

Fishing in Texas

Taking time to relax and enjoy the great outdoors can be one of life's greatest pleasures. A treasured pastime that can fulfill this desire is fishing. Fishing in Texas is a very popular choice for recreation because it does not require a lot of travel, money or equipment, and is a great way to enjoy nature with family, friends or maybe catch some peaceful alone time. Come along as we paddle through the sport of fishing in the great state of Texas.

From saltwater to freshwater, Texas fishing is a popular pastime with much activity occurring in East Texas. The state has over 80,000 miles of rivers and streams, over 100 major lakes, and over 400 miles of coastal shoreline and bays. One thing these waters all have in common is they are full of fish just waiting for your hook!

Even if you live in a large metropolitan area, there are guaranteed to be fishing hotspots located nearby, usually no more than an hour away. In many cases, the close proximity of lakes to each other provides easy access to more than one destination in a day trip, which gives fisherman plenty of opportunities to catch "the big one."

Texas Parks and Wildlife encourages those interested in fishing to visit their website for current fishing rules and regulations, ideal fishing spots and other good information to increase your catch. Also, the state of Texas strongly supports water and fish conservation, so be an ethical angler and practice conservation to ensure the survival of these shared resources. Two of the most important principles to remember are following the bag and size limits for each species, and catch-and-release fishing.

Whether you are a skilled fisherman or a beginner, fishing in Texas can be a tranquil, yet exciting experience. Now is the perfect time to take up the hobby because over 70 Texas State Parks are waiving fishing license requirements for families; some parks even provide loaner equipment and bait. Wherever your travels may take you in Texas, be on the lookout for bodies of water and consider taking the afternoon off and tell anyone who asks that you are "gone fishin'."

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