Shore and bank fishing sites can be found on many small lakes, as well as the bays and the Gulf of Mexico. Some sites have public piers and handicap access.

Most lakes contain a variety of fish to catch such as bass, catfish, sunfish and carp. Texas Parks and Wildlife stocks many lakes with channel catfish each year, and some are stocked with rainbow trout in winter, visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/troutstocking. Saltwater anglers can catch Atlantic croaker, sand trout, spotted seatrout, southern kingfish, red drum and other fish.

> For more information on fisheries in the Houston metro area contact:

FRESHWATER:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Bryan Fisheries Office (979) 822-5067 1004 E. 26th Street Bryan, Texas 77803

SALTWATER:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Dickinson Regional Office (281) 534-0100 1502 FM 517 East Dickinson, Texas 77539



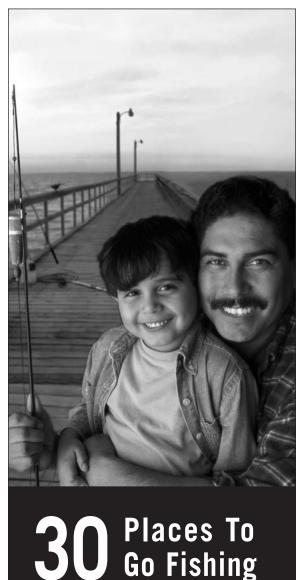
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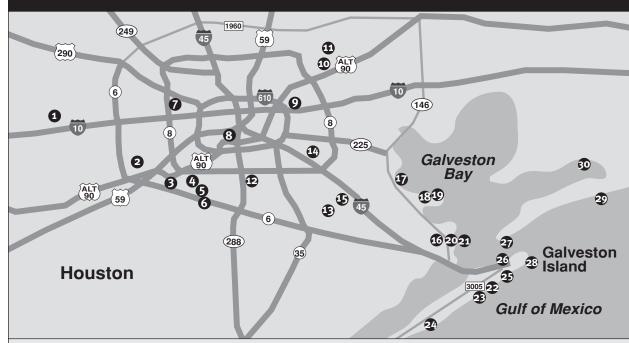
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30 Places To Go Fishing

EASY ACCESS FISHING SPOTS IN THE HOUSTON METRO AREA



1. Mary Jo Peckham Park Pond, Katy

(Trout and catfish stocking every two weeks)

- 1 Bank and pier access, picnic tables, trails and rest rooms. Recreation center also located within the park.
- From Houston take I-10 west to exit 742 to Katy-Ft. Bend County Road. Turn right on Katy-Ft. Bend to Franz Road. Turn left on Franz Road and go 1.1 miles to Avenue A. Turn right onto Avenue A and proceed straight into the park.
- Harris County Precinct 3 (281) 531-1592

2. Eldridge Park Pond, Sugar Land (Trout stocking)

- i) Bank access. The park has rest rooms, picnic tables and a pavilion.
- From I-10, take Hwy. 6 south to Sugar Land and turn left on Hwy. 90A. Go 1.9 miles and turn left on Eldridge Road. Go 2.25 miles, look for park on left.
- Sugar Land Parks & Recreation (281) 275-2886

3. American Legion Park Pond, Missouri City (Trout stocking)

- 1 Bank and pier access. Picnic tables are available in
- Pond is located at 4015 Lexington Drive, just west of FM 1092 between Alternate 90 (Main Street) and Cartwright Road (FM 3345).
- Missouri City Parks & Recreation (281) 261-4260

Blue Ridge Park Pond, Houston

- i) Bank Access, picnic tables, rest rooms.
- From beltway 8 south take S. Post Oak Rd exit. Turn right on S. Post Oak to Court Rd. Turn right on Court Rd to park entrance on the left. Park is in the corner of S. Post Oak and Court.
- Fort Bend County Precinct 2 (281) 431-0131

5. Missouri City C.P.L., Missouri City

- ① Pier and bank access. There are rest rooms, picnic tables, and a pavilion in the park.
- From I-10 west of Houston, take Hwy. 6 south to Missouri City. Turn left on Glen Lakes Lane and look for park entrance on the left.
- Missouri City Parks & Recreation (281) 261-4260

6. Kitty Hollow Park Lake, Sugar Land

- ① Pier and bank access. There are rest rooms, picnic tables, and a pavilion in the park.
- From I-10 west of Houston, take Hwy. 6 south through Missouri City to Fort Bend County. Park is located just past Lake Olympia Subdivision, on the left side of the road across from Sienna Pkwy.
- Fort Bend County Precinct 2 (281) 431-0131

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EASY ACCESS FISHING SPOTS IN THE HOUSTON METRO AREA

7. Bane Park Lake, Houston (Trout stocking)

- ① Bank access, picnic tables and rest rooms.
- From US 290, exit at Little York and go west about 1 mile. Park is at junction of West Little York and North Gessner roads.
- The Harris County Precinct 1 (281) 353-8100

8. McGovern Lake, Houston

- i) Bank and pier access. Rest rooms, picnic tables, and paddleboats are available in the park.
- Located in Hermann Park off Fannin, across from Rice University.
- Thouston Parks & Recreation (713) 845-1023

9. Herman Brown Park Pond, Houston (Trout stocking)

- i) Bank access. The park has rest rooms, picnic tables, a pavilion and foot paths.
- Take I-10 east from downtown Houston, cross Loop 610 and take the next exit (Mercury Drive). Go left on Mercury, which ends at the park. Follow road back and to the right to new parking area and pavilion. The lake trail is marked with a sign.
- City of Houston (713) 673-4006

10. Sheldon Children's Pond 1 and 2, Houston

- ① Excellent bank access. Rest rooms and an Environmental Education Center are located in the park.
- Entrance to ponds is on Hwy. 90A between Beltway 8 and Sheldon Road.
- Sheldon Lake State Park (281) 456-9350

11. Eisenhower Park Pond, Houston (Trout stocking)

- (i) Bank access: picnic tables in the park.
- Take Beltway 8 to Lake Houston Parkway and exit east. Turn left on Aqueduct Road. Park is on the right side of the road.
- Harris County Precinct 1 (281) 591-6951

12. Tom Bass Lake III, Houston (Trout stocking)

- 1 Bank and pier access. There are rest rooms, picnic tables, and a pavilion in the park.
- Heading south on Hwy. 288, exit Fellows Road and go left. Turn right on Cullen to Tom Bass Park Area III on the right.
- Harris County Precinct 1 (281) 991-6881

13. Centennial Park Lake, Friendswood

- ① Bank and pier access, picnic tables and rest rooms.
- From I-45 south (Gulf Freeway) take exit 23 to FM 518. Turn right on FM 518 and go 4.6 miles to Centennial Park on the left.
- Friendswood Parks & Recreation Department (281) 996-3229

14. Burke-Crenshaw Lake, Pasadena (Trout stocking)

- i) Pier and bank access. Picnic tables are available in the park.
- Take Fugua exit off I-45 and go east about 2 miles to Burke Road. Turn left and go 1 mile to park entrance on left.
- Pasadena Parks & Recreation (281) 477-8509

15. Challenger 7 Pond, Webster

- i Bank access. The park has rest rooms and picnic tables.
- From I-45, take the Nasa 1/FM 528 exit and turn right. Go left on W. Nasa 1 and look for Challenger Park on the left.
- Harris County Precinct 1 (281) 332-5157

16. Carver Park Lake, Texas City

- (i) Bank access. The park has rest rooms, picnic tables. and a recreation center.
- From I-45, take FM 1765 exit (Texas Avenue) and go east. Turn left on Westward, then right on Park Avenue. Park entrance will be on the right.
- Texas City Parks & Recreation (979) 643-5990

17. Sylvan Beach, La Porte

- ① Galveston Bay. Bank and pier fishing, 1,234-ft pier has bait and concession stand with rest rooms and telephone. pier and rest rooms handicap accessible, park open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., pier open 24 hours in summer, reduced hours in winter.
- South on I-45 (or SH 146), exit and left at Edgebrook Dr. (Fairmont Parkway), right at end of road on Bayshore Dr., park is on the left.
- Park: (281) 326-6539, Pier: (281) 471-5705

18. Spillway Fishing Pier, Bacliff

- (1) Galveston Bay. Handicap-accessible lighted pier. Open 24 hours in summer; reduced hours in winter. Rest rooms, bait, and a grill/snack bar are available on site.
- South on I-45, exit FM 646, left on FM 646 to Bacliff. right on Bayshore Dr. (at blinking light), site is on the left before bridge.
- **281)** 559-2403

19. 18th Street Fishing Pier, San Leon

- (i) Galveston Bay. 1,280-foot lighted fishing pier, open 24 hours in summer; reduced hours in winter. Pier and rest rooms are handicap accessible. Live bait and a snack bar are available on site.
- South on I-45, exit FM 646, left on FM 646 to Bacliff, right on Bayshore Dr. (at blinking light), left at 18th St.
- **Barbara Pence (281) 339-2600**

20. Texas City Dike, Texas City

- (i) Galveston Bay. Bank and wade fishing on both sides of Dike Road.
- From I-45 South, exit FM 1764 and go left to Texas City. Cross Bay Street to Texas City Dike Road.

21. Texas City Dike Fishing Pier, Texas City

- (i) Galveston Bay. 660-foot lighted pier, open 24 hours in summer. Winter hours depend on weather. Pier and rest rooms are handicap accessible. Bait and snack bar/grill available on site.
- From I-45 South, exit FM 1764 and go left to Texas City. Cross Bay Street to Texas City Dike Road and follow 5 miles to end of road.
- Helen Bailey (409) 948-8172

22. 61st Street Fishing Pier, Galveston

- (i) Gulf of Mexico. Lighted pier, open 24 hours in summer, reduced hours in winter. Pier and rest rooms are handicap accessible. Bait and snack bar available on site.
- South on I-45, exit 61st St. in Galveston, right on 61st St., site is at end of road at Seawall Blvd.
- **(409)** 744-8365

23. Galveston Fishing Pier, Galveston

- (i) Gulf of Mexico. 1,320-foot lighted pier, open 24 hours March-Oct. and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov.-Feb. Top deck is handicap accessible. Bait and snack bar available on site.
- South on I-45, exit 61st St. in Galveston, right on 61st St., right on Seawall Blvd, site is on left at 99th St.
- Theresa or Adolf Schulz (409) 744-2273

24. Galveston Island State Park, Galveston

- (i) Gulf of Mexico, West Bay. Bank and wade fishing. Rest rooms are handicap accessible. Snack machines and showers are available at park office. Gates are open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., please check in at main office upon arrival.
- South on I-45, exit 61st St. in Galveston, right on 61st St., right on Seawall Blvd., go about 10 miles, park office is on left side of road.
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. (409) 737-1222

25. Galveston Island Beaches

- (i) Gulf of Mexico. Bank and wade fishing from beaches and jetties. Limited rest room facilities.
- South on I-45, exit 61st St. in Galveston, right on 61st S.t, right on Seawall Blvd., proceed west along beach.

26. Seawolf Park, Galveston

- (i) Galveston Bay. Bank and pier fishing, parking fee, open dawn to dusk Sun.-Thurs., 24 hours Fri.-Sat., rest rooms, showers, snacks.
- Located on Pelican Island. From Houston go south on I-45, exit and left at Harborside Dr. in Galveston, left at bridge at Pelican Island Causeway, park is at end of road.
- **(409)** 744-5738

27. Galveston north jetties

- (i) Galveston Bay/Gulf of Mexico. Pass and gulf fishing.
- Take I-45 south to Galveston, continue straight down Broadway until you reach the beach, turn left on Seawall Blvd, left on Ferry Road (two stop lights) to the landing, take free ferry to Bolivar Peninsula, go about two miles to North Jetty Road.

28. Galveston south jetties

- (i) Galveston Bay/Gulf of Mexico. Pass and gulf fishing.
- Go south on I-45, continue into Galveston (Broadway St.), left on Seawall Blvd., right at end of street onto Boddeker Dr.

29. Rollover Pass, Galveston Bay/Gulf of Mexico

- ① Galveston Bay/Gulf of Mexico. Pass and gulf fishing.
- Take I-45 south to Galveston, continue straight down Broadway until you reach the beach, turn left on Seawall Blvd, left on Ferry Road (two stop lights) to the landing, take free ferry to Bolivar Peninsula, go about 20 miles to Rollover Pass.

30. Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge, Galveston Bay

- (1) Galveston Bay. Bank and wade fishing. Rest rooms at entrance.
- Go east on I-10, right at the Anahuac/Hankamer exit, go south 2 miles to FM 562. Continue south on FM 562 for 8.3 miles to FM 1985, and 4 miles east to refuge entrance.
- Phone: (409) 267-3337, Fax: (409) 267-4314

Most of the small lakes are "Community Fishing Lakes" and have special harvest regulations for catfish. Please consult TPW Outdoor Annual for current fishing regulations. This is not a complete list of all lakes in the Houston area.