

FISHING ACCESS

for the Coastal Region of North Carolina



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THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF INLAND FISHERIES

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PUBLIC FISHING AREAS

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission develops public fishing areas that are open to the public at no cost; however, use is generally restricted to the activities associated with fishing unless noted otherwise. Some of the activities prohibited at most public fishing areas include the mooring of boats and jet skis, swimming and camping.

COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, in cooperation with local governments, operates Community Fishing Program (CFP) sites that are open to the public, generally with regular opening and closing hours. A daily harvest limit of six forked-tail catfish is established at all sites. Fishing tackle can be borrowed through the Commission's Tackle Loaner Program at some sites. Most CFP sites are located in city- or county-owned parks with restrooms and picnicking facilities, as well as other recreational opportunities, available. Currently, there are more than 45 CFP sites across the state.

TACKLE LOANER PROGRAM

Fishing equipment, usually rods and spin cast reels, can be borrowed or checked-out for free at many of the Community Fishing Program (CFP) sites and at other locations across the state. Anglers under age 16 receive free terminal tackle (including hooks, sinkers, bobbers, line and fish stringers) in a tackle box that they may keep. A few CFP and Tackle Loaner Program sites have adaptive fishing tackle, which accommodates a wide range of physical disabilities and includes rod harnesses and holders, left- and-right-handed fishing gloves, electric reels and casting devices.

N.C. ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Any angler who catches a fish meeting specific size requirements can apply to have the catch recognized as a trophy fish through the North Carolina Angler Recognition Program (NCARP). Qualification does not require harvesting the fish. This program provides recognition to anglers who catch trophy-sized fish that are not large enough to qualify as a state record fish. See the table on page 43 for current NCARP minimum weight and length requirements. Youth age 15 and younger can apply for a Youth NCARP certificate for any of these fishes. Minimum length and weight requirements are waived.

Fish management in North Carolina is supported by the Federal Aid in [Sport Fish Restoration Program](#), which utilizes state fishing license money and federal grant funds derived from federal excise taxes on fishing equipment and motorboat fuels.



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The projects highlighted in this publication were made possible because anglers and boaters pay special federal excise taxes and import duties on fishing equipment and motorboat fuels. The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission receives a share of these federal monies, which are matched with 25 percent state or other non-federal money and invested in important fishing and boating projects across the state. Without your support for the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program, the agency's ability to provide fishing and boating opportunities in North Carolina could be curtailed severely.

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INTRODUCTION

Public waters in eastern North Carolina provide good fishing for many species. Among the most popular are striped bass, American and hickory shad, largemouth bass, crappie, assorted sunfishes (redeer, redbreast, bluegill, warmouth and pumpkinseed), white and yellow perch, and channel, blue, white and flathead catfishes.

The sites listed in this publication are found in the Coastal Region (see the map on [pages 6,7](#)). Sites are listed alphabetically by county then by water body. Sites include:

- Community Fishing Program sites located primarily in city- or county-owned parks
- Public Fishing Areas owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission
- Boating Access Areas owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission
- Public Fishing Access Areas owned and/or maintained by entities other than the Wildlife Resources Commission. Areas that include a small fee are noted in the “More Info” section.

Listed sites do not include for-profit entities, such as marinas.

Information for each site is presented in a table that includes the categories below:

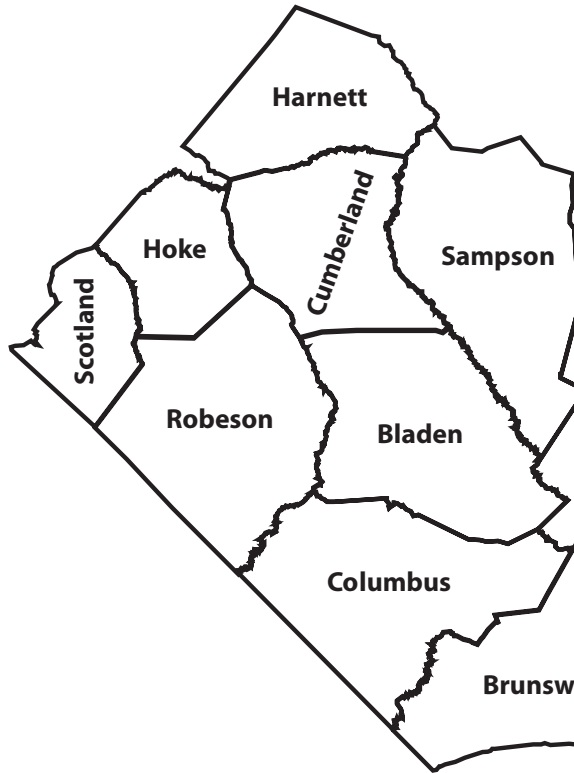
- Site name and the entity that owns or maintains the site;
- Directions to the site;
- More information, including universally accessible amenities (if applicable), loaner tackle (if applicable), type of access (boat, canoe, shoreline), and fishery present.

For the latest freshwater fishing regulations, including seasons, size limits and daily harvest limits, visit ncwildlife.org. For the latest saltwater fishing regulations, visit the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries website, ncfisheries.net.

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COASTAL REGION MAP OF COUNTIES



BEAUFORT COUNTY

LITTLE GOOSE CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Dinah's Landing Boating Access Area N.C. State Parks	Off Dinah's Landing Road, between Washington and Bath	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible platform; paved walkway• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish, red drum, speckled trout, flounder

PAMLICO RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Smith's Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On north side of N.C. 33, 10.3 miles east of the N.C. 33 and N.C. 306 junction in Aurora	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish, crappie, striped bass, red drum, speckled trout, flounder

PANTEGO CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Belhaven Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Water Street, south of U.S. 264, in Belhaven	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, white perch, sunfish, catfish, flounder, spot, croaker

SOUTH CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Aurora Boating Access Area NCWRC	At the end of Main Street, in Aurora	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, white perch, striped bass, speckled trout, flounder

TRANTER'S CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Mason's Landing Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1403, off U.S. 264, northwest of Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, striped bass, catfish

BERTIE COUNTY

CASHIE RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Johnson Mill Boating Access Area N.C. Department of Transportation	From N.C. 308, take right on Johnson Mill Road, southeast of Windsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish
Roanoke/Cashie Boating Access Area Partnership for the Sounds	112 W. Water Street (N.C. 17 Business), in Windsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe, shoreline, pier access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish
Sans Souci Ferry Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Woodard Road (S.R. 1500) at the Sans Souci Ferry facility, southeast of Windsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish
Windsor Boating Access Area NCWRC	At the end of Elm Street, off U.S. 17, in Windsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish

SALMON CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Salmon Creek Boating Access Area N.C. Department of Transportation	Off N.C. 17, 2 miles south of Chowan River bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, shad, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish

BLADEN COUNTY

BLACK RIVER (SEE ALSO SAMPSON COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Hunt's Bluff Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Longview Road (S.R. 1547), off N.C. 53, near Long View at the Bladen/Pender county line	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish

BLADEN COUNTY (CONTINUED)

CAPE FEAR RIVER (SEE ALSO BRUNSWICK, COLUMBUS, CUMBERLAND, HARNETT, NEW HANOVER COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Elwell's Ferry Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1730 at Elwell's Ferry, southeast of Elizabethtown and northeast of Lake Waccamaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish
Lock & Dam #1 Boating Access Area U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	On S.R. 1734 (Lock #1 Road), off N.C. Hwy. 87, northwest of Riegelwood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish
Lock & Dam #2 Boating Access Area U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	On S.R. 1703 off Hwy. 87, in Elizabethtown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish
Tarheel Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1316, near the N.C. 131 and N.C. 87 intersection in Tar Heel, northwest of Elizabethtown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish
Tory Hole Boating Access Area NCWRC	On U.S. 701, 0.2 mile north of the N.C. 87 and U.S. 701 intersection in Elizabethtown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish
William O. Huske Lock & Dam U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	On S.R. 1355, off Hwy. 87, northwest of Tarheel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish

SOUTH RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Ennis Bridge Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1007, off N.C. 210, east of Elizabethtown at the Bladen/Sampson county line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish
Sloan's Bridge Boating Access Area NCWRC	On U.S. 701, 1.3 mile north of N.C. 210/U.S. 701 junction, northeast of Elizabethtown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

BRUNSWICK RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
John D. Long Park Town of Belville	From Hwy. 17/74, take N.C. 133 exit toward Southport. Access is ~1 mile on left.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish

CAPE FEAR RIVER (SEE ALSO BLADEN, COLUMBUS, CUMBERLAND, HARNETT, NEW HANOVER COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Davis Creek Boating Access Area Town of Navassa	Off South Navassa Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, spotted bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY (SEE ALSO CARTERET, CURRITUCK, NEW HANOVER, ONSLOW, PENDER COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Holden Beach Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Jordan Street, off Ocean Blvd., in Holden Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Spot, croaker, flounder, speckled trout, red drum
Oak Island Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Fish Factory Road (S.R. 1101) off N.C. 133, west of Southport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Spot, croaker, flounder, speckled trout, red drum
Ocean Isle Beach Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 904, 10 miles north of U.S. 17 and N.C. 904 junction, in Grissettown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Spot, croaker, flounder, speckled trout, red drum
Sunset Harbor Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Sunset Harbor Road (S.R. 1112) off N.C. 211, in Sunset Harbor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Spot, croaker, flounder, speckled trout, red drum

RICES CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Rices Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Gordon Lewis Road (S.R. 1567), off Governors Road (S.R. 1521), east of Winnabow	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish

BRUNSWICK COUNTY (CONTINUED)

WACCAMAW RIVER (SEE ALSO COLUMBUS COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Pireway Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 904, 10 miles north of U.S. 17 and N.C. 904 junction, in Grissettown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish

CAMDEN COUNTY

NORTH RIVER NEAR ELIZABETH CITY

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Garrington Island Boating Access Area Camden County	On Garrington Island Road, off Sandy Hook Road, east of Elizabeth City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

SAWYER'S CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Sawyer's Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 343 at the Sawyers Creek bridge, west of U.S. 158, near Camden	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

CARTERET COUNTY

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY (SEE ALSO BRUNSWICK, CURRITUCK, NEW HANOVER, ONSLOW, PENDER COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Cedar Point Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 24., 2.4 miles from the intersection of N.C. 24 & N.C. 58, in Cape Carteret	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Spot, croaker, flounder, speckled trout, red drum
Morehead City Boating Access Area NCWRC	On U.S. 70 behind the Crystal Coast Visitor's Center, in Morehead City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Spot, croaker, flounder, speckled trout, red drum

CARTERET COUNTY (CONTINUED)

NEWPORT RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Newport Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1247, off U.S. 70, just south of Newport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish

NORTH RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Strait's Landing Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1335, off S.R. 1332, east of Otway	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Flounder, croaker, red drum

OYSTER CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Oyster Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	From junction of U.S. 70 and N.C.101 east of Beaufort, east for 18.5 miles. Area is on right.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Flounder, speckled trout, spot, croaker

SALTERS CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Salters Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On U.S. 70, on northeast end of the bridge over Nelson's Bay, in the Sea Level community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Flounder, speckled trout, spot, croaker

PAMLICO SOUND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Cedar Island Boating Access Area NCWRC	Near Sea Level, north on N.C.12 for 11.7 miles to Driftwood Road; right for 0.3 mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Speckled trout, flounder, spot, croaker, hogfish, red drum

TAYLORS CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Beaufort Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Lennoxville Road, off U.S. 70, in Beaufort	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Speckled trout, flounder, spot, croaker, hogfish

CHOWAN COUNTY

BENNETT'S MILLPOND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Bennett's Millpond Boating Access Area Chowan County	On Rocky Hock Road, off N.C. Hwy. 32, north of Edenton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, shoreline, pier access• Largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, sunfish

CATHERINE'S CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Catherine's Creek Boating Access Area N.C. Department of Transportation	On Ferry Road, east of N.C. 32, at the Gates and Chowan county line	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

CHOWAN RIVER (SEE ALSO GATES, HERTFORD COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Cannon's Ferry Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1231, off N.C. 32, northwest of Hertford	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Edenhouse Bridge Boating Access Area Public Fishing Area NCWRC	Off U.S. 17, ~4 miles south of Edenton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, shoreline, pier access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Midway Drive Boating Access Area NCWRC	At end of S.R. 1119, near N.C. 32, southeast of Edenton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

DILLARD'S MILLPOND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Dillard's Millpond Boating Access Area Chowan County	On Dillard's Mill Road, off N.C. Hwy. 32, north of Edenton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, sunfish

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CHOWAN COUNTY (CONTINUED)

EDENTON BAY

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Edenton Waterfront Park Chowan County	At the end of Water Street, in downtown Edenton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline, pier access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, catfish, sunfish, yellow perch, white perch

PEMBROKE CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Pembroke Creek Park Chowan County	On Queen St, west of Edenton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pier access• Largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, sunfish, white perch, yellow perch

COLUMBUS COUNTY

CAPE FEAR RIVER (SEE ALSO BLADEN, BRUNSWICK, CUMBERLAND, HARNETT, NEW HANOVER COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Riegelwood Golf Course Boating Access Area Town of Riegelwood	On S.R. 1816 (Riegal Course Road), off N.C. Hwy. 87, in Riegelwood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, spotted bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish

LAKE TABOR

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Lake Tabor Boating Access Area Town of Tabor City	At intersection of Route 701 Business and 701 Bypass, in Tabor City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish, pickerel• Fee required

LAKE WACCAMAW

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Lake Waccamaw Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Lake Shore Drive, off Flemington Drive, just south of U.S. 74/76 and N.C. 214	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish, pickerel

COLUMBUS COUNTY (CONTINUED)

LAKE WACCAMAW (CONTINUED)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Lake Waccamaw Boating Access Area Lake Waccamaw State Park	On Bella Coola Road, off Jefferson Road, just south of U.S. 74/76 and N.C. 214, in Lake Waccamaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish, pickerel

WACCAMAW RIVER (SEE ALSO BRUNSWICK COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Freeland Boating Access Area Private ownership	On N.C. 130 (Whiteville Road), at Freeland, N.C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish• Fee required

CRAVEN COUNTY

GREAT LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Great Lake Boating Access Area NCWRC	Right on S.R. 1101 (Great Lake Road, near Kuhns/Long Point), for 6.5 miles to access area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access (shallow vessels recommended)• Catfish, flier, yellow perch

BRICE'S CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Brice's Creek Public Fishing Area Boating Access Area NCWRC	From U.S. 70 E, ~1 mile east of U.S. 17 and 70 bridges, turn right on S.R. 1167; go ~1.5 mile; turn left on S.R. 1004; Go 1.5 mile; turn left on S.R. 1143. Go 1.3 mile; turn left on FSR 121A. Go 1.2 mile.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible fishing pier, parking spaces, concrete walkway• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish, white perch, pickerel
Merchant's Landing Public Fishing Area Boating Access Area Private Owner	From intersection of Brice's Creek Road and Perrytown Road, Perrytown Road south for ~300 feet. Ramp is across from Merchant's Grocery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Minimal fee for boat launching.• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish, white perch, pickerel

Craven County (Continued)

Hancock Creek

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Hancock Creek Public Fishing Area Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Cahooque Creek Road (S.R. 1717), off N.C. 101, east of Havelock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible fishing pier, parking spaces, concrete walkway • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, white perch, red drum, flounder

Neuse River (See Also Lenoir County)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Bridgeton Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Wildlife Road (S.R. 1431), off U.S. 17, north of Bridgeton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish
Cowpen Landing Boating Access Area Craven County	At the end of Cowpen Landing Road, south of Vanceboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish
Glenburnie Boating Access Area City of New Bern	On National Avenue, east of N.C. 43/55, northeast of New Bern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish
Maple Cypress Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Maple Cypress Road (S.R. 1470), off of Nelson Road (S.R. 1450), west of Vanceboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish
Spring Garden Landing Boating Access Area Craven County	Off Spring Garden Lodge Road, near New Bern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish

Slocum Creek

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Slocum Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1763, off U.S. 70, in Havelock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, yellow perch

Craven County (Continued)

Swift Creek

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Cool Springs Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Cool Springs Road, off U.S. 17, north of Bridgeton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish

Cumberland County

Cape Fear River (See Also Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Harnett, New Hanover Counties)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Fayetteville Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Old N.C. 87, 4 miles south of U.S. 301 and Old N.C. 87 intersection, south of Fayetteville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, spotted bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish

Hope Mills Lake

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Hope Mills Lake Town of Hope Mills	On Boatman Drive, off N. Main Street (N.C. 59), in Hope Mills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish, pickerel• Fee required

Lake Rim

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Lake Rim Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From Fayetteville, U.S. 401S to intersection of U.S. 401/Gillis Hill Rd. Right for ~ 0.1 mile; right at intersection of Gillis Hill Rd./ Raeford Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible; adaptive fishing gear• Loaner fishing tackle• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish

Bream Fishing Tips

Cast or flip crickets under shoreline trees and bushes with either a cane or fiberglass pole. Fish around cove areas, piers/docks and submerged weed beds in deeper water.

CURRITUCK COUNTY

CURRITUCK SOUND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Brumley Road Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Brumley Road (S.R. 1259), off N.C. 615, on Knotts Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white and yellow perch, sunfish, catfish, flounder
Currituck Heritage Park Currituck County Parks & Recreation	On N.C. Hwy. 12 in Corolla, near Whalehead Club and Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline, pier• Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white and yellow perch, sunfish, catfish, flounder, blue crabs
Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	On Mackay Island Road (S.R. 615) off Knots Island Ferry, northeast of Currituck	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white and yellow perch, sunfish, catfish, flounder, blue crabs
Poplar Branch Boating Access Area NCWRC	At the end of Poplar Branch Road (N.C. 3) off U.S. 158, north of Walnut Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white and yellow perch, sunfish, catfish, flounder
Sound Park Boating Access Area Currituck County Parks & Rec.	Off U.S. 158, in Harbinger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white and yellow perch, sunfish, catfish, flounder

INDIANTOWN CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Indiantown Creek N.C. Department of Transportation	From Elizabeth City, take U.S. 158 east. Turn right on S. Indiantown Road. Access is at bridge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

White Perch Fishing Tips

Anchor the boat and fish on or near the bottom with small pieces of cut fish, shrimp, or earthworms on size 4 to 1 hooks. Use small spinners and small white or yellow jigs.

CURRITUCK COUNTY (CONTINUED)

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY (SEE ALSO BRUNSWICK, CARTERET, NEW HANOVER, ONSLOW, PENDER COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Coinjock Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1142, near U.S. 158, in Coinjock	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, catfish

MAPLE POND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Maple Park Currituck County Parks & Recreation	Off U.S. Hwy. 158 at Maple Airport Complex, in Maple	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish

NORTHWEST RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Shingle Landing Boating Access Area Currituck County	At end of Moyock Landing Road off U.S. Hwy. 168, north of Moyock	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

TULLS CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Poyners Road Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Poyners Road (S.R. 1232), off U.S. 168, northeast of Sligo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

Bass Fishing Tips

In rivers and creeks that are tidally influenced, successful bass anglers prefer to use a black and chartreuse jig with either a rubber crawdad or frog trailer. The most popular trailer colors are white, green, and black/chartreuse. Most bass anglers who fish tidally influenced rivers and creeks recommend fishing the falling tide.

DARE COUNTY

ALLIGATOR RIVER (SEE ALSO TYRRELL COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
East Lake Ferry Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Old Ferry Landing Road, off N.C. Hwy. 64 near east end of Alligator River Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

CROATAN SOUND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Bowsertown Road Boating Access Area NCWRC	On California Lane, off Bowsertown Road, in Manteo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Striped bass, spotted seatrout, weakfish, flounder, red drum, bluefish, spot, croaker
Manns Harbor Bridge Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. Hwy. 64 at west end of Old Manns Harbor Bridge, in Manns Harbor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Striped bass, spotted seatrout, weakfish, flounder, red drum, bluefish, spot, croaker

EAST LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Mashoes Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Mashoes Road (S.R. 1113) off U.S. 64, northeast of Manns Harbor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, catfish, flounder

KITTY HAWK BAY

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Avalon Beach Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Bay Drive at intersection of Dock Street in Kitty Hawk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Striped bass, spotted seatrout, weakfish, flounder, red drum, bluefish, spot, croaker, large-mouth bass

DARE COUNTY (CONTINUED)

KITTY HAWK BAY (CONTINUED)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Dare County Public Boat Ramp Dare County	On Bob Perry Rd., off Kitty Hawk Rd., in Kitty Hawk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Striped bass, spotted seatrout, weakfish, flounder, red drum, bluefish, spot, croaker, largemouth bass

OREGON INLET

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Oregon Inlet Boat Ramp National Park Service	On Hwy. 12, north of Herbert C. Bonner Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Striped bass, spotted seatrout, weakfish, flounder, red drum, bluefish, spot, croaker

PAMLICO SOUND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Stumpy Point Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Bayview Drive (S.R. 1100), off U.S. 264, south of Manns Harbor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Striped bass, spotted seatrout, weakfish, flounder, red drum, bluefish, spot, croaker

ROANOKE SOUND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Town of Manteo Public Boat Ramp Town of Manteo	On Budleigh St., in Manteo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Croaker, spot, sea trout, bluefish, flounder, red drum, striped bass
Washington Baum Bridge Public Fishing Area Boating Access Area NCWRC	From Manteo, U.S. 64 east to the Washington Baum Bridge; fishing area is on the right, under the bridge on west side of Roanoke Sound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier; handicapped parking • Boat access • Croaker, spot, sea trout, bluefish, flounder, red drum, striped bass

DARE COUNTY (CONTINUED)

SAWYER/MILLTAIL LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Buffalo City Ramp U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	On Buffalo City Road, off U.S. 64, in Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, catfish

DUPLIN COUNTY

NORTHEAST CAPE FEAR RIVER (SEE ALSO NEW HANOVER, PENDER COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Chinquapin Boating Access Area NCWRC	From Chinquapin, west on N.C. 41 to S.R. 1964 (Durwood Evans Road). Right to Quiet Water Drive; left for 0.5 mile.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, channel and flathead catfish, crappie
Kenansville Boating Access Area NCWRC	From Beulaville, west on N.C. 24 for 4.6 miles to Wildlife Landing Lane. Right for 0.3 mile; area on right.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, channel and flathead catfish, crappie
Wayne's Landing Boating Access Area NCWRC	Near Wallace, east on N.C. 41 for 4.9 miles to Cypress Hole Road. Right for 0.4 mile; area at the end of the road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, channel and flathead catfish, crappie

GATES COUNTY

BENNETTS CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Gatesville Town Park Town of Gatesville	Off N.C. 37, just south of Gatesville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish

GATES COUNTY (CONTINUED)

MERCHANTS MILLPOND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Merchants Millpond N.C. State Parks	On Millpond Road, off U.S. Hwy. 158, northeast of Gatesville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe, shoreline, pier • Largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish, channel catfish

CHOWAN RIVER (SEE ALSO CHOWAN, HERTFORD COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Gatesville Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1111, off N.C. 137, south of Gatesville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Ray's Beach Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Fort Island Road (S.R. 1120) off N.C. 137, west of Gatesville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Shoups Landing Public Fishing Area Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1131, off U.S. 13/ U.S. 158, just north of Winton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two universally accessible piers; handicapped parking • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

GREENE COUNTY

CONTENTNEA CREEK (SEE ALSO PITT COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Hookerton Landing Town of Hookerton	From Hookerton, take N.C. 123 N. Ramp on left before crossing Contentnea Creek bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, sunfish
Speights Bridge Landing Greene County Parks and Rec.	Off Speights Bridge Road, near Stantonsburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, sunfish

GREENE COUNTY (CONTINUED)

CONTENTNEA CREEK (CONTINUED) (SEE ALSO PITT COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Snow Hill Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Mill Street, off U.S. 258, near the courthouse, in Snow Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, sunfish

HARNETT COUNTY

CAPE FEAR RIVER (SEE ALSO BLADEN, BRUNSWICK, COLUMBUS, CUMBERLAND, NEW HANOVER COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Lillington Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Wildlife Road (S.R. 2069), off McNeil Street (S.R. 2016), east of Lillington	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, spotted bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish

HERTFORD COUNTY

CHOWAN RIVER (SEE ALSO CHOWAN, GATES COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Tunis Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1402, off S.R. 1400, in Winton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

MEHERRIN RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Murfreesboro Boating Access Area NCWRC	On the north side of U.S. 258 bridge over the Meherrin River, north of Murfreesboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

HERTFORD COUNTY (CONTINUED)

WICCACON RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Harrellsville Boating Access Area NCWRC	At end of Quebec Street (S.R. 1433), north of N.C. 45, in Harrellsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

HOKE COUNTY

LUMBER RIVER (SEE ALSO ROBESON COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Wagram Boating Access Area NCWRC	On U.S. 401 at the Scotland/Hoke county line, southwest of Raeford	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish

HYDE COUNTY

LAKE MATTAMUSKEET

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Highway 94 Causeway Fishing Areas U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Hwy. 94 causeway, across Lake Mattamuskeet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible piers• Shoreline access• Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, catfish, blue crabs
Lake Landing Canal U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	On Lake Landing Road, off U.S. 264, in Lake Landing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, catfish, blue crabs
Lake Mattamuskeet Boating Access Area NCWRC	From Hwy. 94 causeway, turn on the refuge entrance road. Ramp is on Wildlife Drive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, catfish, blue crabs

HYDE COUNTY (CONTINUED)

LAKE MATTAMUSKEET (CONTINUED)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Main Canal U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	From Hwy. 94 causeway, turn on the refuge entrance road. Ramp is beside USFWS headquarters, near Mattamuskeet Lodge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, catfish, blue crabs
Rose Bay Canal U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	On Turnpike Road, off U.S. 264, north of Swan Quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, catfish, blue crabs
Waupoppin Canal U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	On Lake Landing Road, off U.S. 264	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, catfish, blue crabs

PAMLICO SOUND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Engelhard Boating Access Area NCWRC	South of Lake Mattamuskeet, east on U.S. 264, 15.1 miles to S.R. 1315 (Swamp Road). Right on to access road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Spotted seatrout, weakfish, flounder, red drum, bluefish, spot, croaker
Hydeland Canal Boating Access Area NCWRC	South of Lake Mattamuskeet, U.S. 264 west to S.R. 1121 (Juniper Bay Road). Left on S.R. 1121 to S.R. 1122 (Hydeland Road). Left on S.R. 1122; area on right	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Spotted seatrout, weakfish, flounder, red drum, bluefish, spot, croaker
Rose Bay Marina Boating Access Area NCWRC	From Belhaven, U.S. 264 East approximately 10 miles; area on right	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Spotted seatrout, weakfish, flounder, red drum, bluefish, spot, croaker
Swan Quarter Boating Access Area NCWRC	In Swan Quarter, take N.C. 45 0.27 mile; area on right	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Spotted seatrout, weakfish, flounder, red drum, bluefish, spot, croaker

JONES COUNTY

TRENT RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Pollocksville Public Fishing Area Boating Access Area NCWRC	In Pollocksville, immediately downstream of the U.S. 17 bridge across the Trent River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible platform; paved walkway • Boat and canoe access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, bluegill, redbreast, crappie, yellow perch, catfish • Small fee required
Trenton Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1343, off N.C. 41, in Trenton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish, crappie

WHITE OAK RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Haywood Landing Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Forest Service Road 157, off Forest Service Road 120, southeast of Maysville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish, crappie
Long Point Boating Access Area U.S. Forest Service	Off Long Point Road/Forest Service Road 120, on the Croatan National Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish, crappie
Maysville Quarry Lakes Boating Access Area Public Fishing Area	Off U.S. 17, between Maysville and Belgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish • Small access fee

LENOIR COUNTY

NEUSE RIVER (SEE ALSO CRAVEN COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Kinston/U.S. 70 ramp Boating Access Area Lenoir County Parks & Recreation	Off U.S. 70, in Kinston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, catfish, sunfish

LENOIR COUNTY (CONTINUED)

NEUSE RIVER (CONTINUED) (SEE ALSO CRAVEN COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Neuseway Nature Park Community Fishing Program site NCWRC	From U.S. 70 Bypass south of Kinston, N. C. Hwy. 11 N/55E. 0.6 mile, turn left on S.R. 1364 (Earl Tyndall Road). The ponds are on the left.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Loaner tackle available • Boat, canoe, shoreline access available on ponds; shoreline access only for Neuse River • Largemouth bass, channel catfish, sunfish, carp

MARTIN COUNTY

ROANOKE RIVER (SEE ALSO WASHINGTON COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Astoria Road Boating Access Area Public Fishing Area* NCWRC	On Astoria Road, off Old Mill Rd., in Jamesville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Hamilton Boating Access Area Public Fishing Area* NCWRC	Beside the municipal building, off Main Street, in Hamilton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Moratoc Park Martin County	Off River Road, in Williamston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
River Landing Park Town of Williamston	On River Road, off U.S. 17 adjacent to the Williamston Boating Access Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Williamston Boating Access Area NCWRC	On River Road, off U.S. 17 at the south end of Roanoke River bridge, in Williamston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

* Under construction as of April 2010

NEW HANOVER COUNTY

CAPE FEAR RIVER (SEE ALSO BLADEN, BRUNSWICK, COLUMBUS, CUMBERLAND, HARNETT COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Carolina Beach State Park N.C. State Parks	Off Dow Road, just north of Carolina Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish
Federal Point Boating Access Area NCWRC	On U.S. 421, 4.5 miles south of Kure Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat and canoe access • Flounder, spot, croaker, red drum
Dram Tree Park Town of Wilmington	Off Castle Street, in Wilmington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, striped bass, American shad, catfish, sunfish

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY (SEE ALSO BRUNSWICK, CARTERET, CURRITUCK, ONSLOW, PENDER COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Snow's Cut Boating Access Area NCWRC	From Wilmington, south on U.S. 421 over the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge. Right on Dow Rd; right on Bridge Barrier Rd. to Spencer Farlow Dr. Right to Annie Dr. Left on Annie Dr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Flounder, red drum, speckled trout
Wrightsville Beach Boating Access Area NCWRC	From Wilmington, east on U.S. 74 for 4.4 miles to the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge in Wrightsville Beach. Cross bridge, left at first intersection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Flounder, red drum, speckled trout

NORTHEAST CAPE FEAR RIVER (SEE ALSO DUPLIN, PENDER COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Castle Hayne Landing Boating Access Area	From the junction of I-40 and Holly Shelter Rd. (exit 414), west on Holly Shelter Rd. for 0.8 mile. Right on U.S. 117, to Orange St. Right on Orange St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish

NEW HANOVER COUNTY (CONTINUED)

SUTTON LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Sutton Lake Public Fishing Area Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Sutton Lake Road (S.R. 2145), off U.S. 421, northwest of Wilmington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Largemouth bass, sunfish, channel, flathead catfish; crappie

ONSLOW COUNTY

BEAR CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Willis Landing Boating Access Area NCWRC	In Hubert, south on N.C.172 to S.R.1503(Bear Creek Road). Left on S.R.1503 to S.R.1504 (West Willis Landing Road). Right on S.R.1504; area at end of road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Red drum, flounder, speckled trout

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY (SEE ALSO BRUNSWICK, CARTERET, CURRITUCK, NEW HANOVER, PENDER COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Shell Rock Landing Boating Access Area NCWRC	From Swansboro, west on N.C. 24 for 2.4 miles to S.R. 1509 (Queens Creek Road). Left on S.R.1509 for 3.9 miles to S.R. 1508 (Great Neck Landing Road). Left onto S.R. 1508 for 0.8 mile to S.R. 1503 (Shell Rock Landing Road). Right on S.R. 1503 for 0.8 mile.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Flounder, speckled trout, red drum
Turkey Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	From Jacksonville, east on N.C. 210 S.R. 1518 (Old Folkston Road). Right on S.R. 1518 to S.R. 1529 (Turkey Point Road). Left on S.R. 1529 to S.R. 1530 (Turkey Point Road). Right on S.R. 1530; area at end of road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Flounder, speckled trout, red drum

ONSWLOW COUNTY (CONTINUED)

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY (CONTINUED) (SEE ALSO BRUNSWICK, CARTERET, CURRITUCK, NEW HANOVER, PENDER COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
West Onslow Beach Boating Access Area NCWRC	From Jacksonville, east on N.C. 210 for 7.9 miles to Shrimp Lady Lane. Left on Shrimp Lady Lane; fishing area at end of road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Flounder, speckled trout, red drum

NEW RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Jacksonville Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Riverview Street, beside the New River bridge on U.S. 17, in Jacksonville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish, speckled trout

PAMLICO COUNTY

DAWSON CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Dawson Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Creek Place Road, off Janieno Road (S.R. 1302), southeast of Oriental	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, speckled trout, flounder, drum

SMITH'S CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Oriental Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Midyette Street, near N.C. 55, in Oriental	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Croaker, spot, red drum, flounder, sunfish

UPPER BROAD CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Lee's Landing Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Lee's Landing Road (S.R. 1103), off N.C. 55, east of New Bern	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, sunfish

PASQUOTANK COUNTY

BIG FLATTY CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Big Flatty Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1108, south of N.C. 34, southeast of Elizabeth City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

DISMAL SWAMP CANAL (INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Dismal Swamp State Park N.C. State Parks	On U.S. 17, 3 miles south of the North Carolina/Virginia state line	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish, catfish

FUN JUNKTION PONDS

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Fun Junktion Fishing Ponds Pasquotank County	On Landfill Rd., off Simpson Ditch Rd., south of Elizabeth City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish

LITTLE RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Hall's Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	At the Hall's Creek bridge on S.R. 1140, off U.S. 17, south of Elizabeth City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

NEWBEGUN CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Sawmill Park Boating Access Area Pasquotank County	Off N.C. 344, on Sawmill Road, in Weeksville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe, pier access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Weeksville Boardwalk Pasquotank County	On Salem Church Road (N.C. 344), in Weeksville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible pier• Largemouth bass, white perch, crappie, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

PASQUOTANK COUNTY (CONTINUED)

PASQUOTANK RIVER (SEE ALSO CAMDEN COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Charles Creek Park Elizabeth City	On Riverside Avenue, in Elizabeth City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish, blue crabs
Causeway Park Elizabeth City	On U.S. 158 on the Camden Causeway, in Elizabeth City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Largemouth bass, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish, blue crabs
Dog Corner Park Elizabeth City	On Water Street, in Elizabeth City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish, blue crabs <p><i>Note: boat height restrictions because of bridge</i></p>
George Wood Park Elizabeth City	On U.S. 158 on the Camden Causeway, in Elizabeth City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Shoreline access • White perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish, blue crabs
Waterfront Park Boating Access Area Elizabeth City	On Water Street, in Elizabeth City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe, pier, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish, blue crabs



Black Crappie Fishing Tips

Effective bait and lures are small jigs, minnows, silver spoons, flies and spinners fished along shorelines, around submerged brush piles and near fallen trees. Fishing vertically is effective when black crappie are deep enough to tolerate a boat directly overhead.

PENDER COUNTY

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY (SEE ALSO BRUNSWICK, CARTERET, CURRITUCK, NEW HANOVER, ONSLOW COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Surf City Boating Access Area NCWRC	On an unnamed road off the N.C. 50 bridge over the Intracoastal waterway, near Surf City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Speckled trout, flounder, red drum

NORTHEAST CAPE FEAR RIVER (SEE ALSO DUPLIN, NEW HANOVER COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Holly Shelter Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From I-40 near Burgaw, take exit 398; turn east on N.C. 53. Go 6 miles, turn right on S.R. 1523. Go 6 miles to area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two cleared shoreline fishing sites• Largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, channel and flat-head catfish; crappie
Shelter Creek NCWRC	On S.R. 1523, off N.C. 53, northeast of Burgaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish
Sawpit Landing Boating Access Area NCWRC	From Burgaw, travel east on N.C. 53 to Whitestocking Road. Right on Whitestocking Road; access at end of road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish

PERQUIMANS COUNTY

PERQUIMANS RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Belvidere Boating Access Area Belvidere Township	On N.C. 37, 1 mile west of Belvidere	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Hertford Town Ramp Town of Hertford	On Punch Alley, in Hertford	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

PERQUIMANS COUNTY (CONTINUED)

PERQUIMANS RIVER (CONTINUED)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Missing Mill Park Town of Hertford	On W. Grubb Street, in Hertford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier and canoe launch • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Perquimans Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Boat Ramp Road (S.R. 1319), off New Hope Road (S.R. 1300)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Perquimans County Community Center Water Access Area Perquimans County Recreation Department	On Granby Street, in Hertford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing pier • Canoe access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Raccoon Creek Fishing Pier Town of Hertford	On White Street, off S. Church St., in Hertford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Canoe access • Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Winfall Landing Park Town of Winfall	On Mayor Road, in Winfall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

Did You Know ...

Anglers age 16 and older must have a fishing license when fishing in all public waters in North Carolina? Purchase a license by:

- Going online to ncwildlife.org
- Visiting a Wildlife Service Agent (many are located in bait shops, large dept. stores)
- Calling 1-888-248-6834, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

PITT COUNTY

CONTENTNEA CREEK (SEE ALSO GREENE COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Grifton Boating Access Area WRC	From Highland Ave., Queen Street (N.C. 118), east to Martin Luther King Drive. Ramp is on left near intersection with Water Street.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, sunfish

HARDEE CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Hardee Creek Boating Access Area WRC	On S.R. 1533, off N.C. 33, just outside of Greenville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish, crappie, striped bass, shad

RIVER PARK NORTH

Site Name	Directions	More Info
River Park North Community Fishing and Tackle Loaner programs site NCWRC and Greenville Parks & Rec. 252-329-4562	From N.C. 11/13 north of the Tar River Bridge near Greenville, take Airport East. Go 0.3 mile; Airport Rd. becomes Mumford Rd. at the traffic light. Go 0.7 mile on Mumford Rd.; area is on right	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 universally accessible piers on largest pond• Paddleboat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish• Fishing tackle; adaptive fishing gear• Fish feeders, attractors

TAR RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Falkland Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 222 at the N.C. 222 bridge over the Tar River, northeast of Greenville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish
Town Commons Greenville Rec & Parks	On 1st Street, in downtown Greenville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, shad, crappie, white perch, catfish, sunfish

ROBESON COUNTY

BIG SWAMP CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Lennon's Bridge Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1002, off N.C. 211, southeast of Lumberton, near the Columbus County line	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish

LUMBER RIVER (SEE ALSO HOKE COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
High Hill Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 72, 1.6 mile east of the N.C. 211 and N.C. 72 junction in Lumberton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish
McNeil's Bridge Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Kenric Drive, off N.C. 72, near the I-95 and N.C. 72 junction in Lumberton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish
Princess Ann N.C. State Parks	In Robeson County, 5.5 miles south of Orrum on Princess Ann Road (S.R. 2247)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish
Boardman Town of Boardman	On U.S. 74/N.C. 130, near Boardman at the Robeson/Columbus county line	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish



Flathead Catfish Fishing Tips

Young flatheads feed primarily on aquatic insects, while adults feed almost entirely on fish and crayfish. Adult flatheads are structure-oriented, so fish for them in and around submerged logs, drift piles, standing timber and on the downstream end of an outside bend in the river with plenty of deep water.

It is best to use only live or freshly cut bait, especially to catch a very large flathead. Because of the size and strength of flatheads, heavy duty tackle and strong line are mandatory.

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SAMPSON COUNTY

BLACK RIVER (SEE ALSO BLADEN COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Ivanhoe Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1105, off S.R. 1119, southeast of Harrells	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish

SCOTLAND COUNTY

CRAWFORD LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Crawford Lake Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From U.S. 1 in Richmond County, take N.C. 177 south; turn left on S.R. 1605. Go 5.5 miles; lake is on the right	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, pickerel

GUM SWAMP LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Gum Swamp Lake Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From U.S. 1 South of Hoffman, N.C. 177 South to SR 1605; left on S.R. 1605; 4 miles and left on S.R. 1609. Go 0.2 mile.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, pickerel

KINNEY CAMERON LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Kinney Cameron Lake Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From U.S. 1 in Hoffman, take S.R. 1602. (This road becomes S.R. 1328.) Go ~1 mile; access road is on the right.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, pickerel

[Chain Pickerel](#) Fishing Tips

Chain pickerel are solitary fish that often hide in aquatic vegetation where they wait to ambush unsuspecting prey. Use spinners, spoons, jigs and a variety of crankbaits. Minnows are a favored live bait. Fishing is usually best around aquatic vegetation, such as lily pads and brush piles.

TYRRELL COUNTY

ALLIGATOR RIVER (SEE ALSO DARE COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Frying Pan Boating Access Area NCWRC	Off Frying Pan Road (S.R. 1307), near N.C. 96, southeast of Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Gum Neck Landing Boating Access Area NCWRC	Off Gum Neck Road (S.R. 1316), east of N.C. 95, near the Tyrrell and Hyde county line	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

LAKE PHELPS (SEE ALSO WASHINGTON COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Pettigrew State Park N.C. State Parks	On Lake Shore Rd., off Thirty Foot Canal Rd., and U.S. 64, seven miles south of Creswell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, yellow perch, sunfish

SCUPPERNONG RIVER (SEE ALSO WASHINGTON COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Columbia Boating Access Area NCWRC	At end of Boat Ramp Road (S.R. 1228), north of U.S. 64, west of Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Scuppernong River Interpretive Boardwalk Partnership for the Sounds	Adjacent to Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters on U.S. Hwy 64, in Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible pier• Largemouth bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish



Striped Bass Fishing Tip

Live and cut baits, such as gizzard shad, threadfin shad and hickory shad, are popular in coastal rivers. Bucktail jigs in white and yellow, spoons and rattling crankbaits are also effective.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CONABY CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Conaby Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Conaby Lane (S.R. 1350), off N.C. 45, northeast of Plymouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

LAKE PHELPS (SEE ALSO TYRRELL COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Cypress Point Access at Pettigrew State Park N.C. State Parks	On Shore Drive, off U.S. Hwy. 64, south of Roper	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Canoe, pier access• Largemouth bass, yellow perch, sunfish

ROANOKE RIVER (SEE ALSO MARTIN COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Plymouth Town Ramp Town of Plymouth	Off Water Street, beside the police department, in Plymouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Water Street Landing Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Water Street, off Monroe Street, in Plymouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Plymouth Hwy. 45 Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 45 at the south end of the Roanoke River bridge, northeast of Plymouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish
Rotary Park Town of Plymouth	Adjacent to the Roanoke River Lighthouse on Water Street, in Plymouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible pier• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

WASHINGTON COUNTY (CONTINUED)

ROANOKE RIVER (CONTINUED) (SEE ALSO MARTIN COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
William R. Flowers Waterfront Park Town of Plymouth	On Water St., adjacent to the Port O' Plymouth Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible fishing pier• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

SCUPPERNONG RIVER (SEE ALSO TYRRELL COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Creswell Boating Access Area NCWRC	Off S.R. 1142, south of U.S. 64, southeast of Creswell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, white perch, yellow perch, catfish, sunfish

Proper Catch-and-Release Techniques

With careful planning, fishing and handling methods, catch-and-release anglers can greatly increase the survival rate of hooked fish by following the guidelines below:

Handling and Releasing Fish

- Keep the amount of handling to a minimum and keep fish in the water, if possible.
- Use landing nets only when necessary; these nets should be made of knotless nylon or rubber.
- Do not allow the fish to thrash around. If you must handle it, use wet gloves or a wet rag.
- A fish that does not swim away can be resuscitated by moving it back and forth in the water to force water through its gills.

Removing the Hook

- Carefully, but quickly, remove hooks using a dehooker, needle-nose pliers or forceps.
- Whenever possible remove hooks in the throat or gut using a dehooker.
- Cut the line if you cannot carefully or quickly remove hooks.

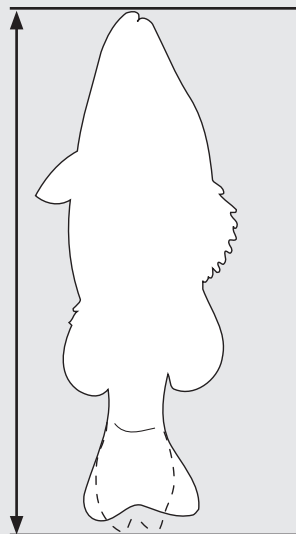
NCARP MINIMUM TROPHY FISH WEIGHT/LENGTH REQUIREMENTS

(SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE NCARP INFORMATION)

SPECIES	WEIGHT	LENGTH
Bass		
Bodie (hybrid) Bass	8 lbs.	24"
Largemouth Bass	8 lbs.	24"
Smallmouth Bass	3 lbs.	19"
Spotted Bass	2 lbs.	15"
Striped Bass	10 lbs.	27"
White Bass	2 lbs.	17"
Bowfin	10 lbs.	22"
Carp-Common	20 lbs.	34"
Catfish		
Blue	30 lbs.	41"
Bullhead (any species)	2 lbs.	15"
Channel	10 lbs.	30"
Flathead	30 lbs.	41"
White	4 lbs.	21"
Crappie (black or white)	2 lbs.	16"
Freshwater Drum	12 lbs.	28"
Kokanee Salmon	2 lbs.	14"
Longnose Gar	10 lbs.	48"
Mountain Trout		
Brook	2 lbs.	16"
Brown	2 lbs., 8 oz.	18"
Rainbow	2 lbs., 8 oz.	18"
Muskellunge	20 lbs.	41"
Perch		
White Perch	1 lb.	12"
Yellow Perch	1 lb.	14"
Pickereel		
Chain Pickerel	4 lbs.	26"
Redfin Pickerel	10 oz.	12"
Shad		
American	3 lbs.	16"
Hickory	2 lbs.	13"
Sunfish		
Bluegill	1 lb.	11"
Flier	6 oz.	8"
Green	1 lb.	9"
Pumpkinseed	14 oz.	10"
Redbreast (Robin)	1 lb.	11"
Redear (Shellcracker)	1 lb.	11"
Roanoke Bass	1 lb.	11"
Rock Bass	1 lb.	11"
Warmouth	1 lb.	11"
Walleye	5 lbs.	23"

MEASURING A FISH

Fish should be measured to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Lay the fish on a flat surface. Using a measuring rule, measure from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail with mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together.



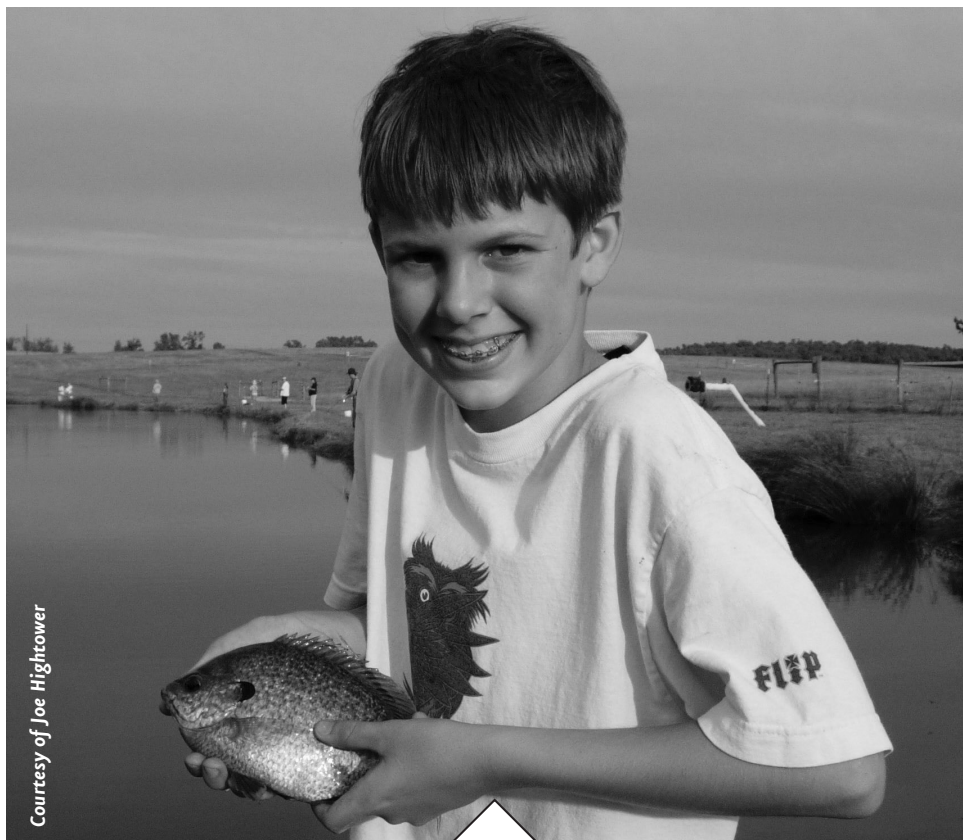
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