



Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery



Catfish Feeding Frenzy



Regional Distribution Unit



Environmental Education Building

STATION FACTS

- Approximate annual budget \$675,000
- Seven Full time staff
- Established in 1940
- Three different species including the endangered Clear Creek gambusia
- Provides fish for both Native American and Military sport fish programs
- Environmental Education Center
- Has four walking trails that range from easy paved trails to rocky uneven terrain.
- Thousands of birds utilize Hatchery grounds both as a migration stop over and as year round residents.
- Has a bird blind for aviary observation at the trail head of the Ashe Juniper Trail.
- Ashe Juniper Trail has a tower for the near threatened chimney swift.
- Has a Friends Group with 45 members.
- Each Spring the Friends Group helps plan and organize the Hatchery Outdoor Program which benefits 100's of students in the surrounding school districts.

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Directions:
 From Burnet, TX Travel west on State Hwy 29, turn onto State Park Rd 4, Travel 7 miles.

Who We Are

The National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS) is comprised of a network of 71 National Fish Hatcheries which propagate imperiled species for restoration and recovery programs, provide emergency refugia for species whose habitat is threatened, provide fish to benefit Tribes, and mitigate for federal water projects.

How We Help

Inks Dam NFH grows channel catfish for stocking on sixteen Native American reservations in the Southwest. We have a reimbursable agreement to provide sportfish to the Ft. Hood military installation. We provide refugia and recovery efforts for the endangered Clear Creek gambusia. We also work in partnership with the Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery in Tishomingo, Oklahoma to provide grow-out facilities for the restoration work being done with the American paddlefish.

Regional Distribution Unit (RDU)

The RDU is based and coordinated at Inks Dam NFH. Personnel at Inks Dam schedule and route all trips with assistance from the Regional Office, delivering fish to hatcheries, Fish and

Wildlife Conservation Offices, and other recipients. Two drivers operate the truck and distribute fish for all stations in Region 2 and annually account for approximately 30,000 miles per year in distributing fish.

Environmental Education

Starting in 2008, Inks Dam NFH began an education program, initially receiving about 2,000 visitors per year, in 2010 Inks Dam had approximately 10,000 visitors of all ages at the property with an additional 10,000 youth with off-site education related programs.

In 2012 renovation was completed on a 70-year old stone cottage, formerly owned by the Lower Colorado River Authority, for an Environmental Education building. The Friends of Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery completed the education building interior renovations and landscaping. The purpose of the Environmental Education building is to provide interpretive and educational materials and programs that will enhance the visiting public appreciation of our Nation's fish and wildlife resources.

Tour Group on a Hay Ride

