

AREA GUIDE FOR ARK-LA-TEX FLY FISHERS

| Lake, River or Bayou Name | Parish or County | State | Access And Information |
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| Earling | Lafayette | AR | 5 mi NW of Springhill, LA. 7100 acres. Good bass and crappie populations; outstanding catfish populations. |
| Kepler Creek | Bienville | LA | 4 mi E of Jamestown, LA. 1988 acres. Launch at dam off LA 507. Many stumps. Few marked boat lanes. Clear water with white sand bottom. Excellent bass, bream, catfish, and crappie fishing. Nice kayak lake. |
| Mill Creek Reservoir | Bienville | LA | Just West of Saline, LA with a public launch at the dam off Hwy 155. Deep water with very little underwater obstructions. Best known for crappie, but can be very good for bass/bream in the spring and fall. |
| Black Bayou | Bossier | LA | 10 mi N of Bossier City. 700 acres. Part of the Cypress/Black Bayou recreational area. Good launches by the bridge on Linton Rd. Bass, bream and crappie. Heavy ski traffic in the summer. |
| Bodcau WMA | Bossier | LA | Bodcau WMA is north of Haughton off LA 157. The 34,355 acres contains Bodcau Bayou, Bodcau Lake, and other areas that are excellent bream fisheries with a kayak or small boat. |
| Catherine | Bossier | LA | Red River National Wildlife Refuge boat launch off Arthur Ray Teague Pkwy. Paddle craft and electric only. Closed during duck hunting season and July-August nesting season. |
| Cypress | Bossier | LA | 10 miles N of Bossier City, LA. 3000 acres. Excellent launch facilities at the park. The upper end has the most cover for fishing, and fewer recreational boats. |
| Ivan | Bossier | LA | N. Bossier Parish. 520 acres. Access from Ivan Lake Rd off LA 160. Boat launch at the dam. Lake was drained in 2004 with extensive restoration. Restocked in 2011, 2012, and 2013. |
| Plain Dealing | Bossier | LA | 2 mi NE of Plain Dealing, LA off LA 3. Excellent lake for small craft with large numbers of small bass and large bream. Concrete ramp. |
| C. Bickham Dickson | Caddo | LA | Park entrance at corner of Bert Kouns and 70 th St in Shreveport, LA. Paddle and electric craft only. Frequently floods with heavy rains/river flooding. |
| Black Bayou | Caddo | LA | 1 mi W of Hosston, 23 mi N of Shreveport, LA. 4000 acres. Launch at dam just off Hwy 2. One boat lane, stumps and trees outside the boat lane. Excellent bass and bream fishing. |
| Caddo | Caddo | LA | Access in Oil City, LA on West side, and Uncertain, TX. Giant Salvinia is threatening to completely take over this once great fishery. |
| Cross | Caddo | LA | 2 mi W of Shreveport, LA. 8575 acres. Great launches at multiple parks on the south side. Bass fishing is good around docks and piers. |
| Kings Hwy Bayou | Caddo | LA | Running the length of Kings Hwy in Shreveport, LA. This inner-city waterway receives little fishing pressure, and has good numbers of bass and bream. Paddle craft only in any of the parks along its shores. |
| Wallace | Caddo | LA | 14 mi S of Shreveport, LA off Wallace Lake Rd. Excellent crappie fishing. Can be vegetation choked in some areas. |
| Claiborne | Claiborne | LA | 5 mi E of Homer, LA. 6400 acres. Access through Lake Claiborne State Park. Excellent bass, bream, and crappie fishing with some striper hybrids remaining. |
| Corney | Claiborne | LA | 10 mi NE of Homer, LA off LA 9. 2300 acres. Access in Kisatchie National Forest in the recreation area. Great kayak and small boat fishing, as well as a launch for larger boats. |
| Clear | Desoto | LA | Once a great bream fishery, it is completely choked with Giant Salvinia. Probably should remove it from our list until that weed can be eradicated. |
| Sabine River | Desoto | LA | Border of LA and TX at Logansport, LA. Feeds Toledo Bend Reservoir. Noted for excellent runs of White bass north of Logansport and into TX during the spring spawn in March. |
| Caney Creek Reservoir | Jackson | LA | 13 mi E of Jonesboro, LA. 5032 acres. Access in Jimmie Davis State Park. Noted for large bass and crappie. |
| Dugdemonia | Multiple Parishes | LA | 129-mile river best navigated with a kayak. Excellent spotted bass and bream fishing with little fishing pressure. Access is usually at bridge crossings. Area N and W of Winnfield, LA is best. |
| Black | Natchitoches | LA | Just east of Campti, LA. Access at LA 9 bridge. Excellent bass lake with many specimens in the 5-8 lbs. range. Lake is heavily covered with Cypress trees. |
| Cane River | Natchitoches | LA | 38-mile oxbow lake off the Red River through downtown Natchitoches, LA. Excellent bass and bream fishing. Numerous boat launches. |

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| Kisatchie Bayou | Natchitoches | LA | Located in the Kisatchie National Forest S of Natchitoches, LA off LA 117. Great clear water stream for wet wading in spring and summer for spotted bass and sunfish. Rock and sand bottom. |
| Sibley | Natchitoches | LA | 1 mi W of Natchitoches, LA at the intersection of LA 1 and LA 6. 2003 acres. Excellent bass and bream fishing. Numerous public launches. |
| Bayou DeSiard | Ouachita | LA | 28 mi long bayou meanders through the Monroe, LA area with multiple earthen dams across it dividing it into 4-mile-long sections. Multiple launches in the city. Bass and bream fishing is great. |
| Black Bayou | Ouachita | LA | 3 mi N of Monroe, LA. 4522 acres, and part of the Black Bayou NWR established in 1997. Noted for huge bream and redear sunfish with good bass fishing. Multiple boat launches. |
| Ouachita River | Ouachita | LA | Forsythe Park in Monroe, LA. River flows south from Arkansas. Great white sand beaches up river from Monroe. |
| Grand Bayou Reservoir | Red River | LA | 2 mi E of Coushatta, LA. Public boat dock on the east end of LA 784 bridge. Florida bass with special slot limits. Excellent for small boats. Look for schooling bass in the summer on topwater along the channel. |
| Red River Pool 5 | Red River | LA | Numerous oxbow lakes S of Shreveport, LA. Accessible from Shreveport, LA or Bossier City, LA launches or from Caspiana, LA launch S of Bossier City. Great bass fishing in the spring. |
| Toledo Bend | Sabine | LA | The largest lake in Louisiana, lies on the border of Louisiana and Texas. Sabine River feeds the lake. Famous for bass, bream, crappie, and Striped Bass. Many public access points. Big open water – use caution. |
| Bayou Darbonne | Union | LA | W and S of Farmerville, LA. 15,250 acres. Many launches and a state park. Excellent fishing year-round with spring runs of White bass up the river. Largemouth bass and crappie are the main targets. Big water lake – use caution. |
| Caney (Upper And Lower) | Webster | LA | 2 lakes in Kisatchie National Forest 5 mi N of Minden, LA. Lakes total 350 acres and have good populations of bass, bream, and crappie. Upper lake is paddle craft only. |
| Dorcheat Bayou | Webster | LA | 2 mi W of Minden, LA. This bayou feeds Lake Bistineau. Access is off US 80 just north of I-20 exit 44. Nicely shaded for the heat of summer. Kayak or motorized boat. Bass and bream fishing as well as catfish. |
| Bistineau | Webster, Bossier, & Bienville | LA | Just S of Minden, LA. Bayou Dorcheat becomes Lake Bistineau. 15,500 acres. Cypress filled lake. Excellent bass, bream, and crappie fishing. Salvinia has taken over some areas. Many launches including at Lake Bistineau State Park. |
| Saline | Winn | LA | 12 mi NE of Natchitoches, LA. 8400 acres. Largemouth bass, bream, and crappie fishing is excellent. Numerous public launches. |
| Kurth | Angelina | TX | 6 mi N of Lufkin, TX off US 59. 726 acres. Permit required. Excellent bass lake. |
| Wright Patman | Bowie & Cass | TX | 10 mi SW of Texarkana, TX. 18,000 acres. 14 public launches. Lake is a Corp of Engineers lake. Large open water lake best suited for large boats – use caution. |
| Brandy Branch | Harrison | TX | 5 mi SW of Marshall, TX. 1257 acres. Access is at a concrete ramp off FM 3251 exit 610 on I-20. Power plant "hot water" lake. Large population of largemouth bass. Crappie are also good. |
| Big Cypress Bayou | Marion & Harrison | TX | Boat access at Caddo Lake State Park near Karnack, TX and in the town of Jefferson, TX. Flows out of Lake o' the Pines into Caddo Lake. Excellent kayak fishing up and down river from the Jefferson boat ramp. |
| Lake O' The Pines | Marion, Morris, Upshur & Camp | TX | 25 mi NE of Longview, TX. 16,919 acres. 25 public ramps and marinas and several Corp of Engineers campgrounds. Noted for Largemouth bass and crappie. |
| Daingerfield State Park | Morris | TX | 2 mi E of Daingerfield, TX off Hwy 49. 200 acres. Paddle craft only. Excellent winter fishing for chain pickerel. Spring fed water is clear and cold. |
| Naconiche | Nacogdoches | TX | 14 mi NE of Nacogdoches, TX off US 59. Take FM 2435 west for 2 mi and turn onto County Rd 137. \$5.00 per vehicle and \$1.00 for each additional person. Stocking began in 2009. Excellent bass, bream and crappie fishing. |
| Murval | Panola | TX | 15 mi W of Carthage, TX. 3397 acres. Public ramps at Decker-Hill Park, FM 1971 bridge, Rosie Jones Park, and Tinkle Park. FM 1971, FM 1970, and FM 999 are all access roads to the lake. |

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| Martin Creek | Rusk | TX | Impoundment of Martin Creek 3 miles SW of Tatum, TX on Hwy 43. 4,981 acres. From Hwy 43, turn south on County Rd 2183. 4 lane concrete ramp. Power plant "hot water" lake. Excellent Blue and Channel Catfish populations. Largemouth bass and bluegill are plentiful also. |
| Pinkston | Shelby | TX | 10 mi W of Center, TX. 523 acres. Access at the dam on the West end of the lake, and off County Rd 1510 and Sandy Creek Park on County Rd 1211 on the East end of the lake. Excellent fishery for bass and crappie. Large Bluegill are also available. |
| Timpson | Shelby | TX | 4 mi NE of Garrison, TX off US 59. 223 acres. Slot limit of 14 to 21 inches produces many trophy bass. 2-lane ramp off FM 2667 from US 59. |
| Tyler (East & West) | Smith | TX | 5 mi SE of Tyler, TX off Hwy 64. 2224 acres. 2 lakes joined by a canal. Host to many bass tournaments. 2-8 lbs. Bass are common. Bream, Chain Pickerel and White Bass are also available. Accessible via 9 public boat launches. |
| Welsh Reservoir | Titus | TX | 10 mi SE of Mt. Pleasant, TX. 1269 acres. Power plant "hot water" lake. Excellent winter top water action. One public ramp on West shore at mid-lake. Go N on FM 1735 then turn right at ramp sign. |
| Gilmer | Upshur | TX | 4 mi W of Gilmer, TX. 1010 acres. Take Hwy 154 W out of Gilmer then turn right on FM 852. Ramp is at the bridge. Excellent bream and bass lake in spring before vegetation gets too thick. |
| Hawkins | Wood | TX | 4 mi NW of Hawkins, TX. 633 acres. Public launches off CR 3440, FM 2869, FM 14, and CR 3497. Winter Chain Pickerel, and spring Bass lake fishery. |