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## AUSTIN!



# 13 Easy Places To Go Fishing

Many public parks provide bank access to the area's large reservoirs. Small lakes and riverside parks offer additional shore fishing opportunities.

Most waterways contain a variety of fish to catch including largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish and carp. White bass can be found in Lake Georgetown, Granger Lake and the Colorado River watershed. The state fish, Guadalupe bass, also lives in the Colorado. Sites highlighted in this brochure are easy to reach and offer some of the finest fishing in Texas.

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### For more information on our Angler Education program contact:

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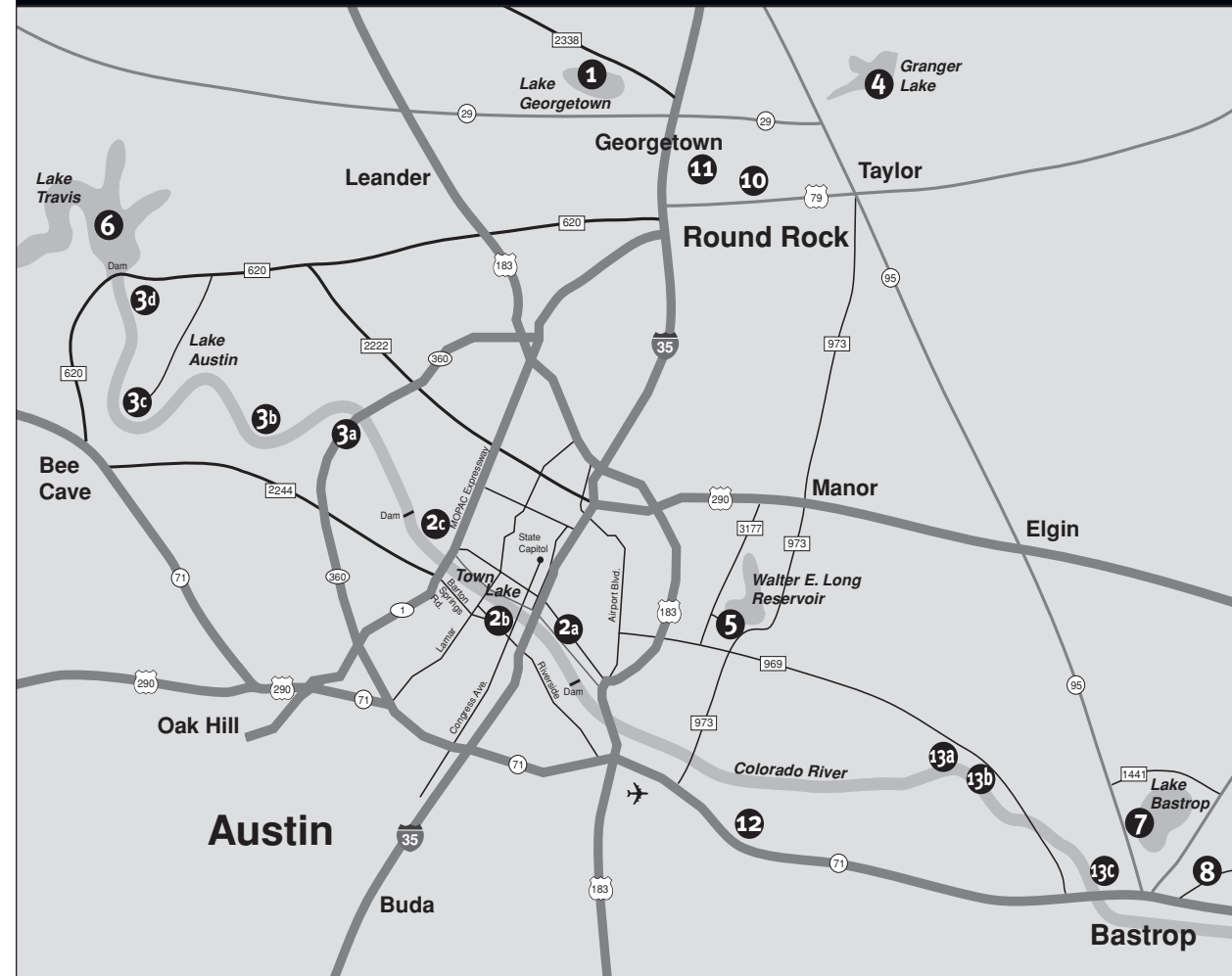
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## EASY ACCESS FISHING SPOTS IN THE AUSTIN METRO AREA



### 1. Lake Georgetown, Georgetown

- ① Bank fishing is fair within the parks (Tejas Camp, and Jim Hogg, Russell and Cedar Breaks parks) operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A hiking trail from Tejas Camp provides miles of bank fishing access to the south shore of the North Fork of the San Gabriel River above the reservoir.
- ♥ From I-35 in Georgetown, go west on F.M. 2338 (Andice Blvd.) and turn left at the sign to the park of choice. Tejas Camp can be found by turning right onto C.R. 258 just north of the junction of highways 183 and 29, north of Leander.
- ☎ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (512) 930-5253; <http://swf67.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/georgetown/>

### 2. Town Lake, Austin

- ① Bank access is available at Festival Beach Park, Auditorium Shores and Red Bud Island. The Austin hike and bike trail circles almost the entire lower two thirds of the reservoir offering access to the bank.
- ♥ Festival Beach (a) is located on the north side of the lake just east of I-35. Auditorium Shores (b) is on the south shore off Riverside Drive between South 1st and Lamar. Red Bud Island (c) can be reached by turning south onto Red Bud Trail off Lake Austin Blvd.
- ☎ City of Austin (512) 974-6700; LCRA (800) 776-5272

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## 3. Lake Austin, Austin

- ① Bank angling is available at the Loop 360 bridge crossing (a), Emma Long Park, Mary Quinlan Park and Fritz Hughes Park near Mansfield Dam.
- ♥ Emma Long Park (b) can be located by turning south onto City Park Road off of R.R. 2222 just west of Loop 360. Mary Quinlan Park (c) can be located by turning south on Quinlan Park Road from R.R. 620. Fritz Hughes Park (d) can be reached by turning onto Low Water Crossing Road from 620, and turning south on Fritz Hughes Park Road.
- ☎ City of Austin (512) 974-6700; Travis County (512) 854-9020

## 4. Granger Lake, Granger

- ① The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operates four parks on the shores of Granger Lake, including Friendship Park, Taylor Park, Willis Creek Park and Wilson H. Fox Park. These parks provide campgrounds, rest rooms, picnic areas, boat ramps and opportunities for shoreline fishing. There is also bank access to the San Gabriel River above Granger Lake off County Road 347.
- ♥ From I-35 in Round Rock, travel east on Hwy. 79 to Taylor, and take Hwy. 95 north toward Granger. For Taylor and Wilson H. Fox Parks, turn right off Hwy. 95 onto F.M. 1331 near Circleville and look for park signs on left. To fish the San Gabriel River above the lake, access the river on the southeast side of the Hwy. 95 bridge, or turn right onto C.R. 347 and continue to the wildlife management area parking lot. For Willis Creek Park, turn right onto C.R. 346 between the San Gabriel River and Granger. For Friendship Park, turn right on F.M. 971 in Granger, then right at the sign for the park.
- ☎ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (512) 859-2668; <http://swf67.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/granger/>

## 5. Walter E. Long Reservoir, Austin

- ① Bank angling is limited but available at the City Park where the boat ramp is located. Rest rooms, picnic tables and playground equipment are available.
- ♥ From East Austin, go east from U.S. 183 on F.M. 969, and turn left onto Blue Bluff Road. From Del Valle, go north off of Hwy. 71 East onto F.M. 973, and pass through the F.M. 969 intersection. Turn left onto Decker Lake Road, then right onto Blue Bluff Road.
- ☎ City of Austin (512) 926-5230

## 6. Lake Travis, Western Travis County

- ① Lake Travis has 14 LCRA parks and recreation areas on its shores. Travis County operates seven of the parks through an agreement with LCRA. Each of these parks offers bank fishing access and a host of other amenities.
- ♥ Contact Travis County for directions to various parks.
- ☎ Travis County (512) 854-9020; [www.lcra.org/community/parks\\_travis\\_county.html](http://www.lcra.org/community/parks_travis_county.html)

## 7. Lake Bastrop, Bastrop

- ① Boat and bank access can be found at North Shore and South Shore parks. They are operated by the LCRA. Additional amenities at both parks include picnic tables, playgrounds and sand volleyball courts. The North Shore has a fishing pier and the South Shore provides a swimming area.
- ♥ From Austin, take Hwy. 71 east to Bastrop, take a left onto Hwy. 95. To South Shore: Take a right onto Hwy. 21 East. Go approximately 2 miles and turn left onto South

Shore Road (also C.R. 352). Continue on South Shore Road, the entrance will be on your right. To North Shore: Turn right off Hwy. 95 onto F.M. 1441, drive 2.5 miles to the park entrance.

- ☎ LCRA (512) 498-1922; [www.lcra.org/community/northshore.html](http://www.lcra.org/community/northshore.html) [www.lcra.org/community/southshore.html](http://www.lcra.org/community/southshore.html)

## 8. Bastrop State Park Pond\*, Bastrop

- ① Good bank access. Hiking trails and camping are located within the state park.
- ♥ From Austin, take Hwy. 71 east to Bastrop. Turn left onto Hwy. 21, and follow Hwy. 21 to the park entrance.
- ☎ Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (512) 321-2101; [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/bastrop/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/bastrop/)

## 9. Buescher State Park Pond\*, Smithville (Trout stocking)

- ① Good bank access. Canoe rentals available. Hiking trails and camping are located within the state park.
- ♥ From Austin, take Hwy. 71 east to Smithville. Turn left onto F.M. 153, and left into park entrance.

- ☎ Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (512) 237-2241; [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/buescher/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/buescher/)

## 10. Bright Lake\*, Round Rock

- ① Excellent bank access. Hiking paths, rest rooms, picnic tables and playground equipment are located on site.
- ♥ From I-35, take the Hwy. 79 exit, head east on Hwy. 79 and turn left into Old Settlers Park about 3 miles from I-35.
- ☎ City of Round Rock (512) 255-3612

## 11. Meadow Lake\*, Round Rock

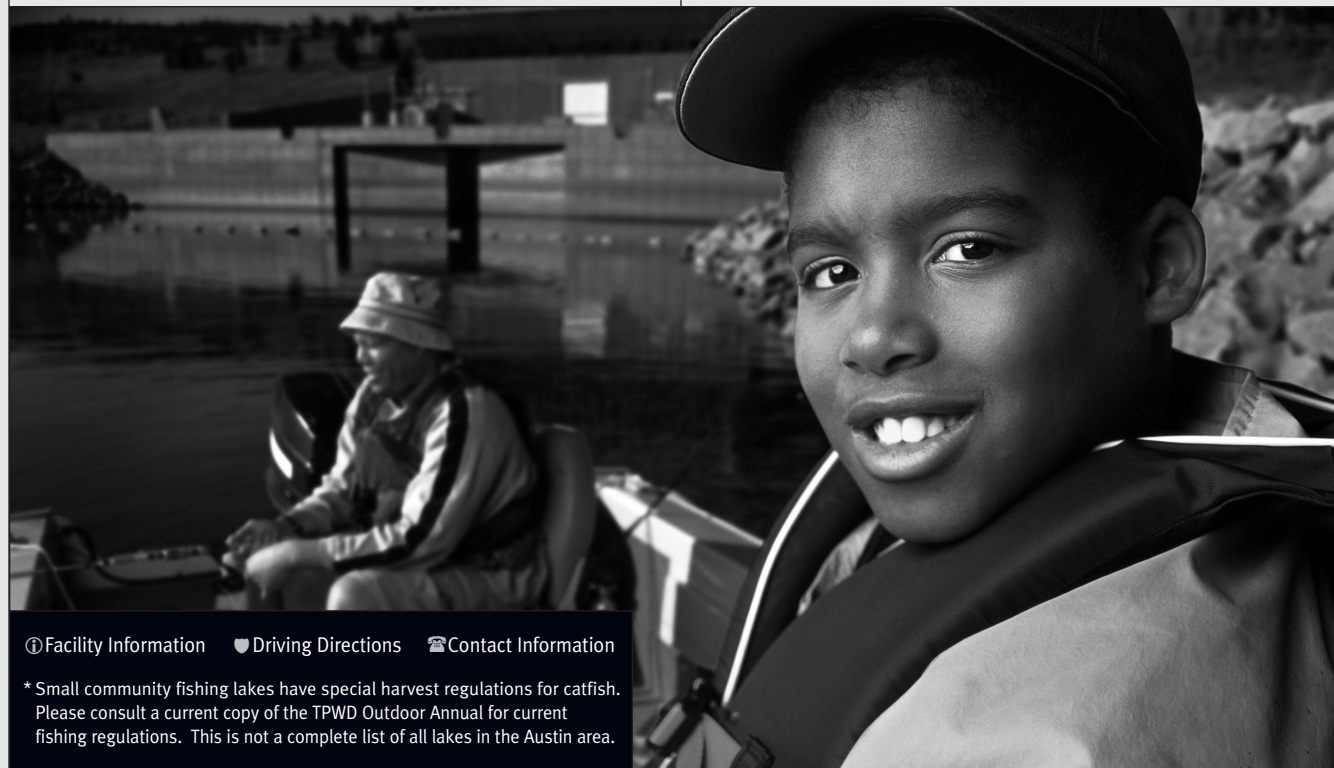
- ① Good bank access on west side of lake. Picnic tables and playground equipment are located on-site.
- ♥ From I-35, take the F.M. 3406 exit (just north of Hwy. 79 exit) and go east on 3406/Old Settlers Blvd. to Sunrise Street to a stop sign. One block past Sunrise Street, turn left onto Settlement Drive, and lake is about 1/4 mile on the right side of the road.
- ☎ City of Round Rock (512) 255-3612

## 12. Southeast Metropolitan Park Ponds 1-4\*, Del Valle

- ① Four fishing ponds offer excellent bank access within this Travis County Park. Other amenities include hiking trails, a climbing wall and various sporting fields and courts.
- ♥ Travel east on Hwy. 71 past Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The park is on the north side of Hwy. 71.
- ☎ Travis County Parks and Recreation (512) 854-9437

## 13. Colorado River, Webberville and Bastrop

- ① Several parks offer boating and bank fishing access to the river. Little Webberville and Big Webberville parks have paved parking and boat ramps, and are maintained by Travis County. A fishing pier is located at Big Webberville Park. Fisherman's Park in Bastrop also has paved vehicle access and boat ramp, as well as picnic facilities, nature trail, playground and fishing pier.
- ♥ Little Webberville (a) and Big Webberville (b) are located east of Austin on F.M. 969 near the community of Webberville. Fisherman's Park (c) is located near downtown Bastrop at the end of Farm Street.
- ☎ Travis County (512) 320-7435; City of Bastrop (512) 321-3941



① Facility Information ♥ Driving Directions ☎ Contact Information

\* Small community fishing lakes have special harvest regulations for catfish. Please consult a current copy of the TPWD Outdoor Annual for current fishing regulations. This is not a complete list of all lakes in the Austin area.