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HIGHLIGHTS OF CHANGES
• Statewide: The minimum length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 14 inches in public waters; all bass less than 14 inches must be released immediately. Exceptions are listed in the Special Area Regulations section starting on page 20.
• Murray, American Horse and all waters in the Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge: No length limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass.
• Carl Blackwell and Ponca City lakes: Closed to noodling.
• Statewide: Nonresidents may now buy a 1-day fishing license. See page 2.
• Shad Transport: Transporting shad from waters infested with bighead or silver carp to any other body of water is illegal. See a list of infested waters on page 39.
• Common Snapping Turtles: Protected. It is illegal to buy, collect or sell common snapping turtles.
• Trout: All trout in possession must be kept on a stringer marked with that angler’s name and license number. All anglers must have their own stringer.
• Scenic Rivers: The use or possession of a cast net is illegal on the portions of the Illinois River, Flint Creek, Barren Fork Creek, Upper Mountain Fork River, Lee Creek and Little Lee Creek that are designated as scenic river areas.
• Asian Carp (Bighead and Silver Carp): Please notify Wildlife officials if Asian carp are caught. It is illegal to possess live Asian carp.
• Rivers and Streams: It is illegal to take or possess more than 25 nongame bait fish, except for shad, of which 200 may be taken or possessed.
• Paddlefish: The annual limit on paddlefish harvest is two fish, and each harvested paddlefish must be reported to the Wildlife Department. See pages 14–15.
• Snagging: Only one pole or rod per angler while snagging.
• Noodling: Species, possession limits and legal hours have changed. See page 9.
## 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. Any person holding a valid driver license is considered a resident of the state that issued the permit. 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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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 wildlife.org, 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.
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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.
- Residents under 16 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.
- Resident disabled veterans with 60 percent or more disability. Call State Department of Veterans Affairs, (888) 653-2838 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 legal disability or any person developmentally disabled residing in a child care facility as defined by Title 10 O.S., Section 402.
- 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).
- 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.

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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.

**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**
Unless exempt, people who use or enter designated Wildlife Department lands are required to purchase a Wildlife Conservation Passport. Exemptions include those who hold a valid Oklahoma resident or nonresident annual, combination or lifetime hunting/fishing license; senior citizen lifetime hunting/fishing license; or disability hunting/fishing license. Also exempt are Oklahoma residents who on the first day of the current calendar year were younger than 18, and students or instructors on tours or activities sanctioned by the Wildlife Department.

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**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 limbline 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 20.

**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.

**Limbline:** Limblines are restricted to no more than two hooks per line and 20 limblines per person. A legal limbline is a line attached to a limb, branch, other natural object, or nonmetallic 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 20.

**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.”

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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 29), the Wichita Mountains NWR, and in Wildlife Department Fishing Areas (see pages 18-19), 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 seineing 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 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 39 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.

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WHAT'S LEGAL WHEN NOODLING?

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 20-28). 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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BLACK BASS (LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH & SPOTTED BASS)

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.

**Statewide Daily Limit:**
- Largemouth & Smallmouth – 6 (combined)
- Spotted – None

**Statewide Minimum Size Limit:**
- Largemouth & Smallmouth – 14" minimum (in public waters)
- Spotted – None

Check pages 20 - 28 for areas with additional daily and size limits

### Largemouth Bass
- Mouth hinge well behind eye
- **State record:** 14 lbs., 12.3 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.

**Specie Daily Limit**
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(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.
CATFISH

Statewide Daily Limit:
• Channel and/or Blue Catfish combined – 15
• Flathead Catfish – 10

Check pages 20 - 28 for areas with additional daily and size limits

Statewide Size Limit:
• Channel Catfish – None
• Blue Catfish – Only one over 30”
• Flathead Catfish – None

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)

Check pages 20 - 28 for areas with additional daily and size limits

Statewide Minimum Size Limit:
• None

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).

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.
**STATEWIDE DAILY & SIZE LIMITS**

**STRIPED BASS, HYBRIDS, & WHITE BASS**

**Statewide Daily Limit:**
- Striped Bass and/or Striped Bass Hybrids - 5
- White Bass - None

**Statewide Size Limit:**
- None

*Check pages 20 - 28 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.*

- **White Bass**
  - One round or heart-shaped patch on tongue

- **Striped Bass and Striped Bass Hybrid**
  - Two long patches on tongue

**TROUT (RAINBOW & BROWN)**

**Statewide Daily Limit:**
- Rainbow Trout - 6
- Brown Trout - 6

**Statewide Minimum Size Limit:**
- None

*Check pages 31 - 34 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
**ALLIGATOR GAR**

- **State Record:** 192 lbs., 1 oz.
- **Statewide Daily Limit:** 1
- **Statewide Minimum Size Limit:** None

Check pages 20 - 28 for areas with additional daily and size limits

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**PADDLEFISH**

- **Statewide Daily Limit:** 1
- **Statewide Annual Limit:** 2
- **Statewide Minimum Size Limit:** None

Check page 14 for additional paddlefish regulations

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**WALLEYE, SAUGER, SAUGEYE**

**Walleye**
- **State Record:** 12 lbs., 13 oz.
- **Statewide Daily Limit:** 6 (combined)
- **Statewide Minimum Size Limit:** 18" minimum

- Few or no cheek scales

**Sauger**
- **State Record:** 5 lbs., 5 oz.
- **Statewide Daily Limit:** 1
- **Statewide Minimum Size Limit:** None

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

**Saugeye**
- **State Record:** 10 lbs., 10 oz.
- **Statewide Daily Limit:** 6 (combined)
- **Statewide Minimum Size Limit:** 18" minimum

- Spiny dorsal fin with distinct spots and bars in webbing

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**Saugeye**
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- **Statewide Daily Limit:** 6 (combined)
- **Statewide Minimum Size Limit:** 18" minimum

- Body gold with distinct brown blotches
- **State Record:** 125 lbs., 7 oz.

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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 44).

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.

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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 20.
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: 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.

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.
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 wildlifeoklahomawebsite.com.

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A simple “thank you” cannot express the extent of appreciation for those who go above and beyond to lend a hand. Such is the case with the many groups that have become invaluable Partners in Conservation for Oklahoma’s tremendous natural resources. The Wildlife Department, and the sportsmen of the state, are blessed by these quality organizations that have made significant contributions to wildlife management in Oklahoma. Partners listed here contributed at least $5,000 in 2012.

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 or the 2013 conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Thank you, partners!

• National Wild Turkey Federation for support of habitat enhancement on public and private lands statewide (including seven WMAs open to public hunting), providing prescribed burning equipment, fireguard construction, invasive plant removal and turkey trapping supplies, plus major support for Archery in the Schools.

• Oklahoma Station — Safari Club International for its support of the Operation Game Thief Trailer and the grant program for the Oklahoma Scholastic Shooting Sports Program.

• U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for its contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and the Archery in the Schools program.

• Quail Forever — 89er Chapter for helping to support management projects and research focused on improving quail habitat and populations. Donations have included prescribed burning equipment.

• Safari Club International for its support of the Operation Game Thief trailer.

• Archery Trade Association has supported archery education through the Explore Bowhunting program and assisted in developing facilities for shooting through community archery parks.

• Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for its support of the ODWC Youth Camp and habitat work on WMAs open to public hunting.
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 razorback musk turtles, common snapping turtle and/or alligator snapping turtle is prohibited;
- the Wichita Mountains NWR is closed to turtle harvest;
- 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.
WHERE TO FISH STATEWIDE

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 29). The lake names in blue type are Wildlife Department fishing areas (see page 30). Lake operators appear in parentheses.

1. Adair Recreation Area
2. Altus-Lugert
3. American Horse (Temporarily closed.)
4. Arcadia
5. Ardmore City (Ardmore)
6. Atoka (Atoka)
7. Baron Fork Creek (upper Illinois River)
8. Beaver River WMA
9. Bell Cow (Chandler)
10. Birch
11. Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area
12. Bluestem (Pawhuska)
13. Boomer (Stillwater)
14. Broken Bow
15. Burtschi
16. Camp Gruber JMTC
17. Canton
18. Carl Albert (Tahlequah)
19. Carl Blackwell (OSU)
20. Carl Etling
21. Cherokee GMA
22. Chickasha (Chickasha)
23. Chimney Rock/W.R. Holway
24. Chouteau
25. Clear Creek (Duncan)
26. Comanche
27. Cookson WMA
28. Copan
29. Crowder (Washita County)
30. Cushing
31. Dahlgren
32. Dripping Springs
33. Duncan (Duncan)
34. Durant (Durant)
35. El Reno (El Reno)
36. Ellis County WMA
37. Elsworth (Lawton)
38. Elmer
39. Elmer Thomas (Wichita Mountains NWR)
40. Eucha (Tulsa)
41. Eufaula
42. Evans Chambers
43. Flint Creek (upper Illinois River)
44. Fort Cobb
45. Fort Gibson
46. Foss
47. Frederick (Frederick)
48. Fuqua (Duncan)
49. Glover River
50. Grand
51. Great Salt Plains
52. Greenleaf
53. Guthrie (Guthrie)
54. Hefner (Oklahoma City)
55. Heyburn
56. Holdenville (Holdenville)
57. Honobia and Three Rivers WMAs
58. Hudson
59. Hugo
60. Hulah
61. Humphreys (Duncan)
62. Jap Beaver
63. Jean Neustadt (Ardmore)
64. Kaw
65. Keystone
66. Konawa
67. Lake of the Arbuckles
68. Langston (Langston)
69. Lawtonka (Lawton)
70. Lee’s Creek
71. Liberty (Guthrie)
72. Lone Chimney (Tri-County Dev. Auth.)
73. Longmire (Pauls Valley)
74. McAlester (McAlester)
75. McGee Creek
76. McMurtry (Stillwater)
77. Meeker (Meeker)
78. Mountain Lake (Ardmore)
79. Murray
80. Nanih Waiya
81. Newt Graham
82. Okemah (Okemah)
83. Okmulgee
84. Oologah
85. Optima
86. Overholser (Oklahoma City)
87. Ozzie Cobb
88. Pauls Valley (Pauls Valley)
89. Pawhuska
It is the angler's responsibility to know what regulations apply to the body of water he or she is fishing.

Northwest Region

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 Region 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, limbline, 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, limblines, 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 31.
Elmer
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.

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.

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 method 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 31.

RIVERS & CREEKS

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.

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)
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Southwest Region

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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 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.

Ellsworth
Contact: (580) 529-2663. (Lawton)
Daily/Size Limits: Walleye, sauger or saug-eye: six combined 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.

Elmer Thomas (Wichita Mountains NWR)
Contact: (580) 429-3222. (USFWS)
Daily/Size Limits: Largemouth and smallmouth bass: six per day/14-inch minimum. Channel and/or blue catfish: two combined per day/14-inch minimum.

Fort Cobb
Contact: (405) 643-2249. (Oklahoma Tourism/Recreation)
Daily/Size Limits: Walleye, sauger or saug-eye: six 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 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.

Jap Beaver
Contact: (580) 529-2795. (ODWC)
Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six 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.

Lawtonka
Contact: (580) 529-2663. (Lawton)
Daily/Size Limits: Walleye, sauger or saug-eye: six 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.

Vanderwork
Contact: (580) 529-2795. (ODWC)
Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six 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.

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.

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.

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.

OTHER AREAS

Ponds and creeks within the following Wildlife Department Management Areas: Sandy Sanders
Contact: (405) 521-2739. (ODWC)
Daily/Size Limits: No length limit on largemouth or smallmouth bass. Channel and/or blue catfish: six per day/14-inch minimum.

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 per day/14-inch minimum.

Oklahoma State Park Ponds
Contact: (800) 652-6552 (Oklahoma Tourism/Recreation)
Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six per day/14-inch minimum.

Wichita Mountains, NWR lakes (except Elmer Thomas)
Contact: (580) 429-3222.
Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish: six per day/14-inch minimum.

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

Note: For more trout regulations see page 31.
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Northeast Region
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 Northeast Region is the area of the state north of Interstate 40 and east of Interstate 35.

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.

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.

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.

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 31.

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) 553-2910. (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 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; spearfishing legal when used with scuba, except taking flathead catfish from June 15 through July 15 is prohibited.

Webbers Falls
(include 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.

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 fouled-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.

Caney River (Below Hulah dam)

Methods: Bowfishing prohibited from Hulah dam downstream 1,200 feet to the 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.

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 1/2 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 1/2 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.)

Note: For more trout regulations see page 31.

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; all species of black bass; six combined per day/no size limit on largemouth or spotted bass, however, smallmouth bass have a 9- to 12-inch protected slot limit of which only one smallmouth greater than 12 inches may be included in the daily limit of six black bass.

Methods: Snagging and noodling are prohibited at all times. Bowfishing, speargunning, and gigging are prohibited, except for the following methods/seasons:
- Upstream from Horseshoe Bend boat ramp; bowfishing and speargunning are permitted from Dec. 1 through March 31. Gigging is permitted from Dec. 1 through March 1.
- Upstream from State Highway 51/U.S. 62 bridge; gigging is permitted from Dec. 1 through March 31.

Lee Creek (including Little Lee Creek)

Daily/Size Limits: All species of black bass; six combined per day/no size limit on largemouth or spotted bass, however, smallmouth bass have a 9- to 12-inch protected slot limit of which only one smallmouth greater than 12 inches may be included in the daily limit of six black bass.

THE 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.ng.army.mil/CGTS/ or call the voice phone system at (918) 549-6041.

Ponds and creeks within the following Wildlife Department Management Areas:
- Cherokee, Cookson, Fort Gibson, Okmulgee (except in Deep Fork River)
  Contact: (405) 521-2739. (ODWC)
- 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 Region**

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 Southeast Region is the area of the state south of Interstate 40 and east of Interstate 35.

**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 slabs 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- to 16-inch minimum. Alligator gar: 20 combined per day, of which only five may be 22 inches or longer.

**Carl Albert**

Contact: (918) 567-3434. (Tahlequah)

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.

**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.

**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.)

**Nahni 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.

**Ouachita 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.

**Oizzie 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.
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.

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 will 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?”

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“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.”

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

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)
Methods: Prohibited methods of fishing: trotlines, throwlines, and limblines. (Also see “Tailwaters” regulations.)

Daily/Size Limits:
Striped bass hybrids; five combined per day/only one blue catfish over 30 inches.

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.)

Maine River and tributaries in 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/one blue catfish over 30 inches.

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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 31.

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/one blue catfish over 30 inches.

Ponds and creeks within the following Wildlife Department Management Areas not listed above
Contact: (405) 521-2739. (ODWC)
Daily/Size Limits: Channel and/or blue catfish, six combined per day/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/one blue catfish over 30 inches.

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.

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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, 2014.

• 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.

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 wildlife.deputment.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 Chikasaw 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.
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 caught must be released (returned to the water) immediately after being taken; 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.

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 Purdew 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:
- Battey-Mullhousen pond (North Henney Road and West Main Street)

Lawton – (580) 581-3400:
- Elmer Thomas Park - Lake Helen (Interstate 44 and NW Cache Road)

Moore – (405) 793-5090:
- Little River Park — CLOSED FOR REPAIR MOST OF 2014 (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, 2013, to Feb. 28, 2014.

- 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 18–19.

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, limelines, 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 shotguns 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 nonresident fishing license.

Trout Seasons:
See map and description of each state-designated trout 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 33 and 32.)
- 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 33 and 32.)
- 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.

Lake Watonga

Trout 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.

Lake Pawhuska

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

Designated Trout Area/Size/Location
This 96-acre lake is three miles west of Pawhuska on U.S. 60 and 1.75 miles south on county road in Osage County.

Bank Access/Boat Ramps
Public-use facilities include a boat ramp, boat/fishing dock, parking area and restrooms – all handicap-accessible.

Notes of Interest
Camping at Lake Pawhuska is limited to primitive sites. Camp sites with electrical hook-ups available at nearby Lake Bluestem.

Special Regulations
City of Pawhuska requires a boating permit to launch a boat. For information, call (918) 287-3040.
Lower Mountain Fork River

Trout 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 Mtn. Fork River, visit www.flyfishoklahoma.com or call (858) 480-1519.

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 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 30.

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 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 31). No overnight camping is allowed on the area.
Robber's Cave

**Trout 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.

Medicine Creek

**Trout 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.

Lake Carl Etling

**Trout 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 northwest 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.
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CEDAR LAKE YIELDS 2ND RECORD BASS

Cedar Lake in southeastern Oklahoma yielded its second state-record largemouth bass in less than a year’s time.

The latest record bass was caught March 13, 2013, by Dale Miller of Panama, Okla., and weighed 14 pounds, 13.7 ounces.

The bass measured 26 1/8 inches in length and 23 inches in girth. Miller’s fish broke a state record set less than a year previous at Cedar Lake, when Benny Williams Jr. of Poteau reeled in a largemouth weighing 14 pounds 12.3 ounces.

Miller had never fished at Cedar Lake before that landmark day. “Last month, I bought a fishing license, and this month I have the state record for the largemouth bass,” he said.

“Catching the state record largemouth bass in Oklahoma is a huge deal, but it’s even more significant that the state record largemouth has now been caught two springs in a row in less than 12 months’ time from the same lake,” Bolton said. “It speaks to our Florida largemouth bass stocking program. And it speaks to our state’s anglers.”

The previous two state record largemouth bass, as well as several in the state’s Top 20 Largemouth Bass List, have been caught in the southern and southeastern regions of the state. Fish are cold-blooded, so their metabolisms work faster in warmer conditions and they grow more rapidly. Lakes in the southeast region of the state tend to warm up earlier and cool off later in the year than in other regions, which affords these fish a longer growing season.

Barry Bolton, chief of fisheries for the Wildlife Department, said the latest record bass reaffirms the high quality of fishing found in Oklahoma.

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, limbline, 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.
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.
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.

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

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.

THE REMINDER SHOWN ABOVE IS BEING PAINTED ON BOAT RAMPS THROUGHOUT THE STATE!

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.
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: 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 located on private land. You will need to contact the landowner for permission to fish on the property.

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.?

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: 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 permits 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.
Do You Care About Wildlife?

Operation Game Thief (OGT) is a program of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation designed specifically to stop illegal killing of the fish and game which belong to you, whether you’re an angler, sportsman or outdoor enthusiast. It’s a big problem with no simple solution. Help from public sportsmen and sportswomen makes all the difference.

Here’s why:

• One day before the opening of a recent deer season, two poachers killed four whitetail bucks.
• Late one summer night, three men steered their boat across a state reservoir, stopped at their illegal net site and hauled in a load of striped bass and other open-water fish they could sell for $1 a pound on the commercial market.

In each of these examples, you were the loser. You lost hunting and fishing opportunities or the chance to view wildlife in their natural surroundings. At the same time, law-abiding sportsmen received a bad reputation from those who fail to distinguish between legal and illegal hunting. OGT is something everyone can do to help wildlife and help us apprehend the poachers.

The OGT toll-free phone number is (800) 522-8039. Callers can remain anonymous.

Operation Game Thief trailer is on the move!

Thanks to generous contributions from the Oklahoma Station Chapter Safari Club International and Safari Club International, the Department has equipped a traveling trailer to highlight the importance of obeying game laws. The Operation Game Thief trailer is hitting the roads and educating Oklahomans young and old about wildlife conservation. Keep your eyes peeled; the trailer may be coming to an area near you!

OKLAHOMA’S LICENSED FISHING GUIDES

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 in Oklahoma, visit wildlifedepartment.com.

A TERRIFIC RESOURCE!

No angler should be without a copy of “Lakes of Oklahoma.”

“Lakes of Oklahoma” is compiled by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and published in cooperation with the Wildlife Department. It is the premier source for maps and information on Oklahoma lakes. This 178-page guide packs maps of more than 140 lakes into a single volume, showing details such as water depth, boat ramp sites and other recreational information.

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).
If you witness a violation, call your game warden or contact the Operation Game Thief hot line at (800) 522-8039.
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   417 S. Silverdale Lane, Ponca City, 74604-7315
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   61091 E. 120 Road, Miami, 74354
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