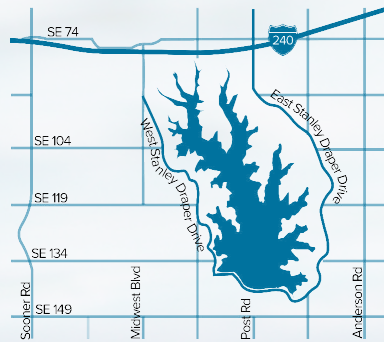


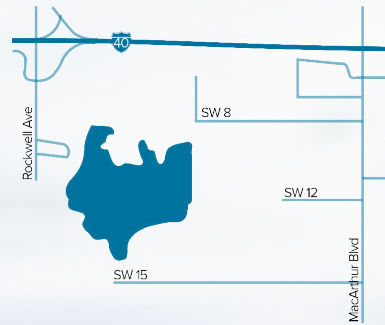
## CITY LAKES

### Lake Stanley Draper



## SELECTED "CLOSE TO HOME" FISHING WATERS

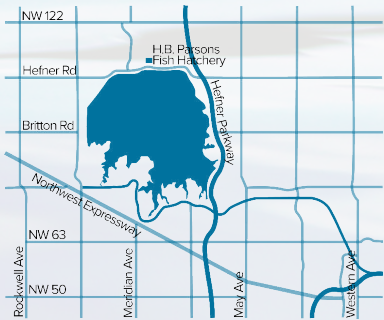
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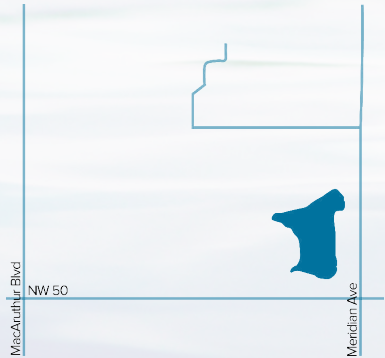
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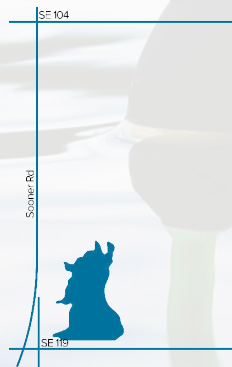
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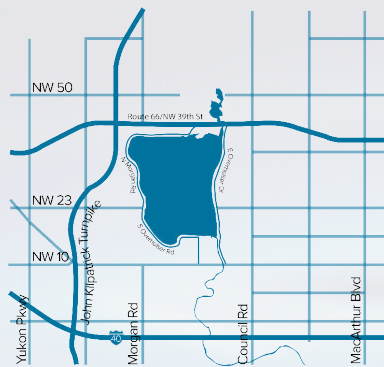
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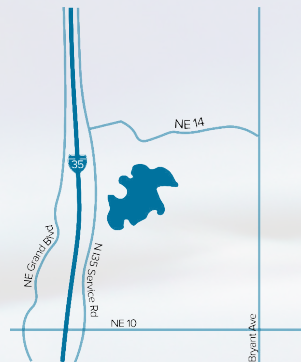
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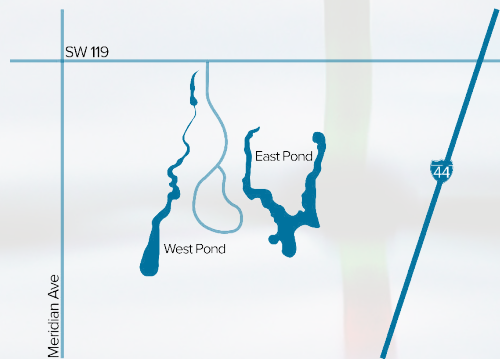
### Lake Overholser



### Edwards Fishing Lake | 1515 NE Bryant Ave



### South Lakes Park Ponds | 4302 SW 119th St



## PERMIT VENDORS

Approved businesses that are currently selling lake permits for boating, fishing and hunting are available online at [okc.gov/parks](http://okc.gov/parks) or by calling (405) 297-1426.

## PERMIT COSTS

Revenue generated by fishing permits supports the City's fisheries program and their work on Oklahoma City fishing water.

Annual Permits are valid one year after the date of issue. Daily permits are valid 24 hours from the time of purchase.

Annual Fishing	\$18.50	Daily Fishing	\$3.50
Annual Boating	\$33.00	Daily Boating	\$6.25
Annual Hunting	\$12.50	Daily Hunting	\$3.00

All watercraft (including miniboats, canoes and kayaks) must have a City permit to be placed on City waters, including the City Lakes, Oklahoma River, Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge, and certain "Close to Home" fishing waters.

## ZEBRA MUSSELS IN OKC WATERS

Zebra mussels have been found in Oklahoma City waters. This invasive species damage boats, endangers local fish populations and threaten local water treatment facilities. The mussels can also clog water intakes, as well as damage boat docks and fishing piers. Zebra mussels can be spread by anglers. As an invasive species, zebra mussels gather in large masses and attach to almost any structure in the water, including boats, trailers, docks, fisherman floats and water intake structures.

You can help stop the spread of zebra mussels by following a few simple steps for your boat, vehicle, waders and other fishing equipment:



**INSPECT**



**CLEAN**



**DRAIN**



**DRY**



For more information, visit [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com) or [okc.gov/zebra](http://okc.gov/zebra). For questions or to report zebra mussels, call (405) 521-3721.

# 2018 OKC FISHING REGULATIONS



The City of  
**OKLAHOMA CITY**  
Parks & Recreation Department





## CITY FISHING WATERS

### City Lakes

#### Lake Hefner

located in NW Oklahoma City

#### Lake Overholser

located west of Bethany, OK (includes tailwaters to NW 10th Street

#### Lake Stanley Draper

Bridge)

located southeast of Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City

### “Close to Home” Fishing Waters

“Close to Home” waters are part of a cooperative fisheries management program between the City of Oklahoma City and Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Please follow the catch and release regulations for largemouth bass for at “Close to Home” fishing waters.

#### Crystal Lake <sup>2</sup>

6625 SW 15<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Dolese Youth Park Pond

5105 NW 50<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Edwards Park Pond

1515 N Bryant Avenue

#### Kids Lake <sup>1</sup>

3200 W Wilshire Boulevard

#### Kitchen Lake <sup>1,3</sup>

5501 SE 119<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Route 66 Ponds

9901 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

#### South Lakes Regional Park Ponds <sup>1,3</sup>

4302 SW 119<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Zoo Lake

2101 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street

<sup>1</sup> Fisherman Floats (tubes) allowed <sup>2</sup> Tubes and boats allowed <sup>3</sup> Miniboats with electric trolling motors allowed

### Oklahoma River

Fishing access along the Oklahoma River extends downstream from NW 10th to the NE 10th Street bridge, and includes the Eastern, May Avenue, and Western Avenue river basins and wetland ponds.

Boat ramps are available along the south side of the Oklahoma River at the following locations:

- Lincoln Avenue Bridge (on Durland Avenue)
- Exchange Avenue Bridge (west of Exchange)
- SW 15th & Portland (east of Portland on 15th)

Fishing is *not allowed* on the Oklahoma River dams or within 100 feet upstream or downstream of the dams.

### Accessibility

The City offers multiple fishing docks and piers that are ADA accessible. For a complete list, please visit [okc.gov/parks](http://okc.gov/parks) or call (405) 297-1426.



## CITY FISHING & BOATING PERMITS

### Fishing Permits

A City fishing permit and Oklahoma State fishing license are required to fish on City lakes, the Oklahoma River, Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge and “Close to Home” fishing waters. The City permit is required for anglers ages 16 to 62. A City permit is NOT REQUIRED for persons who are legally blind, or who have a 60 percent or more disability.

### Boating Permits

A City boating permit is required for ALL watercraft on City lakes, Crystal Lake, South Lakes East Pond, and Kitchen Lake.

State registration is also required for all watercraft except canoes and kayaks.

## PROHIBITIONS ALL WATERS

- No spears or gigs
- No seines, cast nets or other nets allowed
- No snagging (“pulling” or “jerking” a hook or hooks through water to impale a fish)
- No trot, jug, yo-yo’s or limb lines
- No noodling (hands-only fishing) except in the Oklahoma River, downstream from the NW 10th St bridge to the MacArthur St bridge.

## RESTRICTIONS ALL WATERS

### Rods and Reels

Anglers can use a maximum of three rods and reels per person, with no more than three hooks per line. Restriction does not apply to artificial lures with more than three hooks.

### Bow Fishing - City Lakes Only

Bow fishing is allowed only during daylight hours at Draper, Hefner and Overholser lakes. No crossbows. Arrows may have no more than one point and no more than four barbs on each point.

### Fisherman Floats (Tubes)

Fisherman floats are allowed only during daylight hours, within 100 feet of any shoreline. Life jackets and watertight waders required.

Fisherman floats are allowed on City lakes, coves and tributaries of the Oklahoma River, at Kids Lake, Kitchen Lake, Crystal Lake and South Lakes East Pond.

**For more information**  
visit [okc.gov/parks](http://okc.gov/parks) or call (405) 297-1426.

## DAILY POSSESSION & LENGTH LIMITS

### City Lakes

#### Largemouth and Smallmouth bass

6 combined (14” minimum\*), only 1 smallmouth bass

#### Striped hybrid bass

20, only 5 over 20”

#### Spotted bass

none

#### Channel and blue catfish

15 combined; only 1 blue catfish over 30”

#### Crappie

37

#### Walleye

6 (14” minimum\*)

#### Flathead catfish

5

### “Close to Home” Fishing Waters

#### Largemouth bass

Catch and release

#### Spotted bass

none

#### Channel and blue catfish

6 combined; only 1 blue catfish over 30”

#### Crappie

37

#### Flathead catfish

5

#### Rainbow trout

6

\* Fish caught smaller than the listed minimum size must be returned to the water immediately. Length is measured from tip of snout to end of tail, with fish laid flat on a ruler, mouth closed and tail pressed together.

## BLACK BASS IDENTIFICATION

To tell the difference between a largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass, look where their mouth hinges.

#### Largemouth Bass

Mouth hinge  
behind eye

#### Smallmouth Bass

Mouth hinge  
in front of eye

#### Spotted Bass

Mouth hinge  
even with eye

Another way to distinguish largemouth from smallmouth or spotted bass is by looking for a tongue/tooth patch.



Largemouth bass have  
no tooth patch on their  
tongue



Smallmouth and spotted  
bass display a tooth patch  
on their tongue

## ANNUAL TROUT SEASON

### December 1, 2017 - February 28, 2018

#### Dolese Youth Park Pond, 5105 NW 50<sup>th</sup>

Catchable rainbow trout are stocked in the pond every two weeks throughout the season.

### Trout Season Regulations

- Oklahoma state fishing license and City fishing permit are required
- Fishing is by rod and reel only, one rod and reel per person
- Daily catch limit: 6 trout per person
- Trout on a stringer or held in possession cannot be released
- Anglers must have their fish on an individual stringer with their name and State fishing license number attached
- FISHING FROM BANK ONLY

The 2017-18 trout season is sponsored by Dolese Brothers, Inc., the 89er Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and is presented in partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

### Trout Fishing Clinic

Date TBD visit [okc.gov/parks](http://okc.gov/parks)

Putnam City High School Gymnasium, 5300 NW 50th St.

- Free to the public
- All ages welcome
- Learn best techniques for trout fishing - bait, knot tying, lures and casting

Register in advance by calling (405) 297-1426.

## SAFETY & ENFORCEMENT

The Oklahoma City Police Department Lake Patrol and Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation enforce fishing regulations on all City Lakes, “Close to Home” and other fishing waters.

### For emergencies or to report violations

911

### Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Law Enforcement

(405) 521-3719

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(405) 203-3178

### Oklahoma County Game Warden

(405) 850-9757

### Cleveland County Game Warden

## FISHING EDUCATION

Our FREE “Hooked on Fishing” classes provide anglers ages 5-15 with fishing instruction, including knot tying, casting, fish identification, angler ethics and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Equipment is provided during class. Fish caught are released back into the water.

City fishing permits and State license are not required during class time.

“Hooked on Fishing” is sponsored in part by the ODWC, Oklahoma City Police Athletic League and Metro Technology Centers.

Register in advance by calling (405) 297-1426.

### 2018 Clinic Dates and Locations

#### May 12, June 9, July 14

Edwards Park Lake, 1515 N Bryant Avenue

#### May 19, June 16, July 21

Metro Tech Springlake Campus, 1900 Springlake Drive

#### May 26

South Lakes East Pond, 4302 SW 119th Street

#### June 23

Dolese Youth Park Pond, 5105 NW 50th Street

#### July 28

Crystal Lake, 6625 SW 15th St

## FREE FISHING DAYS

Join the City of Oklahoma City for FREE FISHING DAYS the first Saturday of each month. No City permit required on the following dates in 2018 (A State fishing license is required). Applies to City Lakes, Oklahoma River, Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge and OKC “Close To Home” fishing waters.

#### January 6

#### February 3

#### March 3

#### April 7

#### May 5

#### June 2-3 National Fishing Days

(No state license required)

City and State fishing regulations apply. Visit [okc.gov/parks](http://okc.gov/parks) for additional information.

#### July 7

#### August 4

#### September 1

#### October 6

#### November 3

#### December 1

## H.B. PARSONS FISH HATCHERY OPEN HOUSE

Friday, April 20, 2018 - 9am-4pm

No Registration Required