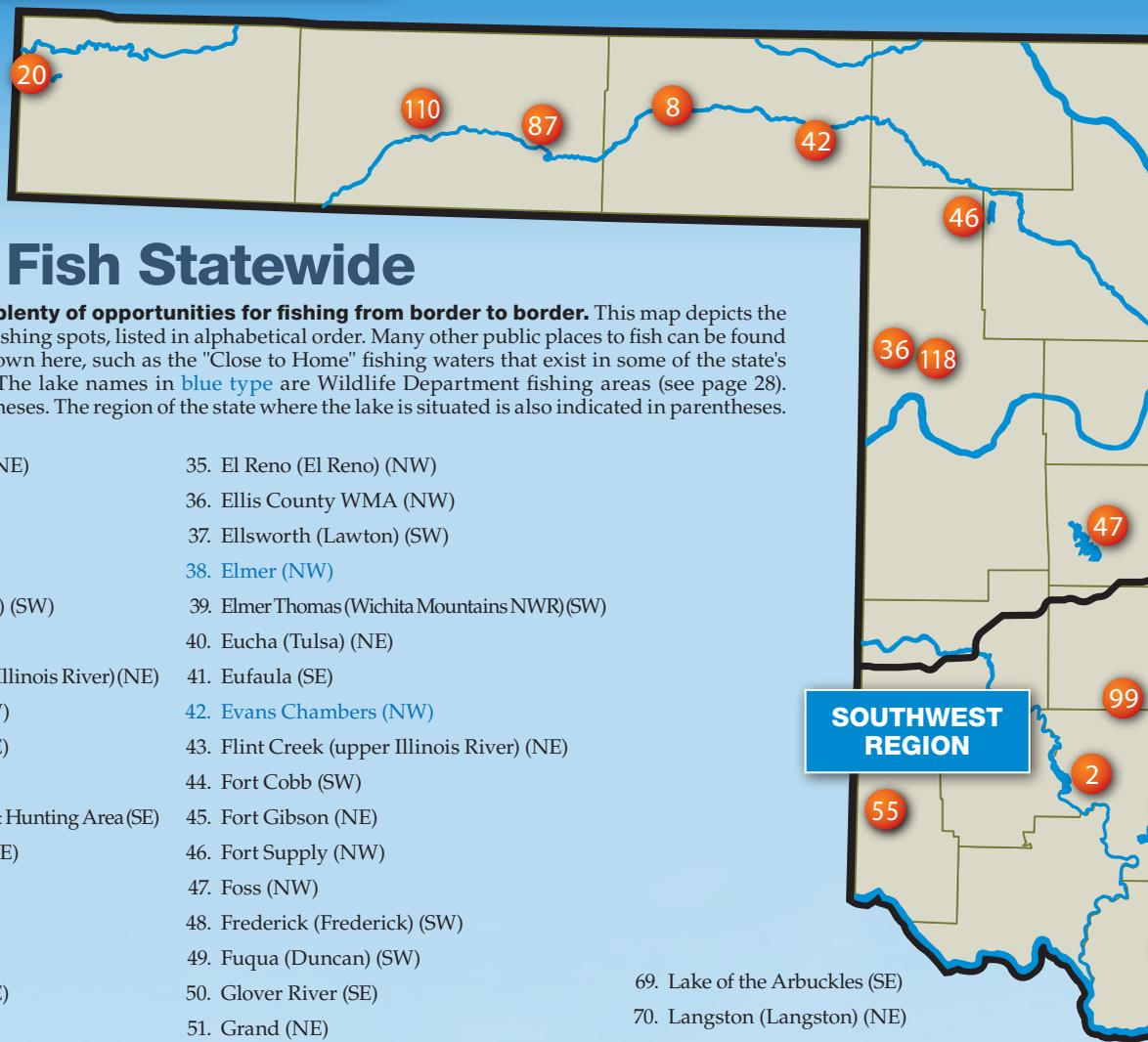
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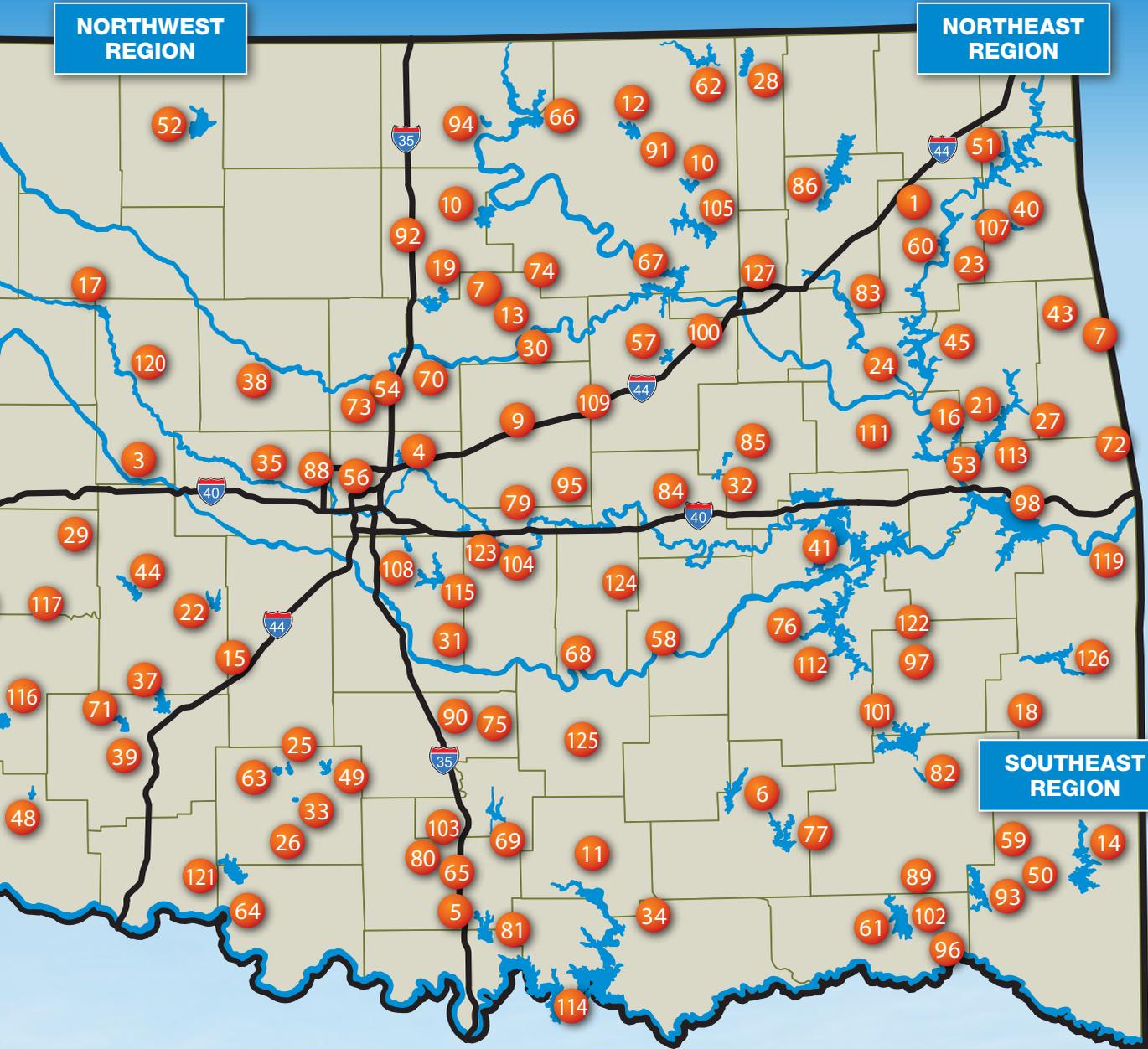
Where to Fish Statewide

The Sooner State offers plenty of opportunities for fishing from border to border. This map depicts the locations of popular public fishing spots, listed in alphabetical order. Many other public places to fish can be found in Oklahoma but are not shown here, such as the "Close to Home" fishing waters that exist in some of the state's urban areas (see page 27). The lake names in blue type are Wildlife Department fishing areas (see page 28). Lake operators are in parentheses. The region of the state where the lake is situated is also indicated in parentheses.

1. Adair Recreation Area (NE)
2. Altus-Lugert (SW)
3. American Horse (NW)
4. Arcadia (NE)
5. Ardmore City (Ardmore) (SW)
6. Atoka (Atoka) (SE)
7. Baron Fork Creek (upper Illinois River) (NE)
8. Beaver River WMA (NW)
9. Bell Cow (Chandler) (NE)
10. Birch (NE)
11. Blue River Public Fishing & Hunting Area (SE)
12. Bluestem (Pawhuska) (NE)
13. Boomer (Stillwater) (NE)
14. Broken Bow (SE)
15. Burtschi (SW)
16. Camp Gruber JMTA (NE)
17. Canton (NW)
18. Carl Albert (Talihina) (SE)
19. Carl Blackwell (OSU) (NE)
20. Carl Etling (NW)
21. Cherokee GMA (NE)
22. Chickasha (Chickasha) (SW)
23. Chimney Rock/W.R. Holway (NE)
24. Chouteau (NE)
25. Clear Creek (Duncan) (SW)
26. Comanche (SW)
27. Cookson WMA (NE)
28. Copan (NE)
29. Crowder (Washita County) (SW)
30. Cushing (NE)
31. Dahlgren (SE)
32. Dripping Springs (NE)
33. Duncan (Duncan) (SW)
34. Durant (Durant) (SE)
35. El Reno (El Reno) (NW)
36. Ellis County WMA (NW)
37. Ellsworth (Lawton) (SW)
38. Elmer (NW)
39. Elmer Thomas (Wichita Mountains NWR) (SW)
40. Eucha (Tulsa) (NE)
41. Eufaula (SE)
42. Evans Chambers (NW)
43. Flint Creek (upper Illinois River) (NE)
44. Fort Cobb (SW)
45. Fort Gibson (NE)
46. Fort Supply (NW)
47. Foss (NW)
48. Frederick (Frederick) (SW)
49. Fuqua (Duncan) (SW)
50. Glover River (SE)
51. Grand (NE)
52. Great Salt Plains (NW)
53. Greenleaf (NE)
54. Guthrie (Guthrie) (NW)
55. Hall (SW)
56. Hefner (Oklahoma City) (NW)
57. Heyburn (NE)
58. Holdenville (Holdenville) (SE)
59. Honobia & Three Rivers WMAs (SE)
60. Hudson (NE)
61. Hugo (SE)
62. Hulah (NE)
63. Humphreys (Duncan) (SW)
64. Jap Beaver (SW)
65. Jean Neustadt (Ardmore) (SW)
66. Kaw (NE)
67. Keystone (NE)
68. Konawa (SE)
69. Lake of the Arbuckles (SE)
70. Langston (Langston) (NE)
71. Lawtonka (Lawton) (SW)
72. Lee's Creek (NE)
73. Liberty (Guthrie) (NW)
74. Lone Chimney (Tri-County Dev. Auth.) (NE)
75. Longmire (Pauls Valley) (SE)
76. McAlester (McAlester) (SE)
77. McGee Creek (SE)
78. McMurtry (Stillwater) (NE)
79. Meeker (Meeker) (NE)
80. Mountain Lake (Ardmore) (SW)
81. Murray (SE)
82. Nanih Waiya (SE)
83. Newt Graham (NE)
84. Okemah (Okemah) (NE)
85. Okmulgee (NE)
86. Oologah (NE)
87. Optima (NW)
88. Overholser (Oklahoma City) (NW)
89. Ozzie Cobb (SE)
99. (Location not specified in list)

NORTHWEST REGION

NORTHEAST REGION



SOUTHEAST REGION

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| 90. Pauls Valley (Pauls Valley) (SE) | 103. Scott King (Ardmore) (SW) | 116. Tom Steed (SW) |
| 91. Pawhuska (NE) | 104. Shawnee Twin 1 & 2 (Shawnee) (SE) | 117. Vanderwork (SW) |
| 92. Perry (NW) | 105. Skiatook (NE) | 118. Vincent (NW) |
| 93. Pine Creek (SE) | 106. Sooner (NE) | 119. W.D. Mayo (SE) |
| 94. Ponca (Ponca City) (NE) | 107. Spavinaw (Tulsa) (NE) | 120. Watonga (NW) |
| 95. Prague (NE) | 108. Stanley Draper (Oklahoma City) (SE) | 121. Waurika (SW) |
| 96. Raymond Gary (SE) | 109. Stroud (Stroud) (NE) | 122. Wayne Wallace (SE) |
| 97. Robbers Cave WMA (SE) | 110. Sunset (Guymon) (NW) | 123. Wes Watkins (Pott. County Dev. Auth.) (SE) |
| 98. Robert S. Kerr (SE) | 111. Taft (NE) | 124. Wewoka (SE) |
| 99. Rocky (Hobart) (SW) | 112. Talawanda 1 & 2 (McAlester) (SE) | 125. Wintersmith Park (Ada) (SE) |
| 100. Sahoma (Sapulpa) (NE) | 113. Tenkiller Ferry (NE) | 126. Wister (SE) |
| 101. Sardis (SE) | 114. Texoma (SE) | 127. Yahola (NE) |
| 102. Schooler (SE) | 115. Thunderbird (SE) | |

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It is the angler's responsibility to know what regulations apply to the body of water he or she is fishing.

Northwest

The following waters have regulations that differ from statewide regulations for one or more species of fish. Municipalities and national wildlife refuges have authority to set fishing regulations on waters in their jurisdictions that may differ from statewide regulations listed beginning on page 8 or the special area regulations listed below. **The Northwest is the area of the state north of Interstate 40 and west of Interstate 35.**

TAILWATERS

First 1,000 feet below any federal dam:

Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Unlawful to keep a foul-hooked fish (any fish hooked other than inside the mouth), unless taken in a tailwater open to snagging. Bowfishing prohibited. Gigs, spears and spear-guns prohibited. Snagging prohibited.

Salt Fork of the Arkansas River from the spillway of Great Salt Plains Lake downstream to State Highway 38 bridge:

Prohibited methods of fishing; bowfishing, trotline, throwline, limpline, jugline and yo-yo.

Bureau of Reclamation tailwaters:

The following restrictions apply to these Bureau of Reclamation tailwaters. Fishing closed year-round at Foss.

LAKES

American Horse (Temporarily Closed)

Contact: (580) 474-2668. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: No length limit on largemouth or smallmouth bass. Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Black Kettle National Grasslands Lakes (Black Kettle, Skipout, Spring Creek)

Contact: (580) 497-2143. (U.S. Forest Service)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Prohibited methods of fishing: trotlines, throwlines, limplines, yo-yos, juglines.

Canton (includes the lake, upstream to State Highway 281 and the tailwaters below the dam)

Contact: (580) 886-2989. (Army Corps of Engineers)

Daily/Size Limits: Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass: 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

Carl Etling

Contact: (580) 474-2668. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches. Striped bass hybrids: five per day/no size limit.

Methods: One rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two rods and reels per person). Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Note: For additional trout regulations, see page 29.



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Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Evans Chambers

Contact: (580) 474-2668. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Foss

Contact: (580) 592-4433. (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation)

Daily/Size Limits: Walleye and/or saugeye: six combined per day/14-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass: 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

Great Salt Plains (including lake and tailwaters)

Contact: (580) 626-4731. (Army Corps of Engineers)

Daily/Size Limits: Walleye, sauger or saugeye: six combined per day/no size limit.

Hefner

Contact: (405) 755-4014. (Oklahoma City)

Methods: Fishing limited to no more than

three rods and reels per person, with no more than three hooks per line (treble hooks are considered one hook). Bowfishing is permitted year-round but during daylight hours only. No other method of fishing allowed, including castnetting.

Overholser (including tailwaters and downstream to NW 10th Street bridge)

Contact: (405) 755-4014. (Oklahoma City)

Methods: Fishing limited to no more than three rods and reels per person, with no more than three hooks per line (treble hooks are considered one hook). Bowfishing is permitted year-round but during daylight hours only. No other methods of fishing allowed, including castnetting.

Vincent

Contact: (580) 474-2668. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Watonga (Roman Nose State Park)

Contact: (580) 474-2668. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Fishing limited to one rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two rods and reels per person). Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Note: For additional trout regulations, see page 29.

RIVERS & CREEKS

Statewide: It is unlawful to take or possess more than 25 nongame fish harvested from a river or stream, excluding shad.

Daily/Size Limits: Black bass: six combined per day, all of which must be 14 inches or longer, and only one of which may be a smallmouth bass.

OTHER AREAS

Ponds and creeks within the following Wildlife Department Management Areas:

Beaver River, Ellis County

Contact: (405) 521-2739. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Ponds and creeks within other Wildlife Department Management Areas not listed above

Contact: (405) 521-2739. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Oklahoma State Park Ponds

Contact: (800) 652-6552. (Oklahoma Tourism/Recreation)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.



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Southwest

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TAILWATERS

First 1,000 feet below any federal dam:

Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Unlawful to keep a foul-hooked fish (any fish hooked other than inside the mouth), unless taken in a tailwater open to snagging. Bowfishing prohibited. Gigs, spears and spear-guns prohibited. Snagging prohibited.

Bureau of Reclamation tailwaters:

The following restrictions apply to these Bureau of Reclamation tailwaters. Fishing closed year-round at Fort Cobb. Fishing closed for the first 75 feet from dam at Altus-Lugert and Tom Steed.

LAKES

Altus-Lugert

Contact: (580) 563-2238. (Quartz Mountain Park)

Daily/Size Limits: Walleye and/or saugeye: six per day/14-inch minimum. (This regulation applies to the tailwater also.) Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass: 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

Burtschi

Contact: (580) 529-2795. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Crowder (Washita County)

Contact: (580) 343-2443. (SWOSU)

Daily/Size Limits: Largemouth and smallmouth bass: six combined per day. There is a 16- to 22-inch protected slot limit, of which only one may be 22 inches or longer. Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Ellsworth

Contact: (580) 529-2663. (Lawton)

Daily/Size Limits: Walleye, sauger and saugeye: six combined per day/14-inch minimum. (This regulation applies to the tailwaters also.)

Elmer Thomas (Wichita Mountains NWR)

Contact: (580) 429-3222. (USFWS)

Daily/Size Limits: No length limit on largemouth or smallmouth bass. Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Fishing limited to rod and reel only. No other method of fishing allowed.

Fort Cobb

Contact: (405) 643-2249. (Oklahoma Tourism/Recreation)

Daily/Size Limits: Walleye, sauger or saugeye: six combined per day/14-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass: 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

Hall

Contact: (580) 529-2795. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Jap Beaver

Contact: (580) 529-2795. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Lawtonka

Contact: (580) 529-2663. (Lawton)

Daily/Size Limits: Walleye, sauger or saugeye: six combined per day/14-inch minimum. (This regulation applies to the tailwater also.) Additional city regulations apply.

Tom Steed

Contact: (580) 569-2032. (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation)

Daily/Size Limits: Striped bass hybrids and/ or white bass: 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer. Walleye/sauger/saugeye: 14-inch minimum.

Vanderwork

Contact: (580) 529-2795. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Waurika

Contact: (580) 963-2111. (Army Corps of Engineers)

Daily/Size Limits: Striped bass hybrids and/ or white bass: 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer. Walleye/sauger/saugeye: 14-inch minimum.

RIVERS AND CREEKS

Medicine Creek trout area (Gondola Lake dam south to State Highway 49 bridge)

Contact: (580) 529-2795.

Methods: Fishing limited to one rod and reel per person during trout season. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Note: For more trout regulations see page 29.

Statewide: It is unlawful to take or possess more than 25 nongame fish harvested from a river or stream, excluding shad.

Daily/Size Limits: Black bass: six combined per day, all of which must be 14 inches or longer, and only one of which may be a smallmouth bass.

OTHER AREAS

Ponds and creeks within the following Wildlife Department Management Areas:

Sandy Sanders

Contact: (405) 521-2739. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Ponds and creeks within other Wildlife Department Management Areas not listed above

Contact: (405) 521-2739. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Oklahoma State Park Ponds

Contact: (800) 652-6552 (Oklahoma Tourism/Recreation)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Wichita Mountains. NWR lakes (except Elmer Thomas)

Contact: (580) 429-3222.

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Fishing limited to rod and reel only. No other method of fishing allowed.

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Northeast

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TAILWATERS

First 1,000 feet below any federal or Grand River Dam Authority dam:

Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Unlawful to keep a foul-hooked fish (any fish hooked other than inside the mouth) unless taken in a tailwater open to snagging. Bowfishing prohibited except at Fort Gibson, Keystone and Hudson. Gigs, spears and spearguns prohibited, except at Hudson. Snagging prohibited, except at Fort Gibson tailwaters that are open 24 hours. Snagging of paddlefish or any fish is closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. year-round on the Grand River from the U.S. 412 bridge upstream to the Markham Ferry (Lake Hudson) dam.

LAKES

Adair County Park

Contact: (918) 696-6613. (Stilwell)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Fishing limited to only one rod and reel per person. No other method of fishing allowed.

Arcadia

Contact: (405) 216-7470. (Edmond)

Daily/Size Limits: Striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids: five combined per day, of which only two may be 20 inches or longer.

Birch

Contact: (918) 396-3170. (Army Corps of Engineers)

Daily/Size Limits: Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass: 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

Carl Blackwell

Contact: (405) 372-5157. (Oklahoma State University)

Daily/Size Limits: Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass: 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

Methods: No noodling allowed.

Chimney Rock/W.R. Holway

Contact: (918) 434-5920. (GRDA)

Daily/Size Limits: Largemouth and smallmouth bass: six combined / 13- to 16-inch protected slot limit.

Dripping Springs

Contact: (918) 756-5971. (Oklahoma Tourism/Recreation)

Daily/Size Limits: Largemouth and smallmouth bass: six combined per day. There is a 16- to 22-inch protected slot limit, of which only one may be 22 inches or longer.

Fort Gibson (includes all tributaries and upstream to Markham Ferry Dam)

Contact: (918) 682-4314. (Army Corps of Engineers)

Daily/Size Limits: All crappie: 15 combined per day/10-inch minimum. Paddlefish: see regulations on page 14.

Grand (applies to all tributaries and upstream to state line, and to the area below Pensacola Dam downstream to State Highway 82 bridge)

Contact: (918) 782-3382. (GRDA)

Daily/Size Limits: All crappie: 15 combined per day/10-inch minimum. Striped bass hybrids and/or white bass: 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer. Paddlefish: see regulations on page 14.

Greenleaf

Contact: (918) 487-5196. (Oklahoma State Parks)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Hudson

Contact: (918) 479-5249. (GRDA)

Daily/Size Limits: All crappie: 15 combined per day/10-inch minimum. See also Tailwater regulations. Paddlefish regulations, see page 14.

Kaw

Contact: (580) 762-5611. (Army Corps of Engineers)

Daily/Size Limits: Hybrid striped bass: 20 daily, only 5 may be over 20 inches.

Lone Chimney

Contact: (918) 762-3581. (Tri County Development Authority)

Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Okmulgee

Contact: (918) 756-5971. (Oklahoma Tourism/Recreation)

Daily/Size Limits: Largemouth and smallmouth bass: six combined per day/13- to 16-inch protected slot limit.

Oologah (including all tributaries to state line and downstream below dam to mouth of Caney River)

Contact: (918) 443-2250. (Army Corps of Engineers)

Daily/Size Limits: Striped bass, striped bass hybrids or white bass: 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

Pawhuska

Contact: (918) 287-1326. (Pawhuska)

Methods: Fishing limited to only one rod and reel per person during trout season (other

times, consult City of Pawhuska for fishing regulations).

Note: For more trout regulations see page 29.

Ponca

Contact: (580) 767-0430.

Methods: Fishing limited to rod and reel only; no noodling allowed.

Skiatook

Contact: (918) 396-3170. (Army Corps of Engineers)

Daily/Size Limits: Striped bass hybrids (does not include white bass): five per day, of which only two may be 20 inches or longer.

Sooner

Contact: (405) 553-2919. (OG+E)

Daily/Size Limits: Striped bass hybrids or white bass: 20 combined per day, of which only 5 may be 20 inches or longer. Striped bass: 5 per day, minimum length of 20 inches; others must be returned to the water immediately.

Methods: Fishing limited to rod and reel, bowfishing and noodling. No other method of fishing allowed. Fishing is prohibited from dam, fenced area below dam, and north bank of intake channel. Fishing in the buoy-marked intake channel, discharge channel and spillway embankment is bank fishing only (no float tubes or wading).

Taft

Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel. No other method of fishing allowed.

Tenkiller Ferry (downstream from Horseshoe Bend boat ramp to dam)

Contact: (918) 487-5252. (Army Corps of Engineers)

Daily/Size Limits: Largemouth and/or smallmouth bass: six combined per day/13- to 16-inch protected slot limit. All crappie: 15 combined per day/10-inch minimum.

Methods: Prohibited methods of fishing: gigs and spears downstream from Horseshoe Bend boat ramp; speargunning legal when used with scuba, except taking flathead catfish from June 15 through July 15 is prohibited.

Webbers Falls

(includes oxbows and cutoffs)

Contact: (918) 487-5252. (Army Corps of Engineers)

Daily/Size Limits: Sauger: six per day/16-inch minimum.

RIVERS AND CREEKS

Scenic Rivers: Use or possession of a cast net is illegal on Illinois River, Barren Fork Creek, Flint Creek, Lee Creek and Little Lee Creek.

Statewide: It is unlawful to take or possess more than 25 nongame bait fish, except for shad, of which 200 may be taken and possessed.

Daily/Size Limits: Black bass: six combined per day, all of which must be 14 inches or longer, and only one of which may be a smallmouth bass.

Arkansas River (Keystone dam downstream to the Arkansas state line)

Daily/Size Limits: Sauger; six per day/16-inch minimum.

Methods:

- From Keystone Dam downstream to Interstate 44 bridge in Tulsa; snagging is prohibited, and keeping a foul-hooked fish (any fish hooked other than inside the mouth) is prohibited.
- In the tailwaters area immediately below Webbers Falls Lock and Dam; bowfishing, gigs, spears, spearguns and snagging is prohibited in the first 1,000 feet. Trotlines, throwlines, limblines, juglines and yo-yos are prohibited below Webbers Falls Lock and Dam for a distance of one mile.

Baron Fork Creek (see restrictions on fishing methods on Upper Illinois River and Tributaries)

See restrictions on fishing methods on Upper Illinois River and Tributaries. Possession or use of cast nets prohibited.

Caney River (Below Hulah Lake dam)

Methods: Bowfishing prohibited from Hulah dam downstream 1,200 feet to the re-regulation dam. Gigs, spears, spearguns and snagging prohibited from Hulah dam downstream to the confluence of old and new river channels. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

Flint Creek

See restrictions on fishing methods on Upper Illinois River and Tributaries. Giggling permitted year-round. Possession or use of cast nets prohibited.

Grand (Neosho) River (below Grand Lake-Pensacola Dam)

Methods: (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

- Bowfishing prohibited below turbine outlets downstream to State Park and below spillway outlet downstream to highline crossing. The next ½ mile below the highline crossing is closed only when the spillway gates are discharging water and for seven days following closure of the gates.
- Gigs, spears and spearguns are prohibited below turbine outlets downstream to State Park bridge and below spillway outlets downstream for one mile.
- Snagging is prohibited below turbine outlets downstream to State Park bridge and below spillway outlets downstream to highline crossing. The next ½ mile below the highline crossing is closed to snagging only when spillway gates are closed.
- Noodling is prohibited below turbine outlets downstream to State Park bridge and below the spillway outlets downstream to highline crossing, except noodling shall be legal the day of and two days following closure of spillway.

Lower Illinois River (From Tenkiller dam downstream to the confluence of the Arkansas River)

Daily/Size Limits: Sauger; six per day/16-inch minimum.

Methods: From Tenkiller Dam downstream to the U.S. 64 bridge; fishing limited to one rod and reel per person. No other method of fishing allowed. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.) Possession or use of cast nets prohibited.

Note: For more trout regulations see page 29.

Upper Illinois River and tributaries (includes Baron Fork Creek and Flint Creek)

Daily/Size Limits: Illinois River upstream from Horseshoe Bend boat ramp, Baron Fork Creek and Flint Creek; largemouth and smallmouth bass: six per day, only one of which may be a smallmouth bass, and all must be 14 inches or longer.

Methods: Snagging and noodling are prohibited at all times. Bowfishing, speargunning, and gigging are prohibited, except for the following methods/seasons:

- Upstream from the Horseshoe Bend boat ramp to State Highway 51/U.S. 62 bridge: Giggling is permitted from Dec. 1 to March 1. Speargunning is permitted from Dec. 1 to March 31. Bowfishing is permitted from June 1 to March 31 in the Upper Illinois River only.
- Upstream from State Highway 51/U.S. 62 bridge: Giggling, bowfishing and speargunning are permitted from Dec. 1 to March 31.
- Possession or use of cast nets prohibited.

Lee Creek (including Little Lee Creek)

Daily/Size Limits: black bass: six combined per day, all of which must be 14 inches or longer, and only one of which may be a smallmouth bass. Possession or use of cast nets prohibited.

OTHER AREAS

Camp Gruber JMTC

For information on fishing opportunities, open dates and areas, as well as other regulations pertaining to Camp Gruber Joint Maneuver Training Center, contact Oklahoma Army National Guard online at ok.ngb.army.mil/CGTS/ or call the voice phone system at (918) 549-6041.

Ponds and creeks within the following Wildlife Department Management Areas:

Areas: Cherokee, Cookson, Fort Gibson, Okmulgee (except in Deep Fork River)
Contact: (405) 521-2739. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Ponds and creeks within other Wildlife Department Management Areas not listed above

Contact: (405) 521-2739. (ODWC)
Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Oklahoma State Park Ponds

Contact: (800) 652-6552 (Oklahoma Tourism/ Recreation)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

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Southeast

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TAILWATERS

First 1,000 feet below any federal or Grand River Dam Authority dam:

Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Unlawful to keep a foul-hooked fish (any fish hooked other than inside the mouth) unless taken in a tailwater open to snagging. Bowfishing prohibited except at Wister and Eufaula. Bowfishing is open on Thunderbird past the first 75 feet from the dam. Gigs, spears and spearguns prohibited. Snagging prohibited except at Wister, which is open to snagging from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. year-round.

Bureau of Reclamation tailwaters:

The following restrictions apply to these Bureau of Reclamation tailwaters. Fishing closed year-round at Arbuckle. Fishing closed for the first 75 feet from dam at McGee Creek and Thunderbird.

LAKES

Arbuckle

Contact: (580) 622-3161. (National Park Service)
Daily/Size Limits: Largemouth and smallmouth bass: six combined per day/13- to 16-inch protected slot limit. All crappie: 15 combined per day/10-inch minimum.

Broken Bow (from the slab at the Narrows downstream to the dam)

Contact: (580) 933-4239. (Army Corps of Engineers)
Daily/Size Limits: Largemouth and/or smallmouth bass: six combined per day/14-inch minimum.

Carl Albert

Contact: (918) 567-3434. (Talihina)
Methods: Fishing limited to rod and reel only. No other method of fishing allowed.

Dahlgren

Contact: (405) 325-7288. (ODWC)
Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.
Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Stanley Draper

Contact: (405) 755-4014. (Oklahoma City)
Methods: Fishing limited to no more than three rods and reels per person, with no more than three hooks per line (treble hooks are considered one hook). Bowfishing is permitted year-round during daylight hours only. No other method of fishing allowed, including no castnetting.

Eufaula

Contact: (918) 484-5135. (Army Corps of Engineers)

Methods: Lake Eufaula State Park:

- **Pickens Lake** - Fishing open only to residents under 16 or 65 and older, or those 60 percent or more disabled, or legally blind and those accompanying. Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. No other fishing methods allowed.
- **Kid's fish out lake** - Fishing open only to persons under 16 or 64 and older, or those 60 percent or more disabled, or legally blind or physically impaired and one companion. Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. No other method of fishing allowed.

Konawa

Contact: (580) 925-2071. (OG+E)
Daily/Size Limits: Largemouth and smallmouth bass: six combined per day of which only one may be 22 inches or longer. Striped bass, striped bass hybrids and/or white bass: 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 20 inches or longer.

Methods: Fishing limited to rod and reel, bowfishing and noodling. No other method of fishing allowed.

McGee Creek

Contact: (580) 889-5822. (Oklahoma Tourism/ Recreation)
Daily/Size Limits: Largemouth and smallmouth bass: six combined per day. There is a 16- to 22-inch protected slot limit, of which only one may be 22 inches or longer.

Murray

Contact: (580) 223-4044. (Oklahoma Tourism/ Recreation)
Daily/Size Limits: No length limit on largemouth or smallmouth bass. Walleye and/or saugeye: six combined per day/14-inch minimum. (This regulation applies to the tailwater also.)

Nanah Waiya

Contact: (918) 297-0153. (ODWC)
Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.
Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Quachita National Forest ponds and lakes

Contact: (580) 494-6402, ext. 107. (U.S. Forest Service)
Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Fishing limited to rod and reel only. No other method of fishing allowed.

Ozzie Cobb

Contact: (918) 297-0153. (ODWC)
Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.
Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Raymond Gary

Contact: (918) 297-0153. (ODWC)
Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.
Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Robert S. Kerr (includes oxbows and cutoffs)

Contact: (918) 775-4475. (Army Corps of Engineers)
Daily/Size Limits: Largemouth and smallmouth bass: six combined per day/14-inch minimum. Sauger: six per day/16-inch minimum.

Schooler

Contact: (918) 297-0153. (ODWC)
Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.
Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

Texoma

Contact: (903) 465-4990. (Army Corps of Engineers)
Note: Some methods of fishing on the Oklahoma portion of Lake Texoma do not apply to the Texas portion. Check the Texas Fishing Guide for details.
Daily/Size Limits: Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass: five combined per day/14-inch minimum for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids: 10 combined per day, of which only two may be 20 inches or longer. White bass: 25 per day/no size limit. Channel and/or blue catfish: 15 combined per day/ 12-inch minimum. Only one blue catfish over 30 inches. All crappie: 37 combined per day/10-inch minimum. Flathead catfish: five per day/20-inch minimum. Alligator gar: from May 1 through May 31, angling for alligator gar by any method is prohibited between the State Highway 99/U.S. 377 bridge upstream to the Interstate 35 bridge.

Thunderbird

Contact: (405) 360-3572. (Oklahoma Tourism/Recreation)

Daily/Size Limits: Largemouth and smallmouth bass: six combined per day/14-inch minimum.

Methods: Within the Little River above Franklin Road in Cleveland County, the following methods of fishing are prohibited: bowfishing, gigs and spears, spearguns, snagging and noodling.

Wayne Wallace

Contact: (918) 465-2565. (Oklahoma Tourism/Recreation)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Methods: Fishing limited to only two rods and reels per person. Fishing limited to rod and reel and bowfishing. No other method of fishing allowed.

W.D. Mayo

(includes oxbows, cutoffs, and below dam to state line)

Contact: (918) 775-4475. (Army Corps of Engineers)

Daily/Size Limits: Sauger: six per day/16-inch minimum.

RIVERS AND CREEKS

Scenic Rivers: Use or possession of a cast net is illegal on Upper Mountain Fork River.

HONOBIA CREEK, THREE RIVERS FISHING

Honobia Creek and Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas offer anglers more than 100 ponds, several creeks and three major rivers in which to fish throughout the 300,000-plus acres that make up the areas. The Little and Mountain Fork rivers are in Honobia Creek WMA and offer anglers great fishing opportunities for sunfish; flathead and channel catfish; and largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass. The Glover River is one of the last remaining free-flowing rivers in the United States and offers excellent fishing for sunfish; flathead catfish; and largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass. Primitive camping locations can be found up and down the rivers on each side. Floating in a canoe or kayak to fish the rivers is an excellent way to cover a lot of water, but anglers can also wade to beat the heat in the summer. For more information about fishing or hunting on Three Rivers or Honobia Creek WMAs, call biologist Dakota Christian, (918) 527-5308.

Statewide: It is unlawful to take or possess more than 25 nongame fish harvested from a river or stream, excluding shad.

Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area

Daily/Size Limits: Black bass: six combined per day, all of which must be 14 inches or longer, and only one of which may be a smallmouth bass. Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches. All crappie; six combined per day/no size limit. Possession limit is twelve (12) of all species of game fish after the first day.

Methods: Fishing limited to one rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two rods and reels per person). No other method of fishing allowed.

Note: For more trout regulations, see page 29.

Lower Canadian River (downstream from Eufaula dam for one mile)

Methods: Gigs and spears, spearguns and snagging prohibited. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

Glover River (from confluence with Little River upstream to the "Forks of the Glover")

Daily/Size Limits: Black bass: six combined per day, all of which must be 14 inches or longer, and only one of which may be a smallmouth bass.

Kiamichi River (below Hugo Lake dam)

Methods: Trotlines, throwlines and noodling are prohibited from Hugo dam downstream to first railroad bridge. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

Paid Advertisement

New electronic lure may catch too many fish; one state bans it.

A bass every seven minutes.

by Mike Butler

NEWARK, DE— A new fishing technology that set a record for catching bass in Mexico is now showing its stuff in the U.S. It has out-fished shrimp bait in Washington State and beat top-selling U.S. lures three to one in Florida. The new technology is so effective one state, Wyoming, has banned its use.

The breakthrough is a tiny, battery-powered electrical system that flashes a blood-red light down a lure's tail when its moved in water. Fish think it's an injured prey and strike. Some fishing authorities, like those in Wyoming, think that gives fishermen too much of an advantage.

They may be right. Three fishermen using a flashing lure in Mexico caught 650 large-mouth bass in just 25 hours. That's a bass every seven minutes for each person, and a record for the lake they were fishing. They said the bass struck with such ferocity they hardly lost a strike.

In Florida two professionals fished for four hours from the same boat. One used a flashing-red lure; the other used some top-selling U. S. lures. The new, "bleeding"

lure caught three times as many fish.

Before reporting this, I asked a veteran fisherman in my office for his opinion. Monday morning he charged into my office yelling "I caught six monster fish in an hour with this thing! Where did you get it?"

Then I phoned an ichthyologist (fish expert).

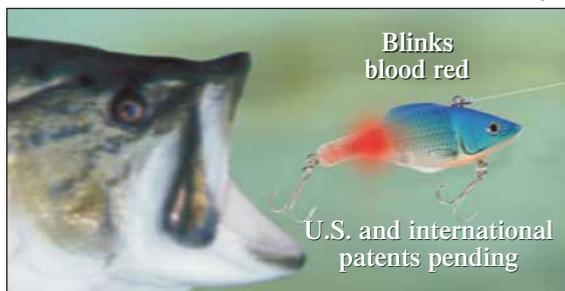
"Predators - lions, sharks," he said, "will always go for the most vulnerable prey. Fish are predators, so if a fish sees a smaller fish bleeding, it knows it's weakened and will strike."

"If a lure could appear to be a live, bleeding fish, a few fishermen could probably empty a lake with it."

I told him three almost did.

Fishes top, middle and deep

There is a U.S. company that offers a kit of three blinking lures (one each for shallow, middle and deep water) called the Bite Light® Each lure is a different color. They work in fresh or salt water, contain rattle attractants



New Bite Light® lure uses a blinking red light to create appearance of a live, bleeding prey. Triggers strikes.

inside and last 300 hours in the water.

One kit of three Bite Lights® costs \$29.95, two or more kits cost \$25.00 each. Each kit has the same three models, but in different colors: S/h is only \$7.00 no matter how many kits you buy.

To order, go to www.FishingTechToDay.com or call 1-800-873-4415 anytime or day and ask for the Bite Light® lure (Item #kbl). Or send your name, address and a check to Scientific Edge LLC (Dept. LL-112), 40 E. Main Street, Suite 1416, Newark, DE 19711.

The company gives your money back, if you don't catch more fish and return your purchase within 30-days.

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Little River below Pine Creek Lake dam

Methods: Trotlines, throwlines, limblines, yo-yos and juglines are prohibited from the dam downstream for a distance of 2,000 feet (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

Lower Mountain Fork River trout area (below Broken Bow dam)

Methods: Fishing limited to one rod and reel per person. No other method of fishing allowed. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations.)

Note: For more trout regulations, see page 29.

Upper Poteau River and Fourche Maline River and tributaries in Le Flore County

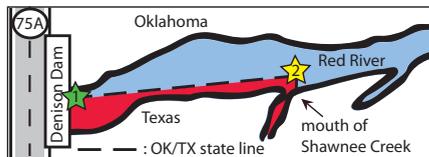
Methods: Prohibited methods of fishing: gigs, spears, and spearguns.

Lower Poteau River (downstream from Wister dam to ¼ mile past confluence of old and new river channels)

Methods: Prohibited methods of fishing: trotlines and throwlines. (Also see "Tailwaters" regulations)

Lower Red River (below Lake Texoma)

Denison Dam downstream to the mouth of the Shawnee Creek: We advise anglers to meet all fishing license requirements for both Oklahoma and Texas. See map below.



GPS Coordinates for border markers:
 Green star: 33°49'8.1" N Lat 96°34'5.0" W Long
 Yellow star: 33°49'11.5" N Lat 96°33'20.2" W Long

If fishing in Oklahoma waters, an Oklahoma fishing license is required, unless exempt. If fishing in Texas waters, you need a Texas fishing license, unless exempt. A Lake Texoma fishing license is not valid below Denison Dam.

Mouth of Shawnee Creek downstream (east): If fishing in the Red River, anglers must possess an Oklahoma fishing license, unless exempt.

For all of the Lower Red River:

Daily/Size Limits: Striped bass and/or striped bass hybrids; five combined per day/ no size limit.

Methods: Bowfishing for paddlefish is prohibited year-round. See "Tailwaters" regulations for other daily, size, and fishing method regulations.

Robber's Cave (From Carlton Lake dam downstream 1.5 miles to the State Park boundary)

Methods: Fishing limited to one rod and reel per person during trout season (other times no more than two rods and reels per person). No other method of fishing allowed.

Note: For more trout regulations, see page 29.

OTHER AREAS

Ponds and creeks within Honobia Creek or Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas

Special Permits: All resident anglers age 18 (by Dec. 31 of the previous calendar year) to 63, and all non-resident anglers regardless of age must possess a Land Access Permit to either fish and/or hunt on either the Honobia Creek or Three Rivers Wildlife Management Areas. For additional Honobia/Three Rivers WMA regulations, see the "Oklahoma Hunting" guide.

Ponds and creeks within the following Wildlife Department Management Areas:

Atoka, Gary Sherrer, James Collins, Robert S. Kerr WMA, Lexington, Pushmataha, Robbers Cave and Stringtown.

Contact: (405) 521-2739. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Ponds and creeks within other Wildlife Department Management Areas not listed above

Contact: (405) 521-2739. (ODWC)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Oklahoma State Park Ponds

Contact: (800) 652-6552. (Oklahoma Tourism/Recreation)

Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish; six combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

TULSA URBAN FISHERIES

Residents in the Tulsa area have access to many urban ponds. For local residents looking for a place to fish that is close to home, these sites offer plenty of opportunities. Listed sites are open to the public in the Tulsa area. All statewide fishing regulations apply, in addition to any municipal or county regulations not listed here. For more information, go online to wildlifedepartment.com/fishing/tulsaurbanfisheries.htm.

- **Brookwood:** 81st and South Yale, southwest corner.
- **Crescent Pond:** South of 81st between Sheridan and Memorial, in Southfield Estates neighborhood.
- **Garden Ridge Pond:** Behind the Hillcrest building, southeast corner of U.S. 169 and State Highway 51. Simplest access from Garnett Road then west on South 109th East Avenue.
- **The Gardens:** 51st and South Hudson, southwest corner.
- **Hunter Park:** South of 91st between Sheridan and Yale.
- **Leake Park:** 71st and South Memorial, southwest corner.
- **Lynn Lane Reservoir:** South of 21st between South 177th East Avenue (Lynn Lane) and South 193rd East Avenue (Tulsa County Line).
- **Metcalf:** South of 11th on South Mingo Road.
- **Minshall Park:** 71st and Sheridan, southwest corner.
- **Mohawk Park:** Zoo main entrance is 36th Street North east of Sheridan Road. Mohawk Reflective Ponds are accessible by taking an immediate right turn on Cherokee Drive once in the main entrance. Public fishing allowed in Mohawk Creek area; from main entrance, continue north on Chickasaw Drive to Creek Drive, which parallels Mohawk Creek.
- **MS6:** North of 11th on South Mingo Road.
- **Nelson Park:** South 92nd East Avenue and Skelly Drive (south of Interstate 44).
- **Owen Park:** West Edison Street and North Quanah Avenue, south of Tulsa Country Club.
- **Redford:** North of East Skelly Drive on South 101st East Avenue.
- **Veterans' Pond:** 101st and South Elm in Jenks, northeast corner.

VETERANS POND (JENKS) TROUT REGULATIONS

Through generous donations from BancFirst and Trout Unlimited Oklahoma Chapter, Jenks provides a special trout season at Veterans Pond, East 101st Street South and South Elm St., from Dec. 1 through Feb. 28, 2015.

- Only one pole or rod and reel per person.
- Only six trout per person per day.
- No culling (releasing fish caught earlier and kept).
- Bank fishing only; no wading, tubing or boating.
- A state fishing license is required.





Looking for a nearby lake or pond to fish?

Through agreements between Oklahoma municipalities and the Wildlife Department, these areas offer convenient "Close to Home" fishing opportunities in metro areas.

Close-to-Home Fishing waters have the following restrictions:

- Fishing is limited to no more than three rods and reels per person, with no more than three hooks per line (treble hooks are considered one hook). No other fishing methods are allowed.
- All largemouth bass must be released (returned to the water) immediately after being caught; no harvest is allowed.
- Channel catfish and blue catfish have a combined daily limit of six; only one blue catfish over 30 inches is allowed to be kept.
- No netting of any kind (including castnetting) is permitted.

For all other species, consult the statewide regulations.



Don P. Brown

Oklahoma City – (405) 755-4014:

- Crystal Lake (6625 SW 15th). Fishing pier may be reserved for youth-related aquatic programs. For more information, contact City Care at (405) 657-7947.
- Dolese Youth Park (5105 NW 50th)
- Edwards Park (1515 N Bryant Ave.)
- Kids Lake (3200 W Wilshire Blvd.)
- Kitchen Lake (5894 SE 119th)
- Route 66 Park (9901 NW 23rd)
- South Lakes Regional Park (4210 SW 119th)
- Zoo Lake (2101 NE 50th) – east shoreline only

Choctaw – (405) 390-8198:

- Choctaw Creek Park (2001 N. Harper)
- Ten Acre Park (NE 10th Street and Choctaw Road)

Del City – (405) 670-7314:

- Eagle Lake (3405 E Reno)

Edmond – (405) 359-4630:

- Hafer Park (1034 S Bryant Ave.)
- Mitch Park (1501 W Covell Road)
- Bickham-Rudkin Park (450 E 33rd St.)

El Reno – (405) 262-4070:

- Legion Park (620 S. Reno Ave.)
- Southern Hills North (2710 Faith Ave.)
- Southern Hills South (2810 Faith Ave.)

Enid – (580) 554-1536:

- Meadowlake Park (Corner of South Van Buren Street and West Rupe Avenue)
- Government Springs North Park (300 S 5th St.)
- Crosslin Park (1600 block West Purdue Avenue)
- City of Enid Water Works (1400 block West Chestnut Avenue)

Guthrie – (405) 282-8400:

- Mineral Wells Park (Division and Mineral Wells Circle)
- Highland Park (Warner Avenue and N Drexel Boulevard)

Harrah – (405) 454-2951:

- Heritage Park (1374 N Church Ave.)

Jenks – (918) 299-5883:

- Veterans Park Pond (E 101 and Elm)

Jones – (405) 399-5301:

- Battley-Mullhousen pond (North Henney Road and West Main Street)

Lawton – (580) 581-3400:

- Elmer Thomas Park - Lake Helen (Interstate 44 and NW Cache Road)
- Liberty Lake (1717 NW Kinyon)
- Skyline Pond (NE 27 and Dearborn Avenue)
- Park Lane Pond (Southeast Pinewood Drive)

Medicine Park – (580) 529-2825:

- Medicine Creek (From Gondola Dam to State Highway 49 bridge)

Moore – (405) 793-5090:

- Little River Park (700 SW 4th)
- Buck Thomas Park Pond (1903 NE 12th St.)

Mustang – (405) 376-7739:

- Wildhorse Park (SW 59th and Mustang Road)

Norman – (405) 366-5472:

- George M. Sutton Urban Wilderness Area (12th Avenue NE and Rock Creek Road)
- Norman Lions Northeast Park (1800 Northcliff Ave.)
- Griffin Community Park (1001 E Robinson)

Yukon – (405) 354-7208:

- City Park (2200 S Holly St.)
- Welch Park (615 Annawood Road)
- Robertson Activity Center (1200 Lakeshore Drive)

DOLESE YOUTH PARK POND TROUT REGULATIONS

Through generous donations from Dolese Bros. and Trout Unlimited 89er Chapter, Oklahoma City provides a special trout fishing season at Dolese Youth Park pond from Dec. 1, 2014, to Feb. 28, 2015.

- Only one pole or rod and reel per person.
- Only six trout per person per day.
- No culling (releasing fish earlier caught and kept).
- Bank fishing only. No wading, tubing or boating.
- State fishing license and Oklahoma City fishing permit required. For Oklahoma City rules and permit information, call (405) 755-4014.





Department Fishing Areas – PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS

The following rules and restrictions govern public use on all Wildlife Department Fishing Areas. Wildlife Department Fishing Areas are listed in [blue type](#) on pages 16–17.

Waterfowl Refuge Portion - The Waterfowl Refuge Portion (WRP) of the following lakes/areas is closed during Oct. 15 - Jan. 31 to all public use and access: Canton, Hackberry Flat, Hugo, McClellan-Kerr, Red Slough, and Wister. Visit [wildlifedepartment.com](#) for a map of the WRP portion or contact the Area Managers listed in the "Oklahoma Hunting" guide.

Fishing - Fishing is permitted at all times in accordance with regulations. "Closed areas" may be designated for purposes of safety and/or security. After 10 p.m. and until 5 a.m., all Wildlife Department fishing areas are restricted to fishing and hunting (when applicable) related activities only. No person may fish with more than two poles, except during trout seasons at Designated Trout Areas when only one pole per person is allowed. Trotlines, throwlines, limblines, juglines, nets, seines, yo-yos, spearguns, noodling and taking of bait minnows by any method is prohibited, except cast nets may be used to take bait for personal use only at Lake Carl Etling. Lake Dahlgren (Lexington WMA) is closed to fishing during designated controlled hunts (check current "Oklahoma Hunting" guide for dates).

Hunting - Always check the current "Oklahoma Hunting" guide for season details and restrictions. All forms of hunting are permitted on Lakes Vincent, Hall, Jap Beaver, Burtschi, Nanih Waiya, Ozzie Cobb, Schooler, Evans Chambers, American Horse and Vanderwork during open hunting seasons from Sept. 1 through spring turkey season. Hunting is restricted to shotguns and bows only. These lakes are closed to antlerless deer harvest, except during archery season. See current "Oklahoma Hunting" guide for seasons and restrictions on lakes Vincent (Ellis County WMA) and Dahlgren (Lexington WMA). Hunting and shooting other than provided above is prohibited. "Closed areas" may be designated for purposes of safety and/or security.

Camping - Limited to three days, except at the Lower Illinois River PFHA, Kiamichi River Access Area and Arcadia CEA where no camping is permitted, and at Lakes Watonga and Carl Etling where camping is limited to 14 consecutive days, and at Blue River PFHA where camping is restricted to 14 days in a 30-consecutive-day period. Camping is permitted only in designated camping areas. Quiet shall be maintained in camping areas between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Operation or use of any audio-producing device including radios, televisions and musical instruments or motorized equipment used in such a manner as to reasonably annoy or endanger persons at any time or exceed state or local laws governing noise levels is prohibited.

Boats & Motors - Must comply with existing state boat regulations and boat operators must obey Oklahoma State Boat Laws. All

boats must be operated at no-wake speed (six miles per hour or less) and may not be left on the water or at areas longer than the limit on camping.

Water Skiing - Water skiing is prohibited.

Littering - Disposal of trash, refuse and debris, including organic and inorganic material is prohibited, except in designated trash containers.

Motor Vehicles - Driving, occupying or parking any motor driven vehicle, except on maintained roads (unless posted as "no parking zones"), designated parking areas and camping areas is prohibited. It is unlawful to operate any vehicle in a manner to create a public nuisance or to park in a "no parking zone." Motor vehicle operators must be licensed drivers.

Vandalism, Theft, & Damage to Property - Vandalism, theft, cutting or defacing of trees and vegetation, removal of soil, rocks, water or minerals or damage to state property is prohibited.

Fireworks/Explosive Devices - Possession or use of explosive devices, including fireworks and firecrackers, is prohibited.

Swimming - Swimming is not permitted in Wildlife Department lakes.

Dogs - Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, except when used to hunt during legal open seasons on those areas where hunting is permitted.

Disorderly Conduct - No person shall use threatening, abusive or indecent language, participate in disorderly assemblage nor publicly appear nude or intoxicated on any lands owned and managed by the Wildlife Department.

Glass beverage containers - Are prohibited at Department fishing areas, except in designated camping and parking areas.

Alcoholic Beverages/Controlled Substances - Beer and other alcoholic beverages are not allowed (as defined in O.S. Title 37, Section 163.1), except at camping and parking areas. No person shall use any controlled dangerous substance (as defined in O.S. 63, Section 2-101) on any lands or waterways subject to control of the ODWC.

Blue River Public Fishing & Hunting Area

In addition to restrictions listed above, the following regulations apply to the Blue River PFHA:

- **Wildlife Conservation Passport** - All persons who enter or use the Blue River PFHA must possess the Wildlife Conservation Passport, unless exempt (see page 6).

- **Hours** - Vehicular access is closed to all except emergency traffic from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. year-round.
- **Hunting** - Always check current "Oklahoma Hunting" guide for season details and restrictions. All hunting is restricted to shotgun and archery only. Closed to waterfowl hunting and antlerless deer harvest during deer gun season.
- **Camping** - Camping is restricted to 14 days in a 30-consecutive-day period. The Area Manager may grant extensions. Extension approval will be based upon degree of area use, anticipated weekend or holiday occupancy and recreation season. Requests for extensions must be received by the Area Manager a minimum of 48 hours prior to start of extension date. Camping is permitted only in designated camping areas. No person shall leave a vehicle, camper, tent or any personal property unattended for more than a 48-hour period without approval of the Area Manager. Unauthorized placement of camping equipment or other items placed at a campsite, and/or personal attendance without overnight occupancy at a campsite for the purpose of reserving a campsite for future occupancy is prohibited. All property removed from unauthorized placement at a campsite will be at the owner's expense and liability.
- **Carl R. & Ruth Walker Landrum Wilderness Area & Plaster Wildlife Management Unit** - Special rules pertain to these areas, including walk-in access only (except where wheelchair access provided), no camping, and no swimming.

Arcadia Conservation Education Area

- **Fishing** - Walk-in fishing is allowed year-round on the Arcadia Lake shoreline within the conservation area. Fishing is not allowed on the ponds or wetland areas.
- **Hunting** - All hunting seasons are closed except controlled archery deer hunts, which are offered through the City of Edmond. For more information log on to [edmondok.com](#).
- No camping allowed.
- Closed to all nonhunting and nonfishing activities Oct. 1 - Jan. 15.
- For additional information, contact Daniel Griffith, (405) 990-9753.

Lower Illinois River Public Fishing and Hunting Area – Simp and Helen Watts Management Unit

No camping permitted. All hunting is restricted to shotguns with pellets or archery equipment only. See "Oklahoma Hunting" guide for open hunting seasons.



General Trout Regulations

License Requirements:

- A resident or nonresident fishing license is required of all persons who take or attempt to take fish, including trout, unless otherwise exempt.
- A trout license (stamp) is **no longer required** because it is included in the resident or non-resident fishing license.

Trout Stocking Seasons:

See map and description of each state-designated trout area. Anglers may fish for and harvest trout any time during the year, unless otherwise specified by area.

Method of Taking:

- It is unlawful to take fish from state-designated trout areas during trout season by any means except one rod and reel (or one pole and line).
- Trout caught and placed on a stringer or otherwise held in possession cannot be released later (no culling).
- All trout in possession must be kept on a stringer marked with that angler's name and fishing license number. All anglers must have their own stringer.

Daily & Size Limits:

- Daily limit is six rainbow trout in all state-designated trout areas except in portions of the Blue River, the Lower Illinois River and the Lower Mountain Fork River. (See maps and descriptions on pages 31 and 30.)
- There is no minimum size limit for rainbow trout at any state-designated trout area except in portions of the Lower Illinois River and the Lower Mountain Fork River. (See maps and descriptions on pages 31 and 30.)

- Daily limit for brown trout is six with no minimum size limit, except at the Lower Mountain Fork River and Lower Illinois River where the daily limit is one; size limit: 20-inch minimum, with a possession limit of two after the first day.

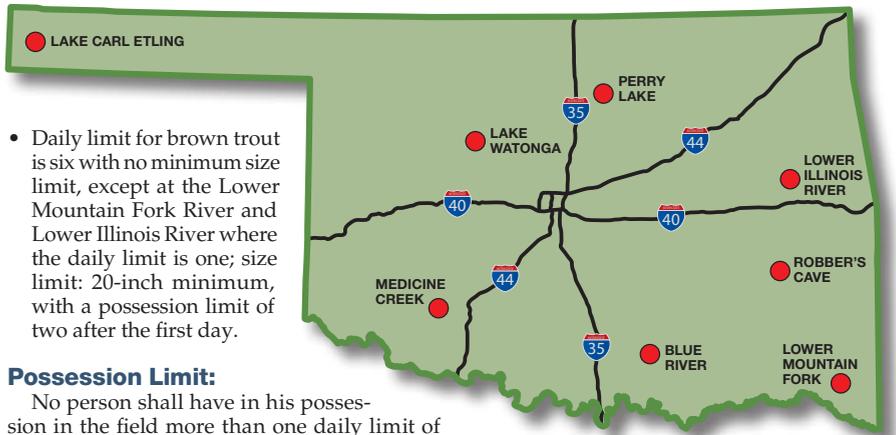
Possession Limit:

No person shall have in his possession in the field more than one daily limit of any trout species. After the first day, no person shall have more than 12 rainbow trout and 12 brown trout in his or her possession, except at the Lower Mountain Fork River and Lower Illinois River where the possession limit for brown trout is two. Nonresidents shall not have more than two days' limit of any trout species upon leaving the state.

Artificial Flies and Lures Defined:

Any artificial fly or lure constructed of any material excluding those containing, constructed with or used in conjunction with:

- Imitation fish eggs, worms, grubs or larvae made of soft plastic.
- Any natural fish food (fish eggs, worms, insects, etc.).
- Any human food substances such as garlic, corn or cheese.
- Any dough bait, putty or paste-type bait.
- Any substance, chemical or natural, designed to attract fish by taste or smell, regardless if the substance is added in the manufacturing process or applied afterward.



TROUT STOCKING

To see a general schedule for trout stocking, scan this code with a smartphone, or go online to wildlifedepartment.com/fishing/trout_stock_schedule.htm.

For up-to-date fishing information, sign up for weekly Fishing Reports online at tinyurl.com/khoq8t6



TROUT AREA INFORMATION

Lake Watonga

Trout Stocking Season

Trout are stocked from Nov. 1 through March 31 of the following year.

Designated Trout Area/Size/Location

Seven miles north of Watonga in Blaine County. This 55-acre lake is within Roman Nose State Park.

Bank Access/Boat Ramps

Bank access and a boat ramp on the west side of the lake.

Notes of Interest

Camping and lodge facilities are available within Roman Nose State Park. For information, call the park at (800) 892-8690.

Perry CCC / Lake Perry Park

Trout Stocking Season

Trout are stocked from Nov. 1 to April 30 of the following year.

Designated Trout Area/Size/Location

One mile south of Perry off State Highway 86 in Noble County. This 32-acre lake is within five minutes of Interstate 35.

Bank Access/Boat Ramps

Bank access plentiful; boat ramp on west side of the lake.

Notes of Interest

Historic pavilions near the south shoreline were projects of the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1934.

Special Regulations

The City of Perry issues permits for fishing and boating. Camping is available nearby. For information, call (580) 336-4241.

Lower Mountain Fork River

Trout Stocking Season:

Year-round.

Designated Trout Area/Size/Location:

Twelve-mile portion of the Lower Mountain Fork River and its tributaries from the Broken Bow Reservoir spillway downstream to the U.S. 70 bridge. About five miles of this designated trout stream lies within Beavers Bend State Park, in McCurtain County.

Bank Access/Boat Ramps:

Bank access is unlimited within the state park and downstream to the re-regulation dam. Another public access point exists at Presbyterian Falls. Boat ramps are just upstream of and below the re-regulation dam.

Notes of Interest:

Camping and cabin facilities are available within Beavers Bend State Park and below the re-regulation dam. For information, call the park at (580) 494-6300. **For weekly fishing reports for the Lower Mountain Fork River, visit www.flyfishoklahoma.com or call (858) 480-5142.**

Trout Regulations:

- Brown trout - Daily limit: one; size limit: 20-inch minimum.
- Rainbow trout - Daily limit: six combined from Red and Blue Zones. See Zone regulations below.

Special Regulations by Zone:

Blue Zones: (From the Broken Bow Reservoir spillway downstream to the Lost Creek diversion structure; from the first State Highway 259A scenic bridge downstream to the State Park Dam; and from the mouth of Rough Branch Creek downstream to U.S. 70 bridge):

- Rainbow trout - Daily limit: six; no minimum size limit.
- Use of bait and barbed hooks is permitted.

Red Zones: (From the Lost Creek diversion structure downstream to the first State Highway 259A scenic bridge, including the Lost Creek channel; and from the State Park Dam downstream to the mouth of Rough Branch Creek):

- Rainbow trout - Daily limit: one; Size limit: 20-inch minimum.
- Possession of any trout less than 20 inches is prohibited.
- Use of bait or barbed hooks is prohibited in the Red Zone. Fishing is restricted to barbless hooks, artificial flies and artificial lures only.



ANS Alert - Didymo, an aquatic nuisance species commonly referred to as "rock snot," has been identified in the Lower Mountain Fork River. To prevent spreading this undesirable organism, please clean and dry waders and other fishing equipment after use in the Lower Mountain Fork River.

Blue River

Trout Stocking Season:

Trout are stocked from Nov. 1 through March 31 of the following year.

Designated Trout Area/Size/Location:

A 6.25-mile portion of the Blue River flowing through the Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area located in Johnston County, four miles east of Tishomingo on State Highway 78 and six miles north.

Bank Access:

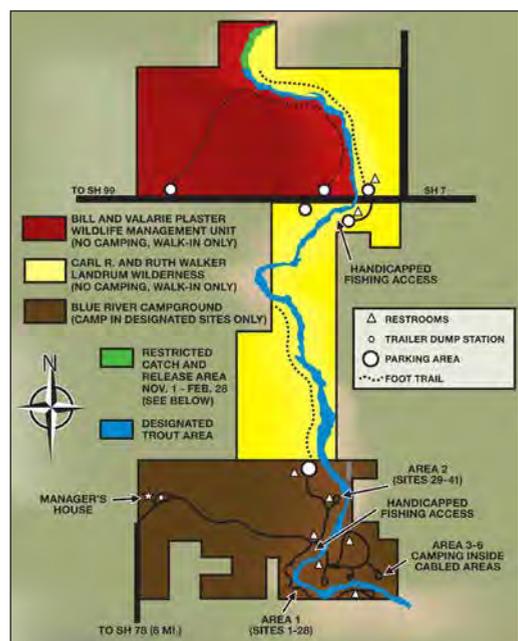
Bank/wading access is available throughout the area (see accompanying map).

Notes of Interest:

Camping facilities available only at the Blue River Campground area (see map). Special access is provided for people who use wheelchairs. For information, call (580) 443-5728. For complete public use restrictions, see page 28.

Special Regulations:

From Nov. 1 to Feb. 28, the portion of the Blue River which enters the north side of the property and flows to the end of the first walk-in trail is catch-and-release only. (See shaded area on map.) Fishing is restricted to barbless hooks, artificial flies and lures only. Starting March 1, special regulations do not apply. Also, no camping and no vehicles are allowed except in designated parking areas of the Carl R. and Ruth Walker Landrum Wilderness and the Bill and Valerie Plaster Wildlife Management Unit. Nonhunting and nonfishing visitors to the area are required to possess a Wildlife Conservation Passport, unless exempt (see page 6).



Lower Illinois River

Trout Stocking Season:
Year-round.

Designated Trout Area/Size/Location:

A 7.75-mile portion of the Illinois River from Tenkiller Ferry Dam to U.S. 64 bridge near Gore in Sequoyah County.

Bank Access/Boat Ramps:

The Lower Illinois River Public Fishing and Hunting Area – Simp and Helen Watts Management Unit offers public fishing access to almost one mile of the trout stream and 320 acres of public hunting opportunity (see map). To reach the area, travel north on State Highway 100 from Gore about four miles. Turn east onto county road E0990 and travel about one mile to the entrance. Park in the designated parking area only. The area is managed for walk-in access only.

Four other public access sites are available along the state-designated trout stream, including a pool off the river located immediately below the dam which allows trout fishing even during high power generation. Another good site is located at the River Road Public Access Area about six miles downstream from the dam. The Gore Landing Public Access Area, operated by the town of Gore, (918) 489-2636, offers camping and a boat launching ramp.

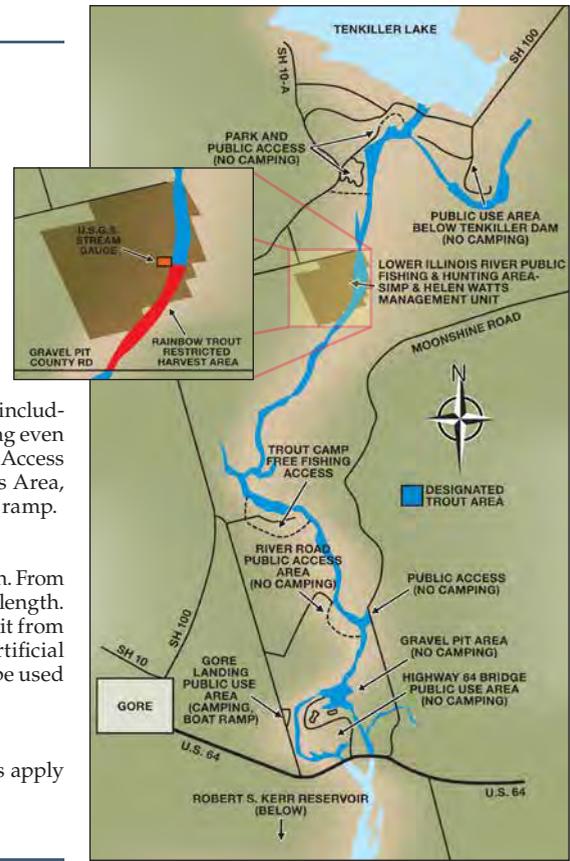
Special Regulations: Daily limit

Brown trout – one; 20-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout – six, no minimum length. From USGS stream gauge downstream to Gravel Pit County Road: one; 20-inch minimum length.

Trout fishing in the Lower Illinois River Simp and Helen Watts Management Unit from the USGS stream gauge downstream to Gravel Pit County Road is restricted to artificial flies and lures only and barbless hooks only. Single barbed hooks 3/0 or larger may be used only when fishing with natural bait for species other than trout.

Lower Illinois River Public Fishing and Hunting Area

Simp and Helen Watts Management Unit – all general trout fishing regulations apply (see page 29). No overnight camping is allowed on the area.



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Robber's Cave

Trout Stocking Season:

Trout are stocked from Nov. 1 through March 15 of the following year.

Designated Trout Area/Size/Location:

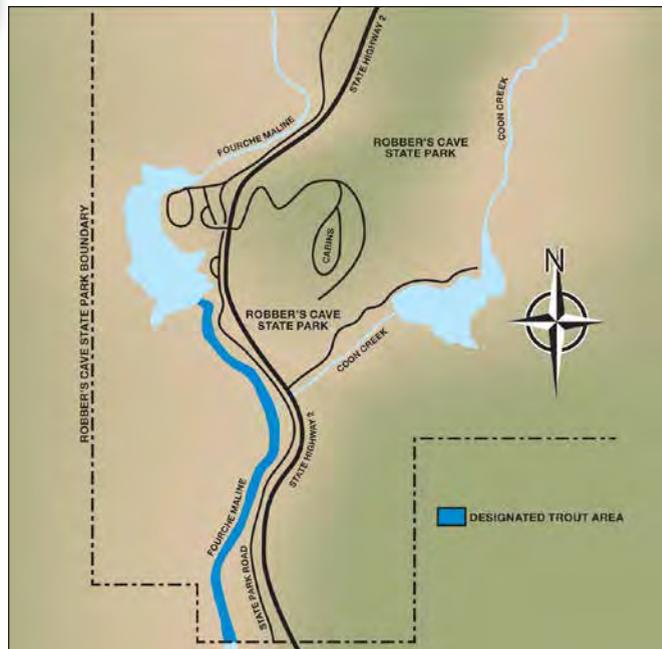
A 1.5-mile portion of Fourche Maline River immediately below Carlton Lake Dam downstream to the southern boundary of Robber's Cave State Park, located in Latimer County, five miles north of Wilburton on State Highway 2.

Bank Access:

Bank access is good because the entire designated trout stream lies within Robber's Cave State Park.

Notes of Interest:

Camping and cabin facilities are available within the state park. For information, call (918) 465-2565.



Lake Carl Etling

Trout Stocking Season:

Trout are stocked from Nov. 1 through April 30 of the following year.

Designated Trout Area/Size/Location:

This 159-acre lake is within Black Mesa State Park in Cimarron County, about 30 miles north-west of Boise City.

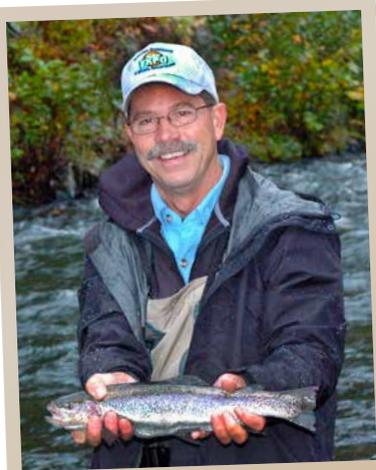
Bank Access/Boat Ramps:

Berms extending from the south bank. Boat ramps on east and south sides of the lake.

Notes of Interest:

Camping facilities, including hookups, are available within the state park. For information, call Black Mesa State Park at (580) 426-2222.

wildlifedepartment.com



Medicine Creek

Trout Stocking Season:

Trout are stocked from Nov. 1 through March 15 of the following year.

Designated Trout Area/Size/Location:

Medicine Creek from Gondola Lake dam downstream to the State Highway 49 bridge.

Bank Access:

A sidewalk along the east side of Medicine Creek in the town of Medicine Park will offer the best fishing access. Parking and fishing access also will be found along the creek's east bank just north of the State Highway 49 bridge. The west side of the creek is mostly undeveloped but is accessible on foot. Anglers should avoid trespassing on any residential property.

Notes of Interest:

Camping facilities are available at the nearby Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. For more information, call the refuge headquarters at (580) 429-3222 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Lodging is available in and around Medicine Park.



Q: I'm 72 years old and live in Texas. Do I need to buy a fishing license if I'm visiting Oklahoma to fish?

A: No. If you are a Texas resident who is 65 or older, you can take advantage of the reciprocal agreement between Oklahoma and Texas. This agreement allows anyone 65 and older to fish in the other state without having to buy a license.

Q: I live in Missouri and am 76 years old. Can I fish for free in Oklahoma because I'm a senior citizen?

A: No. All nonresidents who are 65 and older (except Texas residents) are required to buy a fishing license in Oklahoma. A nonresident one-day fishing license costs \$15, and a nonresident six-day fishing license costs \$35.

Q: I have an Oklahoma fishing license. Am I permitted to fish on the Texas side of Lake Texoma?

A: No. You must have either a Texas license to fish on the Texas side of Lake Texoma, or you can buy a Texoma fishing license for \$12, which allows you to fish both sides of the lake.

Q: Is it true that anyone can fish in an Oklahoma state park without needing a fishing license?

A: No. A fishing license is required for Oklahoma state park waters.

Q: Do I need a fishing license if I fish in my neighborhood pond?

A: In most cases a fishing license is required. However, if a homeowners' association owns a pond in a common area and you are a dues-paying association member, a license is not required.

Q: Can you tell me about camping sites and fees for the lake where I'm fishing?

A: The lake's operator sets rules about camping, so one should first determine the proper source for camping information. The Wildlife Department allows camping in designated areas at its 15 Department-owned lakes, but specific rules may differ for each lake. For a list of public lakes and contact information, go to wildlifedepartment.com/fishing/lakecontact.htm.

My Question Concerns:	Who To Call:
Registration of Boat or Motor	Oklahoma Tax Commission, (800) 522-8165 or www.tax.ok.gov
Boating Laws and Safety	Oklahoma Highway Patrol Marine Enforcement Section, (405) 522-1880 or www.dps.state.ok.us/lp/lps.htm
Polluted Waters	Department of Environmental Quality, (405) 702-8100 or www.deq.state.ok.us
Injured Wildlife	Wildlife rehabilitator (see list at wildlifedepartment.com/lawforms/wildliferehab.pdf)
Camping Fees or Rules	Operator or caretaker of site
Fish Kill	Wildlife Department, (405) 424-6062 or (405) 990-7029 or wildlifedepartment.com
State Parks, Events, Brochures	Oklahoma Tourism, (800) 652-6552 or TravelOK.com
Oklahoma City Fishing Rules, Permits	Oklahoma City, (405) 755-4014 or OKC.gov

Q: On Google Earth, I keep seeing small lakes labeled "Oknoname." Can I fish in them?

A: These are watershed flood control reservoirs built by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Most are on private land, so you would need permission from the landowner to fish on the property.

Q: When are they going to stock trout in the Lower Mountain Fork River, Illinois River, Robbers Cave, etc.?

A: The Wildlife Department lists a trout stocking schedule on its web site at wildlifedepartment.com/fishing/trout_stock_schedule.htm.

Q: Can I catch trout when it's not "trout season"?

A: Yes. Trout season is the period during which trout are stocked, and certain other restrictions apply. You may catch and keep trout year round. See trout regulations for daily bag limits and size restrictions.

Q: If I have my pond stocked through the Wildlife Department's Farm Pond Stocking Program, do I have to allow the public to fish in my pond?

A: No. Law enforcement personnel are permitted to check licenses of those fishing in your pond (landowners and their immediate family are exempt), but you do not have to allow other people to fish in your pond.

Q: Can I go tube fishing or float fishing in Wildlife Department-owned lakes?

A: Yes.

Q: Where can I find the list of flood control/watershed lakes that I can fish in?

A: Such a list doesn't exist. Watershed lakes or flood control projects were created through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and most are on private land. You will need to contact the landowner for permission to fish on the property.



OKLAHOMA RECORD FISH

* *New Records in blue*

Rod and Reel Record Fish

Common Name	Lbs.	Oz.	Length	Girth	Where	When	Angler
Bass, Largemouth	14	13.7	23	26 1/8	Cedar Lake	3-13-13	Dale Miller
Bass, Smallmouth	8	7	23 1/8	18	Lawtonka	3-21-12	Ryan Wasser
Bass, Spotted	8	2	23 1/2	17 1/2	Pittsburg Co. Pond	6-27-58	O. J. Stone
Bass, Striped	47	8	48	30	Lower Illinois River	6-10-96	Louis Parker
Bass, White	4	9.6	20	17	Kaw Lake	4-6-13	Miguel Farias
Bass, Hybrid Black	8	5.6	22 3/4	16 1/2	Veterans Lake	3-27-06	Dru Kinslow
Bass, Hybrid Striped	23	4	33 1/2	27	Altus-Lugert Lake	4-1-97	Paul Hollister
Bass, Hybrid Yellow	2	5	15 3/4	12 5/8	Kiamichi River	3-26-91	George R. Edwards
Buffalo, Bigmouth	59	15	43 3/4	33 1/2	Greenleaf	11-12-88	Leroy Broaddrick
Buffalo, Black	42	8	42 1/4	29	Chimney Rock Lake	11-17-13	Jeff D. Olinger
Buffalo, Smallmouth	44	2	35	31	Konawa Reservoir	8-15-07	Marvin Williams
Bullhead, Black	6	13	18 5/8	17 3/4	Jackson Co. Pond	5-24-84	Gary Cole
Bullhead, Yellow	2	5	16	10 5/8	Okfuskee Co. Pond	5-3-14	Nathan W. Williams
Carp, Common	39	10.4	39 1/4	30 3/4	Grady Co. Pond	4-23-02	Brandon Hughes
Carp, Grass	68	15.2	49	34	Chelsea City Lake	4-5-08	Jereme Budgick
Carp sucker, River	7	11	24	17	Canadian Co. Pond	4-18-90	W.C. "Bill" Kenyon
Catfish, Blue	98		54 1/2	39 1/2	Lake Texoma	11-11-04	Billy Nabors
Catfish, Channel	35	15	39 1/4	26 1/4	Taft Lake	9-11-05	Gary Doak, Jr.
Catfish, Flathead	78	8	51	36 1/2	El Reno City Lake	5-11-10	Richard Williams
Crappie, Black	4	10	20 1/4	17 3/4	Ottawa Co. Pond	6-16-74	Rollie Williams
Crappie, White	4	15	19	16 1/4	Kingfisher Co. Pond	5-4-91	Frank Robinson
Drum, Freshwater	38		41 3/4	28 3/4	Tenkiller Lake	5-23-76	Harold Phillips
Eel, American	5	7	39 1/2	9 7/8	Lower Illinois River	6-3-95	Dolores Munsell
Gar, Alligator	192	1	91 1/2	39	Red River	1-27-11	James Tucker
Gar, Longnose	43	8	64 1/2	23 1/2	Eufaula	8-28-12	Howard Zummer
Gar, Shortnose	5	6	32		Brown Lake, McAAP	8-16-03	Robert Byrd
Goldeye	2	8	18 5/8	10 3/4	Arkansas River	4-27-96	James R. Smith
Herring, Skipjack	3	6	19	13 3/8	Eufaula Tailwaters	4-3-92	Bobby Moore
Paddlefish	125	7	55	41 1/4	Arkansas River	4-10-11	Aaron Stone
Pickrel, Chain	2	10	22 1/2	9 1/2	Lower Mtn. Fork River	4-22-82	Eric Lowe
Pickrel, Grass		7	13	5 1/8	Beaver Creek	3-17-95	Barry Bryant
Pike, Northern	36	8	44		Lake Carl Etling	6-13-76	Raymond Fernandez
Redhorse, River	8	5	28 1/2	17 1/8	Illinois River	2-11-77	Willis Pippin
Sauger	5	5	23	14	Kerr Reservoir	1-18-81	Chet Munds
Saugeye	10	10	28 1/4	19	Fort Cobb Lake	2-24-06	Curt Wilkerson
Sunfish, Bluegill	2	6	12 3/4	14 1/2	Kay Co. Pond	5-8-87	Tom Shorter
Sunfish, Green	2	7	13	14 1/4	Pontotoc Co. Pond	10-16-72	Eddie Shulanberger
Sunfish, Hybrid	1	14	12 3/8	13 7/8	Bryan Co. Pond	5-24-97	Hal Smith
Sunfish, Redear	2	1	12 3/4	13	Logan Co. Pond	11-15-73	Ruby Lee Farmer
Trout, Brown	17	4.6	32 3/4	20	Lower Mtn. Fork River	4-10-05	Jason Archie
Trout, Rainbow	10	10.56	27 3/4	17 1/2	Lake Watonga	11-17-13	Mark B. Reed
Walleye	12	13	30 3/8	19 1/2	Robert S. Kerr	5-8-04	Kerry Carter

Unrestricted Division Record Fish

Common Name	Lbs.	Ozs.	Length	Girth	Where	When	Angler/Method
Buffalo, Black	57	12	43 1/4	31	Tenkiller Lake	6-30-84	Chester Penn/trotline
Buffalo, Smallmouth	50	4	39 1/2	33 1/2	Broken Bow Lake	5-20-10	Rickey Smith/trotline
Carp, Common	48	13	40	32	Broken Bow Lake	5-16-10	Scotty Littles/bow & arrow
Carp, Grass	77		53	36 1/4	Arbuckle Lake	7-30-02	Brandon Taber/bow & arrow
Carp sucker, River	8	11.8	24 3/4	18	Ft. Cobb Lake	4-25-10	Jeffrey Ray/bow & arrow
Catfish, Blue	118	8	57	41 3/4	Lake Texoma	5-4-88	Dan Grider/jugline
Catfish, Flathead	106		60	39 1/2	Wister Lake	4-5-77	C. Clubb/trotline
Eel, American	5	8.7	40	9 3/4	Webbers Falls	8-15-02	Billy Davison/trotline
Gar, Shortnose	9	11.5	43 1/4	13 3/8	Kaw Dam Tailwaters	9-2-07	Dwayne Carter/bow & arrow
Gar, Spotted	9	12.8	37 1/4	13.5	Arbuckle Lake	4-19-08	Jimmy Nelson/bow & arrow
Hogsucker, Northern	2	1	15 5/8	9 1/4	Illinois River	3-15-10	Clint Williams/gigging
Paddlefish	134		55	44	Grand Lake	8-13-92	Charles Ham/trotline
Redhorse, Black	5	11	25 3/4	12 3/4	Illinois River	12-6-09	Brandon Taber/bow & arrow
Redhorse, Golden	8	12	29	16 1/4	Illinois River	3-16-08	Everett Noblin, Jr./gigging
Redhorse, River	10	19	28 1/2	15	Illinois River	3-17-10	Carl Williams/gigging
Sturgeon, Shovelnose	2	15	29	8 1/2	Arkansas River	10-12-97	Paul R. Forman/throw line

How to Certify a State Record

1. Fish **must** be caught on rod and line and must be hooked and played by only one person. (Except for unrestricted division, which recognizes fish species taken by legal means other than rod and reel such as bow and arrow, gig, spear, trotline, jugline, limpline, etc. These records must tie or exceed the weight of the existing rod and reel record.)
2. Fish **must** be caught in accordance with Oklahoma fishing regulations.
3. No fish caught from any hatchery or commercial put-and-take lake is eligible.
4. Accredited or certified weight scales **must** be used to weigh the fish. Accredited steel measuring tapes **must** be used to measure the fish. The fish should be measured from tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with fish laid flat on a ruler, mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together, giving length of fish in inches. Measure the girth of the fish in inches around its widest point. Three witnesses, one of which must be an employee of the Wildlife Department, must witness the weighing and measuring of the fish and sign the affidavit.
5. The fish may be frozen, but must be in a thawed, natural, live-weight condition when approved by a Wildlife Department biologist or technician. Preserve the fish until you receive an official letter of verification from the director of the Wildlife Department.
6. A clear photograph showing a close-up side view of the fish must accompany the completed fish affidavit form. All photographs become the property of the Wildlife Department.
7. The Wildlife Department reserves the right to collect fish scale, tissue or spine samples to check fish identification and to refuse any questionable fish affidavit submitted. The affidavit must be submitted within 30 days of the date the fish is caught.
8. With the exception of grass carp, no restricted exotic species will be eligible for state record fish recognition.



Mark B. Reed of Blanchard holds his state-record rainbow trout caught Nov. 17, 2013, at Lake Watonga. The fish weighed 10 pounds, 10.56 ounces.



Nathan W. Williams holds his state-record yellow bullhead catfish caught May 3, 2014, in an Okfuskee County pond. The fish weighed 2 pounds 5 ounces.

LAKE RECORD FISH PROGRAM

What is the biggest fish you've ever caught?

A 7-pound largemouth, a 2-pound crappie or a 45-pound blue catfish? While your fish may not have broken a state record, it could very possibly be the biggest fish ever caught out of your favorite lake. The Lake Record fish program was established to recognize big fish and the lakes where they are caught.

Been to the lake lately? You might have caught a lake record!

The Lake Record fish program continues to grow, as more and more anglers find themselves holding a fish that qualifies for a lake record. From lakes large and small, from one side of the state to the other, the Lake Record program recognizes anglers who land a fish that is a record for that lake.

Once an angler catches a fish that might qualify as a lake record, he or she must have the catch certified at a Lake Record Keeper location. For a full list of record keepers, visit our web site, wildlifedepartment.com/fishing.htm.

To qualify for the Lake Record Program, your catch must be larger than a 6-pound largemouth bass; 4-pound smallmouth bass; 2-pound spotted bass; 2-pound crappie; 15-pound channel catfish; 40-pound blue or flathead catfish; 3-pound white bass; 20-pound striped bass; 8-pound hybrid; 5-pound walleye/saugeye; 1-pound sunfish or 40-pound paddlefish.



Burt Hudson of Oklahoma City caught this Hefner Lake-record blue catfish on Nov. 5, 2013. The fish weighed 55.8 pounds and was released back into the lake.



WORKING TO ENHANCE THE FUTURE OF FISHING



The Aquatic Resources Education Program (AREP) promotes the sport of fishing and aquatic resource awareness. It is a way to give youths and others an opportunity to learn about Oklahoma's aquatic environments and how to fish.

Developed in 1988, the program's objectives are to:

- Increase the understanding, appreciation, and awareness of Oklahoma's aquatic resources.
- Facilitate the learning of angling skills, outdoor ethics, and sport-fishing opportunities in the state.
- Enhance urban fishing opportunities.
- Develop Family Fishing Clinics or seminars.
- Provide information on specialized fishing techniques.

What is an Aquatic Resources Education Fishing Clinic?

A fishing clinic consists of an educational component that teaches basic fishing techniques. This is usually followed by an opportunity to fish at a nearby pond or lake. Clinics are conducted by certified volunteer instructors or Wildlife Department employees.

A fishing clinic presents information on topics such as:

- Fish Identification.
- Knot Tying.
- Fish Cleaning and Cooking.
- Equipment Demonstration.
- Water Safety.
- Outdoor Ethics.
- Water Quality.
- Laws and Regulations.

What is Oklahoma Fishing In The Schools?

Following on the success of the Oklahoma National Archery In The Schools Program, the Wildlife Department began to provide training for teachers to incorporate the Aquatic Resources Education Program into the classroom. The program became known as "Oklahoma Fishing In The Schools." About 150 schools across the state have become certified and involved with the program since it was started in 2011.

For more information about participating in the Aquatic Resources Education Program, either through a fishing clinic or through Oklahoma Fishing In The Schools, look under the "Education" tab at wildlifedepartment.com.



Daniel Griffith

A boy shows off the crappie he caught at Lake Carl Blackwell while attending a fishing clinic conducted by the Wildlife Department.



Daniel Griffith

A happy young angler holds a striped bass hybrid after the thrill of the catch.



Jennifer Everson

Aquatic Education coordinator Daniel Griffith lends assistance after this girl reeled in a striped bass hybrid during a fishing clinic at Lake Carl Blackwell.



IT'S THE LAW!

ANS are invasive, non-native species that threaten the ecological integrity of aquatic ecosystems in Oklahoma. People must remove all aquatic plants and zebra mussels from boats, trailers and other gear prior to launching boats in state waters. If you find something you believe to be an ANS, call biologist Curtis Tackett at (405) 365-5060. For more information on ANS, go online to ProtectYourWaters.net.

As soon as you pull your boat out of the water, remember to:

Clean.

Pressure wash your boat, trailer and equipment with hot water (140° F) and remove all zebra mussels, plant fragments and mud that are visible.

Drain.

Drain all water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, coolers and ballast.

Dry.

If pressure wash is not available, allow the boat, trailer, and equipment to dry thoroughly for at least five days before visiting a new water body.

**STOP
INVASIVE
SPECIES
CLEAN, DRAIN,
AND DRY
YOUR BOAT**

The reminder shown above is being painted on boat ramps throughout the state!

SHAD RESTRICTION

No person shall transport shad from the following waters. If shad are collected from these listed waters for use as bait, they may only be used in the water body from which they were collected.

- The Red River below Lake Texoma to the Arkansas state line
- Grand Lake O' the Cherokees
- The Neosho River from Grand Lake to the Kansas state line
- The Kiamichi River below Hugo Lake to the Red River

WATCH ONLINE

View a video on zebra mussels online at tinyurl.com/cr74qwh or scan the QR code.



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ATTENTION ANGLERS

Bighead and silver carp (see photo at left) are invading Oklahoma waters. If you catch either of these species, do not release the fish back into the water. Report it to Wildlife Department personnel immediately by calling (405) 365-5060. Anglers are allowed to possess only dead bighead and silver carp when reporting them to the Wildlife Department. The Wildlife Department is collecting biological data on these species to better understand their population status and the threats they pose to state lakes and rivers. Your cooperation is appreciated.



PROHIBITED FISH SPECIES



This arowana is among several species of fish that are illegal to possess in Oklahoma! For a complete list of fish species that are prohibited in Oklahoma, consult Oklahoma Statutes Title 800, go online to wildlifedepartment.com, or scan the QR code with a smartphone.

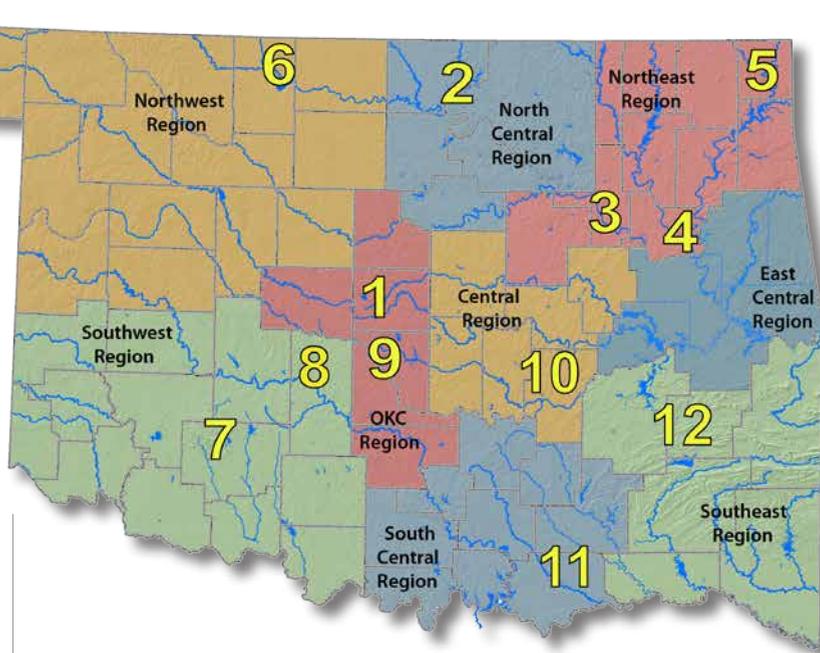




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Program's Goal is to Produce Monster Bass

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's Florida Largemouth Bass Program had another great year of production for 2014. The program produced more than 1.8 million Florida bass, which allowed 31 lakes to be stocked. This year's production ranks as the second-best behind the record 2.2 million fish stocked in 2013.

The goal of the Florida bass program is to produce trophy bass for Oklahoma anglers. To do so, genetically pure Florida bass are stocked into the state's lakes to influence the genetics of the native bass populations. Bass with Florida genes are able to grow larger more quickly than the native Northern largemouth bass. Except for one fish, every state-record bass since 1979 has been a Florida bass or a Florida hybrid bass.

Oklahoma's current state record largemouth bass was caught in Cedar Lake in March 2013 and weighed 14 pounds, 13.7 ounces.

A committee of fisheries biologists chooses stocking sites based on many criteria. The committee considers the documented success in trophy bass production, as well as angler pressure. Also, lakes with better habitat for bass are more likely to be stocked than lakes where good bass habitat doesn't exist. Senior biologist Cliff Sager said growing trophy bass in a particular lake "is an eight- to 10-year investment." Therefore, the Wildlife Department concentrates on the waters that hold the most promise for producing trophy bass.

All the Florida bass the Department stocks are spawned at the Durant State Fish Hatchery. Most of the fish are raised there, but some of the fry are distributed to state hatcheries in Byron and Holdenville for raising. The state's fourth hatchery at Medicine Park gets involved by helping to deliver FLMB fry and fingerlings to the various lakes for stocking.

This year's above-average production of FLMB can be credited to better spawning and improved handling techniques being used by hatchery technicians. Improved techniques have allowed record fish production the past two years, and Ike McKay, project leader at the Durant State Fish Hatchery, credits "the commitment and cooperation of everyone involved."

Sager said, "It truly is a coordinated effort to raise and stock that many fish over a short period of time and speaks to the dedication of the Wildlife Department to improve our fisheries resources."

To see a list of the 31 lakes stocked with FLMB in 2014, go online to www.wildlifedepartment.com/fishing/surveys.htm and click on "2014 Largemouth Bass Stocking Report."



Florida bass fingerlings just before stocking.



Fingerlings are transferred from a hatchery truck to the stocking boat.



Florida bass fingerlings acclimating to the lake water just after stocking.



Fisheries employees use an electro-fishing boat to collect Florida bass brooders from a hatchery pond.



Fisheries technician Amie Robison puts a Florida bass brooder into a hatchery truck.

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The Wildlife Department also extends sincere gratitude to the many other groups and individuals who provide support through monetary gifts or in-kind products and services in support of all Department activities. This list does not include our partners who contribute to the Department’s Wildlife Expo.

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- **Larry and Brenda Potterfield, founders of MidwayUSA**, for their support of the Oklahoma Scholastic Shooting Sports Program and state tournament shooting events.
- **Quail Forever Central Oklahoma 89er Chapter** for helping to support management projects and research focused on improving quail habitat and populations. Donations have included prescribed burning and habitat improvement equipment and supplies.
- **National Wild Turkey Federation** for support of habitat enhancement on public and private lands statewide (including several WMAs that are open to public hunting), providing prescribed burning equipment, fireguard construction, invasive plant removal and turkey trapping supplies, plus major support for Oklahoma Scholastic Shooting Sports Program and Archery in the Schools.
- **Natureworks** for wildlife habitat improvement at Spavinaw WMA and fisheries research on paddlefish at Grand Lake.
- **Oklahoma City Zoological Park and Botanical Garden** for conservation field study projects and to help with expenses for various projects.
- **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation** for its support of habitat work and fireguard improvements on WMAs that open to public hunting.
- **Trout Unlimited Oklahoma Chapter** for its support of dissolved oxygen research for trout habitat improvement.
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Kelly Adams

Many partners join efforts to improve future of fishing

Much of the conservation and enhancement work in Oklahoma would not be possible without the vital support of our various partners and supporters. The Wildlife Department, and in turn you as a sportsman, are fortunate to have quality organizations that have made significant contributions to fisheries management in Oklahoma. These organizations are featured on our website at wildlifedepartment.com.



Workers build a boat ramp at Grand Lake.

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