



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Salt Plains

## National Wildlife Refuge Fishing and Boating Information

### Welcome

Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge was founded in 1930 as a breeding ground, feeding area, and stopover for migratory birds.

### Refuge Regulations

- No campfires.
- Pets are welcome on the refuge but must be kept on leash.
- Littering is prohibited. Pack it in and pack it out. Leave the refuge as you found it for others to enjoy.

### Fishing Regulations

- ODWC state regulations apply.
- Using netting, seines, cast nets, trawls, dip nets and traps are prohibited.
- Posts used to secure or anchor trotlines must reach a minimum of 2 feet ( 30 centimeters) above the water surface, and you must mark them to make them clearly visible to boaters. You must remove posts when they are not in use.

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This is a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.



### Fishing (Open April 1 - October 15)

All fishing follows Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) regulations with additional refuge regulations. Special regulations apply to Bonham Pond and Great Salt Plains Lake. Fishing trails are only open during the fishing season.

### Areas Open to Fishing

- State Highway 11 right-of-way under bridges and Sand Creek bridges on Jefferson Road.
- All waterways North of State Highway 11 between County Road 670 to 700.
- Cottonwood Point and Fishing Trail, Sand Creek Fishing Trail, and Jet Recreation Trail.
- Bonham Pond and Great Salt Plains Lake.

### Bonham Pond

Located near the visitor center, Bonham Pond is a free and accessible fishing area for youth under 16 and people with disabilities. **Special Regulations:** open sunrise to sunset only, catch and release and only one pole per person. People fishing Bonham Pond must follow state fishing license requirements.

### Great Salt Plains Lake

The area of the lake east of the buoy line extending south from Cottonwood Point is open to fishing all year. The rest of the lake west of the buoy line is open from April 1 - October 15. Ralstin Island, the north shoreline, and the west shoreline is closed to all access year-round.

**Caution:** Water at Great Salt Plains Lake can be shallow, making boating and fishing difficult. Contact the refuge for current conditions.

### Motorized and Non-Motorized Boating

Boating is only allowed on Great Salt Plains Lake. The west side of the buoy line is open April 1 through October 15 while the east side of the buoy line is open all year.

There is one boat launch on the refuge at Cottonwood Point. Three boat launches are on Salt Plains State Park: Coon Hollow, Sandy Beach, and Zaloudek. Contact the state park for more information about their boat launches.

**Caution:** It may be difficult to launch large boats at Cottonwood Point boat ramp due to shallow water levels.

### Accessibility Information

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### National Wildlife Refuge Fishing Regulations

Fishing regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Fishing is permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Fishing will be in accordance with applicable State of Oklahoma regulations.

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