



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Fishing and Boating Regulations

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge



Fishing

Fishing with hook and line is allowed on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

1. Bank and wade fishing with hook and line, rod and reel are allowed year-round in areas open for public fishing access.
2. All refuge ponds except Refuge Road Pond are closed to fishing from October 1 through March 14.
3. You must possess a valid State of Texas or Lake Texoma fishing license while fishing in refuge waters.
4. Use of any containers (jugs, bottles) as floats is not allowed.
5. During the boating season, trotlines are allowed in the open area of the Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma in accordance with Texas State law.
6. All fishing tackle, including floats, must be removed from refuge waters by September 30.
7. Fishing, entry by any means, and taking of bait is not allowed in refuge marshes or from Plover, Tern, and Egret Roads.
8. Limb lines, throw lines, jug lines, seine nets, yo-yos, and noodling are not allowed on the refuge.
9. Fishing from bridges, night fishing, and discarding any type of fishing line are not allowed.
10. We allow the use of bow and arrow to take non-game fish in refuge waters in accordance with State regulations **EXCEPT from Refuge Road, Wildlife Drive, Plover Road, Tern Road, and Egret Road.**
11. You may not take Alligator Gar during the month of May.
12. Taking of frogs, turtles and mussels from refuge lands or waters is not allowed.
13. Year-round, you may not take baitfish from Wildlife Drive or Refuge Road for any purpose.



Boating

1. Boating season begins March 15 and extends through September 30.
2. Boats may be launched only at designated boat ramps located at the end of Tern Road and L Pad Road. Hand launching is available at the Goode Day Use Area.
3. All State and Federal regulations apply to boats using the refuge.
4. **Hazards:** Big Mineral Creek and lake waters within the refuge contain floating debris.
5. Airboats, hovercraft, and personal watercraft such as jet skis are not allowed on the refuge.
6. Tube fishing (fishing with the aid of an inner tube-type device as part of a pair of waders for flotation) is allowed during boating season, March 15 through September 30.
7. Boats and all other floating devices are not allowed on open waters of Lake Texoma within the refuge except Big Mineral Creek, from October 1 through March 14 annually.
8. From October 1 through March 14, we allow only non-motorized boats and tube fishing in Big Mineral Creek from the point where it joins Lake Texoma to the upstream end of navigable waters. This includes any type of gas or electric motor that is onboard and capable of use. We allow launching only from L Pad Road.

9. At the point where Big Mineral Creek joins Lake Texoma, Big Mineral Creek is a year-round no-wake zone to the end of upstream navigable waters.



General Regulations

1. The refuge opens at sunrise and closes at sunset daily.
2. Fires are not allowed.
3. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife refuges must comply with all provision of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).
4. Swimming and water skiing are not allowed.
5. Do not block gates or roads.
6. No glass containers or bottles are allowed on the refuge.

Special Daily and Size Limits

White or Black Crappie	Size limit: 10" minimum and 25 daily limit any combination.
Channel catfish Blue catfish	Daily Bag: 25 (in any combination - only 10 can be 20 inches or greater in length) Minimum Length: No Limit
Flathead catfish	Daily Bag: 5 Minimum Length: 18 inches
Striped bass and Striped bass hybrid	No minimum length. Daily bag limit = 10; possession limit = 20, and only two striped or hybrid striped bass 20 inches or greater may be retained each day.
White bass	No minimum length. Daily bag limit = 10; possession limit = 20, and only two striped or hybrid striped bass 20 inches or greater may be retained each day.
Largemouth Smallmouth Spotted bass	Size limit: 14" minimum. Daily limit 5 combined.

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