

SOUTHWEST REGION

Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas

ARIZONA

Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge, 60911 Hwy. 95, Parker, AZ 85344; (928) 667-4144; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=22551>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Nearest community is Parker. Nearest highway is Hwy. 95. Accessible fishing facilities are open 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, and the canoe/kayak (non-motorized) launch is open 7 days a week during daylight hours. Available species include striped bass, largemouth and smallmouth bass, flathead and channel catfish, bluegill and black crappie. The Bill Williams River delta is open to fishing by boat and from the shoreline.



Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, 66600 Cibola Lake Rd., Route 2, Box 1, Cibola, AZ 85328; (928) 857-3253; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=22540>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday, year-round. Refuge is open weekends November–March only: 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Saturday; 10:00 am–3:00 pm, Sunday. Good and fair access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 78. Nearest communities are Palo Verde and Blythe. Available fishing waters are: Pretty Water (limited hours during waterfowl season, October–February), Cibola Lake (6,500 acres) and 1,080 acres of the Colorado River and the Old River channel. Fishing is permitted March 15–Labor Day unless otherwise stated. Powered personal watercraft are permitted only on the main channel of the Colorado River (no wake zones at all other sites). Available freshwater species include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, striped bass, crappie, tilapia, channel catfish, flathead catfish and bluegill.

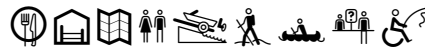


Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 3009, Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-3853; <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/arizona/havasu/>. Office hours, 7:30 am–3:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours per day. Good and fair access roads. Nearest highways are 1-40 and Hwy. 95. Nearest communities are Needles, CA, and Lake Havasu City, AZ. Refuge waters include Topock Marsh (4,000 acres) and approximately 20 miles of the Colorado River. Fishing season is year-round. Predominant species are striped bass, black bass, catfish and bluegill.



Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 72217, Yuma, AZ 85365; (928) 783-3371; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=22560>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge open 24 hours per day. Good and primitive access roads. Nearest highway is U.S. 95. Nearest community is the town of Martinez Lake. Refuge waters include Martinez Lake (1,040 acres), Clear Lake (200 acres), Island Lake (2,010 acres) and Adobe Lake (2,080 acres), as well as the Lower Colorado River (2,010 acres). Fishing season is year-round, except for the western half of Martinez Lake and the northern portion of

Ferguson Lake, which are open March 1–September 30. Bank fishing only is allowed on Martinez and Clear Lakes; all other fishing is boat accessed. Available species include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, striped bass, catfish, crappie, tilapia and several species of sunfish.



NEW MEXICO

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1246, Socorro, NM 87801; (505) 835-1828; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=22520>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday; 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Saturday–Sunday. Refuge is open daily 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset. Good access roads. Nearest main highway is 1-25. Nearest communities are San Antonio and Socorro. Refuge waters include a shallow 30-acre impoundment, the Interior Drain, Riverside Canal and the Low Flow Channel. Fishing season is April 1–September 30. Available species include catfish, smallmouth bass, white bass and carp. Frogging is allowed by special use permit (bullfrogs only).



Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 276, Maxwell, NM 87728; (505) 375-2331; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=22581>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Fair access roads. Nearest highway is Hwy. 505. Nearest community is Maxwell. Refuge waters include Lake 13 (300 acres), which offers rainbow trout, and Lake 14 (80 acres), with warm-water species only, including largemouth bass, sunfish, walleye and catfish. Fishing season is March 1–October 31. Small boats (trolling speed only) are allowed on Lake 13.



*Trolling speed only on Lake 13.

OKLAHOMA

Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge, 111 W. 4th St., Room 318, Okmulgee, OK 74447; (918) 756-0815; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21592>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is Henryetta. Nearest highway is Hwy. 75. Year-round fishing is permitted on the Deep Fork River, and fishing is allowed March 1–October 30 on the sloughs, farm ponds and impoundments not connected to the Deep Fork River. Primary fishing is bank- and small-boat fishing in the Deep Fork River for channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish, crappie, white bass and largemouth bass. Trot lines, jug lines, limb lines and yo-yos are allowed on the Deep Fork River only. Bowfishing is allowed May 15–September 30.



Little River National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 340, Broken Bow, OK 74728; (580) 584-6211; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21680>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open dawn to dusk. Fair access roads. Nearest highway is Hwy. 259/70. Nearest community is Broken Bow. Refuge waters include Forked Lake, Little River, Crooked Creek and Yanubbee Lake. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish.



Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge, Rt. 1, Box 76, Jet, OK 73749; (580) 626-4794; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21630>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest main highways are Hwys. 11 and 38. Nearest communities are Cherokee and Jet. Refuge waters include Great Salt Plains Reservoir (8,000 acres), Salt Fork River (2 miles) and Sand Creek (2 miles). Fishing season is April 1–October 15. Available species include largemouth bass, catfish, carp, crappie, sunfish and sauger. The lake is very shallow, allowing for special trotline regulations. Only small boats are allowed in the reservoir. Non-ambulatory and youth (14 years and younger) fishing is available at Bonham Pond.



Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge, Route 1, Box 18A, Vian, OK 74962; (918) 773-5251; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21640>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is Vian. Nearest highway is I-40. Bank and boat fishing is for largemouth bass, striped bass, white bass, walleye, sauger, white and black crappie, channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish and bluegill. The refuge's boat launch areas are at Vian Ramp, Tuff Ramp, Moody Ramp, Stoney Point Ramp and Dirty Creek Ramp.



Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge, 12000 South Refuge Rd., Tishomingo, OK 73460; (580) 371-2402; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21650>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest main highways are Hwys. 78, 199 and 377. Good access roads. Nearest community is Tishomingo. Refuge waters include several ponds: Dicks (7 acres), Cottonwood (5 acres), Teller (5 acres), Whiskey Creek (4 acres), Muel (5 acres), McAdams (7 acres), Reeves Ravine (15 acres), Lost (10 acres), Bobcat (5 acres), Bell (20 acres) and Rock Creek (30 acres). Lake Texoma's Cumberland Pool is 4,500 acres. The Washita River, and Pennington, Big Sandy and Nida Creeks also are available. Fishing season is March 1–September 30. Limited bank fishing is allowed October–February. Available species include smallmouth bass, striped bass, white bass, crappie, sunfish, and channel, flathead and blue catfish.



Washita National Wildlife Refuge, Rt. 1, Box 68, Butler, OK 73625; (580) 664-2205; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21660>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 33. Good access roads. Nearest community is Butler. Available species are largemouth bass, striped bass, white bass, sunfish, walleye, crappie and channel catfish. Refuge waters include 1,900 acres of Foss Lake (8,000 acres) and the Washita

River. Fishing season is year-round from the bank; from boats, it is restricted to March 15–October 14 only.



Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge,

32 Refuge Headquarters, Indianoma, OK 73552; (580) 429-3221; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21670>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Good access roads. Nearest major highways are I-44 and U.S. 62. Nearest community is Cache. Fishing is permitted in all of the refuge lakes located in the public use section of the refuge. Refuge waters include 12 man-made lakes totaling approximately 500 acres. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie and channel catfish. Hand-powered boats, as well as electric trolling motors on boats 14 feet or less, are permitted on Jed Johnson, Rush, Quannah Parker and French Lakes.



**Electric trolling motors only except Elmer Thomas Lake.*

TEXAS

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, managed by the Texas Chenier Plain NWR Complex, 509 Washington Ave. (P.O. Box 278), Anahuac, TX 77514; (409) 267-3337; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21521>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours per day. Nearest community is Anahuac. Nearest highway is Hwy. 124. The refuge offers excellent saltwater and freshwater angling and crabbing opportunities. Six miles of shoreline along East Galveston Bay are accessible by boat or wade fishing. Predominant saltwater fish species include red drum, flounder and spotted seatrout. The East Bay Bayou Tract offers freshwater fishing opportunities from 3 bank piers and an accessible bridge. Freshwater species include catfish, white bass and gar. Two boat ramps provide access to East Bay and Oyster Bayou. Boating is not permitted in inland waters.



**Motor size restrictions.*

Aransas and Matagorda Island National Wildlife Refuges, managed as units of the Aransas NWR Complex, P.O. Box 100, Austwell, TX, 77950; (361) 286-3559; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21532>. Visitor center hours, 8:30 am–4:30 pm, daily. The refuges are open daily from sunrise to sunset. Nearest highway is FM 2040. Nearest community is Austwell. Wade fishing access from the Aransas Unit to San Antonio Bay is permitted April 15–October 15, daylight hours only. Four wade fishing access points are available: picnic area, Bay Overlook, Dagger Point, and the observation tower areas. Fishing is available in surrounding bays by boat only. The refuges have no public boat ramp facilities. Launch sites are available in Rockport, Austwell and Port O'Connor. Matagorda Island NWR offers year-round fishing. Access is by boat or Texas Parks & Wildlife passenger ferry to the overlay Matagorda Island State Park on the north end. Boat docks are available for private boats at the north end. Visitors can wade fish in the surf or in the bayside marshes. Local bays offer excellent opportunities for bait casting, lure fishing and fly-fishing. Common game species include red drum, black drum, speckled trout and flounder.



**In winter.*

Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge, 6801 CR 306, Brazoria, TX 77422; (979) 964-3639; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21542>. All inquiries should be directed to Texas Mid-Coast NWR Complex office at 1212 N. Velasco, Angleton, TX 77515; (979) 849-6062. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Primitive access roads. Nearest community is Matagorda. Boat-accessed fishing is permitted in bays/estuaries and Intracoastal Waterway. Fishing on the refuge is open year-round, sunrise to sunset. Saltwater species include spotted sea trout, flounder and red drum.



Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge, 4430 Trammel Rd., Freeport, TX 77541; (979) 233-5338; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21543>. All inquiries should be directed to the Texas Mid-Coast NWR Complex office at 1212 N. Velasco, Angleton, TX 77515; (979) 849-6062. Office hours (Angleton), 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Good access roads. Nearest community is Angleton. Nearest highway is Hwy. 2004. Saltwater fishing on the refuge is permitted year-round from sunrise to sunset. Boat-accessed fishing is permitted on Nicks Lake, Salt Lake, Lost Lake, bays and bayous. Access for bank fishing is permitted at Bastrop Bayou, Clay Banks and Salt Lake public fishing areas. The Clay Banks Area offers bank fishing along a 1-mile segment of Bastrop Bayou. A non-motorized boat launch is available at Salt Lake. Available saltwater species include spotted trout, red drum, croaker, sheepshead, flounder and blue crab.



Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, 6465 Refuge Rd., Sherman, TX 75092-5817; (903) 786-2826; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21580>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm. Refuge is open during daylight. Good access roads. Nearest main highways include U.S. Hwys. 75 and 82 and FM 1417. The nearest communities include Sherman, Denison and Pottsboro. Refuge waters include 466 acres of various ponds and 2,640 acres on the Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma. Available species include large-mouth bass, smallmouth bass, striped bass, white bass, crappie, sunfish and catfish. Fishing is permitted year-round. Fishing is not permitted from bridges. Boating is permitted April 1–September 30.



Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, managed as part of the South Texas NWR Complex, 22817 Ocelot Rd., Los Fresnos, TX 78566; (956) 748-3607; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21553>. Office hours, 7:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday. Visitor Center hours, 9:00 am–5:00 pm, March–May and September–November; 10:00 am–6:00 pm, June–August; 8:30 am–4:30 pm, December–February. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest main highways are U.S. 77 and 83. Nearest communities are Rio Hondo, Los Fresnos, Port Isabel and South Padre

Island. Fishing opportunities at 3 separate units:

Laguna Atascosa Unit—Although the refuge does not have ownership of surface waters, the Arroyo Colorado and Laguna Madre are accessible at Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park, (956) 748-2044. Bank and pier fishing, public boat ramps and camping are available within the park. Fishing season is year-round. Saltwater species include spotted sea trout, flounder and red drum.



*Applies to Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park only. **18 miles.

South Padre Island Unit—Vehicle access for surf fishing, swimming and camping is available on the gulf-side beachfront from the City of South Padre Island north to the Mansfield Cut, including sections of refuge property. Fishing season is year-round. Saltwater species include spotted sea trout, flounder and red drum.



Bahia Grande Unit—Open to public use only at San Martin Lake. Public boat ramp is available; wade and bank fishing are allowed only along the perimeter of the lake. Fishing season is year-round. Saltwater species include spotted sea trout and red drum.



McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge, PO, Box 609, Sabine Pass, TX 77655; (409) 971-2909; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21525>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Primitive access roads. Nearest main highway is Hwy. 87. Nearest community is Sabine Pass. Refuge waters include Star Lake (400 acres), Clam Lake (2,000 acres), 5-Mile Cut and 10-Mile Cut and access to the Gulf of Mexico. Fishing season is year-round. Available species include black drum, flounder, red drum and blue crab.



San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, All inquiries should be directed to the Texas Mid-Coast NWR Complex office, 1212 North Velasco, Angleton, TX 77515; (979) 849-6062; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21541>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, Monday–Friday. Refuge is open during daylight hours. Nearest community is Lake Jackson. Nearest highway is FM 2004. Fishing on the refuge is permitted year-round, sunrise to sunset. Boat-accessed fishing is permitted in bays/estuaries, the Intracoastal Waterway, Cedar Lake, Cow Trap Lake and Cedar Lake Creek, which are designated by refuge signs. Refuge waters include bay estuary and access to ocean. A boat ramp and bank fishing are available at the Cedar Lake Creek Public Fishing Area. Saltwater species include spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum and blue crab.



Texas Point National Wildlife Refuge, PO. Box 609, Sabine Pass, TX 77655; (409) 971-2909; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21526>. Office hours, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Monday– Friday. Refuge is open 24 hours per day. Good access roads. The nearest main highway is Hwy. 87. Sabine Pass is the nearest community. Refuge waters include 2,500 acres of an estuary system and access to the Gulf of Mexico. Fishing season is year-round. Saltwater species include spotted sea trout, flounder and red drum. Boat launching facilities are nearby.



Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge, 1351 N. Main, Liberty, TX 77575; (936) 336-9786; <http://refuges.fws.gov/profiles/index.cfm?id=21593>. Office hours, 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday– Friday. Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. Nearest community is Liberty. Nearest highway is Hwy. 90. Champion Lake is the refuge’s largest and most popular year-round fishing spot. The most common species are largemouth bass, catfish, crappie and blue crab. Fishing by boat (10 hp motor or less) is allowed from a 150-foot pier or along a 3/4-mile-long levee. No fish, crawfish or crab traps or nets allowed (except a dip net) in recreational fishing areas. There are no facilities.

