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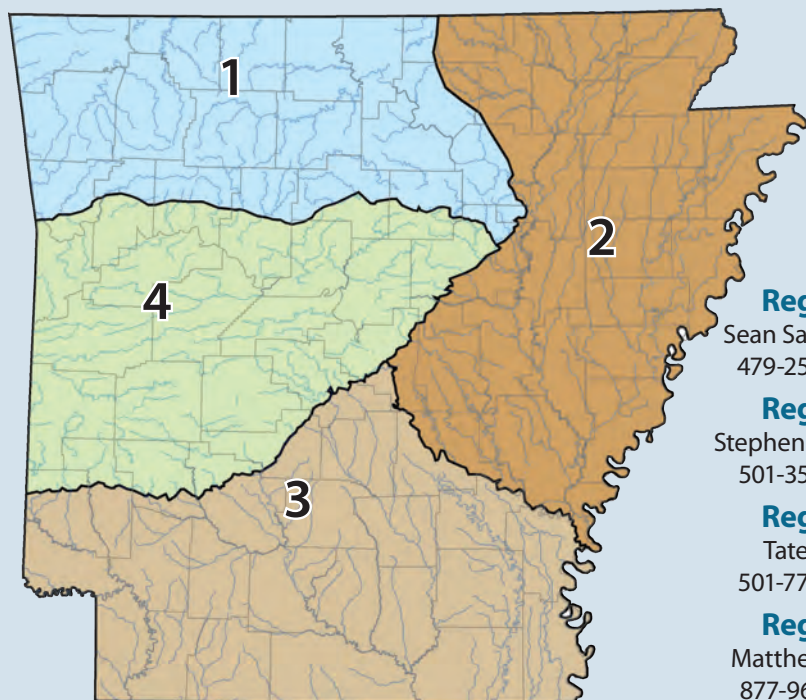
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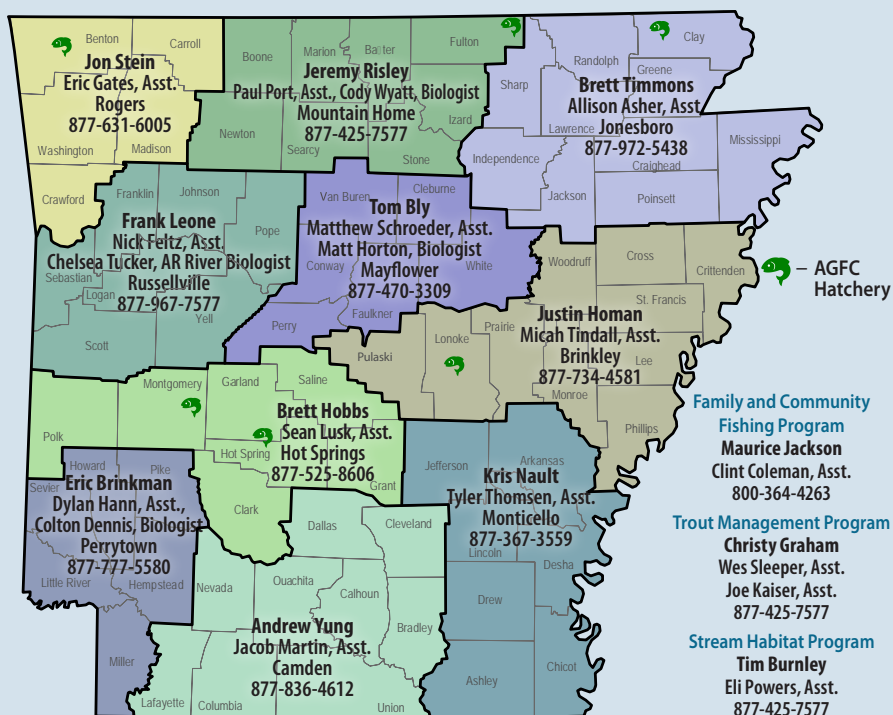
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New This Year

Simplifications and Reductions

1. Possession limit changed from twice the daily limit to triple the daily limit. See Page 8.
2. An Alligator Gar Permit (AGP) is no longer required for alligator gar fishing. See Page 10.
3. Any archery equipment is now allowed for the taking of bullfrogs. See Page 10.
4. Rough fish gigging is permitted year-round. See Page 10.
5. The number of free floating fishing devices and yo-yo's allowed have both been changed to 25. See pages 12-13.
6. Creel limit for crappie on Blue Mountain Lake changes to 20 per day. See Page 59.
7. Unlimited daily creel limit for White Bass on Bob Kidd Lake and Greers Ferry Lake. See pages 59 and 63.
8. Special creel limit for Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass on Bull Shoals Lake has been removed. See Page 59.
9. Black Bass creel limit now matches statewide regulations on DeQueen Lake. See Page 62.
10. Unlimited daily creel limit for Channel Catfish on Lake Erling. See Page 62.
11. Unlimited daily creel limit for Crappie on Lakes Frierson and Hogue. See pages 63-64.
12. The harvest of an additional 10 Spotted Bass is now allowed on Lakes Ouachita, DeGray, and Greeson. See pages 61, 64 and 68.
13. Big Lake length limit for Largemouth Bass has been removed. See Page 59.
14. Largemouth Bass minimum length limit on Greers Ferry Lake reduced from 15 inches to 12 inches. See Page 63.
15. Walleye less than 14 inches in length must be released immediately in Greers Ferry and its tributaries. See Page 63.
16. Channel Catfish size restriction has been eliminated on the Arkansas River. See Page 72.
17. Restrictions on dragging chains on the Norfolk Tailwater has been removed. See Page 76.
18. All special regulations on the Spring River for Cutthroat Trout and Brook Trout have been removed. See Page 78.
19. Catch-and-release restrictions on Lake June have been removed for Largemouth Bass. See Page 65.
20. Statewide creel limits have been implemented for bream and crappie on Lake June. See Page 65.
21. Catch-and-release restrictions on Lake Ouachita have been removed for Smallmouth Bass. See Page 68.
22. Slot limit on Lower White Oak Lake for Largemouth Bass has been replaced with a length limit of one fish over 21 inches. See Page 71.
23. No restrictions of Common Carp used for bait on Lake Fayetteville. See Page 62.
24. Spearfishing for black bass is now permitted on Millwood, DeQueen, Dierks and Gillham lakes. See Page 11.

New Regulations

25. All boat plugs must be removed before leaving the loading area. See Page 32
26. Trotlines and limblines must be checked every 48 hours and removed when not in use. See Page 12.
27. Creel limit for Largemouth Bass on Lake Atkins increases to 10 per day. See Page 58.
28. Smallmouth bass must be released immediately on Lake Catherine. See Page 60.
29. Crappie shorter than 10 inches must be released immediately on Lake Dardanelle. See Page 61.
30. One Tiger Trout over 24 inches may be kept on the Bull Shoals Tailwater and Norfolk Tailwater. See pages 76 and 79.
31. Spring River special regulations have changed. See Page 78.

If you own property adjacent to one of the lakes below, be sure to get a copy of the AGFC Land-use Policy. Copies are available by calling 501-223-6428 or visiting www.agfc.com/landuse.

Atkins	Cane Creek	Crystal	Harris Brake	Jack Nolen	Sugarloaf	Upper White Oak
Barnett	Charles	Elmdale	Hindsville	Overcup	Tri-County	Wilhelmina
Bentonville	Conway	Frierson	Hinkle	Poinsett	Lower White Oak	
Bob Kidd	Cox Creek	Gurdon	Horsehead	Saracen		

Statewide Lengths and Daily Limits

Regulations and limits listed in this guidebook are enforced statewide.
Special, area-specific regulations are on pages 58-79.

Game Fish Daily Limit

Alligator Gar: <i>See Alligator Gar on Page 10.</i>	Sauger: 6
Black Bass (largemouth, spotted, smallmouth combined): 10	Saugeye: 6
Smallmouth Bass (including hybrids of smallmouth and other bass): 4 <i>Length limit in Ozark Zone is 12 inches long; otherwise, length limit is 10 inches long. See smallmouth map on Page 9.</i>	Shovelnose Sturgeon: No limit <i>Length limit is 21 inches or longer. All sturgeon caught between the levees of the Mississippi River must be released immediately.</i>
Rock Bass (Ozark and shadow bass): 10	Striped Bass and hybrid stripers: 6 combined
Bream (bluegill, redear, longear, warmouth and other sunfishes combined): 50 <i>No daily limit on bream shorter than 4 inches.</i>	Trout: (No more than 2 brown trout, 2 cutthroat trout and 2 brook trout): 5
Catfish (channel, blue, flathead combined): 10 <i>No daily limit on bullhead catfish.</i>	Walleye: 6
Crappie (black and white combined): 30	White Bass: 25
Paddlefish: 2	Possession Limit: Triple the daily limit
	Snagging Limit: See Page 10
	Spearfishing Limit: See Page 11

Meanmouth bass (hybrids of smallmouth and other bass) share the same regulations and limits as smallmouth bass.

Daily Limit – The total limit of a certain fish species that may be taken in one day.

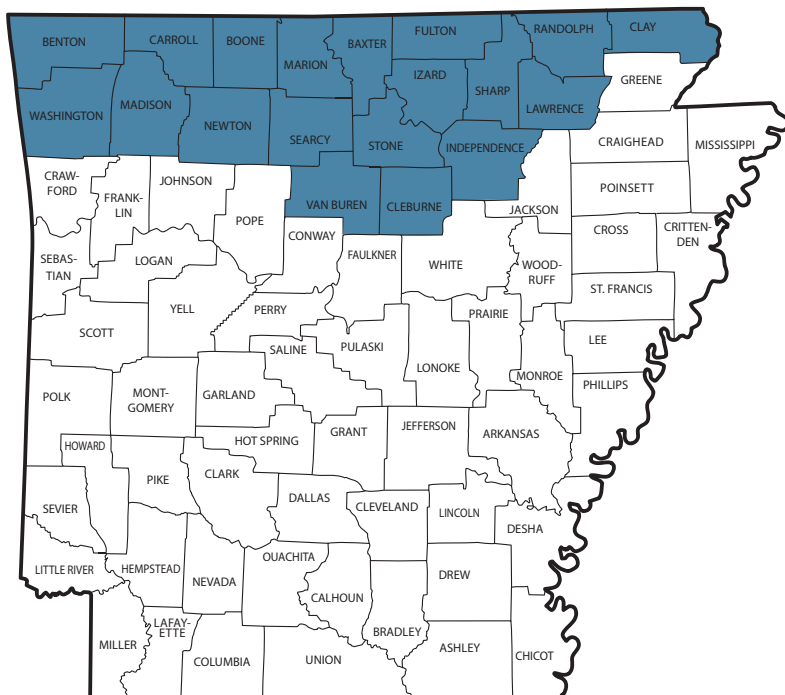
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Smallmouth Bass Map



Ozark Zone

Smallmouth bass must be at least 12 inches long to keep in the Ozark Zone. They must be at least 10 inches long to keep in the rest of the state.

Many streams and lakes have different regulations regarding smallmouth. Refer to pages 58-79 for area-specific regulations.



Free Fishing Weekend

Noon Friday, June 11, until
midnight Sunday night, June 13

Residents and nonresidents may fish this weekend without fishing licenses or trout permits. Regulations for Arkansas waters apply: daily limits, slot limits and length limits must be observed.

Alligator Gar

1. All Alligator Gar Fishing
 - Call 1-800-482-9262 to report any harvest of alligator gar. All harvested alligator gar must be tagged by an AGFC fisheries biologist before transporting from the waterbody where taken.
 - Daily limit of 1 alligator gar under 36 inches.
2. Trophy Alligator Gar (over 36 inches)
 - An Alligator Gar Trophy Tag (AGT) is required to harvest alligator gar over 36 inches.
 - Fishermen may apply for a free Alligator Gar Trophy Tag (AGT) Nov. 1-Dec. 31 through the AGFC Licensing System. A limited number of Alligator Gar Trophy Tags will be drawn Jan. 2. A valid Arkansas fishing license (unless exempt) is also required
 - If received, the Alligator Gar Trophy Tag (AGT) allows for the harvest of 1 alligator gar over 36 inches for that calendar year.

Alligator Gar over 36 inches may not be taken from noon May 1-noon July 1.

Bowfishing

For bowfishing, gigging and bullfrogs, daily limits are measured from noon to noon during their respective seasons.

Rough fish (see Page 12) and catfish may be taken by bowfishing.

Alligator gar may be taken by bowfishing. Special regulations apply to the taking of alligator gar. See above for details.

Bowfishermen may take catfish noon July 15-noon May 1. They may take half the daily statewide limit or half the limit of the waters being fished (pages 58-79), whichever is smaller.

Bullfrogs

A fishing license is required to take bullfrogs. Bullfrogs may be taken noon April 15-midnight Dec. 31. Legal methods to take bullfrogs are using hands, hand nets, hook and line, gig, spear, or any archery equipment. The limit is 18 per day (from noon to noon). The possession limit is 36. Bullfrogs may not be sold. (Fish farmers may be exempted from these regulations).

Gigging

Only rough fish (see Page 12) may be taken with a gig. Game fish may not be possessed while gigging.

Alligator gar may be taken by gigging. Special regulations apply to the taking of alligator gar. See above for details.

Unless otherwise noted on pages 58-79, gigging is not allowed in areas where fishing is limited to rod or pole.

Hogging and Noodling

It is unlawful to raise any part of a natural or artificial device out of the water thereby aiding in the capture of enclosed fish. Daily catfish limit is half the daily statewide limit or half the limit of the waters being fished (pages 58-79), whichever is smaller.

Open season for hogging and noodling is as follows: that portion of the state north and west of U.S. Highway 67 open July 15-Oct. 31, and that portion of the state south and east of U.S. Highway 67 open May 15-Oct. 31. The Arkansas River will remain open May 15-Oct. 31, and the Mississippi River will remain open May 1-July 15. Lake Charles and the Strawberry River below U.S. Highway 167 will remain open June 1-Oct. 31. Only buffalo, catfish, carp and drum may be taken. Hogging and noodling are prohibited on the Ouachita River from the mouth of the Little Missouri River to Rammel Dam.

Snagging

Snagging game fish may be done only from a bank within 100 yards below a dam.

Exceptions:

1. Snagging from a boat may be done only on the Arkansas River from 100 yards below a lock and dam to the downstream entrance point of the lock and from 100 yards below Dam No. 2 to the boat ramps immediately below the dam.
2. Snagging is prohibited below Upper White Oak Lake Dam.
3. Snagging is allowed from the bank below Beaver Dam from the "No Fishing Beyond This Point" sign downstream to the first boat ramp only April 15-June 15.
4. Snagging is allowed for catfish on the Black River (from the Missouri state line to the Spring River confluence) and the St. Francis River (from the Missouri state line to the Payneway Structure) with a daily limit of five catfish (no more than two flatheads

and no more than one paddlefish) Jan. 1-Feb. 15.

Where it is legal to snag game fish, any game fish snagged must be kept and applied to the daily limit. Half the game fish daily limit may be taken by snagging, or the lesser whole number nearest one-half the limit, although a full limit of catfish and paddlefish may be taken. Snagging must cease whenever a limit of any species is attained. Check your destination on pages 58-79 for area-specific special regulations regarding snagging.

Spearfishing

Spearfishing season for game fish is open June 15-March 15, sunrise to sunset, in lakes Beaver, Blue Mountain, Bull Shoals, Catherine, Conway, DeGray, De Queen, Dierks, Erling, Greers Ferry, Gillhan, Greeson, Hamilton, Harris Brake, Millwood, Nimrod, Norfolk, Ouachita, Table Rock and impoundments created by the locks and dams on the Arkansas River.

Spearfishing for largemouth, spotted or smallmouth bass is not allowed in lakes Beaver, Bull Shoals, Norfolk and Table Rock. Spearfishing for smallmouth bass is not permitted on Lake Ouachita.

Rough fish (see Page 12) may be taken by spearfishing all year on the waters mentioned above.

Spearfishing season for flathead catfish is open July 15-March 15.

When spearfishing, half the game fish daily limit, or the lesser number nearest half, may be taken. Spearfishers must abide by length and slot limits and may not have a spear gun in public waters other than those specified above.

Spearfishermen must display a standard diver's flag and spearfish no more than 100 yards from it. The flag must be at least 12-inches-by-12-inches and at least 12 inches above the water.

Spearfishermen must complete spearfishing activities and leave the body of water where fish were taken before cleaning or dressing fish.

Suckers

Suckers include redhorse, hogsucker, white and spotted suckers. The daily limit is 20, the possession limit is 40. It is legal to take suckers by sport fishing, hogging, snagging or gigging.

Suckers may be snagged between sunrise and sunset April 1-Feb. 15. Suckers may be gigged 10 a.m.-midnight Sept. 15-Feb. 15.

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Definitions, Methods and Associated Regulations

Aquatic Wildlife – All aquatic species, including aquatic snails, aquatic turtles, crayfish (crawfish, crawdads), fish (including minnows), frogs, mussels and salamanders.

Artificial Lure/Fly – Fishing tackle made by fly-tying or made entirely of rubber, wood, metal, glass, feathers, hair, synthetic fibers or plastic, with hook attached. Required for some trout-fishing areas.

Bowfishing – Taking fish with bow and arrow (on line). Rough fish (gar, bowfin, common carp, grass carp, bighead carp, silver carp, sucker, buffalo, bullhead and drum) and catfish may be taken by bowfishing. For season information, check Page 10.

Bream – Any species of the genus *Lepomis* including bluegill, redear, warmouth and other sunfish.

Catch-and-Release – The requirement that fish of a designated species must be released immediately into the water where caught.

Commercial Fish – Bowfin over 6 inches, paddlefish, shovelnose sturgeon, and all species of buffalo, catfish, carp, drum, gar (except alligator gar) and sucker family (except silver redhorse).

Daily Limits – A daily limit is the number of fish of one species (or group of species) allowed to be taken from midnight to the next midnight.

Dip Netting – Dip nets may be used only when fish are caught first by hook and line or bow and arrow. Dip nets may be used to take baitfish for personal use while sport fishing. This use is limited to dip nets with mesh 1 inch or smaller.

Fish Cleaning – While fishing in waters with a length or slot limit or as catch-and-release areas, you may not possess a fish that has been filleted or had its head or tail removed while fishing from shore, boat or while being transported by boat.

Free-Floating Fishing Devices – A floating fishing device not attached to a stationary object or boat. Up to 25 jugs or similar devices may be used per person and must be clearly marked with either the user's name and address, driver's license number or current vehicle tag number. These may be left unattended only from sunset to sunrise.

Gaffing – Taking or attempting to take fish with a handheld hook. Gaffing is not allowed unless the fish is caught on a hook and line first (or with bow and arrow).

Game Fish – Alligator gar, largemouth bass, spotted bass, smallmouth bass, bluegill, longear sunfish, redear sunfish, green sunfish, warmouth, Ozark bass, rock bass, shadow bass, white bass, striped bass, black crappie, white crappie, blue catfish, channel catfish, flathead catfish, brook trout, brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, tiger trout, walleye, sauger, paddlefish, shovelnose sturgeon, and hybrids of these species.

Gigging – Taking fish with a pronged device on a shaft. For season information, check Page 10.

Hogging – The grabbing of fish by hand only in or under the water. For season information, check Page 10.

Noodling – The taking of fish by the use of a pole-mounted breakaway hook that detaches at the time of the strike or catch, or snare-type device with an attached line manipulated by hand when a person is in or under the water. For season information, check Page 10.

Possession Limit – The total limit of a certain fish species that is in your possession at any time, whether on your person or stored in another location. Fish and wild game (other than migratory game birds) that have been processed and stored at a residence do not count toward a person's possession limit. A residence is defined as a house or house trailer that is permanently in place and is owned, leased or rented by an individual; it does not include mobile travel trailers, tents, vehicles or temporary rental units (motels, lodges, cabins, resorts, etc.).

Rough Fish – Shortnose gar, longnose gar, spotted gar, bowfin, yellow bullhead, black bullhead, common carp, goldfish, grass carp, bighead carp, silver carp, black carp, black buffalo, bigmouth buffalo, smallmouth buffalo, creek chubsucker, river carpsucker, quillback, northern hog sucker, spotted sucker, river redhorse, black redhorse, blacktail redhorse, golden redhorse, shorthead redhorse, freshwater drum, gizzard shad, threadfin shad, skipjack herring, yellow perch, white perch, and yellow bass.

Snagging – To take fish or other aquatic animals using conventional rod-and-reel tackle by a repeated drawing motion rather than enticement by live bait or artificial lure, regardless of what terminal tackle is attached to the fishing line. For season information, check pages 10-11.

Spearfishing – Taking fish with a spear-like apparatus. For season information, check Page 11.

Tackle – Rod, reel, pole, line, net, yo-yo, minnow seine or other devices used to fish. Commercial tackle such as gill nets, hoop nets, trammel nets, traps or snaglines may not be used to catch game fish.

To Fish – To take, catch, kill, collect, net, trap, spear or otherwise attempt to reduce fish to possession. Fish may not be taken with electrical devices, firearms, explosives, or toxic, stupefying or killing substances.

Trotline and Limbline Fishing Requirements – Trotlines and limbblines are allowed for sport fishing in most areas (check pages 58-79). The drops or hooks may not be less than 24 inches apart and the catch must be removed every 48 hours. All trotlines and limbblines must be removed when no longer in use for fishing. All trotlines and limbblines must be labeled with the owner's name and address, or vehicle operator's license number, or current vehicle license number of the person using such equipment. Information must be attached on each line at the bank end. Cotton lines are not required. Anglers may not fish more than 100 hooks at any time between the main levees of the Mississippi River. Trotlines may not be used below any lock or dam on the Arkansas River from the dam to the nearest arrival point navigation marker downstream. Stakes used for mounting yo-yos or limbblines on AGFC-owned lakes must be made from wood or cane and must be removed from the lake when not in use.

Using Live Bait – Baitfish include bluntnose minnows, bullhead catfish, bullhead minnows, chubs, crayfish, dace, fatheads, common carp under 6 inches (common carp may not be used as bait in certain waters; see pages 58-79), goldfish, shiners, stonerollers, logperch (also called sand pike or zebra minnows), gizzard and threadfin shad, gar (other than alligator gar), drum, bowfin under 6 inches, skipjack herring, silversides (brook and inland), buffalo (bigmouth, smallmouth and black), river carpsucker, sculpin (banded and Ozark) and bream under 4 inches long. Bream longer than 4 inches may

be used as bait only if first taken by hook and line and are subject to daily limit restrictions.

Baitfish may be taken with bait tackle in all trout waters, except special regulation and catch-and-release areas.

With the exception of shad, baitfish may not be taken within 100 yards below a dam.

Baitfish may be taken day or night using:

- seines no larger than 50 feet long and 4 feet wide with $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mesh;
- square traps no larger than 6 feet by 6 feet by 3 feet with up to $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch mesh and with a throat size of 2 inches and round traps no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 6 feet in length and with a throat size of 2 inches with up to $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch wire or mesh;
- lift traps used for commercial fishing must be no larger than 6 feet by 6 feet by 3 feet with $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch mesh. Sport fishing lift traps must have 1-inch (or smaller) square bar mesh;
- cast nets with 1-inch (or smaller) mesh;
- shad trawl nets with 1-inch (or smaller) mesh;
- plastic or wire mesh minnow traps no larger than 1 gallon with a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch (or smaller) throat;
- hand-operated dip nets with 1-inch (or smaller) square bar mesh for use while sport fishing. All other species of fish must be immediately released.

It is illegal to use any live wild-caught baitfish, including crayfish, unless it was caught within the same body of water in which it is being used or purchased from a licensed dealer. Dispose of leftover bait properly. Dump minnows and other live bait in their original water source or in a trash receptacle.

Yo-Yo Fishing – Up to 25 yo-yos (or similar mechanical fishing devices) per person may be used. Yo-yos may not be left unattended (out of sight or hearing) during daylight hours, even when tripped. No more than one yo-yo can be hung from each line, wire, limb or support. Each mounting stake, yo-yo, limbline and mechanical fishing device must be labeled with the owner's name and address, or vehicle operator's license number, or current vehicle license number of the person using such equipment. Stakes used for mounting yo-yos or limbblines on AGFC-owned lakes must be made from wood or cane and must be removed from the lake when no longer in use for fishing. Driving rebar, or any non-woody material, into the substrate of the lake is prohibited. It is illegal to nail or screw wood or any other materials to live or dead trees or stumps in AGFC-owned lakes.

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Fishing Licenses

Which license do I need to fish for game fish in Arkansas?

If you are 16 or older, you must carry a valid fishing license to take or attempt to take aquatic wildlife in Arkansas, unless you are fishing in a licensed “put-and-take” pay lake.

Trout

A trout permit is required to fish for trout in certain waters (tailwaters below Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfork Lake, Greers Ferry Lake, Lake Greeson or east of Highway 59 on Spavinaw Creek) or to keep trout from any Arkansas waters. For more information, see Page 18.

Guides

If you guide, aid or assist someone else in fishing for hire, you must have a guide license.

Commercial

To find out if you need a commercial license, call 501-223-6386 for commercial fishing regulations.

How do I buy the licenses I need?

Licenses are available over the counter at AGFC regional offices and nature centers, sporting goods stores, some discount chains and boat docks. You also may buy a license by phone or online.

- **Phone** – Call 501-223-6349 or 800-364-GAME (4263) between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
- **Online** – Visit www.agfc.com, click “Buy Licenses,” 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Telephone and online purchases must be made by credit card. Your fishing privileges become effective immediately. A valid printed license or acceptable electronic format license must be in your possession.

Lifetime and commercial licenses are not available by phone or online.

Do I qualify for a resident license?

A resident is any person who physically inhabits a bona fide residence within Arkansas for at least 60 days and declares themselves a full-time resident of Arkansas.

Ownership of Arkansas real estate by a person living outside the state does not qualify the owner as a resident.

Also, the following students (who must carry proof of full-time enrollment in schools, colleges or universities while hunting or fishing in Arkansas) are eligible to purchase annual resident licenses: resident foreign exchange students attending school outside of Arkansas; nonresident foreign exchange students attending school in Arkansas; residents of Arkansas enrolled as full-time students in colleges and universities outside of Arkansas; and nonresidents enrolled as full-time students in colleges and universities in Arkansas.

Active-duty military personnel assigned to duty stations in Arkansas are eligible to purchase annual or trip resident privileges for hunting and fishing. Active-duty servicemen and women who were Arkansas residents at the time of entering service are eligible to purchase annual or trip resident privileges for hunting and fishing, regardless of where they are stationed.

65-Plus Lifetime Fishing License (PLF)

Residents 65 and older may purchase a Lifetime Fishing License for \$10.50 or a Lifetime Combination Sportsman's License (hunting and fishing) for \$35.50 any time during the calendar year of their 65th birthday. Each license is valid as long as the holder resides in Arkansas. Proof of age and 60 days of Arkansas residency are required. These licenses are available from the AGFC Little Rock office and regional offices (Page 1).

65-Plus Lifetime Trout Permit (PLT)

To fish for trout in certain waters or to keep trout, a state lifetime trout permit (purchased once at 65 or older) is available to holders of 65-Plus Lifetime Licenses (\$10).

Nonexpiring Lifetime Resident Hunting and Fishing Sportsman's Permit (\$1,000)

This entitles the holder of any age to the privileges of the Resident Sportsman's License and the Resident Fisheries Conservation License. Annual trout and state waterfowl permits are included. Proof of 60 days of Arkansas residency is required. This permit is available only from the AGFC Little Rock office.

Disability Licenses

Resident disabled anglers may purchase a 3-year disability fishing license (\$10.50) or a 3-year combination license (\$35.50), which includes hunting and fishing privileges. In addition to proof of 60 days' Arkansas residency, proof of 100 percent disability from the Social Security Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs or

the Railroad Retirement Board is required to apply for this license. This license expires 3 years from the date of purchase. A resident trout permit must be purchased annually to retain trout or to fish in certain waters. (See Page 18) These licenses are available from the AGFC office in Little Rock.

Mobility Impaired Access Permit

Licensed sportsmen who are permanently mobility impaired may be eligible for special access privileges in certain areas on WMAs, from the boardwalk and piers at Dry Run Creek, and from the piers on Collins Creek downstream of the wooden vehicle bridge in JFK Park. These privileges allow persons with certain medical conditions to receive a Mobility Impaired Access Permit. There is no charge for the initial card. Applications are available online at www.agfc.com or by calling 800-364-4263 during business hours.

Military Lifetime Licenses

Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Licenses are available at any AGFC regional office. Sportsmen must be at least 60 and show proof of 60 days' Arkansas residency and retirement from a branch of the U.S. Armed Services.

Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Licenses are available at the Little Rock office only. There is no age requirement for this

license, but sportsmen must show proof of 60 days' Arkansas residency and proof of service-connected military disability.

Trout and state waterfowl stamp permits, federal waterfowl stamps, resident trapping permits and HIP registration also must be obtained to hunt, trap or fish for certain game species. These permits are available at all AGFC regional offices.

Prices for Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Licenses

Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Fishing License (MRF) – \$10.50

Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Combination License (includes hunting) (MRC) – \$35.50

Resident Military Retiree Lifetime Trout Stamp (MRT) – \$10

Prices for Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Licenses (100 percent disability)

Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Fishing License (VLF) – \$1.50

Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License (VLC) – \$3

Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Trout Stamp (VLT) – \$10

Prices for Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Licenses

(70 percent disability or 50 percent disability and have received the Purple Heart Medal)

Resident Disabled Military Veteran Lifetime Combination License (includes hunting, fishing, trout and state waterfowl stamp privileges) (VLL) – \$52.50

Fishing Licenses and Costs

Resident Fisheries Conservation License (FSH)	\$10.50	Entitles a resident to fish the waters of the state with sport fishing tackle. A Resident Trout Permit also must be purchased to retain trout or to fish in certain waters.
Resident 3-Day Trip Fishing License (RT3)	\$ 6.50	Entitles a resident to fish the waters of the state with sport fishing tackle for the 3-day period specified. A Resident Trout Permit also must be purchased to retain trout or to fish in certain waters.
Resident Trout Permit (TPR)	\$ 10	Required to retain trout or to fish in certain waters (see pages 58-79). Not required for holders of the nonexpiring \$1,000 Lifetime Resident Hunting and Fishing Sportsman's Permit or for holders of the 65-Plus Lifetime License and Trout Permit.
Nonresident Trout Permit (TPN)	\$20	Required of a nonresident to retain trout or to fish in certain waters (see pages 58-79) in addition to a Nonresident Annual or Trip Fishing License.
Nonresident Annual Fishing License (NRF)	\$50	Entitles a nonresident to fish the waters of the state with sport fishing tackle. A Nonresident Trout Permit also must be purchased to retain trout or to fish in certain waters.
Nonresident 3-Day Trip Fishing License (NT3)	\$16	Entitles a nonresident to fish the waters of the state with sport fishing tackle for the 3-day period specified. A Nonresident Trout Permit also must be purchased to retain trout or to fish in certain waters.
Nonresident 7-Day Trip Fishing License (NT7)	\$25	Entitles a nonresident to fish the waters of the state with sport fishing tackle for the 7-day period specified. A Nonresident Trout Permit also must be purchased to retain trout or to fish in certain waters.
Resident Fishing Guide License (GLF)	\$25	Required of a resident who guides, aids or assists another person for pay or other consideration in the taking of fish. This license does not include fishing privileges.
Nonresident Fishing Guide License (GNF)	\$150	Required of a nonresident who guides, aids or assists another person for pay or other consideration in the taking of fish. This license does not include fishing privileges.
White River Border Lakes License (WRL)	\$10	Entitles Arkansas resident fishing license holders to fish in the Missouri waters of Bull Shoals, Norfolk and Table Rock lakes without a nonresident fishing license from Missouri. See Page 19 for more information.
Resident 3-Year Disability License (RDF)	\$10.50	Entitles a resident to fish the waters of the state with sport fishing tackle. A Resident Trout Permit also must be purchased to retain trout or to fish in certain waters. Holders of this license, along with another licensed individual to assist, may fish at Family Fishing locations (see Page 13).
Commercial Fisherman's Permit and Sport-fishing License (CFS)	\$25	Entitles a resident to fish waters of the state with commercial fishing tackle. This license is only available from the AGFC Little Rock office.
Alligator Gar Harvest Tag (AGT)	Free	Required to harvest one alligator gar over 36 inches per calendar year. Drawing will be held Jan. 2. To be eligible angler must obtain an AGP. Expires Dec. 31.

Licenses are nontransferable and nonrefundable.

All fishing licenses expire one year from date of purchase unless otherwise noted.

License Agreements With Adjacent States

Mississippi and Arkansas recognize the resident fishing and commercial fishing licenses of the two states on flowing waters of the Mississippi River and all waters between the main levees of the Mississippi River, excluding the St. Francis, White and Arkansas rivers and oxbow lakes accessible from the mouths of the St. Francis, White or Arkansas rivers. Licensees abide by the regulations of the state in which they are fishing. The agreement does not include frog hunting.

Missouri and Arkansas recognize the sport fishing, resident commercial fishing and commercial mussel-taking licenses of the two states on the flowing waters of the St. Francis River that form a common boundary between the two states. A sport-fishing licensee or legally exempt resident of either state abides by the regulations of the state issuing the license. The agreement does not apply to tributaries, bayous and backwaters of the St. Francis River.

A White River Border Lakes License is available for a \$10 annual fee. This license allows Arkansas residents who hold a valid license to fish in the Missouri waters of Bull Shoals, Norfork and Table Rock lakes without a fishing license from Missouri. The permit is valid for impounded waters (the waters between Beaver Lake Dam and Houseman Access in Arkansas are excluded). Trout may not be taken with this license. Anglers younger than 16 do not need to buy this license to fish in Missouri waters. The WRL is available to residents of Missouri or Arkansas only and may be purchased in either state.

Anglers are required to abide by the fishing regulations of the state where they are fishing. The only differences in regulations are:

On Table Rock Lake, spotted bass must be at least 12 inches long to keep (Arkansas) or at least 15 inches long to keep (Missouri).

On Norfork Lake, anglers may take up to three stripers and hybrids and 25 white bass of any size per day in Arkansas, except for striped bass, which must be over 20 inches. In Missouri, anglers may take up to 15 stripers, hybrids, white and yellow bass, only four of which may exceed 18 inches long.

Tennessee and Arkansas recognize the fishing licenses of both states on the flowing waters of the Mississippi, adjacent sloughs, bayous, old river runs (if accessible by boat from the river proper) and old river chutes that form a common boundary. Not included are wildlife management areas and the Wolfe, Loosahatchie, Hatchie, Forked Deer and Obion rivers. Anglers abide by the regulations of the state in which they are fishing. Commercial anglers abide by the regulations of the state in which they are fishing. Arkansas resident commercial anglers fishing commercial tackle in Tennessee waters under the terms of this agreement shall comply with Tennessee commercial tackle tagging requirements. Tennessee resident commercial angler's tackle tagging requirements are legal in Arkansas under the terms of this agreement. The agreement does not apply to tributaries, bayous or backwaters except as specifically provided herein. It shall be incumbent on each individual hunter or angler to identify the state line on the Mississippi River.

Sport anglers on Ikes Chute, Hopefield Chute, Dacus Lake, Mosquito Lake, Mound City Lake, Island 40 Chute and Lake Neark shall comply with Arkansas game fish, size and daily limits. Anglers and waterfowl hunters may not attach any device or equipment to, nor trespass on, private property without the landowner's permission.

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Angling on the Arkansas-Oklahoma State Line

Arkansas and Oklahoma do not have a reciprocal license agreement for waters along their shared border. Anglers fishing on the Arkansas side of the official state line must have an Arkansas fishing license, and anglers fishing on the Oklahoma side of the official state line must have an Oklahoma fishing license.

The state line runs from the second rock jetty downstream of the Garrison Avenue Bridge (U.S. Highway 64) on the west side of the river to approximately the third bridge support column of the same bridge from the east side (the Arkansas side) of the river. It continues from the bridge support to the mouth of the Poteau River and up the center of the Poteau River to the old Port of Fort Smith.



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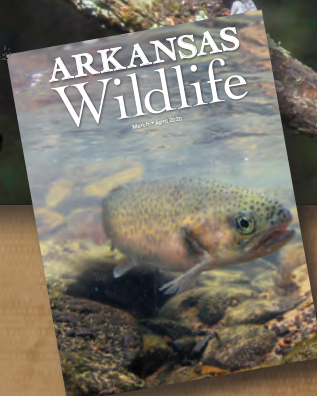
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Violation Points

A person convicted of violating an AGFC hunting, fishing or boating violation or a federal wildlife regulation in Arkansas may be assessed violation points in addition to other fines and penalties.

Point values will be assessed as follows:

Class of Offense	Points	
Class 1	6	
Class 2	12	
Class 3	18	
Class 4	30	
Class 5	99	
Unclassified Offense	0	

Visit www.agfc.com/code for penalty classifications.

The AGFC shall suspend the hunting and fishing rights, privileges, and any related licenses of Any person who has accumulated 18 or more violation points within a 5-year period will have their hunting and fishing rights suspended as follows:

- Accumulated 18 or more violation points within the past 5 years for violations of Commission regulations;
- Illegally obtained or used someone else's a license, permit, tag, or stamp;
- Permitted a fraudulent or unlawful use of his license, permit, tag, or stamp;
- Under either federal law or another state's law, has received a lifetime revocation of hunting or fishing privileges, or been convicted within the past 5 years of violations which would have led to an Arkansas suspension or revocation;
- Failed to comply with any term of a license, permit, tag or stamp;
- Failed to comply with any term of a citation for a hunting or fishing violation.

Points Accumulated in Five Years	Hunting and Fishing License Suspension
18-24	1-year suspension
25-48	2-years suspension
49-72	3-years suspension
73-98	5-years suspension
99 (resulting from Class 5 offense)	7-years suspension

Any person who receives a hunting suspension shall be ineligible to apply for any Commission permit hunts during the period of suspension; however, an owner of a private inholding having a hunting suspension shall be eligible to apply for WMA Hunting Permits for use only by persons who possess a valid hunting license.

The possession of fishing or hunting devices in fields, forests, along streams or in locations known to be game cover may be considered along with other evidence that the possessor is hunting or fishing.

General Regulations

It is illegal to:

- Flee from an officer or interfere with an officer performing his or her duties.
- Aid, accompany or abet someone else in a violation.
- Import, transport, possess or take endangered species.
- Transport illegally taken fish or wildlife across state lines.
- Waste the edible portion of fish or wildlife, with the exception of rough fish.
- Take wildlife for scientific studies without a permit from the AGFC.
- Use game fish and their parts, dead or alive, for bait or lures, except for 4-inch and smaller bream or bream over 4 inches that are caught by hook and line. Bream over 4 inches must be counted toward your daily limit.
- Buy or sell game fish unless they were raised by a licensed fish farmer or unless they are bream 4 inches or shorter. In either case, a fish dealer's license may be required.
- Litter or fail to extinguish fires on public property.
- Possess live Asian carp.
- Take or possess the Ouachita streambed salamander.
- Take bait other than insects, freshwater shrimp, worms and baitfish from public waters and sell or offer to sell it. A fish dealer's license may be required.
- Use any live baitfish, including crayfish, unless it was:
 - Caught within the same body of water where it is being used,
 - Caught in a tributary entering upstream of the waterbody where it is being used (no baitfish may be moved upstream past a dam or barrier that prohibits the normal passage of fish.), or
 - Purchased from a licensed dealer selling only certified farm-raised baitfish.
- Release any fish, baitfish or crayfish into public waters without written permission from the AGFC, unless releasing said species into waters where they were originally taken.
- For a guide to give away his or her fish if it will cause the recipient to exceed his or her daily limit.
- Possess fish or wildlife taken by someone else without a signed statement from the taker stating name, address, species, date taken and license number. This requirement also applies to commercial storage facilities. See example on Page 31.
- Possess fish that are filleted or have head or tail removed while fishing from the shore, boat or transporting fish by boat on catch-and-release areas and length/slot limit waters.
- Fish within 100 yards below any dam and within the outlet channels of Arkansas Valley Electric Cooperative Hydroelectric Plant at Barling and the Murray Hydroelectric Plant at North Little Rock. The exceptions to this include individuals fishing with one handheld rod or pole in waters not otherwise posted, taking rough fish with bow and arrow in waters not otherwise restricted, or taking shad with throw nets or cast nets for personal use. Additional Corps of Engineers restrictions may apply.
- Cull any species of trout. Once a trout has been retained on a stringer, within a fish basket, a live well or ice chest, it must be kept and counted in the angler's limit.
- Chum in trout waters designated as catch-and-release areas, artificial lures only areas and areas where natural or scented baits are prohibited. Chumming is defined as dislodging or depositing any substance not attached to a hook, which may attract fish. One common example of chumming is tossing canned corn into the water to stimulate feeding. Dislodging material from the streambed to attract trout by working or shuffling one's feet, known as the "San Juan Shuffle," is considered chumming. Dragging chains or anchors is not considered chumming.
- Import trout and trout eggs without disease-free certification.
- Sell wild-caught fish without a commercial license.

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Alternatives to lead sinkers are made of steel, bismuth, tungsten, resin and glass. Avoid using sinkers made of zinc because they are toxic to waterfowl.

If you suspect lead poisoning, call the Arkansas Department of Health at 501-661-2534.



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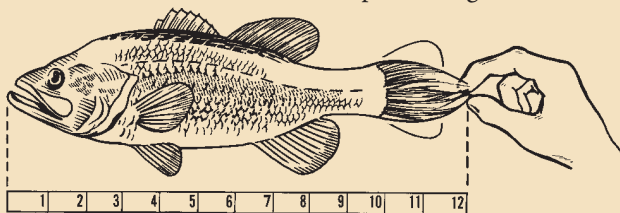
On AGFC lakes, accesses and wildlife management areas, unless otherwise noted on pages 58-79, you may not legally:

- Place or use rebar or any non-woody materials into the substrate of AGFC-owned lakes without prior approval. Call 501-223-6428 for more information. (see Page 30)
- Hunt, trap or possess hunting equipment when seasons are not open.
- Possess a loaded firearm in a camping area or in fishing or boating access areas, unless you have a concealed weapon permit.
- Remove anything – other than personal possessions – from Commission-owned land without permission.
- Camp outside a designated area, camp more than 14 consecutive days (including time when the camp is set up but not occupied), or allow the camp to remain unoccupied for more than 48 hours.
- Disobey official signs.
- Damage AGFC property.
- Cut trees.
- Burn timber, brush or grass.
- Burn materials containing nails, screws or other metal objects.
- Leave a fire unattended.
- Post signs.
- Engage in commercial activities without prior AGFC approval.
- Use or possess chainsaws, handsaws, hatchets, axes, weed trimmers, string trimmers or other cutting devices. Chemical defoliant is prohibited.
- Operate any motorized vehicle on any road, trail, levee or dam owned by the AGFC, where no maintained road exists, or in a direction of travel contrary to directional signs on a wildlife management area or AGFC-owned lake. No all-terrain vehicles are allowed unless the driver has a mobility impaired program card.
- Create a disturbance after 10 p.m.
- Water ski or use personal watercraft.
- Construct, place or occupy a permanent hunting stand, building, shelter or moored houseboat.
- Create a hazardous wake.
- Obstruct an access area, parking area, launching ramp or access road.
- Build a structure on AGFC-owned (or controlled) lakes unless it complies with AGFC Land-use policy. Further information is available at www.agfc.com or by calling 501-223-6428.
- Possess firearms except while legally hunting or carrying a concealed weapon permit. During open hunting seasons, firearms may be transported by boat if unloaded and cased.
- Discharge or possess fireworks.
- Import, transport or carry any firewood into a Commission-owned WMA or campsite.

How to Measure a Fish

Measure fish from the front end of the lower jaw to the tip of the tail. Lay the fish flat on its side on top of the ruler, mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together.

Length Limit – MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT: The shortest length of a fish of a designated species that can be kept.
MAXIMUM LENGTH LIMIT: The maximum length of a fish of a designated species that can be kept.



Slot Limit: A size limit that prohibits anglers from keeping fish within a designated size group. Unless otherwise specified, all fish are measured from the front of the lower jaw with the mouth closed to the tip of the tail with tail lobes pressed together when laid flat on a rule. All fish not meeting the length limit requirements for a particular water or species must be immediately released into the water where caught.



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Stocking locations	City	Summer	Winter
		Catfish	Trout
Beebe Community Pond	Beebe	•	•
Sunset Lake	Benton	•	
Lake Bentonville	Bentonville	•	•
Cabot Community Pond	Cabot	•	•
Conway Station Park Pond	Conway	•	•
*Mom's Lake	Corning	•	
*Mattock's Park	El Dorado	•	
Mike Freeze England Community Pond	England	•	
Carol Ann Cross Pond	Fort Smith	•	•
Torraine Lake	Fort Smith	•	•
Wells Lake	Fort Smith	•	•
John Benjamin Glenwood Community Pond	Glenwood	•	•
Matthew Park Pond	Greenbrier	•	•
*Mike and Janet Huckabee Youth Pond	Hope	•	•
Enterger Park Pond	Hot Springs	•	•
Family Park	Hot Springs	•	•
Paradise Lake	Jacksonville	•	•
*Craighead Forest Youth Fishing Pond	Jonesboro	•	•
Arkansas State University Pond	Jonesboro	•	•
*Lake Village Community Fishing Pond	Lake Village	•	
Boyle Park Pond	Little Rock	•	•
Boyle Park (Rock Creek)	Little Rock		•
Conner Park	Little Rock	•	
Hindman Park	Little Rock	•	
MacArthur Park	Little Rock	•	•
Pinnacle Mountain State Park Pond	Little Rock	•	
Western Hills Park Pond	Little Rock	•	•
Marion Sports Complex	Marion	•	•
Lake Valencia	Maumelle	•	•
*Monticello High School Pond	Monticello	•	
Amon's Lake	Mountain Home	•	•
Reynolds Park Pond	Paragould	•	•
Martin Luther King Jr. Park Pond	Pine Bluff	•	•
Redfield City Park	Redfield	•	•
*Lake Atalanta	Rogers		•
Pleasant View Park Pond	Russellville		•
Willow Beach Park Pond	Scott	•	
Searcy City Lake	Searcy	•	•
Cherrywood Lake	Sherwood	•	•
Sherwood Municipal City Pond	Sherwood	•	•
Murphy Park Pond	Springdale	•	•
Lake Springdale	Springdale	•	•
Lake Dieffenbacher	Texarkana	•	•
Van Buren Municipal Park Pond	Van Buren	•	•
Tilden Rodgers Park Pond	West Memphis	•	•
White Hall Community Pond	White Hall	•	•
Wynne Sports Complex Pond	Wynne	•	•

FCFP locations will begin stocking trout the week before Thanksgiving

Daily limits: catfish – 3, trout – 5, bream – 25, largemouth bass may not be retained and must be released immediately. Open to fishing with handheld rod or pole only.

Individuals 16 and older must have a fishing license. Trout permits are required if any trout are retained. Lakes open to electric trolling motors only



***Special Family Fishing Regulations** – These waters may be fished only by persons 15 and younger and 65 and older or holders of a disability license. Properly licensed individuals that are 16-64 years old may assist and fish with someone who is a youth or disabled and is actively fishing.

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Every effort has been made to provide maximum opportunity, maintain safety, protect healthy wildlife populations and adhere to the conservation values that resulted in the Natural Heritage Commission's inclusion of these properties in the system of natural

areas. Management activities (prescribed burns, site monitoring, nonnative species removal) may occur during various hunting seasons.

Travel within these natural areas is limited to foot traffic to minimize erosion and disturbance to sensitive habitats. Motorized vehicles, horses, camping and construction of permanent hunting stands are prohibited on ANHC natural areas. The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission regulates removal of vegetation and nongame animals through collection permits.

Some areas have limited access. Obtain permission to access adjacent private landowner's property.

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Boating Laws

General Requirements

Registering and insuring: Boats propelled by sail or motor must be registered when operated on public waters.

Arkansas boat owners may register a boat at the office of the county revenue agent in the county where the boat is principally used or in their home county. All personal watercraft and motorboats powered by engines of more than 50 horsepower must show proof of \$50,000 liability insurance when registering and it must be carried on board at all times.

Out-of-state boats with valid registrations may be operated for up to 90 days without registering in Arkansas.

Operating a boat in excess of 5 mph in a posted no-wake zone, within 100 feet of a recreation area, dock, pier, raft, float, anchored boat or dam intake or other obstruction is illegal.

Lights

Boats must be equipped with the described lights to be operated during darkness.

1. On state-controlled waters, lights on boats, including those on nonpowered boats, must be sufficient to make the boat's presence and location known to any other vessel within a reasonable distance.
2. On federally controlled waters, nonpowered boats must have a readily accessible light source to be used in sufficient time to prevent a collision. Motorboats operating on federally controlled waters must have a combination red-and-green light on the bow and a white light aft.

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are required on inboard boats, open boats with built-in fuel tanks and boats with bilges where flammable gases may accumulate.

Age Requirements

To operate a motorboat powered by an engine of 10 horsepower or more:

A person under 12 years of age must:

1. Satisfy the boating education requirement (see Page 33) and
2. Be under the direct visible and audible supervision of a parent, guardian or person at least 18 years of age.

A person 12 years of age or older must satisfy the boating education requirement if born after 1985.

To operate a personal watercraft:

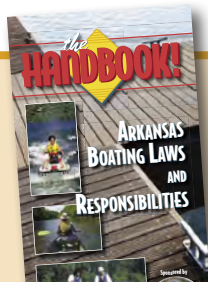
A person under 12 years of age must have a person at least 21 years of age on board who must:

1. Satisfy the boating education requirement (see Page 33) if born after 1985 and
2. Be in a position to take immediate control of the PWC.

A person 12-15 years of age must have a person at least 18 years of age on board who must:

1. Satisfy the boating education requirement (see Page 33) if born after 1985, and
2. Be in a position to take immediate control of the PWC.

You must be at least 16 years of age to operate a personal watercraft without adult supervision, and if born after 1985, you must have passed boating education (Page 33) and carry proof of passing while operating a PWC. A person under 16 years of age may not operate any personal watercraft that is not rated to carry at least two people.



The Handbook of Arkansas Boating Laws and Responsibilities

This compilation of Arkansas and federal boating laws is available by calling the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission at 501-223-6379 (Little Rock) or email Stephanie.Weatherington@agfc.ar.gov.

Scuba

A diver's flag means that scuba divers are in the water nearby. Slow down and use caution. Boats are required to operate at idle speed within 100 feet of a diver's flag.

Boat Capacity

Loading a vessel beyond its stated safe carrying capacity is illegal.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

No vessel may enter within 100 yards downstream of an Army Corps of Engineers dam. Operating a vessel in a manner contrary to signs, markers or buoys placed by the Corps controlling speed, skiing or operation of vessels is prohibited.

Kill Switch

For motorboats equipped by the manufacturer with a lanyard-type engine cutoff switch, the boat operator is required to attach the lanyard to his person, clothing or personal flotation device while the engine is in use. However, this requirement does not apply to anyone operating flat-bottomed boats on the tailwater of a trout fishery.

Boat Plugs

All boat plugs must be removed before leaving the loading area. All aquatic vessel drain plugs must be removed before and during transportation. Fishing

tournament officials may submit a request for written permission to allow for the transport of fish to a weigh station (See Page 3 for Fisheries contact information). Transportation of baitfish is allowed in compliance with other baitfish regulations (See Page 13).

Accidents

The operator of a boat involved in an accident is required to immediately:

1. Render assistance to other persons affected by the incident to save them or minimize danger so far as he can without causing serious danger to his own boat, crew and passengers;
2. Give his or her name, address and identification of his or her boat in writing to any person injured and to the owner of any property damaged in the incident;
3. Notify the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission or the local sheriff's office so an officer can investigate the accident. To report a boating accident, call 800-482-9262 (toll-free). Accidents involving death, injury or property damage in excess of \$2,000 must be reported.

Drinking and Boating

A boat operator with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or greater is considered intoxicated and the boat operator is subject to arrest.

Mandatory Boating Education

Anyone born after 1985 and of legal age to operate a motorboat must have successfully completed an approved Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Boating Education Course and carry proof of completion while operating any motorboat on Arkansas waters.

A motorboat is defined as any vessel operated upon water propelled by sail or machinery, whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

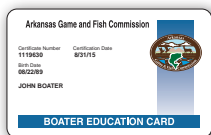
The Boating Education Course is designed to teach the fundamentals of safe and responsible boating and is written on a sixth-grade reading level. The Commission offers the following options for taking the Boating Education Course:

- The classroom course is a minimum six hours of instruction including the examination. This option is free.

- The internet course is available online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Students study the material online and must take and pass the online examination. There will be a minimum fee to take the online course.

After successful completion of one of these options, the student will be mailed a Boating Education Card.

Class Schedules: Information about boating education classroom, online or home study courses can be obtained by contacting the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission at 501-223-6377 (Little Rock) or 877-493-6424 (toll-free). Information and class schedules are available online at www.agfc.com.



Canoes, Kayaks and Inner Tubes

Glass Containers Are Prohibited

Except for containers for substances prescribed by a licensed physician, no person shall possess or use glass containers on Arkansas waters within a vessel easily susceptible to swamping, tipping or rolling. For purposes of this act, "vessel" shall not include a houseboat, party barge, jon boat, runabout, ski boat, bass boat or similar craft.

Fasten Cooler Lids

All coolers, iceboxes or containers for foodstuffs and beverages must be sealed or locked to prevent their contents from spilling into the water while on board a canoe, kayak, inner tube or other vessel easily susceptible to swamping, tipping or rolling while on Arkansas waters.

Attach and Use a Litter Container

Canoes, kayaks, inner tubes and other vessels easily susceptible to swamping, tipping or rolling that are transporting foodstuffs or beverages on Arkansas waters must have a litter container that is capable of being securely closed. All litter must be contained in this container until the litter may be safely and lawfully disposed.

Use a Floating Holder for Beverages

When onboard a canoe, kayak, inner tube or other vessel easily susceptible to swamping, tipping or rolling, any beverage not contained in a sealed or locked container or litter bag must be attached to or held within a floating holder that prevents them from sinking beneath the water's surface.

Personal Flotation Devices

Boats under 16 feet long, canoes and kayaks must have one United States Coast Guard-approved wearable PFD for each person used according to its approved conditions on board.

Boats 16 feet or longer must have one USCG-approved wearable PFD for each person used according to its approved conditions and one USCG-approved throwable PFD on board.

Children under 13 must wear a well-fitting PFD at all times while aboard a boat. The only exceptions are when they are within the enclosed area of a houseboat, cruiser or within the railings of a party barge while the boat is not under way.

Personal watercraft (Jet-Skis, Seadoos, etc.) occupants are required to wear PFDs.

Water skiers must wear a USCG-approved wearable PFD used according to its approved conditions. Water skiing is not allowed from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. Boats towing water skiers must have, in addition to the driver,

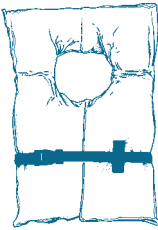
an observer at least 12 years old or a wide-angle convex marine mirror to observe the person being towed. Mirrors do not apply when towing persons on personal watercraft.



PFD Types



An offshore life jacket provides the most buoyancy. It is effective for all waters, especially open, rough or remote waters where rescue may be delayed. It is designed to turn most unconscious wearers in the water to a face-up position. This PFD comes in two sizes. The adult size provides at least 22 pounds buoyancy; the child size, 11 pounds.



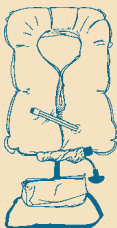
A near-shore buoyant vest is intended for calm, inland water or where there is a good chance of quick rescue. This PFD will turn some unconscious wearers to a face-up position in the water but not as effectively as an offshore life jacket. An adult-size device provides at least 15½ pounds buoyancy, a child size provides 11 pounds. Infant sizes provide at least 7 pounds buoyancy.



A flotation aid is intended for calm, inland water where there is a good chance of quick rescue. It is designed so conscious wearers can place themselves in a face-up position in the water. The wearer may have to tilt his head back to avoid turning facedown in the water. Examples include foam jackets, float coats, fishing vests and vests designed with features suitable for various water sports.



A throwable device is intended for calm, inland water with heavy boat traffic where help is always present. It is designed to be thrown to a person in the water and grasped and held by the user until rescued. It is not designed to be worn. Examples include buoyant cushions, ring buoys and horseshoe buoys.



A special-use device is intended for specific activities and may be carried instead of another PFD only if used according to the approval condition on the label. Some special-use devices provide significant hypothermia protection. Varieties include deck suits, work vests, board sailing vests and inflatable PFDs.

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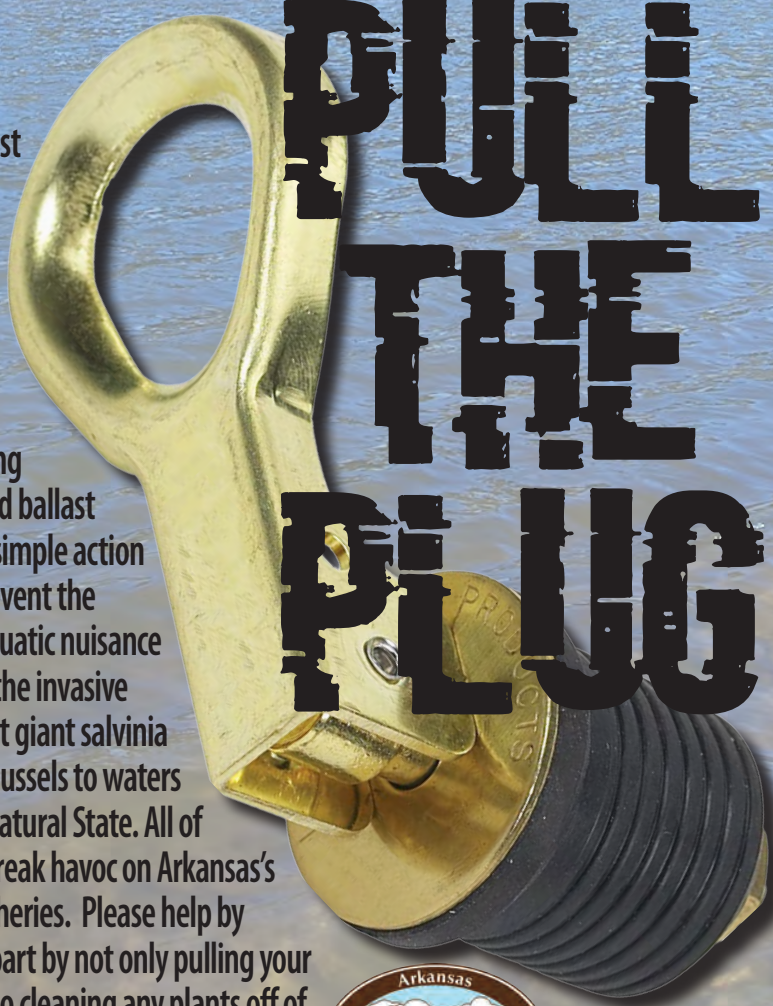
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All plugs must be removed from boats before leaving the boat launching area including live wells and ballast tanks. This simple action will help prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species like the invasive aquatic plant giant salvinia and zebra mussels to waters across The Natural State. All of these can wreak havoc on Arkansas's excellent fisheries. Please help by doing your part by not only pulling your plug, but also cleaning any plants off of your boat trailer that may be trying to hitch a ride!

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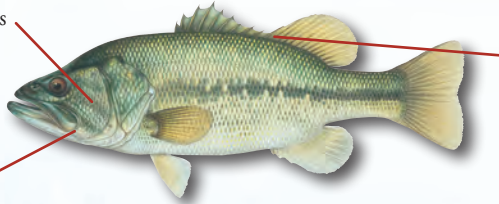
Black Bass

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Largemouth Bass

Scales on cheeks about as large as scales on body

Upper jaw extends behind eye

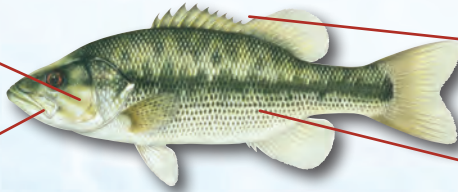


Deep notch between dorsal fins

Spotted (Kentucky) Bass

Scales on cheeks much smaller than scales on body

Upper jaw extends to the eye



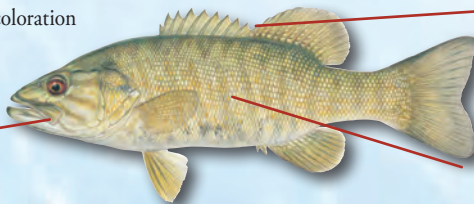
Shallow notch between dorsal fins

Dark spots in rows

Smallmouth Bass

Uniform olive brown coloration

Upper jaw extends to the eye



Shallow notch between dorsal fins

No dark horizontal stripe on side

Meanmouth bass (hybrids of smallmouth and other bass) share the same regulations and limits as smallmouth bass.

Crappie

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White Crappie



Light coloration, vertical stripes

Black Crappie

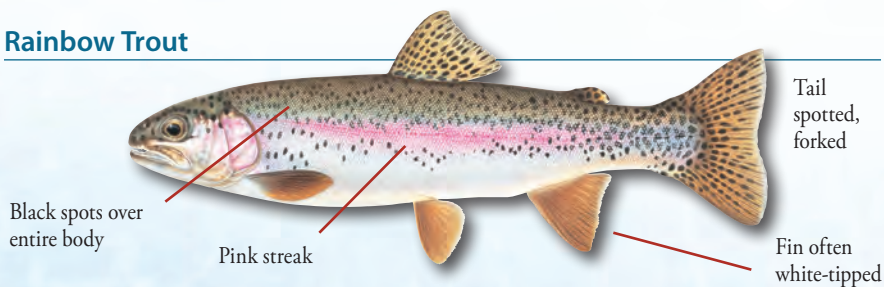


Dark coloration, mottled pattern

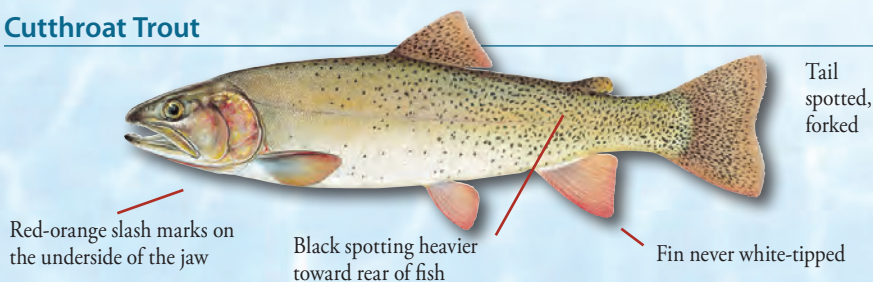
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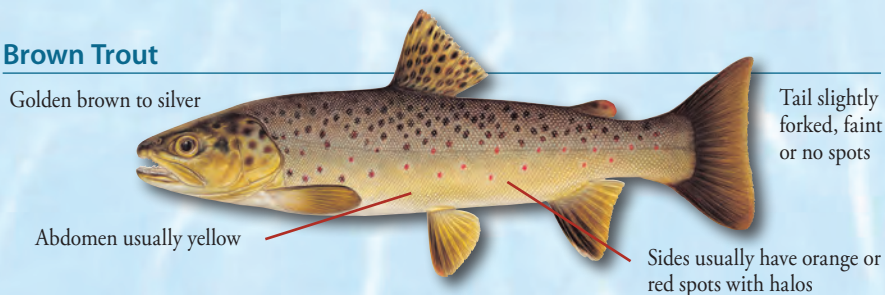
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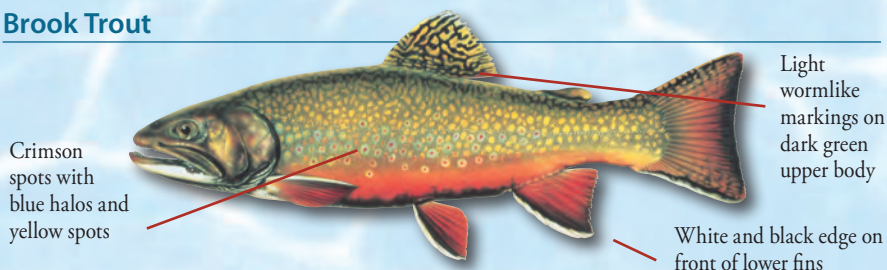
Cutthroat Trout



Brown Trout



Brook Trout



Catfish

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Flathead Catfish

Head flattened
between eyes

Body mottled with yellow
to dark brown

Somewhat square tail

Blue Catfish

Prominent hump in
front of dorsal fin

Body color bluish to gray never
with black spots

Outer edge of anal
fin is straight

Channel Catfish

Body blue-gray with randomly
scattered, small black spots

Rounded anal fin

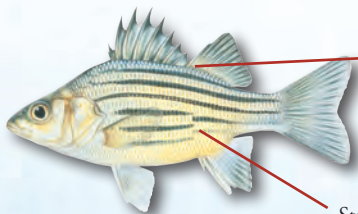
Temperate Bass

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Yellow Bass (Undesirable Rough Fish)

No teeth on
back of tongue

Sides are yellow
with distinct
horizontal stripes



Dorsal fins are
slightly connected

Stripes are broken in
front of the anal fin

White Bass

Teeth in a single patch
on back of tongue

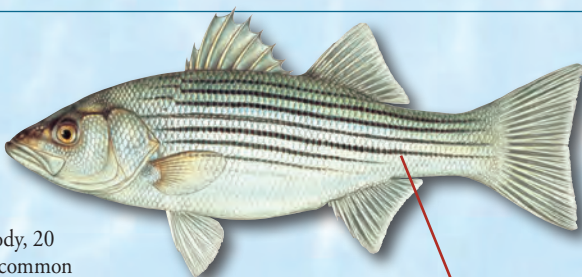


Deep body, seldom exceeds 3 pounds

Horizontal
stripes less
distinct on
bottom half
of fish

Striped Bass

Teeth in 2
parallel patches
on back of
tongue

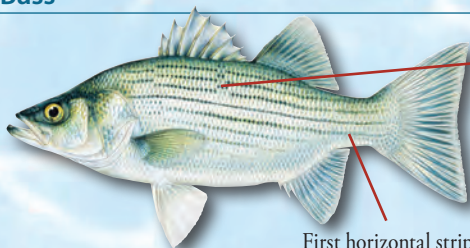


Slender body, 20
pounds common

First horizontal stripe below lateral
line is distinct and complete to tail

Hybrid Striped Bass

Teeth in 2
parallel patches
on back of
tongue



Horizontal
stripes often
broken

Deep body, seldom exceeds 20 pounds

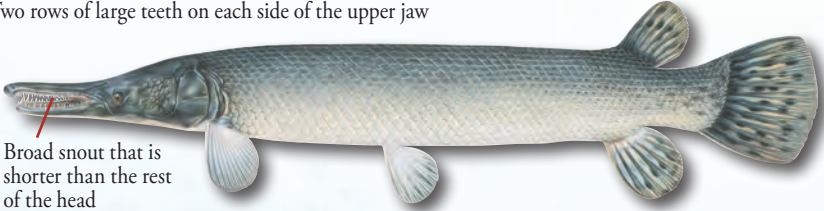
First horizontal stripe below lateral
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Gar

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Alligator Gar

Two rows of large teeth on each side of the upper jaw



Broad snout that is shorter than the rest of the head

If you catch an alligator gar, please call AGFC at 1-800-482-9262 with the location, date and length of the fish.

Longnose Gar

One row of teeth on each side of the upper jaw

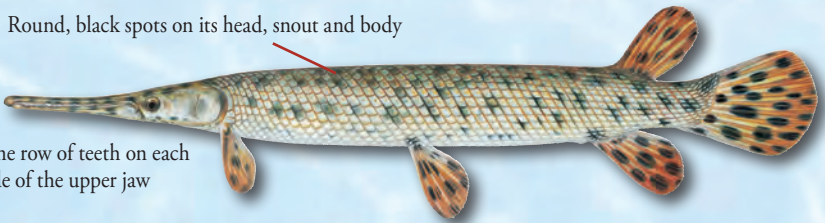


Very long, narrow snout

The width of the upper jaw at the nostrils is less than the eye diameter

Spotted Gar

Round, black spots on its head, snout and body



One row of teeth on each side of the upper jaw

Shortnose Gar

Distance from the tip of the snout to the corner of the mouth is equal to or longer than the rest of the head



Dark spots are few and confined to the fins

Moderately short, broad snout

One row of teeth on each side of the upper jaw

Sturgeon

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Note: All characteristics should be used for proper identification. For instance, lake sturgeons (rarely found in Arkansas) have only 2 lobes on the lower lip.

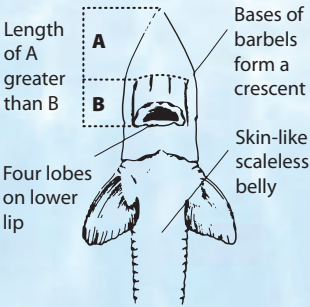
Shovlenose sturgeon minimum length limit is 21 inches. All sturgeon caught between the levees of the Mississippi River must be released immediately.

Pallid Sturgeon (Endangered)



Inner 2 barbels thinner and much shorter than outer barbels

Inner barbels smooth or with few serrations.

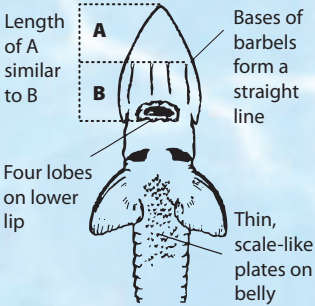


Shovelnose Sturgeon



Inner 2 barbels similar in thickness and nearly as long as outer barbels

Barbels fringed or serrated-looking



Other Aquatic Species

Alligator Snapping Turtles

Alligator snapping turtles, their eggs or any parts thereof, may not be taken or possessed from the wild or imported into Arkansas. Contact the Fisheries Division at 501-223-6428 for possession requirements.

Endangered Aquatic Species

As a result of habitat loss and pollution, some species of fish, crayfish and mussels have declined to dangerously low numbers and may be close to extinction. Aquatic species currently endangered in Arkansas include the pallid sturgeon, leopard darter, yellowcheek darter, Ozark cavefish, Ozark hellbender and cave crayfish as well as the following mussels: Arkansas fatmucket mussel, Curtis' pearlymussel, fat pocketbook pearlymussel, Louisiana pearlshell, Neosho mucket, Ouachita rock pocketbook, pink mucket pearlymussel, rabbitsfoot mussel, turgid blossom mussel, speckled pocketbook, scaleshell mussel, spectaclecase mussel, snuffbox mussel and winged mapleleaf.

It is illegal to import, transport, sell, purchase, take or possess endangered species.

Aquatic Wildlife Pets

Aquatic pets, including aquatic snails, aquatic turtles, frogs and salamanders may be taken only

by the methods described on Page 30 (Using Live Bait) or by hand. Each household may keep up to 6 aquatic animals as pets. Game fish may only be taken by sport-fishing methods. Alligator snapping turtles, Ouachita streambed salamanders, hellbenders, cave-dwelling species or endangered species may not be taken, possessed or kept as pets.

Any animals kept as pets may not be released into the wild.

Release of Aquatic Wildlife

Aquatic wildlife, including excess bait, crayfish, mussels, aquatic snails, aquatic turtles, frogs, salamanders, vegetation and fish including their eggs, may not be released into public waters in Arkansas. However, aquatic species may be returned immediately to their original water source.

Permission from the AGFC Fisheries Division is required before importation of certain species of fish. Call 501-223-6428 for information and permits.

Prohibited Exotic Fish

Snakeheads, walking catfish, stickleback, Mexican banded tetra, piranha or rusty crayfish may not be imported, transported or possessed.

Angler's Code of Ethics

1. Support conservation efforts.
2. Take what you plan to eat and release the rest.
3. Don't pollute; properly dispose of trash and practice recycling.
4. Practice safe angling and boating.
5. Obey fishing and boating regulations.
6. Respect other anglers' rights.
7. Respect property owners' rights.
8. Share fishing knowledge and skills.
9. Only release live bait into its original waters.
10. Promote ethical sport fishing.



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Public vs. Private Water

Whether a lake, river or stream is public or private generally depends on whether it is legally “navigable.” Navigability is usually decided by a court (some waters have been declared navigable by the General Assembly).

All property below the ordinary high water mark of navigable water is public. Adjacent landowners only own the property above that mark. The OHWM is found by “ascertaining where the presence and action of water are so common and usual and so long continued in all ordinary years, as to mark upon the soil of the bed a character distinct from that of the banks, in respect to vegetation, as well as in respect to the nature of the soil itself.” For example, gravel bars generally result from the presence and action of water and, thus, lie below the OHWM. If water is navigable, members of the public have the right to use the water for recreation, like floating, fishing and canoeing at any point below the OHWM.

By contrast, a landowner adjacent to non-navigable water generally owns to the center of its bed, or as otherwise stated in the owner’s deed. If water is not navigable, the public generally has no right to use the water — with some exceptions, such as where the public has permission or prescriptive rights have been acquired through long use.

CAN YOU SPOT THE ALIEN INVADER?

One of these fish is a silver carp - a species that jumps from the water, injuring boaters and sucks up all the resources native fish need. The other three are native baitfish commonly used by anglers. Can you tell the difference?

Images courtesy of Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

This similarity is only one of the reasons why the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is restricting any movement of wild-caught bait from one body of water to another.

Even native fish can be harboring disease, parasites and tiny non-native species, such as zebra mussels and vegetation that could be transported to new waters, where they can continue their invasion.

Please catch your bait in the waters you are fishing or buy your bait from a certified, farm-raised source and help stop the alien invasion.



ANSWER: Skipjack (top left), Threadfin Shad (top right), Silver Carp (bottom left), Gizzard Shad (bottom right)

Zebra Mussels and Asian Carp



A native clam being overtaken by invasive zebra mussels.
Photo by Randy Westbrooks, U.S. Geological Survey, Bugwood.org

Zebra mussels, silver carp and bighead carp are just a few of the invasive exotic species being found in increasing numbers in Arkansas waters. While they may seem harmless, these species do not have natural predators in Arkansas, and can overtake a body of water if left unchecked. Unfortunately, once these species become established in a new body of water, they are nearly impossible to eliminate. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission needs your help in

preventing these species from gaining new ground in The Natural State.

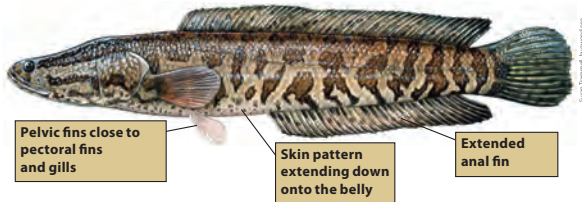
Zebra mussels can be found in the Arkansas River, Mississippi River, White River below Powersite Dam, lower St. Francis River, Bull Shoals and Plum Bayou in Arkansas. They can be transported from one body of water to the other through boats, trailers and other fishing equipment. They can live for days in moist, dark livewells and bilge areas. Clean, drain and dry your boat after every fishing trip and before boating in a different location to help prevent their spread.

Silver and bighead carp have been found in lakes, rivers and oxbows connected to the Arkansas, Mississippi and White rivers. They have continued a slow natural spread through these waterways, but also could be mistakenly transported with live-caught wild baitfish, which are illegal to use outside of the body of water where they were gathered.

If you find zebra mussels or these carp species in rivers or lakes other than those listed above, please call Jimmy Barnett, 501-912-6843.

Snakehead vs. Bowfin

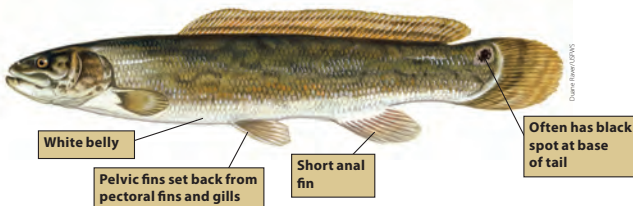
Northern Snakehead (*invasive species*)



- Can grow about 33 inches long and are generally tan with dark brown mottling
- Jaws contain many small teeth similar to pike and pickerel

If you catch a snakehead or find one in your area, please kill the fish, keep it and call **501-912-6843** or **501-223-6428**.

Bowfin (aka Grinnell) (*native species*)



- Can grow to about 32 inches long and are tan-olive with dark olive patterning
- Jaws contain peg-like teeth

Stop the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

- Clean boats, trailers and other equipment thoroughly between fishing trips with hot soapy water, a high-pressure washer, or a light bleach solution (1 cup bleach to 10 gallons water).
- Let boats, trailers and other equipment fully dry for 4 to 6 hours, preferably in the sun.
- Never move live fish or fish parts from one body of water to another.
- Only use wild-caught bait in the body of water where it was collected.
- Do not release live bait into any water body.
- Report unusual numbers of dead or dying fish to the AGFC Fisheries Division as soon as possible.
- Tell other anglers and boaters about prevention and spread of fish diseases and other organisms.
- Aquarium hobbyists and water gardeners should purchase native species instead of non-natives.
- Never release non-native plants or animals into the wild.
- If you see an aquatic nuisance species, you can report it to Jimmy Barnett at 501-912-6843 or reportants@agfc.ar.gov.
- Learn more ways to help at the following links:
www.habitattitude.net
www.anstaskforce.gov
plants.ifas.ufl.edu



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Arkansas Sport-fishing Records

* World Record

Species	Lb	Oz	Place	Date	State Record Holder
Bass, Hybrid Striped*	27	5	Greers Ferry Lake	4/24/97	Jerald C. Shaum, Shirley
Bass, Largemouth	16	4	Mallard Lake	3/2/76	Aaron Mardis, Memphis, Tenn.
Bass, Ozark*	1	1	Norfolk Lake	5/12/14	Dan Biery, Clinton
Bass, Rock	1	8	Norfolk Lake	8/2/82	Jerry Heard, Everton
Bass, Shadow*	1	13	Spring River	7/5/99	James E. Baker, W. Monroe, La.
Bass, Smallmouth	7	5	Bull Shoals Lake	4/1/69	Acie Dickerson, Lakeview
Bass, Spotted	7	15	Bull Shoals Lake	3/26/83	Mike Heilich, St. Louis, Mo.
Bass, Striped	64	8	Beaver Lake tailwater	4/28/00	Jeff Fletcher, Golden, Mo.
Bass, White	5	6	Mississippi River	10/27/05	Bill Nelson, Memphis, Tenn.
Bass, Yellow	2	2	Gillham Lake	4/26/09	Tony Dinger, De Queen
Bluegill	3	4	Fulton County	8/7/98	Albert Sharp, Elizabeth
Bowfin	17	5	Desha County	2/21/77	Doug Smith, McGehee
Buffalo, Bigmouth	50	0	Lake Conway	9/10/07	Tony Worm, Conway
Buffalo, Black	92	8	Lake Maumelle	2/26/01	Kenny DeLuca, Paron
Buffalo, Smallmouth	68	8	Lake Hamilton	5/15/84	Jerry Dolezal, Berwyn, Ill.
Bullhead, Black	4	12	Point Remove Creek	4/11/86	Janet Story, Morrilton
Bullhead, Yellow	2	7	Private Lake	9/21/14	Jackie R. Mullins, Texarkana
Bullhead, Brown	3	3	Upper White Oak Lake	4/2/13	Christopher "JJ" Holeman, Camden
Catfish, Blue	116	12	Mississippi River	8/3/01	Charles Ashley Jr., Marion
Catfish, Channel	38	0	Lake Ouachita	6/3/89	Joe Holleman, Waldron
Catfish, Flathead	80	0	Arkansas River	10/28/89	Wesley White, Hartford
Crappie, Black	5	0	Lake Wilhelmina	6/6/11	Donivan Echols, Mena
Crappie, White	4	7	Mingo Creek	4/12/93	Shelby D. Cooper, Bald Knob
Drum, Freshwater	45	7	Lake Wilson	7/11/04	Chuck Piker, Hamburg
Eel, American	5	4	Spring River	7/12/15	Cory Beeson, Jonesboro
Flier	0	14	Saline River	7/10/85	Harvey Jones, Warren
Gar, Alligator	215	0	Arkansas River	7/31/64	Alvin Bonds, Clarksville
Gar, Longnose	35	12	Taylor Old River Lake	6/28/05	Tommy Cantrell, Dumas
Gar, Shortnose	5	13	Lake Dardanelle	9/23/11	Thomas Kremers, Clarksville
Gar, Spotted	7	15	Little Red River	3/29/18	Tim Welch, Bono
Goldeye	1	11	Current River	7/30/17	Jacob Berger, Paragould
Herring, Skipjack	2	10	Lake Dardanelle	1/3/04	Jeremy Whitcomb, Little Rock
Mooneye	0	9	Ouachita River	5/11/20	Jeffrey Buckingham, Hot Springs
Muskie, Tiger	23	12	Spring River	6/27/95	Randy Wyatt, Thayer, Mo.
Paddlefish	118	9	Beaver Lake	8/27/20	Jesse Wilkes, Springdale
Pickrel, Chain	7	10	Little Red River	1/6/79	Abe Vogel, Heber Springs
Pike, Northern	16	1	DeGray Lake	12/27/73	Dick Cooley, Arkadelphia

Establishing Sport-fishing Records

1. A state-record fish must be legally caught in Arkansas where a sport-fishing license is required (no hatcheries or pay-to-fish lakes).
2. The fish must be caught on rod or pole using hook and line. Fish caught on handheld snagging equipment will be considered if taken from waters where snagging is legal. Electric reels may not be used. Fish caught using other legal sport tackle (trotline, limblime, jug, yo-yo, etc.) may be submitted for consideration in the "unrestricted tackle" category if it exceeds the record weight established for that species by an angler using rod or pole. However, only catches made by an angler possessing a valid sport-fishing license using legal sport-fishing methods will be considered. Arkansas sport-fishing records for hybrid species are to be only those stocked by AGFC (i.e., tiger muskie, hybrid striped bass and saugeye). Commercial fish catches do not qualify. Regardless of what type of tackle is used, only one person may be involved in subduing the fish, except for helping net or gaff the fish.
3. To apply for a state record, an angler must submit a State Record Fish Application, available at agfc.com and from AGFC offices.
4. On all record claims, witnesses to the catch are desirable. A catch without witnesses may be disallowed if questions arise regarding its authenticity. A digital photograph of the fish must accompany application.
5. A fisheries professional with AGFC or USFWS must identify the fish. The identification need not be made at the time of the weigh-in, but the professional's name, signature and title (or qualifications) must appear on the application form.

* World Record

Species	Lb	Oz	Place	Date	State Record Holder
Redhorse, Golden	1	2	Spring River	5/27/11	D. Victor Waits, Holts Summit, Mo.
Redhorse, River	8	2	Spring River	4/18/06	D. Victor Waits, Holts Summit, Mo.
Sauger	6	12	Arkansas River	12/15/76	Claude Eubanks, Fort Smith
Saugeye	9	0	Lake Frierson	1/30/12	Chris Owen, Alicia
Shad, Alabama	2	13	Ouachita River	4/4/97	Monte Pascoe, Hot Springs
Shad, Gizzard	2	14	White River	5/9/92	Charles Jordan, Mountain View
Sturgeon, Shovelnose	5	0	Spring River	10/10/08	D. Victor Waits, Holts Summit, Mo.
Sucker, Northern Hog	1	2	Spring River	5/27/11	D. Victor Waits, Holts Summit, Mo.
Sucker, Spotted	1	15	Caney Creek	1/28/15	Steve Lankford, Conway
Sunfish, Green	1	11	pond, Dierks	4/12/76	Keith McCullough, Dierks
Sunfish, Longear	1	2	Table Rock Lake	4/22/91	Carl Bohannon, Eureka Springs
Sunfish, Redear	2	14	Bois d'Arc Lake	5/4/85	Glenda Tatom, Stamps
Trout, Brook	5	0	North Fork River	6/3/02	Billy J. Meeks, Wylie, Texas
Trout, Brown	40	4	Little Red River	5/9/92	Howard "Rip" Collins, Heber Springs
Trout, Cutthroat	10	2	Norfolk River	9/29/18	Michael Bowers, Abilene, Kansas
Trout, Lake	11	5	Greers Ferry Lake	12/15/97	Clark Stevenson, Greenbrier
Trout, Rainbow	19	1	White River	3/14/81	Jim Miller, Memphis, Tenn.
Walleye	22	11	Greers Ferry Lake	3/12/82	Al Nelson, Higden
Warmouth	1	8	Black Dog Bayou	5/28/98	Michael Curtis, Pine Bluff

Note: The brown trout is the 4-pound-line-class world record; the walleye is the 12-pound-line-class world record.

Unrestricted Tackle					
Buffalo, Bigmouth	56	4	Calion Lake	4/3/00	Benny Alexander, El Dorado
Buffalo, Black	105	0	Harris Brake Lake	3/14/94	Kenneth Harvey, Perryville
Buffalo, Smallmouth	74	0	Millwood Lake	4/15/07	Zane Barrett, Murfreesboro
Bullhead, Yellow	4	9	Blue Bayou	5/22/05	Joshua Rosenbaum, Nashville
Carp sucker, Highfin	1	12	Arkansas River	6/19/17	Jimmy Ruple, Greenbrier
Carp sucker, Quillback	6	9	Beaver Lake	4/19/19	Caleb Broeker, Berryville
Carp sucker, River	3	3	Arkansas River	6/19/17	Jimmy Ruple, Greenbrier
Catfish, Flathead	85	6	Blackfish Lake	6/10/19	Preston Gracey, Forrest City
Eel, American	5	5	Bull Shoals Lake	6/24/18	Wilson Bowling, Bull Shoals
Gar, Longnose	54	0	Arkansas River	8/4/11	Torry Cook, Warren
Gar, Shortnose	11	12	Cypress Bayou	11/2/16	Bryson Harpole, Ward
Gar, Spotted	12	5	Lake Conway	3/18/17	Jerrime Tucker, Conway
Goldeye	2	12	Cache River	3/22/20	Tommy Medler, Judsonia
Mullet, Striped	5	6	Bendway Lake	3/27/20	Samuel Yarberry, Bryant
Redhorse, River	9	0	Lake Ouachita	3/17/13	Asher Kight, Hot Springs
Shad, Gizzard	3	7	DeGray Lake	6/15/13	Ross Wooldridge, Malvern
Sucker, Spotted	4	6	DeGray Lake	3/19/18	Ransom Mullens, Camden

6. The fish must be weighed on a certified scale legal for trade. Certified scales may be found in all AGFC fisheries district offices (Page 3), stores, post offices, farm supply stores, feed mills, etc. An employee of the AGFC or the USFWS must witness the weigh-in and sign the application confirming the fish's weight. Only that weight witnessed at the official weigh-in will be accepted, regardless of the fish's weight when it was caught.

7. Any unlisted fish weighing 8 ounces or more will be considered for a record fish, regardless of species. One-ounce gradations are used for record purposes. Fractions of an ounce will be dropped. The fish may not be altered by any means to add weight.

MASTER ANGLER PROGRAM

It's a big one – but not a state record.

The Master Angler Program recognizes anglers who catch trophy-sized fish that meet demanding minimum weight requirements. Awards include enameled pins.

Entry forms are available at many boat docks and bait shops or from AGFC offices listed on Page 1. Forms can also be downloaded from www.agfc.com.



Mercury Matters

Fish provide excellent recreation and table fare for many Arkansans, but fish from some areas may contain higher-than-normal levels of mercury, a toxic metal that can cause health problems.

Mercury is an element in the earth's crust and is found in many rocks, including coal. When coal is burned, mercury is released into the environment. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, coal-burning power plants are the largest human-caused source of mercury emissions to the air in the United States, accounting for over 40 percent of all domestic human-caused mercury emissions. As the pollution settles from the air into the water, it

is transformed to methylmercury. Methylmercury rapidly accumulates up the food chain to levels that can cause serious health concerns for people and wildlife that frequently eat fish.

The FDA and the EPA advise women who might become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers and young children to avoid eating certain fish from some waters. The general public should also limit their consumption of fish from these waters.

For more details and updates about mercury in Arkansas fish, contact the Arkansas Department of Health, 501-661-2893 or visit www.agfc.com



Arkansas is blessed with more than 90,000 miles of streams and rivers, providing high-quality habitat to fish, reptiles, furbearers and many other animals and fresh, clean water to many communities.

In addition to picking up litter along shorelines, stream teams help monitor aquatic wildlife populations and plant trees and vegetation along shorelines to prevent erosion and provide valuable habitat.

Stream Teams are working around Arkansas to protect our water and hand down a healthy state to our children. Join an existing team in your area, or create your own. Contact a Stream Team coordinator in your area (Page 2) or email Tim.Burnley@agfc.ar.gov and start making a difference.

Fish Attractors



Want to make your favorite fishing hole even better? Add some habitat. Contact your regional office (Page 1) for tips on where to place your habitat, what to build it from and who to contact if permission is needed to add structures to the lake.

You can even get the GPS locations of all the fish attractors the AGFC has placed. More are being added regularly. Visit our online interactive map at www.agfc.com.

Streamside Landowners: Cash payment, bonuses in CRP signup opportunities!

Tree buffers along streams reduce nutrients, sediment, pesticides and other pollutants in surface runoff. Establishing tree buffers protects and improves water quality and provides critical habitat for fish and other aquatic creatures. In addition, quail, grassland birds, rabbits, deer, turkey and other wildlife can benefit. Production agriculture can coexist with these conservation practices without “giving up the farm.”

Continuous Conservation Reserve Program is a voluntary program offering annual land rental payments for 10-15 years, one-time incentive payments, cost-share payments and maintenance payments to establish forested buffers along streams on agricultural land.

Riparian Forest Buffers, CP22, can be established for either marginal pasture or row-crop areas. The rental rate ranges up to \$103 per acre per year.



Cost-sharing is available for tree planting, off-stream watering ponds for livestock and fencing.

Farmers and ranchers can enroll in this practice anytime at County Farm Service Agency offices and help can be found at the county Natural Resources Conservation Service office to determine land rental rates per acre. For more information on rates, contact the County NRCS or FSA office.

For more information contact an AGFC regional office (Page 1) or Stream Team coordinator (Page 2).

Regulations for Arkansas Lakes

Regulations in this section are those that differ from statewide regulations on Page 8.

Refer to Page 8 for statewide regulations and length limit information on smallmouth bass.



= Family and Community Fishing Program Destinations (Page 13)



= Health Advisory (See Page 56)



= Regulation Changes

Amon's (Baxter County – Mountain Home Community Lake)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Apple (Sheffield Nelson Dagmar WMA – Monroe County)

Closed to access for Nov. 1-Feb. 15. See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Arkansas State University Campus Pond (Craighead County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Armory Pond SAU Campus – Magnolia (Columbia County)

Fishing open only to persons under 16 or over 65 using a handheld rod or pole. Properly licensed persons between 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under 16 who is actively fishing. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Lake open to electric trolling motors only. Fishing open to holders of a disabled fishing (either a 3-year or combination) disability license. one properly licensed person may assist and fish with the disabled fishing license holder who must be actively fishing.

Ashbaugh (Dave Donaldson/Black River WMA – Greene County)

Black bass daily limit is 6. See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations. No limit on white bass.

Atalanta (Benton County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Handicapped accessible fishing jetty is available. Catfish daily limit is 5. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Atkins (Pope County)

Largemouth bass from 16 inches to 21 inches must be released immediately. Largemouth bass daily limit is 10, of which 1 may be over 21 inches. Crappie shorter than 10 inches must be released immediately. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Austell (Cross County)

Largemouth bass daily limit is 10, of which 1 may be over 20 inches. Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Waters open to trolling motors only.

Bailey (Conway County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Bald Knob Community Pond (White County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Barnett (White County)

Largemouth bass from 13 inches to 16 inches long must be released immediately. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Bear Creek (Lee County)

Largemouth bass from 13 inches to 16 inches long must be released immediately. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available. Boat motors may not exceed 9.9 horsepower on USDA Forest Service lakes.

Beaver (Benton, Carroll, Washington counties)

Largemouth and smallmouth bass must be 15 inches or longer to keep. Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass combined daily limit is 6 (up to 6 may be smallmouth bass). Crappie shorter than 10 inches must be released immediately. Crappie (black and white) combined daily limit is 15. Striped and hybrid striped bass combined daily limit is 3 and striped bass must be at least 20 inches or longer to keep. Walleye daily limit for Beaver Lake and its tributaries is 4 and must be at least 18 inches long to keep. No limit on white bass for Beaver Lake and its tributaries including Lake Sequoyah. Legal to take game fish (except largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass) with spear guns during season – see Page 11. Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available at Hickory Creek and Prairie Creek. Game fish may be snagged from the bank below Beaver Dam, from the Corps of Engineers “No fishing beyond this point” sign, downstream to the first Corps of Engineers boat ramp on the left descending bank from April 15-June 15 only.

Beaverfork (Faulkner County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

Bennett (Faulkner County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Bentonville (Benton County) 🍌

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Big Lake(NWR) (Mississippi County) NEW

Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Blue Mountain (Logan, Yell counties) NEW

Largemouth bass must be 15 inches or longer to keep. Crappie must be 9 inches or longer to keep. Crappie daily limit is 20. Legal to take game fish with spear guns during season – see Page 11.

Blytheville City Parks (Mississippi County)

Catfish daily limit is 5.

Bob Kidd (Washington County) NEW

Largemouth bass from 13 inches to 16 inches long must be released immediately. No limit on white bass. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Bois d’Arc (Bois d’Arc WMA – Hempstead County)

See Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d’Arc, Page 62.

Brewer (Conway County)

Largemouth bass from 13 inches to 16 inches long must be released immediately.

Bull Shoals (Marion, Baxter, Boone counties) NEW

Crappie, black and white, combined daily limit is 15. Crappie shorter than 10 inches must be released immediately. Largemouth and smallmouth bass must be 15 inches or longer to keep. Spotted bass must be at least 12 inches long to keep. Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass combined daily limit is 6 (up to 6 may be smallmouth bass). Walleye must be at least 18 inches long to keep. Walleye daily limit is 4. Legal to take game fish (except largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass) with spear guns during season – see Page 11. The White River Border Lakes License entitles the holder to fish in the Missouri portion of Bull Shoals Lake without buying a Missouri nonresident license. See Page 19. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available at the Bull Shoals Recreation Area.

Burnt Cane (St. Francis County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28).

Cabot Community Pond (Lonoke County) 🍌

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18).

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Cambadelle (Crawford County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

Camp Ferncliff (Pulaski County)

Catfish daily limit is 5.

Cane Creek (Lincoln County)

Crappie shorter than 10 inches must be released immediately. Crappie daily limit is 15. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Cargile (Ed Gordon/Pt. Remove WMA – Conway County)

See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Carol Ann Cross Pond (Sebastian County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Catherine (Hot Spring, Garland counties) NEW

Smallmouth bass must be released immediately. Legal to take game fish with spear guns during season – see Page 11. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Cave City (Sharp County)

Catfish daily limit is 5.

Charles (Lawrence County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). There is no daily limit on crappie. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Cherrywood (Pulaski County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Chicot (Chicot County) [includes Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam and Ditch Bayou downstream to Ditch Bayou Dam]

Crappie shorter than 10 inches must be released immediately. Crappie daily limit is 20. No limit on channel catfish. Largemouth bass must be 15 inches or longer to keep. Largemouth daily limit is 10. Open to skiing and personal watercraft. Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available.

Clear (Clark County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Clubhouse (Petit Jean WMA -Yell County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Columbia (Columbia County) !

Largemouth bass daily limit is 10, of which only 1 may be longer than 20 inches. Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat flathead catfish, pickerel, gar, bowfin or largemouth bass (over 16 inches long) because of mercury contamination. Others should not eat flathead catfish, gar, bowfin or pickerel and should not eat more than two meals per month of largemouth bass over 16 inches long. Largemouth bass shorter than 16 inches and other species of fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56. Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited. Harvest of grass carp prohibited.

Community Center Pond (Pulaski County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Conway Station Park Pond (Faulkner County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Cove Creek (Perry County) !

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat largemouth bass longer than 12 inches because of mercury contamination. Others should not eat largemouth bass longer than 16 inches or more than two meals per month of largemouth bass 12 inches to 16 inches long. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Cox Creek (Grant County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Cox Cypress (Bayou Meto WMA – Arkansas County)

Boat motors larger than 25 horsepower are not allowed. No boat motors are allowed on the area from 1 p.m. until 4 a.m. during waterfowl season, except they may be used all day during the last 3 days of the last waterfowl season. See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Craig D. Campbell Lake Conway Reservoir (Faulkner County)

Crappie shorter than 10 inches must be released immediately including: Gold Creek downstream of the Sturgis Road Bridge, Stone Dam Creek downstream of the I-40 Bridge, Caney Creek/Little Creek downstream of the Highway 286 Bridge, and Palarm Creek downstream of the Highway 286 Bridge. Legal to take game fish with spear guns during season – see Page 11. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available.

Craighead Forest Park Youth Fishing Pond (Craighead County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Fishing open only to persons under 16 or over 65 using a handheld rod or pole. Properly licensed persons between 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under 16 who is actively fishing. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Lake open to electric trolling motors only. Fishing open to holders of a disability license (either a 3-year or combination). 1 properly licensed person may assist and fish with the disabled fishing license holder who must be actively fishing.

Crowley's Ridge (Greene County – Crowley's Ridge State Park)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Crown (Izard County)

Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Crystal (Benton County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Cypress Bayou WMA (Lonoke County)

Ponds open to fishing with rod or pole only. See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Dagmar (Sheffield Nelson Dagmar WMA – Monroe County)

See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Dardanelle (Arkansas River impoundment – Franklin, Pope, Johnson, Logan, Yell counties) NEW

Largemouth bass must be at least 14 inches long to keep. Crappie shorter than 10 inches must be released immediately. Legal to take game fish with spear guns during season – see Page 11. Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available.

Dardanelle City Park Ponds (Yell County)

Only hand-held rod or pole allowed. Largemouth bass catch-and-release only. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

DeGray (Clark, Hot Spring counties) NEW

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Largemouth bass must be 13 inches or longer to keep. Smallmouth bass must be 12 inches or longer to keep. Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass combined daily limit is 6 (only 2 of which may be smallmouth bass). In addition to the combined daily bass limit, 10 spotted bass may be taken. Legal to take game fish with spear guns during season— see Page 11.

De Queen (Sevier County)

Legal to spearfish in season – see Page 11.

Des Arc (Prairie County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

DeWitt City (Arkansas County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Devil's Den State Park (Washington County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Dierks (Howard, Sevier counties)

Legal to spearfish in season – see Page 11.

Dieffenbacher (Miller County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc (Bois d'Arc WMA – Hempstead County)

The crappie daily limit is half the statewide daily limit (Page 8). See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Donald Branch Fishing Pond (Monroe County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

Dry Fork (Perry County)

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat largemouth bass longer than 16 inches because of mercury contamination. Others should not eat more than two meals per month of largemouth bass longer than 16 inches. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

Dunn (Cross County)

Largemouth bass daily limit is 10, of which 1 may be over 20 inches. Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Waters open to trolling motors only.

Elmdale (Washington County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

England Community Pond (Lonoke County)

See Mike Freeze Community Fishing Pond on Page 66.

Entergy Park Pond (Garland County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Enterprise (Ashley County)

Ski zone open to skiing and personal watercraft. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28).

Erling (Lafayette County)

No limit on channel catfish. 10 blue catfish may be taken in addition to the combined daily limit of catfish. Legal to take game fish with spear guns during season – see Page 11.

Family Park Pond (Garland County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Catfish daily limit is 3. Waters open to electric trolling motors only. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Largemouth bass must be released immediately.

Fayetteville (Washington County) NEW

Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge (Ashley, Bradley, Union counties) !

Largemouth bass must be 13 inches or longer to keep, except in the following ponds:

- **Woodland Trail Pond** at the Felsenthal NWR Headquarters on U.S. Highway 82 (Ashley County).
- **Locust Ridge Pond** at Locust Ridge on U.S. Highway 82 (Union County).
- **Eagle Lake Pond** north of Eagle Lake on Bradley County Road 53 (Bradley County).
- **Shallow Lake Field Pond** west of Shallow Lake (Union County).

Person(s) keeping largemouth bass less than 13 inches from these waters must exit the NWR boundaries immediately upon leaving these ponds and may not enter NWR campgrounds or fish other NWR waters with largemouth bass less than 13 inches.

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding and children under the age of 7 should not eat flathead or blue catfish, pickerel, gar, bowfin, drum, largemouth bass (13 inches or longer) or other species of bass because of mercury contamination. Others should not eat flathead catfish, gar, bowfin, drum, pickerel or largemouth bass (over 16 inches long) or other species of bass and should not eat more than two meals per month of largemouth bass (13 inches to 16 inches long) or blue catfish. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

First Old River Lake (Miller County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply, (Page 28).

Forrest City Park (St. Francis County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

Fort Smith (Crawford County) !

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding and children under the age of 7 should not eat black bass (16 inches or longer) because of mercury contamination. Others should not eat black bass over 20 inches in length and limit their consumption of black bass 16-20 inches in length to two meals a month.

Frierson (Greene County) NEW

Largemouth or spotted bass must be 12 inches or longer to keep. No limit on crappie. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Georgia Pacific (Ashley County)

Largemouth bass must be 15 inches or longer to keep.

Gillham (Howard, Polk counties)

Smallmouth bass daily limit is 2 and each must be 12 inches or longer to keep. Legal to spearfish in season – see Page 11. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Glenwood Pond (Pike County) 🍷

See John Benjamin Glenwood Community Pond (Page 64).

Grampus (Ashley County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28).

Grand (Chicot County)

No limit on catfish. Open to skiing and personal watercraft. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Gray's (Cleveland County) !

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat flathead catfish (26 inches or longer), largemouth bass (13 inches or longer) gar, bowfin or pickerel because of mercury contamination. Others should limit their consumption of flathead catfish (26 inches or longer), largemouth bass (13-16 inches in length), pickerel, gar or bowfin to two meals per month and not eat largemouth bass over 16 inches long. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

Greenlee (Monroe County)

See Marion McCollum Lake, Page 65.

Greers Ferry (Cleburne, Van Buren counties) NEW

Largemouth and smallmouth bass must be 12 inches or longer to keep. Smallmouth bass daily limit is 6. Walleye less

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than 14 inches in length must be released immediately in Greers Ferry and its tributaries. No limit on white bass for Greers Ferry Lake and its tributaries. Legal to take game fish with spear guns during season – see Page 11.

Greeson (Pike County) NEW

Smallmouth bass must be 12 inches or longer to keep. Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass combined daily limit is 10 (only 2 of which may be smallmouth bass). In addition to the combined daily bass limit, 10 spotted bass may be taken. Legal to take game fish with spear guns during season (Page 11). Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18).

Gulf Mountain Ponds (Gulf Mountain WMA -Van Buren County)

See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Gunner Pool (Stone County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

Gurdon (Clark County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Crappie daily limit is 15. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Hamilton (Garland County)

Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available.

Harris Brake (Harris Brake WMA – Perry County)

See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations. Crappie must be at least 10 inches long to keep. Legal to take game fish with spear guns during season – see Page 11. Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available.

Hayden Bend Pond (Stone County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

Heritage Park (Clay County)

Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Hickson (Sheffield Nelson Dagmar WMA – Monroe County)

See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Hidden (Carroll County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

Hindsville (Madison County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Hinkle (Scott County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Hogue (Earl Buss/Bayou DeView WMA – Poinsett County) NEW

No limit on crappie. See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations. Upper Lake Hogue: open to fishing with rod or pole only. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Horsehead (Johnson County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28).

Horseshoe (Crittenden County)

Crappie, black and white, combined daily limit is 30.

Horseshoe Bend Pool

See Strawberry River, Page 78.

Hubble (Dave Donaldson/Black River WMA – Clay County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Irons Fork (Polk County)

Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Jack Nolen (Sebastian County)

Black bass daily limit is 6. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28).

John Benjamin Glenwood Community Pond (Pike County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Bream daily limit is 25. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

June (Lafayette County) NEW

Catfish daily limit is 5. Largemouth bass must be 16 inches or longer to keep. Largemouth bass daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Keeland (Petit Jean WMA – Yell County)

See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Keith (Benton County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25.

Kingfisher (Petit Jean WMA – Yell County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Largemouth bass must be 15 inches or longer to keep. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Lake Village Community Fishing Pond (Chicot County) 🍷

Fishing open only to persons under 16 or over 65 using a hand-held rod or pole. Properly licensed persons between 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under age 16 who is actively fishing. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Lake open to electric motors only. Fishing open to holders of a disabled fishing (either a 3-year or combination) disability license. One properly licensed person may assist and fish with the disabled fishing license holder who must be actively fishing.

Leatherwood (Carroll County)

Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Lee Creek Reservoir (Crawford County)

Largemouth bass from 13 inches to 16 inches long must be released immediately. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Little Rock Air Force Base (Pulaski County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Catfish daily limit is 3. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Little Rock City Park Ponds (Pulaski County – Boyle Park, Conner Park, Hindman Park, MacArthur Park, Rock Creek in Boyle Park and War Memorial Park) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Bream daily limit is 25. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Lou Emma (Crawford County)

Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass combined daily limit is 5. Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Ludwig (Johnson County)

Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Mallard (Big Lake WMA – Mississippi County)

Largemouth bass from 14 inches to 17 inches long must be released immediately. Largemouth bass daily limit is 10, one of which may be over 17 inches. See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Mammoth Pond (Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMA – Prairie County)

See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available. Open to

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fishing with rod or pole only. Fish daily limit is 5.

Marion City Park (Crittenden County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

Marion McCollum Greenlee (Monroe County)

No limit on channel catfish. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available.

Martin Luther King Jr. Park Pond (Jefferson County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Bream daily limit is 25. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Mattocks Park – El Dorado (Union County) 🍷

Fishing open only to persons under 16 or over 65 using a hand-held rod or pole. Properly licensed persons between 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under 16 who is actively fishing. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Lake open to electric trolling motors only. Fishing open to holders of a disability license (either a 3-year or combination). One properly licensed person may assist and fish with the disabled fishing license holder who must be actively fishing.

Maumelle (Pulaski County)

Boats must be at least 14 feet long. As a municipal water supply, Lake Maumelle has many special regulations, call 501-868-4391 or visit www.carkw.com for information.

Mellwood (Phillips County)

Water skiing is not allowed north of the Mellwood Old River Ski Club Landing.

Mercer Bayou (Sulphur River WMA – Miller County)

No daily limit for game fish. See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations. Lake bed closed to boating when gates are closed.

Mike Freeze England Community Fishing Pond (Lonoke County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMA (Prairie County)

Ponds and lakes (except oxbow lakes) open to fishing with rod or pole only. See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Mike and Janet Huckabee Youth Fishing Pond (Hempstead County) 🍷

Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Other species are restricted to one-half the statewide daily limit. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited. Family and Community Fishing rules apply only to that portion of the lake restricted to persons under 16 or over 65 using a handheld rod or pole. Properly licensed persons between 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under 16 who is actively fishing. Lake open to electric trolling motors only. Fishing open to holders of a disability license (either a 3-year or combination). One properly licensed person may assist and fish with the disabled fishing license holder who must be actively fishing.

Millwood (Little River, Howard, Sevier, Hempstead counties)

Largemouth bass daily limit is 6. Spearfishing allowed during season – see Page 11.

Mirror (Blanchard Springs) (Stone County)

A trout permit is required to keep trout. Daily limit of 5 trout. Anglers may use no more than 2 fishing rods or poles at a time and must attend them at all times. No other devices may be used to catch fish, except bait tackle to catch baitfish. A handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available at Mirror Lake.

Mom's (Clay County) 🍷

Fishing open only to persons under 16 or over 65 using a handheld rod or pole. Properly licensed persons between 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under 16 who is actively fishing. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Lake open to electric trolling motors only. Fishing

open to holders of a disability license (either a 3-year or combination). One properly licensed person may assist and fish with the disabled fishing license holder who must be actively fishing.

Monticello (Drew County)

During December, January and February, the minimum-length limit for crappie is waived on Lake Monticello and the harvest is regulated by a 20-fish daily bag limit. The first 20 crappie caught, regardless of size, must be retained; culling is not permitted. From March through November, harvest is controlled by a 10-inch minimum length, 20-fish daily bag limit. Largemouth bass 19 to 22 inches must be released immediately. Largemouth bass daily limit is 8, of which only one largemouth over 22 inches can be kept. No limit on white bass and hybrid striped bass. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Monticello High School Pond (Drew County) 🍷

Fishing open only to persons under 16 or over 65 using a hand-held rod or pole. Properly licensed persons between 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under 16 who is actively fishing. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Lake open to electric trolling motors only. Fishing open to holders of a disability license (either a 3-year or combination). One properly licensed person may assist and fish with the disabled fishing license holder who must be actively fishing.

Morgan Point Bendway (Desha County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28).

Moss Creek Pond (Yell County)

Largemouth bass must be 15 inches or longer to keep.

Murphy Park Fishing Pond (Murphy Park, Washington County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Newark City (Independence County)

Catfish daily limit is 5.

Newport City (Jackson County)

Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Nimrod (Yell County) !

Legal to take game fish with spear guns during season – see Page 11. Do not eat more than two meals per month of largemouth bass longer than 16 inches because of mercury contamination (see Page 56). Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under age 7 should not eat largemouth bass longer than 16 inches. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available.

Norfolk (Baxter County)

Crappie, black and white, combined daily limit is 15. Crappie shorter than 10 inches must be released immediately. Largemouth and smallmouth bass must be 15 inches or longer to keep. Spotted bass must be at least 12 inches long to keep. Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass combined daily limit is 6 (up to 6 may be smallmouth bass). Striped bass must be 20 inches or longer to keep. Striped and hybrid bass combined daily limit is 3. Walleye must be at least 18 inches long to keep. Walleye daily limit is 4. Legal to take game fish (except largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass) with spear guns during season – see Page 11. The White River Border Lakes License entitles the holder to fish in the Missouri portion of Norfolk Lake without buying a Missouri nonresident license (See Page 19). Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available at the Cranfield Recreation Area.

North Fork (Montgomery County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

North Little Rock City Park (Pulaski County – Burns Park)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Old Davidsonville (Randolph County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

Old Town (Phillips County)

On AGFC access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

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Quachita (Montgomery, Garland counties) ! NEW

Largemouth bass must be at least 13 inches or longer to keep. Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass combined daily limit is 6 (only 4 of which may be smallmouth bass). In addition to the combined daily bass limit, 10 spotted bass may be taken. Striped bass daily limit is 3. No fishing in the Jim Collins Net Pen area. Legal to take game fish with spear guns during season – see Page 11. Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat largemouth bass longer than 13 inches or striped bass longer than 25 inches because of mercury contamination. Others should limit their consumption of largemouth bass (13 inches or longer), white bass (13 inches or longer) or striped bass (25 inches or longer) to two meals per month. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

Overcup (Conway County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Crappie must be at least 10 inches long to keep. Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available.

Ozark (Arkansas River impoundment – Crawford, Franklin, Sebastian counties)

Largemouth bass must be at least 14 inches long to keep. Legal to take game fish with spear guns during season – see Page 11.

Paradise (Pulaski County) 🍌

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Paris (Logan County)

Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Pickthorne (Holland Bottoms WMA – Lonoke County)

See Tommy L. Sproles/Pickthorne Lake (Page 70).

Pine Bluff (Jefferson County)

See Saracen on Page 69.

Pinnacle Mountain State Park (Pulaski County) 🍌

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Pleasant View Park (Pope County) 🍌

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Poinsett (Poinsett County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Pullen Pond (Petit Jean WMA – Yell County)

See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Ramsey Slough (Independence County)

Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMA (Woodruff County)

Ponds open to fishing with rod or pole only. See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Reynolds Park (Greene County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

Rick Evans/Grandview Prairie WMA South Fork (Hempstead County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Rick Evans/Grandview Prairie WMA Terre Noire (Hempstead County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Daily limit of all fish is half the statewide daily limit (Page 8). Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Roosevelt (Petit Jean State Park – Conway County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

Rowe (Batesville – Independence County)

Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Salem City (Fulton County)

Fishing open only to persons under 16 or over 65 using a handheld rod or pole. Properly licensed persons between 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under 16 who is actively fishing. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Fishing open to holders of a disability license (either a 3-year or combination). One properly licensed person may assist and fish with the disabled fishing license holder who must be actively fishing. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Saracen (Jefferson County) !

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Buffalo fish should not be consumed due to PCB contamination. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Searcy City (White County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Sequoyah (Washington County)

No daily limit on white bass for Beaver Lake and its tributaries, including Lake Sequoyah.

Shady (Polk County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Sherwood Municipal City Pond (Pulaski County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Shirey Bay (Shirey Bay/Rainey Brake WMA – Lawrence County)

See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Spring (Yell County) !

Catfish daily limit is 5. Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat largemouth bass longer than 16 inches because of mercury contamination (See Page 56). Others should not eat more than two meals per month of largemouth bass longer than 16 inches. Other fish may be eaten without restriction.

Spring River (Fulton County)

Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

Springdale (Benton County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Storm Creek (Phillips County)

Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available. Boat motors may not exceed 9.9 horsepower on USDA Forest Service lakes.

Sugarloaf (Sebastian County)

Largemouth bass from 13 inches to 16 inches long must be released immediately. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Sunset (Saline County) 🍷

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Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

SWEPCO (Benton County)

Largemouth bass statewide daily limit (10) applies of which only 1 may exceed 18 inches.

Sylvia (Perry County) !

Catfish daily limit is 5. Largemouth bass daily limit is 5. Lake Sylvia campground and parking area closes Oct. 10-May 5. Lake access remains open unless otherwise posted. Call 501-321-5202 for more information. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat largemouth bass 16 inches or longer because of mercury contamination (See Page 56). Others should not eat more than two meals per month of largemouth bass 16 inches or longer. Other fish may be eaten without restriction.

Table Rock (Carroll, Boone counties)

Smallmouth or largemouth bass must be at least 15 inches long to keep. Spotted bass must be at least 12 inches long to keep. Smallmouth bass daily limit is 6. Crappie, black and white, combined daily limit is 15. Crappie shorter than 10 inches must be released immediately. Walleye caught in Table Rock Lake and its tributaries must be at least 18 inches long to keep with a daily limit of 4. Legal to take game fish (except largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass) with spear guns during season – see Page 11. The White River Border Lakes license entitles the holder to fish in the Missouri portion of Table Rock Lake without buying a Missouri nonresident license – see Page 19. These regulations apply to the waters from Beaver Lake Dam to Table Rock Dam. Check Page 79 if fishing the White River below Beaver Lake Dam to the Houseman Access for additional regulations.

Tilden Rodgers Park Pond (Crittenden County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available. Catfish daily limit is 3. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18).

Tom's (White County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Tommy L. Sproles/Pickthorne (Holland Bottoms WMA – Lonoke County)

Largemouth bass daily limit is 2, only one of which may exceed 21 inches. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations. Handicapped-accessible fishing piers are available.

Tri-County (Calhoun County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Truman Baker (Scott County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Twin Lakes A and B (Pulaski County)

Catfish daily limit is 5.

U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA (St. Francis County)

Ponds open to fishing with rod or pole only.

USDA Forest Service Ponds (where posted)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

Valencia (Pulaski County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Van Buren Municipal Park Pond (Crawford County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Victory (Clay County)

Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Wallace (Drew, Chicot counties)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28).

Walnut Ridge City (Lawrence County)

Fishing open only to persons under 16 or over 65 using a handheld rod or pole. Properly licensed persons between 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under 16 who is actively fishing. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Lake open to electric trolling motors only. Fishing open to holders of a disability license (either a 3-year or combination). One properly licensed person may assist and fish with the disabled fishing license holder who must be actively fishing. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Ward City Park (Lonoke County)

Catfish daily limit is 5. Open to fishing with rod or pole only.

War Memorial Park Pond (Pulaski County) 🍷

Fishing open only to persons under 16 or over 65 using a handheld rod or pole. Properly licensed persons between 16 and 64 may fish if accompanied by a person under 16 who is actively fishing. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. Fishing open to holders of a disability license (either a 3-year or combination). One properly licensed person may assist and fish with the disabled fishing license holder who must be actively fishing. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Webb (Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMA – Prairie County)

See Page 28 for wildlife management area regulations.

Wells (Ft. Chaffee – Sebastian County) 🍷

Only one handheld rod or pole allowed. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

White Hall Community Pond (Jefferson County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

White Oak, Lower (Ouachita County) NEW

Largemouth bass daily limit is 10, one of which may be over 20 inches. Snagging is prohibited below the dam separating Upper and Lower White Oak lakes. On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

White Oak, Upper (Ouachita County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Wilhelmina (Polk County)

Largemouth bass from 13 inches to 16 inches long must be released immediately. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available. Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Willow Beach Park Pond (Pulaski County) 🍷

Open to fishing with rod or pole only. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

Wilson (Washington County)

On AGFC lakes and access areas, special rules apply (Page 28). Use of common carp as bait is prohibited.

Winona (Saline County) !

All black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted) exceeding 16 inches must be released immediately because of mercury contamination (See Page 56). Boats must be at least 12 feet long. Other fish may be eaten without restriction.

Yell County Wildlife Federation Pond (Yell County)

Only handheld rod or pole allowed. Largemouth bass must be released immediately. Catfish daily limit is 3. Bream daily limit is 25. Waters open to electric trolling motors only.

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Regulations in this section are those that differ from statewide regulations on Page 8.



= Trout Stocking Locations



= Health Advisory (See Page 56)

Arkansas River (including the Arkansas Post Canal from Norrell Lock and Dam No. 1 to the Arkansas River) including lakes, bays and tributary streams accessible by boat from the Oklahoma state line to Wilbur D. Mills Dam No. 2)

- Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately. The regulated reaches do not include Big Bayou Meto upstream from Highway 11; Plum Bayou upstream from U.S. Highway 79; Little Maumelle River upstream from Pinnacle Mountain State Park; Maumelle River upstream from Lake Maumelle Dam; Fourche LaFave upstream from Highway 113; Palarm Creek upstream from Interstate 40; Cadron Creek upstream from the weir; Point Remove Creek upstream from Highway 113; Petit Jean River upstream from Pontoon Boat Ramp at Highway 154; Illinois Bayou upstream from the Russellville Waterworks; Big Piney and Little Piney creeks upstream from Highway 359; Horsehead Creek upstream from I-40; Mulberry River upstream from I-40; Frog Bayou upstream from Highway 162; or Lee Creek upstream from Lee Creek Dam. Waters between Dam 2 and Yancopin bridge follow statewide daily limits.
- Game fish may be snagged only from the bank within 100 yards below a lock or dam or from a boat between 100 yards below all lock and dams and the downstream entrance point of a lock structure. Trotlines may not be used from a lock and dam downstream to the nearest arrival point navigation marker. Striped and hybrid bass combined daily limit is 10. Ten channel catfish may be taken in addition to the daily limit. Hogging and noodling season is June 1-Oct. 31.
- **Gar Creek Landing (Franklin County)**
Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.
- **From the confluence of the Mississippi and Arkansas rivers upstream to the Yancopin Railroad Bridge**
No limit on catfish.
- **From 100 yards below Dardanelle Dam to Highway 7**
Open to fishing with rod or pole only (scaled rough fish may be taken by bowfishing or gigging during open season).
- **From 100 yards below Dam No. 2 to the mouth of Morgan Cutoff**
Open to fishing with rod or pole only (scaled rough fish may be taken by bowfishing or gigging during open season).
- **From 100 yards below Dam No. 2 to the boat launching ramp immediately below the dam**
Snagging game fish is legal while fishing from a boat.
- **From 100 yards below any dam and within the outlet channels of Arkansas Valley Electric Cooperative at Barling and the Murray Hydroelectric Plant at North Little Rock**
Fishing is limited to a single handheld rod or pole and to taking scaled rough fish with bow and arrow. Refer to Page 30 if taking baitfish.
- **In the Arkansas and White River Navigational Canal between Dam No. 1 (Norrell Dam) and the lower guardwall of the dam**
Vessels may not be operated except when the tailwater elevation exceeds 104 feet msl and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers signs are covered.
- **Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge**
USFWS regulation: Access to refuge waters and land from the Arkansas River is prohibited. Contact the refuge manager for additional details, 479-229-4300.

Bayou Bartholomew, from Highway 35 in Drew County to Little Bayou !

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat flathead catfish, gar, bowfin, pickerel or blue catfish (20 inches or longer), largemouth bass (12 inches or longer) or buffalo (18 inches or longer) from these waters because of mercury contamination (See Page 56). Others should limit their consumption of flathead catfish, gar, pickerel, bowfin, blue catfish (20 inches or longer), largemouth bass (12 inches or longer) or buffalo (18 inches or longer) to no more than two meals a month. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

Bayou Meto, upstream from Highway 13 !

Do not eat fish (dioxin contamination).

- From Highway 11 to the Arkansas River: Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Bear Creek (Lee County)

Largemouth bass from 13 inches to 16 inches long must be released immediately.

Beaver Tailwater

See White River, Page 79.

Big Creek tributary (Columbia County), from Magnolia to Big Creek !

Closed to fishing (PCB contamination).

Big Piney Creek, from Highway 359 to the Arkansas River

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Big Spring (in Cotter, at the AGFC access to the White River) from its source to the confluence with the White River, unless otherwise specified

From its source to the confluence with the White River, except as specified below: Trout must be released immediately. Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point may be used (natural or scented baits are not allowed). Chumming is not allowed. Anglers may use no more than one fishing rod or pole at a time and must attend it at all times. No other devices may be used to catch fish. Catching bait with bait tackle is not allowed. Fishing is only permitted from sunrise to sunset. Only youths under age 16, accompanied by an adult, and adult disabled anglers may fish Big Spring. Adult disabled anglers must carry proof that they are 100 percent permanently and totally disabled and possess a valid AGFC fishing license and trout permit. No fishing in the "swimming hole" at the upstream end of Big Spring, as indicated by signs. No motorized boats are allowed in Big Spring.

Black River, from the Missouri state line to the Spring River confluence

Catfish and paddlefish may be snagged from Jan. 1-Feb. 15 with a daily limit of 1 paddlefish and 5 catfish, of which no more than 2 flathead catfish may be taken. It is illegal to possess any other game fish while snagging these fish.

Blanchard Springs, from the spring to the confluence with North Sylamore Creek including Mirror Lake

A trout permit is required to keep trout. Daily limit of 5 trout. Anglers may use no more than two fishing rods or poles at a time and must attend them at all times. No other devices may be used to catch fish, except bait tackle to catch baitfish. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available at Mirror Lake.

Buffalo River (Ozark Zone Blue Ribbon Stream)

Smallmouth bass daily limit is 2 and each must be at least 14 inches long to keep. From confluence with Clabber Creek downstream to the confluence with the White River, smallmouth bass daily limit is 1 and must be at least 18 inches or longer to keep. Use of limblines is prohibited. Outboard motors may not be used on the Buffalo River upstream from Erbie Ford, nor larger than 10 horsepower from Erbie to the White River.

NPS regulations:

- Baitfish and crayfish may not be used as bait unless they were caught on the Buffalo River or its tributaries.
- Giggling for rough fish, snagging for suckers and use of attended trotlines is permitted.
- Non-commercial capture of baitfish using traps or seines is permitted.
- Gaffing, hogging, noodling, yo-yo fishing and spearfishing are prohibited.
- Chumming is prohibited
- Digging for bait is prohibited

Bull Shoals Tailwater

See White River, Page 79.

Caddo River, above DeGray Lake (Ouachita Zone Quality Stream)

Smallmouth bass daily limit is 2 and each must be at least 12 inches long to keep.

Cadron Creek, from the weir to the Arkansas River

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Champagnolle Creek, including Little Champagnolle from Highway 278 to the Ouachita River !

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat flathead catfish, gar, bowfin, drum, pickerel or largemouth bass longer than 13 inches because of mercury contamination. Others should limit their consumption of largemouth bass longer than 13 inches, pickerel, flathead catfish, gar or bowfin to two meals per month but may eat other fish without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

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Collins Creek, from its source in JFK Park to the confluence of the Little Red River. Catch-and-release area.

Trout must be released immediately. Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point shall be used (natural or scented baits are not allowed). Chumming is not allowed. Catching bait with bait tackle is not allowed. Anglers may use no more than one fishing rod or pole, and must attend it at all times. No other devices may be used to catch fish. Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset. Only youths under 16 may fish on Collins Creek from its source to the wooden vehicle bridge in JFK Park. From the wooden vehicle bridge to the Little Red River, fishing is restricted to youths under 16, anglers over 16 accompanied by an actively fishing youth under 16, and mobility impaired anglers. Mobility impaired anglers may fish from only the piers. Mobility impaired card required for mobility impaired adult anglers.

Cossatot River (Ouachita Zone Quality Stream)

Smallmouth bass daily limit is 2 and each must be 12 inches or longer to keep.

Crooked Creek (Ozark Zone Blue Ribbon Stream)

Except where noted below, smallmouth bass daily limit is 2 and each must be at least 14 inches long to keep.

- **Along the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation property near Kelley's Slab**

Smallmouth bass must be released immediately.

- **Between the Highway 62/412 Bridge and the Highway 62 Spur Bridge**

Smallmouth bass daily limit is 1 and it must be at least 18 inches long to keep.

- **From Highway 101 Bridge downstream to the White River**

Smallmouth bass daily limit is 1 and it must be at least 18 inches long to keep.

Cut-off Creek, from Highway 35 in Drew County to Bayou Bartholomew !

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat fish from these waters because of mercury contamination. Others should limit their consumption of largemouth bass, pickerel, catfish, crappie, gar or bowfin to two meals per month and should not eat drum, buffalo, redhorse or suckers. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

Dorcheat Bayou, Nevada County to Louisiana border !

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under age 7 should not eat fish from this body of water because of mercury contamination. Others should not eat largemouth bass longer than 16 inches and no more than two meals per month of pickerel, catfish, crappie, gar, bowfin, or largemouth bass (shorter than 16 inches). Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

Dry Run Creek (Outflow from Norfolk National Fish Hatchery)

From its source to the confluence with the Norfolk Tailwater, as indicated by signs: Only youths under 16 and mobility impaired anglers may fish Dry Run Creek. Trout must be released immediately. Only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point per pole may be used (natural or scented baits are not allowed). Chumming is not allowed. Anglers may use no more than one fishing rod or pole at a time, and must attend it at all times. No other devices may be used to catch fish. Catching bait with bait tackle is not allowed. Fishing is only permitted from sunrise to sunset. Mobility impaired anglers may fish from only the piers and boardwalk. Mobility impaired card required for mobility impaired adult anglers.

Eleven Point River, from Missouri state line to the confluence of the Spring River

Smallmouth bass daily limit is 2 and must be 14 inches or longer to keep. Do not disturb Ozark hellbenders.

Frog Bayou, from Highway 162 Bridge to the Arkansas River

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Fourche La Fave River, from 100 yards below Nimrod Dam to the Highway 7 Bridge !

Open to fishing with rod or pole only (scaled rough fish may be taken by bowfishing or gigging during open season).

- **From Nimrod Dam to the South Fourche**

Do not eat more than two meals per month of largemouth bass longer than 16 inches because of mercury contamination. Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under age 7 should not eat largemouth bass longer than 16 inches. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

- **From Highway 113 to the Arkansas River**

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Horsehead Creek, from I-40 to the Arkansas River

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Illinois Bayou, from Russellville waterworks dam to the Arkansas River

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Illinois River (Ozark Zone Quality Stream)

Smallmouth bass daily limit is 2 and each must be at least 14 inches long to keep.

Kings River (Ozark Zone Quality Stream)

Except where noted below, smallmouth bass daily limit is 2 and each must be at least 14 inches long to keep. Walleye must be 18 inches long to keep with a daily limit of 4.

- **From Trigger Gap to Highway 62 Bridge**

Smallmouth bass daily limit is 1 and it must be at least 18 inches long to keep.

LaGrue Bayou, within 1,500 feet in any direction of the confluence with the White River

Water skiing is not allowed.

Lee Creek, downstream from Lee Creek Dam

Largemouth bass from 13 inches to 16 inches long must be released immediately. Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Little Maumelle River, from Pinnacle Mountain State Park to the Arkansas River

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Little Missouri River, above Lake Greeson (includes Albert Pike Recreational Area) (Ouachita Zone Quality Stream)

Trout daily limit is 5. A trout permit is required to keep trout (Page 18). Smallmouth bass daily limit is 2 and each must be at least 12 inches long to keep.

Little Missouri River (Narrows Tailwater) (Ouachita Zone Quality Stream)

- **From Lake Greeson (Narrows) Dam to Ouachita River**

Smallmouth bass daily limit is 1 and must be 18 inches or longer to keep.

- **From 100 yards below Lake Greeson (Narrows Dam) to Muddy Fork Road**

No fishing within 100 yards of Narrows Dam. A trout permit is required to fish in this area. Anglers may use no more than one fishing rod or pole at a time and must attend it at all times. Multiple point hooks with barbs are allowed, unless fishing inside the Catch-and-Release Areas. No other devices may be used to catch fish, except bait tackle to catch baitfish. Daily limit of 5 rainbow trout; all brown trout caught must be released immediately.

- **Narrows Tailwater Catch-and-Release Area**

In the following areas, all trout must be released immediately. Only artificial lures or flies with a single, barbless hooking point per pole may be used (natural or scented baits are not allowed). Chumming is not allowed. Catching bait with bait tackle is not allowed.

- **Narrows Year-Round Catch-and-Release Area:** 100 yards below Lake Greeson (Narrows Dam) to the upstream end of Riverside Park.

- **Narrows Summer Catch-and-Release Area:** Upstream end of Riverside Park to the gas line crossing above River Ridge pool. May 1-Oct. 15th.

- **Narrows Winter Catch-and-Release Area:** 300 yards downstream of Hinds Bluff Access to 300 yards upstream of Old Factory Site (Weir 2). Oct. 16-April 30.

Little Piney Creek, from Highway 359 to the Arkansas River

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Little Red River, Greers Ferry Lake tributaries

Walleye from 20 inches to 28 inches long must be released immediately. Walleye daily limit is 6, only 1 of which may exceed 28 inches.

- **Johnson Hole (South Fork)**

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat largemouth bass 16 inches or longer because of mercury contamination. Others should not eat largemouth bass 16 inches or longer. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

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Little Red River (Greers Ferry Tailwater)

From 100 yards below Greers Ferry Dam to the Highway 305 Bridge: No fishing within 100 yards of Greers Ferry Dam. A trout permit is required to fish in this area. Anglers may use no more than one fishing rod or pole at a time and must attend it at all times. Multiple point hooks with barbs are allowed, unless fishing with bait or inside the Catch-and-Release Areas (see below). Baitfishing only allowed with a single hooking point. No other devices may be used to catch fish, except bait tackle to catch baitfish. Daily limit of 5 trout; only one trout over 16 inches long may be kept.

• Greers Ferry Tailwater Catch-and-Release Areas

In the following areas, all trout must be released immediately. Only artificial lures or flies may be used (natural or scented baits are not allowed). In JFK and Mossy Catch-and-Release Areas, multiple point barbless hooks may be used. In Cow Shoals Catch-and-Release Area, only artificial lures with a single, barbless hooking point per pole shall be used. Chumming is not allowed. Catching bait with bait tackle is not allowed.

- **JFK Catch-and-Release Area:** 100 yards below Greers Ferry Dam downstream to approximately 0.5 miles downstream to the last Greers Ferry National Fish Hatchery effluent outfall in John F. Kennedy Park, as indicated by signs.
- **Cow Shoals Catch-and-Release Area:** Head of Cow Shoals to mouth of Canoe Creek, as indicated by signs. This area is closed to fishing from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.
- **Mossy Shoals Catch-and-Release Area:** Upstream end of Dunham Shoals to downstream end of Mossy Shoals, as indicated by signs.

Little River, below Millwood Dam

No limit on blue and channel catfish.

Maumelle River, from Lake Maumelle Dam to the Arkansas River

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

• At Pinnacle Mountain State Park

Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Mississippi River, between the levees (including from the confluence of the Mississippi and White rivers upstream to the Benzal Railroad Bridge, and from the confluence of the Mississippi and Arkansas rivers upstream to the Yancopin Railroad Bridge)

White bass daily limit is 50. Crappie, black and white combined, daily limit is 50. No limit on catfish. All sturgeon must be released immediately. Hogging for buffalo, catfish, carp and drum is legal May 1-July 15. While hogging, you may not raise any part of a natural or artificial device out of the water to aid in the capture of enclosed fish. Fishermen may not fish with more than 100 hooks. Refer to Page 19 for reciprocal agreements with the states of Tennessee and Mississippi.

Moro Creek and Bay, Highway 160 to the Ouachita River !

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat fish from these waters because of mercury contamination. Others should limit their consumption of bream, drum, buffalo, redbreast or suckers to two meals per month and should not eat largemouth bass, pickerel, catfish, crappie, gar or bowfin. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

Mulberry River (Boston Mountain Zone Quality Stream)

Smallmouth bass daily limit is 2 and each must be at least 12 inches long to keep.

• From I-40 to the Arkansas River

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Narrows Tailwater

See Little Missouri River, Page 75.

Norfolk Tailwater (North Fork River)

From 100 yards below Norfolk Dam to its confluence with the White River: No fishing within 100 yards of Norfolk Dam. A trout permit is required to fish in this area. Anglers may use no more than one fishing rod or pole at a time and must attend it at all times. No other devices may be used to catch fish, except bait tackle to catch baitfish. Multiple point hooks with barbs are allowed, unless fishing inside the Catch-and-Release Area (see below). Baitfishing only allowed with a single hooking point. Daily limit of 5 trout; only one trout over 14 inches long may be kept. Limit may include either 5 rainbow trout less than 14 inches or 4 rainbow trout less than 14 inches and one of the following: 1 rainbow trout (14 inches or longer), 1 brook trout (14 inches or longer), 1 cutthroat trout (24 inches or longer), 1 brown trout (24 inches or longer) or 1 tiger trout (24 inches or longer).

- **Norfolk Catch-and-Release Area:** From downstream end of Long Hole to Bill Ackerman/River Ridge Walk-in Access, as indicated by signs. Trout must be released immediately. Only artificial lures or flies may be used (natural or scented

baits are not allowed). All hooking points must be barbless. Chumming is not allowed. Catching bait with bait tackle is not allowed.

- **Bill Ackerman/River Ridge Park Access:** Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

Ouachita River (Ouachita Zone Quality Stream) !

A trout permit is required to keep trout. Daily limit of 5 trout. Except where noted below, smallmouth bass daily limit is 2 and each must be at least 12 inches long to keep. Largemouth bass, flathead catfish, pickerel, gar or bowfin should not be eaten because of mercury contamination. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

- **South Fork**
Smallmouth bass must be 12 inches or longer to keep. Daily limit of 2.
- **Upstream from River Bluff Access (Ouachita Zone Quality Stream)**
Smallmouth bass must be 12 inches or longer to keep. Daily limit of 2.
- **Upstream from the mouth of the Little Missouri River**
Hogging and noodling are not allowed.
- **From Rammel Dam to Sandy Beach Access (Camden)**
Flathead catfish must be 20 inches or longer to keep.
- **Downstream from River Bluff Access to the Blakely Mountain Dam and the South Fork of the Ouachita River upstream to Hovel Branch**
Smallmouth bass must be released immediately.
- **Downstream from Rammel Dam**
Smallmouth bass must be at least 12 inches or longer to keep. Daily limit of 2.
- **Within 100 yards below Carpenter Dam (Carpenter Dam is on Lake Hamilton)**
Personal flotation devices must be worn by every boater in this reach. Boaters must exit this area immediately when the siren sounds before hydropower generation.
- **Within 100 yards below Rammel Dam (Rammel Dam is on Lake Catherine)**
Personal flotation devices must be worn by every boater in this reach. Boaters must exit this area immediately when the siren sounds before hydropower generation.
- **Oxbow lakes, backwaters, overflow lakes and borrow ditches between Camden and the Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge border**
The general public, including pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding and children under the age of 7 should not eat largemouth bass, flathead catfish, pickerel, gar or bowfin because of mercury contamination. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

Ouachita River, within Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge !

Largemouth bass must be 13 inches or longer to keep. Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding and children under the age of 7 should not eat flathead or blue catfish, pickerel, gar, bowfin, drum, largemouth bass (13 inches or longer) or other species of bass because of mercury contamination. Others should not eat flathead catfish, gar, bowfin, drum, pickerel or largemouth bass (over 16 inches long) or other species of bass and should not eat more than two meals per month of largemouth bass (13 inches to 16 inches long) or blue catfish. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

Palarm Creek, from I-40 to the Arkansas River

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Petit Jean River, from Pontoon Boat Ramp at Highway 154 to the Arkansas River

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Piney

See Big Piney (Page 73) or Little Piney (Page 75).

Plum Bayou, from Highway 79 to the Arkansas River

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Point Remove Creek, from Highway 113 to the Arkansas River

Largemouth bass shorter than 14 inches must be released immediately.

Red River

No limit on blue and channel catfish.

Saline River, including its four headwater forks (Ouachita Zone Quality Stream) !

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Smallmouth bass daily limit is 2 and each must be at least 12 inches long to keep.

- **At Lyle Park**

Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available.

- **From Highway 79 (Cleveland County) to Stillion Bridge**

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat flathead or blue catfish, gar, bowfin, drum, pickerel, largemouth bass or redhorse (20 inches or longer) because of mercury contamination. Others should not eat blue or flathead catfish, gar, bowfin, drum, pickerel, largemouth bass (over 16 inches long) or redhorse (20 inches or longer) and should not eat more than two meals per month of largemouth bass (13 inches to 16 inches long). Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

- **From Stillion Bridge to the Ouachita River**

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding, and children under the age of 7 should not eat flathead or blue catfish, pickerel, gar, bowfin, drum, largemouth bass (13 inches or longer) or other species of bass because of mercury contamination. Others should not eat flathead catfish, gar, bowfin, drum, pickerel or largemouth bass (over 16 inches long) or other species of bass and should not eat more than two meals per month of largemouth bass (13 inches to 16 inches long) or blue catfish. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

Saline River (and backwaters), within Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge !

Largemouth bass 13 inches or less must be released immediately. Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are breast-feeding and children under the age of 7 should not eat flathead or blue catfish, pickerel, gar, bowfin, drum, largemouth bass (13 inches or longer) or other species of bass because of mercury contamination. Others should not eat flathead catfish, gar, bowfin, drum, pickerel or largemouth bass (over 16 inches long) or other species of bass and should not eat more than two meals per month of largemouth bass (13 inches to 16 inches long) or blue catfish. Other fish may be eaten without restriction. For more information on mercury contamination, see Page 56.

Spring River

From 100 yards below Dam No. 1 at Mammoth Spring State Park to the mouth of Myatt Creek: A trout permit is required to fish in this area. Anglers may use no more than one fishing rod or pole at a time and must attend it at all times. No other devices may be used to catch fish, except bait tackle to catch baitfish. Daily limit of 5 trout, only 1 trout over 14 inches long may be kept. Limit may include 5 rainbow trout less than 14 inches or 4 rainbow trout less than 14 inches and one of the following: 1 rainbow trout (14 inches or longer) or 1 brown trout (14 inches or longer). Cutthroat trout (daily limit of 2 trout) and other trout species caught on Spring River count towards the statewide daily limit of 5 trout per day (see Page 8). A Handicapped-accessible fishing pier is available at the Cold Springs Access.

St. Francis River, from the Missouri state line to the Payneway Structure

Catfish may be snagged Jan. 1-Feb. 15 with a daily limit of 5 catfish, of which no more than 2 flathead catfish may be taken, and no more than 1 paddlefish.

Strawberry River, Horseshoe Bend Pool (Izard County)

Game fish daily limit is half the statewide limit (Page 8). Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass must be 12 inches or longer to keep. Open to fishing with rod or pole only. You may use no more than 2 fishing rods and must attend them at all times. Below U.S. Highway 167 hogging and noodling season is June 1-Oct. 3.

Sulphur River

No limit on blue and channel catfish.

War Eagle Creek (Ozark Zone Quality Stream)

Black bass daily limit is 2. Smallmouth bass must be at least 14 inches long to keep.

White River, Ozark Zone Stream NEW

Smallmouth bass must be at least 12 inches long to keep.

- **From Beaver Lake Dam downstream to Table Rock Lake (including all of its tributaries)**

Walleye must be at least 18 inches long with a daily limit of 4.

- **Beaver Tailwater**

From 100 yards below Beaver Dam to AGFC boat ramp at Houseman Access: No fishing within 100 yards of Beaver Dam. A trout permit is required to fish in this area. Anglers may use no more than one fishing rod or pole at a time and must attend it at all times. No other devices may be used to catch fish, except bait tackle to catch baitfish and as specified for the paddlefish-snagging season (see below). Multiple point hooks with barbs are allowed, unless

fishing with bait or inside the Special Regulations Area (see below). Baitfishing is only allowed with a single hooking point. Daily limit of 5 trout. All trout from 13 to 16 inches in length must be released immediately and may not be in possession in Beaver Tailwater. Only one trout over 16 inches long may be kept.

• **Beaver Tailwater Special Regulation Area**

Artificial lures only area/no bait zone. Approximately 0.5 miles below Beaver Dam to approximately 100 yards upstream of Parker Bend Access as indicated by signs. Only artificial lures or flies shall be used. All hooking points must be barbless. Natural or scented baits are not allowed. Chumming is not allowed. Catching bait with bait tackle is not allowed.

• **Paddlefish Snagging Season**

From Beaver Lake Dam, (from the Corps of Engineers "No Fishing Beyond This Point" sign downstream) to the first Corps boat ramp on the left descending bank: From April 15 to June 15, snagging game fish is legal. Snagging must be discontinued once 2 trout have been taken. Snagged fish may not be released.

• **Bull Shoals Tailwater**

From 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to the Highway 58 Bridge at Guion: No fishing within 100 yards of Bull Shoals Dam. A trout permit is required to fish in this area. Anglers may use no more than 1 fishing rod or pole at a time and must attend it at all times. No other devices may be used to catch fish, except bait tackle to catch baitfish. Multiple point hooks with barbs are allowed, unless fishing inside the Catch-and-Release Areas (see below). Bait fishing only allowed with a single hooking point. Daily limit of 5 trout; only 1 trout over 14 inches long may be kept. Limit may include either 5 rainbow trout less than 14 inches or 4 rainbow trout less than 14 inches and one of the following: 1 rainbow trout (14 inches or longer), 1 brook trout (14 inches or longer), 1 cutthroat trout (24 inches or longer), 1 brown trout (24 inches or longer) or 1 tiger trout (24 inches or longer).

• **Bull Shoals Catch-and-Release Areas**

In the following areas, trout must be released immediately. Only artificial lures or flies may be used (natural or scented baits are not allowed). All hooking points must be barbless. Chumming is not allowed. Catching bait with bait tackle is not allowed.

YEAR-ROUND CATCH-AND-RELEASE AREAS:

- **Bull Shoals Catch-and-Release Area:** From 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to the upstream boundary of Bull Shoals White River State Park, as indicated by signs. Catch-and-release from Feb. 1-Oct. 31. From Nov. 1 to Jan. 31, the area is closed to fishing and extends downstream to the wing dike at the Bull Shoals/White River State Park trout dock.
- **Rim Shoals Catch-and-Release Area (near Cotter):** From sign immediately above the mouth of Jenkins Creek to the first electric power line downstream, as indicated by signs.

SEASONAL CATCH-AND-RELEASE AREA:

- **Bull Shoals Seasonal Brown Trout Catch-and-Release Area:** From the wing dike at the Bull Shoals White River State Park trout dock to the downstream boundary of the park: Seasonal catch-and-release area for brown trout Nov. 1-Jan. 31. Brown trout must be released immediately. No fishing from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.
- **Within 1,500 feet in any direction of the confluence of LaGrue Bayou and White River**
Water skiing is not allowed.
- **Bay Town/Indian Bay area**
Water skiing is not allowed where signs are posted.
- **In the Arkansas and White River Navigational Canal between Dam No. 1 (Norrell Dam) and the lower guardwall of the dam**
Vessels may not be operated except when the tailwater elevation exceeds 104 feet msl and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers signs are covered.

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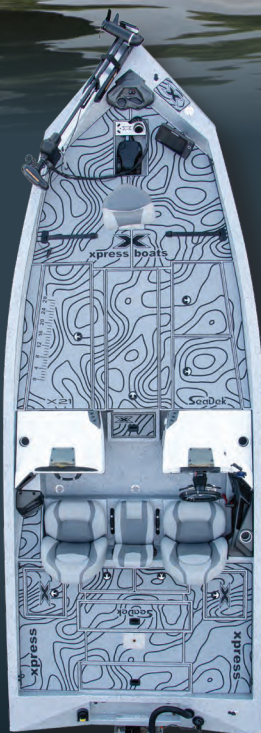
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