



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Public Fishing Areas

Texas Mid-coast

National Wildlife Refuge

Saltwater species include spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum, and blue crab. Visitors should bring insect repellent and observe normal precautions for saltwater bay fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated portions of the refuges in accordance with State and Federal regulations and subject to several conditions. Fishing on the complex is permitted year-round from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

We prohibit:

- Off-road vehicle travel and parking.
- Take of aquatic resources for commercial use in refuge waters.
- The use of trot lines, sail lines, set lines, jugs, spears, bush hooks, snatch hooks, crossbows, gigs, or bows and arrows of any type on refuge waters.
- Fishing or crabbing in any parts of Moccasin Pond, Rail Pond, Wolfweed Wetlands, or Cocklebur Slough.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages in all public fishing areas.
- Boat launching from bank fishing areas except from Salt Lake Public Fishing Area and Clay Banks Public Fishing Area.
- The operation of motorized boats on or through emergent and submergent wetland vegetation, or in shallow water where bottom gouging could occur. Motorized boats may enter shallow water by drifting, polling, or by means of trolling motor where it does not cause damage to the bottom.
- Access to closed portions of the refuges adjacent to the public fishing areas.

Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge

Boat-access fishing is permitted in Oyster Lake, Alligator Lake, Cox Lake, Lost Lake, Bastrop Bayou, Salt Lake, Nicks Lake, Bastrop Bay, Christmas Bay, Drum Bay and the Intracoastal Waterway. There are three additional fishing areas on the refuge that include:

Bastrop Bayou Public Fishing Area

This area is universally accessible and offers a 200-foot pier, five paved bank fishing pull-offs, a universally accessible toilet, paved parking, and night lights. This area is open 24 hours a day.

Clay Banks Public Fishing Area

This area offers bank fishing and non-motorized boat launch along a one-mile segment of Bastrop Bayou and is open daily from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

Salt Lake Fishing Area

This area offers bank fishing and a non-motorized boat launch. The area is open daily from legal sunrise to legal sunset. Access to this area is by CR 227 through the Big Slough Public Use Area.

San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge

Boat-access fishing is permitted in bays, estuaries, the Intracoastal Waterway, Cedar Lakes, Cow Trap Lake and Cedar Lake Creek which are designated by refuge signs. A boat ramp, accessible fishing pier and trail for bank fishing are available at the Cedar Lake Creek Public Fishing Area.

For Further Information

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