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The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Division of Inland Fisheries

CATCH

The Wildlife Resources Commission's Division of Conservation Education CATCH (Caring for Aquatics Through Conservation Habits) program provides opportunities for adults to instruct kids in discovering aquatic environments through learning activities, educational materials and fishing training opportunities. Commission staff trains adults in one-day workshops and supplies them with teaching materials for their respective schools or organizations. Call (919) 733-7123 for more information about this environmental education program.



Fishing Tackle Loaner Program

The N. C. Fishing Tackle Loaner Program is an exciting new program that loans fishing tackle to the public much like a book is checked-out from the library. The objective is to introduce people, especially children, to fishing and encourage novice anglers to continue developing their angling skills. The Commission is working cooperatively with the Sportfishing Promotion Council to expand this program to all parks and recreation departments cooperating with us in the Community Fishing Program. Call (919) 733-3633 for more information about this exciting program.



Other Information—N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

The N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission is dedicated to the sound conservation of the State's wildlife and other interrelated natural resources and also to the environment we share with them.

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North Carolina Angler Recognition Program

Effective July 1, 1997, any angler who catches a fish meeting specific size requirements can apply to have the catch recognized as a "trophy" fish through the North Carolina Angler Recognition Program, or NCARP. This new program provides recognition to all anglers who catch trophy-size fish that are not large enough to qualify as state record fish.



(Please see table on inside back cover for NCARP minimum measurements.)


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



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"Where can I go fishing without a boat?" is a question that is often asked of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission. Many North Carolinians do not own or have access to a fishing boat because of the expense or the storage space required. However, these people still enjoy fishing and actively participate in the sport when they can find somewhere to go fishing. Even anglers who have a boat occasionally enjoy fishing from the bank when they don't have the time or the inclination to fuel, tow and launch their boat.

Fortunately, these people are in luck! Across the state, the Commission has developed 49 Public Bank Fishing Access areas and 31 Community Fishing Program sites where the sport fisheries are intensively managed. Several more sites are planned for construction over the next few years. The degree of development varies among areas from simply clearing the banks of underbrush to constructing fishing piers accessible to persons with disabilities. Graveled or paved parking lots are available at most areas. Fishing is enhanced at many of these areas by the installation of artificial reefs or fish attractors and by feeding the fish. Most Community Fishing Program sites are stocked periodically with harvestable-size channel catfish during the fishing season. Catfish at most sites are fed several times daily by permanent solar-powered fish feeders. Fishing success at these intensively managed fishing areas varies depending on the species of fish sought, time of day and year, and all of the other variables that are a routine and accepted part of fishing.

Public Fishing Access Areas

Public Fishing Access areas are developed by the Commission and funded primarily through the Sport Fish Restoration program from monies collected as federal excise taxes on fishing tackle and accessories. This money is matched by state funds generated from fishing license fees.

Public Fishing Access areas are open to the public at no cost; however, use is generally restricted to the activities associated with fishing unless noted otherwise. The mooring of boats and jet skis, swimming and camping are among the activities prohibited at most Public Fishing Access areas.

**Badin
Lake**

Holt's Cabin (Montgomery County): From Troy, take NC 109 North. Go nine miles and turn left into the main entrance of Uwharrie National Forest on SR 1153. Go 0.4 mile and turn right on Forest Service Road (FSR) 576. Go 0.6 mile and turn right on FSR 544. Go 2.5 miles and turn right on FSR 597. Go 1.7 miles, and the area is on the left.

Brush has been cleared from approximately 250 yards of shoreline and several hardwood trees have been cut and cabled to the shoreline. Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish, carp, white perch, striped bass and white bass are present. A National Forest picnic area with tables and charcoal grills is adjacent to the public fishing access area.

Badin Pier (Montgomery County): From Troy, take NC 109 North. Go nine miles and turn left into the main entrance of the Uwharrie National Forest on SR 1153. Go 0.4 mile and turn right on FSR 576. Go 0.6 mile and turn right on FSR 544. Go 2.5 miles and turn right on FSR 597. Go 0.2 mile and turn left on FSR 597A, the road leading to the campground. From the intersection, go 0.5 mile to a fork in the road. Take the right fork, pass the Group Camp, and go 0.6 mile to the parking area at the end of the road. The area is approximately 75 yards down the marked trail on the right.

This area includes a section of cleared, grassed shoreline and a 75-foot long floating pier with a 32-foot "T" at the end. The pier is accessible, but the access trail to it is still undeveloped and somewhat rough. Fish attractors have been placed in front of and under the pier. Fishes present include largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish, carp, white perch, striped bass and white bass. Camping and restrooms are available at the main Forest Service campground.

Old Whitney (Stanly County): From New London, take NC 740 East. Go 2.7 miles and turn left (north) on SR 1521 (Old Whitney Road). Go 2.6 miles to the parking lot on the right. The Public Fishing Access area is on the left at the end of the trail across the railroad tracks.

Brush has been cleared from approximately 50 yards of shoreline and a 32-foot wooden fishing platform has been constructed. Two fish attractors and a large tree lap connected to the shoreline have been placed near the area to provide fish cover. Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish, carp, white perch, striped bass and white bass are the primary fish available. Yadkin, Inc. has located picnic tables at the fishing area and portable toilets at the nearby Old Whitney Boating Access Area.

**Balsam
Lake**

Balsam Lake (Jackson County): From Sylva, take NC 107 South and turn left on NC 281 at Tuckaseegee. Go approximately nine

miles, turn left on SR 1756, and continue about five miles. The U.S. Forest Service signs beginning at the intersection of NC 107 and NC 281 can be followed to Balsam Lake.

Fishing platforms have been constructed at several sites around the entire shoreline of this small lake, and an accessible pier has been built near the dam. This pier has a canoe-loading site for persons with disabilities. Catchable size trout are stocked in Balsam Lake from March through June. This lake is a designated public mountain trout water and hatchery supported regulations apply. **A special trout fishing license is required.** Largemouth bass and bluegill are caught during the summer and fall. Restrooms are located at the site, and a lodge that can house small groups is available through the Highlands Ranger District office (828/526-3765).

**B. Everett
Jordan
Lake**

Bell's Church (Chatham County): From US 64 east of Pittsboro, take SR 1008 North at Wilsonville. Go 1.2 miles, and the area is on the right beside the church.

Several sections of shoreline and access trails to them have been cleared of brush. A 140-foot T-shaped fishing pier has been constructed at this site. Fish attractors have been established, and hardwood trees have been cut and cabled to the shoreline. Two graveled parking lots with security lighting and a paved parking area designated for handicapped use only are located at this site. Fish present include largemouth bass, striped bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish, carp and Bodie bass (striped bass x white bass hybrids). Poplar Point and Crosswinds state parks are located nearby with facilities for camping, picnicking and restrooms.

Weaver Creek (Chatham County): From US 64 east of Pittsboro, take SR 1008 South at Wilsonville. Go 3.4 miles, and area is on the right just past the intersection with SR 1972.

An area of shoreline and an access trail have been cleared of brush. Small boats may be launched from this site, although a ramp for launching large trailerable boats is not provided. Fish present include largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish, carp and Bodie bass. Poplar Point and Crosswinds state parks are located nearby.

Rock Quarry (Chatham County): From Pittsboro, take US 64 East. Go approximately six miles, and turn left on SR 1716 (Big Woods Road). Go 4.9 miles, and area is on the right.

Brush has been cleared from several areas of shoreline along a peninsula that projects into the lake. A graveled parking area accommodates approximately 20 cars. Largemouth bass, striped bass,

sunfish, crappie, catfish, carp and Bodie bass are the primary fish available. Poplar Point and Crosswinds state parks are located nearby.

Blewett Falls Lake Tailrace

Blewett Falls (Anson County): From the intersection of US 220 and US 74 in Rockingham, take US 74 West 6.3 miles and turn right on SR 1748 (Power Plant Road). Go 2.5 miles and the parking lot is on the right just before the entrance to Carolina Power and Light Company's Blewett Hydroelectric Plant. An accessible trail leads from the parking lot to the fishing area.

An 8-foot wide barrier free concrete fishing platform is attached to the downstream wall of the powerhouse. Anglers can fish downstream in the high current outflow throughout the 242-foot length of the power house wall. Anadromous and migratory species including American shad, striped bass, white bass and white perch can be caught during the spring. Resident species such as catfish, largemouth bass and sunfish are available year round.

Brice's Creek

Brice's Creek (Craven County): From US 70 east, approximately 1 mile east of the US 17 and 70 bridges crossing the Neuse and Trent rivers in New Bern, turn right on SR 1167 (Williams Road). Go approximately 1.5 miles and turn left on SR 1004 (Madame Moore's Lane). Go 1.5 miles and turn left on SR 1143 (Perrytown Road). Go 1.3 miles and turn left on FSR 121A (at sign for boating access area). Go 1.2 miles to the area on the left at the end of the road.

An accessible fishing pier is available at this site. Handicapped parking spaces are connected to the pier by a concrete walkway. Species available include largemouth bass, various sunfish, catfish, white perch and pickerel.

Broughton Pond

Broughton Pond (Burke County): From I-40 take US 64 south for 0.8 mile and turn left onto SR 1949 (Salem Road). Go one mile and turn left onto SR 1956 (Burkemont Road). Go one mile and turn left onto SR 2002 and go 1.1 miles to the end of the road. State prison facilities will be on the left. Turn right onto a gravel road, which is the entrance to the parking area for the pond.

Two small ponds are easily accessible to most people. A canoe launch and an accessible wooden fishing pier are available at the first pond. The second pond is presently undeveloped. Largemouth bass and bluegill are available in the ponds. Due to the small size of the ponds, anglers should limit the number of fish they harvest. A voluntary creel limit of five sunfish and two bass per person per trip is recommended. These ponds are located on the Broughton tract of

the South Mountains Game Land, which is also managed by the Commission for hunting.

Chatuge Reservoir

Jackrabbit (Clay County): From Hayesville, take NC 64 East. Go 4.6 miles and turn right on NC 175. Go 3.2 miles and turn right on Jack Rabbit Campground Road. Go 1.3 miles to the campground and follow the signs to the boating access area. At the top of the boat ramp, turn right and go up the hill to the ball field. Follow the Jackrabbit Mountain Trail, which begins at the left field side of the ball field. Bank fishing access points are located along this trail and are identified by signs.

Brush has been cleared at each fishing access point along the full pool elevation of the lake. Fish attractors have been placed off of each access point. Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, Bodie bass, sunfish, crappie and catfish are the primary fishes available. Camping, picnicking, swimming, hiking and restroom facilities are available within the Jackrabbit Recreation Area.

Cherokee Lake

Cherokee Lake (Cherokee County): From Murphy, take US 64 West and go about eight miles. Turn right on NC 294 and go north 3.6 miles to the US Forest Service Recreation Area on the right.

An accessible paved path starts in the parking lot and leads to a fishing pier that extends into the lake. Two fishing platforms are located along a hiking trail that leaves the paved path and goes along the shoreline to the dam. Fish attractors have been installed around the pier and platforms. The primary fish species present include largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish and channel catfish. A sheltered picnic area with restrooms is provided at the site.

Chinquapin Trout Lake

Chinquapin Trout Lake (Ashe County): From Jefferson, take NC 88 east approximately 10 miles. Across from the Upper Mountain Agricultural Research Station, take SR 1599. Go four miles on the gravel portion of SR 1599 until the paved section is reached. Go approximately 0.1 mile past the beginning of the paved section, and the entrance to the lake will be on the right.

An accessible fishing pier is available and two handicapped parking spaces are included in the parking lot. This lake is designated public mountain trout water, and **a special trout fishing license is required**. It is managed under the Hatchery Supported-Delayed Harvest regulations. From October 1 until the first Saturday in June, fishing is restricted to catch-and-release with artificial lures having one single hook. From the first Saturday in

June to September 30, there is no lure restriction and the creel limit is seven trout.

Chowan River

Shoups Landing (Gates County): From Winston (Hertford County), take US 13 North/158 East. Cross Chowan River and turn right on SR 1131. The public fishing access area is at end of the road adjacent to the boating access area.

Brush has been cleared from the river bank to provide for shoreline fishing and two accessible fishing piers are available. A gravelled parking area is available for 10 vehicles, and four additional handicapped parking spaces are provided. Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish and striped bass (spring) are the primary fish species available.

Crawford Lake

Crawford (Scotland County): From US 1 in Richmond County, take NC 177 south and turn left on SR 1605. Go 5.5 miles (this road becomes SR 1339 in Scotland County), and the lake will be on the right.

Brush has been cleared from a small area, and a small dirt boat ramp has been constructed. Bank fishing is possible, but this lake is best fished from a small boat. Fish species available include largemouth bass, various sunfish and pickerel.

Crowders Lake

Crowders Mountain State Park (Gaston County): From Gastonia, take I-85 south to Exit 13. From Exit 13, follow the brown signs to the park. Take Exit 13 and go south approximately 1 mile. Turn right on SR 2974 and go 1.9 miles. Turn left on Sparrow Springs Road and go approximately 3 miles to the park entrance, and follow the signs to the lake parking area.

Brush has been cleared from the shoreline of the pond. Fish species available include largemouth bass, various sunfish, and catfish. Restrooms and areas for picnicking and hiking are available. For more information, contact (704) 853-5375.

Cullowhee Creek

Cullowhee Creek (Jackson County): From Sylva, take NC 107 South. Go approximately 6 miles, and turn right onto SR 1001 at the 4-way stop intersection (Cullowhee Elementary School is on the right). Go 0.1 mile, and the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department athletic complex is on the right; park in the parking lot adjacent to the ball fields.

Cullowhee creek flows along the back of the Parks and Recreation Department property. Accessible fishing platforms have been constructed at two locations adjacent to the creek. Catchable size

trout are stocked in March and April. This is Designated Public Mountain Trout Water and Hatchery Supported regulations apply. **A Special Trout Fishing license is required.** Restrooms, picnic shelters, and tables are available nearby. Fish species present include brook, brown and rainbow trout.

Curtis Creek

Curtis Creek (McDowell County): From Asheville, take I 40 East (or Morganton, take I 40 West) to the Old Fort exit. Go east on US 70 approximately 2 miles, turn on SR 1227 (Curtis Creek Road), and go approximately 2 miles. The pier is on the left side of the road.

A pier and a designated parking area that are accessible to the physically challenged have been constructed at this site. This is designated public mountain trout water, and a **special trout fishing license** is required. Curtis Creek is managed by Hatchery Supported-Delayed Harvest regulations: Fishing is restricted to catch-and-release with the use of artificial lures having one single hook from October 1 through the first Saturday in June. During the rest of the year, there are no lure restrictions or size limits and the daily creel limit is 7 trout. Harvestable-size trout are stocked March through July and in October and November.

Davidson River

Coontree (Transylvania County): From Brevard, take U. S. 276 north. Go approximately 4 miles, and the U. S. Forest Service Coontree Recreation Area parking lot will be on the left.

An accessible paved path starts in the parking lot and leads to three universal fishing piers along the Davidson River. Facilities at the site include picnicking tables, grills and restrooms. This section of the Davidson River is designated public mountain trout water and managed under the Catch and Release single hook flies only fishing regulation. **A special trout fishing license is required.** Fish species present include rainbow and brown trout.

East Prong Roaring River

East Prong Roaring River (Wilkes County): From I-77, take US 21 north toward Sparta. Go approximately 5-6 miles and turn left on SR 1002 (Traphill Road). Go 5 miles to SR 1784 (John P. Frank Highway) and take it into Stone Mountain State Park.

Two accessible fishing piers are located on the East Prong Roaring River in the Stone Mountain State Park. One pier is located on the left just below the confluence of Bullhead Creek and the East Prong Roaring River, and the other is located approximately one mile further down the road just before the group camping area. The East Prong Roaring River in the park is a designated public

mountain trout water, and **a special trout fishing license is required.** It is stocked with hatchery-reared trout and regulated as Delayed Harvest (catch and release regulations apply from October 1 until the first Saturday in June). Restrooms are available at the visitor's center, campground, and parking lot at the base of Stone Mountain. For additional information contact Stone Mountain State Park at (336) 957-8185.

Falls of the Neuse Lake

Old 98 (Wake County): From NC 50, take NC 98 East 3.5 miles. Area is on the right. A section of shoreline and access trails have been cleared of brush. Fish attractors have been placed near the bank fishing area, and hardwood trees have been cut and cabled to the shoreline to further attract fish. Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish, carp, white perch and striped bass are available. Rolling View and Sandling Beach state recreation areas are located nearby and provide facilities for camping, picnicking and restrooms.

Confederate House (Wake County): From I-85 north of Durham, take Exit 186A (Granville County) and take US 15 North. Go 0.5 mile and turn right on SR 1726 (Will Suitt Road). Go 1.4 miles (into Wake County) and turn right on SR 1901 (Old Weaver Trail). Go 1.3 miles and turn left, continuing on Old Weaver Trail. Go 0.2 mile and the area will be on the right with a parking lot on the left.

Brush has been cleared from the shoreline at several sites along an old railroad causeway projecting into the lake and from access trails leading to them. Fish attractors have been placed near the shoreline sites. Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish, carp, white perch and striped bass may be caught at this area.

Upper Barton Creek (Wake County): From the intersection of NC 98 with NC 50, take NC 98 East. Go 1.7 miles and turn right on SR 1005 (Six Forks Road). Go 1.1 miles, cross the lake cove and the area is on the right.

Brush has been cleared from an area of shoreline and from trails leading to the lake from the parking area. Several wooden benches have been placed around the shoreline. Timber was left standing in the area when the lake was filled and fish attractors have been constructed near the shoreline. Largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish, channel catfish, bullheads, carp and bowfin are the primary fish available.

Fontana Lake

Tsali (Graham County): From Bryson City, take US 19 West. Go nine miles and turn right on NC 28 toward Almond. Just past the Swain-Graham county line, turn right at the Tsali Recreation Area

sign. Go about three miles, following the signs to the boating access area. The trail to the fishing area begins at the left of the boating access area parking lot and is marked with signs.

Brush has been cleared at each fishing access point along the full pool elevation of the lake. Fish attractors have been placed off of each access point. The primary fishes available include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, sunfish, crappie, walleye and catfish. Facilities for camping, picnicking, trail biking, horseback riding, hiking and restrooms are located within the Tsali Recreation Area.

French Broad River

Blantyre (Transylvania County): From Brevard, take US 64 east about 4 miles. Turn right on Pleasant Grove Road, cross over the river and the access area will be on the left.

Brush has been cleared from the area. A small boat launching facility, consisting of concrete steps and a timbered launch ramp has been constructed. A gravel parking area at the access can accommodate several vehicles with trailers. Fish species present include muskellunge, smallmouth bass, crappie and sunfish.

Murray Branch (Madison County): From Asheville, take US 19/23 North to US 70 (Marshall Exit). Take US 70 North (about 35 miles) to Hot Springs city limit. Turn right on SR 1304 (first State road on right before crossing the French Broad River). At the stop sign, turn right and go six miles to the US Forest Service's Murray Branch Recreation Area.

This area consists of three fishing pads along the French Broad River connected by a trail for persons with disabilities. Two handicapped parking spaces are provided. Fishing is primarily for warm water species such as channel catfish, flathead catfish, bluegill, red-breast sunfish, muskie, smallmouth and largemouth bass and suckers. The Forest Service provides a covered picnic shelter with restrooms at the site.

Green River

Green River Game Land (Polk County): From Hendersonville (in Henderson County), take I-26 South to Exit 28. Turn left at the exit on Green River Cove Road. Follow Green River Cove Road about 4 miles to Fishtop Falls access area on the left.

Brush has been cleared from the area and a foot trail leads to the river. This portion of Green River is Designated Public Mountain Trout Water and Hatchery Supported regulations apply. The river is stocked with catchable sized trout March through July. **A special trout fishing license is required.** Fish species present include rainbow, brown and brook trout.

**Gum
Swamp
Lake**

Gum Swamp (Scotland County): From US 1 South of Hoffman in Richmond County, take NC 177 South to SR 1605. Turn left on SR 1605, go four miles, and turn left on SR 1609. Go 0.2 mile (This road becomes SR 1342 in Scotland County) and the area is on the left.

Brush has been cleared from a section of shoreline. The primary fish species available are largemouth bass, sunfish and chain pickerel.

**Indian
Camp
Lake**

Indian Camp (Richmond County): From the intersection with SR 1475 (Caddell Road) in Hoffman, take US Hwy. 1 South toward Rockingham. Go 1 mile and turn right on SR 1479 (James G. Watson Road). Go 0.7 mile, and the lake will be on the right. Cross the dam, and the access road to the parking lot will turn to the right.

Two handicap-accessible fishing piers joined by a concrete pad continuous with the handicapped parking space are located on the north bank of this 5-acre pond. An additional graveled parking area and access road have been constructed adjacent to the pier. Several fish attractors are located near the piers to concentrate fish for anglers. Harvestable size channel catfish are stocked in the pond at intervals over the summer. The fish are fed several times daily from April through September with automatic feeders situated near the piers. This pond is located on the Sandhills Game Lands and hunting and other activities are allowed subject to the regulations for this specific game land.

**Jacob
Fork**

Jacob Fork (Burke County): From I-40 take NC 18 south (exit 105). Go 9.5 miles and turn right onto SR 1913 (Sugar Loaf Road). Go 4.3 miles to a stop sign. Turn left onto SR 1924 (Old NC 18) and go 2.6 miles to SR 1901 (Gap Road). Go 1.4 miles and turn right onto SR 1904 (Mountain Park Avenue) after crossing a bridge. Follow this road approximately four miles to the State Park parking area. This site is located in South Mountains State Park. Brown directional signs have been erected along the route.

Jacob Fork is a Designated Public Mountain Trout Water and **a special trout fishing license is required.** Three accessible fishing piers are located on Jacob Fork. Two of the piers are in the Delayed Harvest portion of the stream—one at the left end of the parking lot and the other about 0.25 mile upstream. The Delayed Harvest section is stocked with hatchery trout. Catch and release regulations apply from October until the first Saturday in June. The third pier is located at the upper end of a fully accessible 1-mile loop trail. Wild trout regulations apply at the third pier (see Regulations

**John H.
Kerr Lake**

Digest for details). South Mountains State Park has restrooms and also offers facilities for hiking, picnicking and camping. More information can be obtained by calling South Mountains State Park at (828) 433-4772.

Williamsboro Wayside (Vance County): From I-85 North of Durham, take Exit 214 to NC 39 North, and go 5.4 miles. The area is on the right past the bridge.

Several shoreline areas and trails to these areas have been cleared of brush. A graveled parking area with handicapped spaces has been constructed. Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish, carp and striped bass are the primary fish species available. Nutbush State Park, which offers facilities for camping, picnicking and restrooms, is located nearby.

Nutbush Bridge (Vance County): From I-85 North of Durham, take Exit 214 to NC 39 North. Go 4.5 miles and turn right at Harris Crossroads on SR 1308. Go 1.8 miles, and area is on right side of bridge across Nutbush Creek.

An area of shoreline has been cleared of brush, and a catwalk has been constructed on the north side of the bridge. A graveled parking area is located on the south side of SR 1308 adjacent to the bridge. Primary fish species include largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish, carp and striped bass. Baitfish may also be collected from the catwalk with a cast net. Nutbush State Park, which is located nearby, offers camping, picnicking and restroom facilities.

**Kinney
Cameron
Lake**

Kinney Cameron (Scotland County): From US 1 in Hoffman in Richmond County, take SR 1602. At the Scotland County line, this road becomes SR 1328. Go approximately one mile, and access road is on the right.

Brush has been cleared from a section of shoreline. Primary fish species are largemouth bass, sunfish and chain pickerel.

**Lake
Hickory**

Whittenburg (Alexander County): From I-40 in Hickory, take Exit 125 and go north 7.5 miles on N. C. 127. Just after crossing Lake Hickory, turn left onto SR 1208, and go 0.3 miles. Turn left onto SR 1141, and go 0.2 miles to Whittenburg Boating Access Area. A separate parking area for the Public Fishing area is located at the eastern end of the Boating Access Area.

Two piers have been constructed on Lake Hickory. Trees and brush have been added to attract fish. Fish species available include largemouth bass, crappie, other sunfish and catfish.

**Lake James
Tailrace**

Bridgewater (Burke County): From I-40 East of Morganton, take Exit 94 (Dysartsville), and go north on SR 1129. Go approximately 0.5 mile to the stop sign and turn left onto US 70. Go approximately 1.5 miles and turn right onto SR 1233. Go approximately 2.5 miles, along the Lake James dam, and turn right onto SR 1223. Go 0.5 mile to the parking area.

Brush has been cleared from an area of shoreline and an accessible wooden pier is available for access to the Catawba River tailrace of Lake James. This section of the stream is a Designated Public Mountain Trout Water and it is stocked with trout from April through August. Hatchery Supported regulations apply and **a special trout fishing license is required.** Lake James State Park is located approximately six miles away and offers facilities for camping, hiking, picnicking and swimming, as well as restrooms.

**Lake
Powhatan**

Lake Powhatan (Buncombe County): From I-26 in Asheville, take the NC 191 South exit at Biltmore Square Mall. Go approximately three miles, and turn right on SR 1129 at the sign for the N. C. Arboretum. Continue down SR 1129, staying to the left at all forks, to the entrance to Lake Powhatan Recreation Area. Further directions to the public fishing access area can be obtained there.

A day use fee must be paid at the entrance to the recreation area. An accessible fishing pier is available near the dam. An access road to the pier is available to persons with disabilities, but all others must walk the road to the pier. Catchable size trout are stocked annually from March through June. This lake is a Designated Public Mountain Trout Water and Hatchery Supported regulations apply. **A special trout fishing license is required.** Largemouth bass and sunfish can be caught during the summer and fall. Facilities for camping, picnicking, trail biking, swimming and hiking as well as restrooms are available within the Lake Powhatan Recreation Area.

Lake Rim

Lake Rim (Cumberland County): From the intersection of US 401 Business and US 401 By-Pass in Fayetteville (Raeford and Skibo Roads), take US 401 South. Go approximately five miles (to the 5th. light) and turn right onto US 401 Business. Go approximately one mile and Lake Rim is on the right.

Two accessible fishing piers have been constructed (one on either side of the lake) and brush has been cleared from a section of shoreline associated with each fishing pier. A gravel parking area with four handicapped spaces is available at each fishing pier. A small boat launching ramp is also available (gasoline motors are pro-

hibited) on the north side of the lake. Largemouth bass, sunfish and catfish are the primary fish species available. Fishing equipment is available for loan at nearby Lake Rim Park.

**Lake
Tillery**

Lilly's Bridge (Montgomery County): From NC 24/27 approximately 6 miles east of Albemarle, take NC 73 East. Go one mile and turn right on SR 1111. The number of this road will change to SR 1110, but no further turns need to be made. Go 4.3 miles, and the fishing area will be on the left beside the bridge.

Brush has been cleared from approximately 75 yards of shoreline. Two wooden fishing platforms and handicapped parking spaces with an accessible trail to one platform are available. Two fish attractors and several tree laps attached to the shore have been placed near the area to provide cover. Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish, carp, white perch and white bass are the primary fishes available.

**Max Patch
Pond**

Max Patch Pond (Madison County): From Hot Springs, take NC 209 south about 5 miles, and turn right on Meadow Fork Road. From Meadow Fork Road, turn right on Max Patch Road, and go approximately 3 miles. Max Patch Pond parking area will be on the right.

Max Patch Pond has a large universal fishing pier accessible from the parking area. Fish species present include rainbow, brown, and brook trout. Max Patch Pond is Designated Public Mountain Trout Water and managed under Hatchery Supported fishing regulations. Max Patch Pond is stocked with catchable sized trout March through May. **A special trout fishing license is required.**

**Northeast
Cape Fear
River**

Holly Shelter (Pender County): From I-40 near Burgaw, take Exit 398 and turn east on NC 53. Go six miles and turn right on SR 1523 (Old Blake's Bridge Road). Go six miles to area.

This area consists of two cleared bank fishing sites. The primary fish species available are largemouth bass, sunfish, black crappie, catfish, yellow perch and chain pickerel, American shad and striped bass are available in spring.

**Rabbit
Shuffle Pond**

Rabbit Shuffle Pond (Caswell County): From the intersection with NC 49 north of Burlington, take NC 62 North toward Yanceyville. Go 13.4 miles, and turn left at the Public Fishing Area sign onto a gravel game land road. Go 0.5 mile on the gravel road to the pond (go left at all forks in the road). From Yanceyville, the gravel game land road is the first road to the right past the Caswell Game Lands depot and headquarters.

An accessible fishing pier and a concrete handicapped parking pad are available near the dam of this 6-acre pond. An additional graveled parking area and a small graveled launch ramp suitable for small boats or canoes are adjacent to the pier. Six brush or plastic fish attractors have been placed in the pond, several near the pier. Harvestable size channel catfish are stocked monthly and fed from April through September. This pond is located on Caswell Game Lands, and hunting is allowed subject to the specific regulations for this game land. Other exceptions to the restrictions pertaining to most public fishing access areas (including camping) may apply.

**Richland
Creek**

Vance Street Park (Haywood County): From Asheville, take I-40 West (about 25 miles) to Exit 27 (US 19-74). Take US 19-74 South and go about five miles to the Waynesville Exit (US 276 South). Turn left on Russ Avenue and go to the second traffic light. Turn left on Howell Mill Road, go 0.8 mile, and turn right on Vance Street. Vance Street Park will be on the left along Richland Creek.

This fishing area is located at the Waynesville Recreation Park and consists of a paved trail along the creek, four paved fishing pads and one fishing platform, all accessible to persons with disabilities. Richland Creek is a Designated Public Mountain Trout Water managed under the Delayed Harvest fishing regulation and **a special trout fishing license is required**. Rest rooms and picnic tables are located at the park.

**Roanoke
Sound**

Manteo (Dare County): From Manteo, take US 64 east to the Washington Baum Bridge. The public fishing access area is located on the right under the bridge on the west side of Roanoke Sound.

An accessible wooden fishing pier is available and marked handicapped parking spaces are provided. Marine and estuarine fish species such as croaker, spot, seatrout, bluefish and flounder are available.

**Robert E.
Barnhill Sr.
Public
Fishing
Areas**

Etheridge Pond (Edgecombe County): From U. S. 64 near Tarboro, take Exit 487 and go south on N. C. 33. Go 0.2 mile and turn right on Dowens St. (SR 1624). Go to first street and turn right on Bogey St. (SR 1625), follow Bogey St., go past bend in road to the left and road will proceed along bank of pond.

This pond is approximately 27 acres in size with a small island in the middle. Bank fishing is allowed around the entire shoreline. A floating fishing pier and a graveled parking lot, with modifications for handicapped accessibility, are planned. A launching ramp for small boats is adjacent to the parking lot, however, the use of gasoline-powered boat motors is not allowed. Harvestable size

channel catfish are stocked from April through September, and grass carp have been stocked to control vegetation. Other fish species commonly available include largemouth bass and various sunfish and additional species may be caught occasionally as a result of infrequent flooding from the Tar River.

Newbold Pond (Edgecombe County): From U. S. 64, take Exit 488 and go south on Shiloh Farm Road. Go 0.1 mile and turn left into the entrance to the pond and access area.

Bank fishing is accessible from the shoreline around most of this 53-acre pond. A floating fishing pier and gravel parking lot with modifications for handicapped accessibility are located near the entrance to the access area. A launching ramp for small boats is adjacent to the parking lot, however, the use of gasoline-powered boat motors is not allowed. Harvestable size channel catfish are stocked from April through September. Largemouth bass and various sunfish species are also available, and other fish species may infrequently be caught due to flooding from the Tar River.

**Sutton
Lake**

Sutton Lake (New Hanover County): From I-40, take Exit 398 and go west on NC 53 through Burgaw. Go 10.5 miles and turn left onto US 421. Go 17.5 miles on US 421 South, and turn right onto a small paved road at the Sutton Lake and wildlife boating access area signs. Go 1.5 miles to the end of the road (road will change to a gravel surface after 0.5 mile) and the Sutton Lake Boating Access Area. The public fishing access area is to the right of the boating access area.

From Wilmington, take US 421 North approximately three miles and turn left onto the small paved road described above. From this point, follow the above directions.

A wooden fishing pier that is accessible to the physically challenged and marked handicapped parking spaces has been constructed. Rows of fish attractors have been installed radiating outward from the pier. Several trees have been cut and cabled to the shoreline and tupelo trees have been planted in the shoreline areas to provide additional cover for fish. Fish species available include largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish and crappie.

**Trent
River**

Trent River (Jones County): This public fishing area is located in Pollocksville, immediately downstream of the US 17 bridge across the Trent River and adjacent to the Wildlife Resources Commission Boating Access Area.

An 8 ft. x 49 ft. fishing pier has been constructed that is accessible to the physically challenged, and the construction of a paved

Public Fishing Areas By County

<i>County</i>	<i>Water Body</i>	<i>Public Fishing Areas</i>
Alexander	Lake Hickory	Whittenburg
Anson	Blewett Falls Reservoir	& Blewett Falls
Ashe	Chinquapin Trout Lake	& Chinquapin Trout Lake
Buncombe	Lake Powhatan	& Lake Powhatan
Burke	Lake James Tailrace Broughton Pond Jacob Fork	& Bridgewater & Broughton Pond & Jacob Fork
Caswell	Rabbit Shuffle Pond	& Rabbit Shuffle
Chatham	B. E. Jordan Reservoir	Bell's Church Weaver Creek Rock Quarry
Cherokee	Cherokee Lake	& Cherokee Lake
Craven	Brice's Creek	& Brice's Creek
Clay	Chatuge Reservoir	Jackrabbit
Cumberland	Lake Rim	& Lake Rim
Dare	Roanoke Sound	& Manteo
Edgecombe	Robert E. Barnhill Public Fishing Areas	Etheridge Pond & Newbold Pond
Gaston	Crowders Lake	Crowders Mountain State Park
Gates	Chowan River	Shoups Landing
Graham	Fontana Lake	Tsali
Haywood	Richland Creek	& Vance Street Park
Jackson	Balsam Lake Cullowhee Creek	& Balsam Lake & Cullowhee Creek
Jones	Trent River	& Trent River
Madison	French Broad River Max Patch Pond	& Murray Branch & Max Patch
McDowell	Curtis Creek	& Curtis Creek
Montgomery	Badin Lake	Holt's Cabin Badin Pier & Lilly's Bridge
New Hanover	Sutton Lake	& Sutton Lake
Pender	N. E. Cape Fear River	Holly Shelter
Polk	Green River	Green River Game Land
Richmond	Indian Camp Lake	& Indian Camp
Rowan	Tuckertown Lake	Flat Creek
Stanly	Badin Lake	Old Whitney
Scotland	Kinney Cameron Lake Gum Swamp Lake Crawford Lake	Kinney Cameron Gum Swamp Crawford
Swain	Tuskasegee River/ Fontana Reservoir	& Tuskasegee River
Transylvania	Davidson River French Broad River	& Coontree Blantyre
Wilkes	East Prong Roaring River	& East Prong Roaring River
Wake	Falls of the Neuse Reservoir	Old 98 Confederate House Upper Barton Creek
Vance	John H. Kerr Reservoir	Williamsboro Wayside Nutbush Bridge

& Sites have special provisions for physically challenged anglers.

walkway from the parking area to the pier is planned during the fall-winter of 2002–2003. Fish species in the Trent River include largemouth bass, striped bass, bluegill, redbreast sunfish, crappie, yellow perch, and catfish.

Tuckaseegee River

Tuckaseegee River (Swain County): From US 19 South/74 West, take the Bryson City exit (Exit No. 67). Go 1.1 miles, cross the Tuckaseegee River and a railroad track to a 4-way stop intersection. Turn left onto SR 1321 and go 1.75 miles. Where the road forks, take the left fork onto “Old 288” (SR 1321) and go 0.75 mile. The fishing pier and boat launching area is on the left.

A 12 ft. x 36 ft. fishing platform that is accessible to the physically challenged has been built on the Tuckaseegee River arm of the Fontana Reservoir. A parking area is located near the pier and boat launching area and picnic tables are available. Fish species available include smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, black crappie, other sunfish and channel catfish.

Tuckertown Lake

Flat Creek (Rowan County): From Asheboro, take NC 49 South approximately 24 miles. Cross Tuckertown Lake and turn right (West) on SR 1578 (Stokes Ferry Road). Go 1.6 miles and turn right on SR 2152 (River Road). Go 2.4 miles, and the parking lot is on the left.

Brush has been cleared from a segment of shoreline and placed in the water to attract fish. Fishes present include largemouth bass, catfish, carp, white perch and various sunfish including crappie.

Community Fishing Program Sites

Community Fishing Program sites are cooperatively operated by the Commission and local governments. The Commission provides 75% of the operational funds through the Sport Fish Restoration Fund and local governments provide 25% of the funds plus the fishing site. Community Fishing Program Sites are open to the general public, and many have regular opening and closing hours. A daily harvest limit of 6 forked tail catfish has been established at all sites. In addition, fishing tackle may be loaned at selected sites.

Most of the Community Fishing Program sites are located in city or county owned parks and picnicking and rest rooms facilities as well as other recreational opportunities are often available. Information on these facilities may be obtained from the contact persons listed under each Community Fishing Program site.

Fishing equipment, generally rods and spin cast reels, may be borrowed or "checked out" at many of the Community Fishing Pro-

gram sites and at some other locations listed below. Terminal tackle (usually including hooks, sinkers, bobbers, line, and fish stringers) and a tackle box that they may keep is given to anglers less than 16 years old at their first "check out" of fishing equipment.

Apex

Apex Community Park Lake (Wake County): From the intersection of US 1 and US 64 east of Apex, take US 64 West. Go 1.3 miles, and turn right on Lake Pine Drive (SR 1521). Go 0.3 mile, and the lake will be on the left.

Several sections of shoreline on this 60-acre impoundment are cleared of brush to allow bank fishing. Ten plastic fish attractors have been installed. Channel catfish are stocked monthly from April through September. Other species present include largemouth bass, crappie, and various other sunfishes. This lake offers an excellent fishery for redear sunfish (shellcrackers). Fishing is by permit issued by the city only. Fishing tackle is available for loan at the park office. For more information, contact John Brown, Director, at (919) 249-3344.

Black Mountain

Lake Tomahawk (Buncombe County): From Asheville, take I-40 east to Exit 64. Turn left (north) on N. C. 9, turn left at the third light, turn right at the second light and go about 2 miles. The Black Mountain Parks and Recreation Area will be on the left.

An accessible path follows the entire shoreline of this 10-acre pond. The recreation area is equipped with picnic tables, shelters, tennis courts, swimming pool, concession stand, play ground, and restrooms. Two universal accessible fishing piers are located along the path leading from the paved parking area. Fishing tackle is available for loan at this site. Fish species present include largemouth bass, sunfish, and channel catfish. Channel catfish are stocked regularly April through September. For additional information, contact Randy Wilson, Director, at (828) 669-2052.

Burlington

Cedarrock Park (Alamance County): From Burlington, go south on NC 49 for 5.9 miles, and turn left on Friendship-Patterson Mill Road (SR 1130). Go 0.3 mile and turn left on Cedarrock Park Road (SR 2409). Go 1.3 miles to the parking area on the left.

Shoreline areas have been cleared of brush for bank fishing on this 2.5-acre pond. Parking facilities, including handicapped spaces and restrooms, are located near the pond. Two fish attractors and fish feeders have been installed. Channel catfish are stocked regularly from April through September, and largemouth bass and

sunfish are also available. For additional information about facilities, contact Eugene Jordan, Park Superintendent, at (336) 570-6759 or Houston Sally, Department Director, at (336) 570-6760.

Carthage

Lake Luke Marion (Moore County): In Carthage, go south on NC 22 (McNeil Street). Go 0.1 mile and turn left onto Saunders Street. Go 0.3 mile and turn right onto Pinehurst Avenue. Go 0.5 mile and the lake is on the left.

Brush has been cleared from several bank areas and a 50-foot pier has been constructed. An exercise trail goes around the 3-acre lake. A paved parking lot and bathrooms are located at the adjacent Moore County Office Park. Fish are fed daily from April through September. The lake is stocked annually with channel catfish. Largemouth bass and sunfish are also available. For additional information contact Billy Ransom, Director, or Paul Anderson, Lake Manager, at (910) 947-2504. Fishing tackle is available for loan at two nearby locations, the Moore County Parks & Recreation office and Carthage Farm Supply; contact Paul Anderson at the above phone number for additional information.

Carrboro

Anderson Community Park Pond (Orange County): From Carrboro, take NC 54 West to the city limit. Go approximately ¼ mile, just past where the road reduces from 4 lanes to 2 lanes and the pond is on the right.

This 5.5-acre pond is known locally as “Frog Pond.” Harvestable-size channel catfish are stocked and fed monthly from April through September. Picnic tables/shelters, tennis courts, ball fields, hiking trails and restrooms are also available at the park complex. Other fish species in the pond include largemouth bass and sunfish (bream). Fishing tackle is available for loan for fishing this pond. For additional information, contact Wendell Rogers at (919) 918-7371.

Cary

Fred G. Bond Metro Park Lake (Wake County): From I 40, take NC 54 East, Exit 285 (Aviation Parkway). Go 2.7 miles into Morrisville and turn left at the traffic light (still on NC 54). Go 1.4 miles to Cary Parkway and turn right. Go 1.7 miles on Cary Parkway and turn left onto High House Road (SR 1615). Go 0.5 mile to second entrance to Bond Park (108 High House Road). Take Bond Park Road to boathouse on lake. Or, from US 1, take Cary Parkway east, and go 3–4 miles to High House Road. Turn right on High House Road and follow the directions above.

The 42-acre lake was impounded in 1972 and provides both boating and fishing access. Visitors to the lake may rent boats, and private

boats under 16 feet long without engines may be used on Bond Lake during the regular boat rental hours. Bank fishing is allowed from the 200-foot boardwalk and grassy areas of the lake front. Fish feeders have been erected in close proximity to these bank fishing areas. Largemouth bass and crappie are available in the lake, and channel catfish will be stocked beginning in the spring of 2003. Other park facilities include picnic shelters, athletic fields, an amphitheater, trails, volleyball courts and a large playground area. The boathouse-marina provides bathroom facilities along with drinks and snacks. Fishing tackle is available for loan at this site. For additional information, contact Bill Eucker at (919) 469-4100.

Charlotte

Freedom Park (Mecklenburg County): In Charlotte, go west on Independence Boulevard. Go to the intersection with Kings Drive and turn left. Go 1.3 miles and turn right on East Boulevard. Go 0.1 mile and the park entrance is on the left. Go to the end of the parking lot and the lake is across the foot bridge.

Most of the bank is clear of brush and an accessible concrete walkway completely encircles the 6-acre lake. Several fish attractors have been installed in the lake and are marked with buoys. Channel catfish are stocked regularly and fed daily from April through September. Largemouth bass and sunfish are also available. For additional information contact Ronnie Roberts, Natural Resource Specialist, at (704) 583-1176 or Don Serff, Conservation Supervisor, at (704) 432-1391.

Hornet's Nest Park (Mecklenburg County): In Charlotte, take I-77 North from the intersection with I-85 and turn west on Sunset Road. Go 0.8 mile to the intersection with Beatties Ford Road and turn right. Go one mile and the park entrance is on the left. The lake is beside the parking lot.

Brush has been cleared from bank areas of this 4-acre pond to facilitate fishing. Fish attractors have been installed in the pond and marked with buoys. Channel catfish are stocked regularly and fish feeders distribute feed from April through September. Largemouth bass and sunfish are also present. Restroom facilities and paved sidewalks that are accessible to the handicapped are available. For additional information contact Ronnie Roberts, Natural Resource Specialist, at (704) 583-1176 or Don Seriff, Conservation Supervisor, at (704) 432-1391.

Reedy Creek Park (Mecklenburg County): From Harrisburg, take NC 49 West and turn east on Harris Boulevard near UNC-Charlotte.

Go to the Rocky River Road intersection and turn left. Go 0.7 mile and the park entrance is on the right (2900 Rocky River Road). There are signs posted near the entrance giving directions to the lakes.

Two fishing ponds are located at Reedy Creek Park. Brush has been cleared from several bank areas on both ponds, and a 50-foot fishing platform has been constructed on the larger 7-acre pond. Fish attractors are present and are marked with buoys. Fishing tackle is available for loan at this site. Largemouth bass and several kinds of sunfish are the primary fish species available. For additional information contact Don Serff, Conservation Supervisor, at (704) 432-1391.

McAlpine Creek Park (Mecklenburg County): From I-77 in Charlotte, take Exit 5 (Tyvola Road) and turn right. Go 9 miles (Tyvola Road changes to Fairview Road, which then changes to Sardis Road, which changes to Rama Road) and turn right onto Monroe Road. Go 2 miles, and the park entrance will be on the left.

The bank is cleared completely around this 3-acre pond. A fishing pier has been constructed on the pond that is accessible to the handicapped, however, the parking lot (paved) is located several hundred yards away from it adjacent to the park office. Five fish attractors have been emplaced in the pond. A walking trail runs along the shore of the pond, and restrooms are available at the park office. Channel catfish are stocked monthly and fed daily from April through March. Other fish species available include largemouth bass and sunfish. For additional information, contact Allen Beaver, Park Manager, at (704) 568-4044 or Steve Law, Environmental Director, at (704) 336-8798.

Concord

Frank Liske Park (Cabarrus County): From the intersection of US 601 and NC 49 near Concord, take NC 49 south toward Charlotte. Go 3.9 miles and turn right on SR 1309 (Stough Road). Go 1.3 miles and turn right into the park entrance. Go 0.3 mile, take the second paved road to the left, and follow it to the parking lot and lake.

An area of shoreline is free of vegetation, and bank fishing is available. Improved access trails surround the lake. The lake is stocked with channel catfish monthly and fed during April through September. Other species available include largemouth bass, crappie and various other sunfish. Picnic shelters are available, and handicapped accessible restrooms are located near the parking lot. Fishing tackle is available for loan at this site. For additional information, contact Randy Daniels, Park Manager, at (704) 782-0411.

Elkin

Big Elkin Creek (Surry County): From I-77, take the Jonesville Exit (N.C. Hwy. 67) and go west toward Elkin. Go 1.9 miles, to NC Hwy. 21 across the Yadkin River, and turn left just past the bridge on NC Hwy. 268 (Market Street). Go 0.4 mile and turn right on Memorial Park Drive. The creek will be on the right.

Approximately 1 mile of stream bank along one or both sides of the creek is accessible for bank fishing. An accessible concrete fishing platform has been constructed along the bank. Parking is available at the park and along Memorial Park Drive. The creek is stocked with channel catfish monthly and fed from April through September. Two fish feeders are located in front of the Elkin Town Garage on Memorial Park Drive and immediately below the foot bridge at the lower walking track boundary. Fishing equipment is available for loan at the park office. Restroom facilities are located at the main recreation area. Other species available are largemouth bass, redbreast sunfish, bullheads and suckers. For additional information contact Brent Cornelison at (336) 835-9814.

Ellerbe

Ellerbe Lions Community Park Lake (Richmond County): From U.S. 220 in Ellerbe, turn east on Church Street (SR 1452; becomes Millstone Road). Go approximately 1 mile, and the park is located on the right.

A grass buffer has been established around the shoreline of this 1½-acre pond. A graveled road circles the pond. Harvestable-size channel catfish are stocked monthly, and the fish are fed by hand. An outdoor drama area, picnic tables, and a playground are also available at the site.

Greensboro

Oka T. Hester Park (Guilford County): In Greensboro, take I-85 to Exit 121 and go north on Holden Road. Go 1.5 miles and turn left on West Vandalia Road. Go 1.5 miles and turn right on Tonkin Road. Go 0.1 mile and the park is on the right.

This 12-acre lake is located to the left of the parking area. Several bank areas are clear of brush and four fishing piers are available, some of which are accessible to the physically challenged. Restrooms and picnic shelters are located in the park. Fish attractors and fish feeders are used to concentrate fish. Channel catfish are stocked regularly from April through September. Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie and carp are also available. Fishing tackle is available for loan at this site. For additional information contact June Harris, Park Manager, at (336) 373-2937.

Bur-Mil Park (Guilford County): From Greensboro, take US 220 North and turn right (east) on Owl's Roost Road (SR 2337). Go 0.4 mile and turn left on Bur-Mil Club Road. The park office is straight ahead, and the two ponds are located toward the rear of the park.

The banks of these ponds have been cleared of brush. Fish attractors and fish feeders are present to attract fish. The larger 3.5-acre pond is managed primarily for largemouth bass and sunfish. The smaller 1-acre pond is managed for channel catfish and it is stocked regularly from April through September. A fishing pier on Lake Brandt is also accessible from the park. Fishing tackle is available for loan at this site. For additional information contact Chris Wilson, Park Manager, at (336) 545-5958.

Hagan-Stone Park (Guilford County): From Greensboro, take US 421 South and take exit 126 near Pleasant Grove to the right onto Hagan-Stone Park Road (SR 3411). Follow signs for 2.3 miles to park entrance on right.

Hagan-Stone Park is a scenic 409-acre campground, wildlife refuge and recreational facility established in 1964. The park has 4 ponds with the largest pond (23 acres) stocked monthly from April through September with channel catfish. Fish feeders have been erected and fish attractors will be installed in 2003. Largemouth bass, bluegills, and redear sunfish are available in all ponds. The park also includes picnic shelters, swimming pool, hiking and biking trails, softball fields, horseshoe pits and 3 playgrounds. Restroom facilities are located at the marina on the largest lake. Fishing tackle is available for loan at this site. For additional information, contact Steve Branson, Park Manager, at (336) 674-0472.

Greenville

River Park North (Pitt County): From NC Hwy. 11/13, north of the Tar River bridge near Greenville, take Airport Road east. Go 0.3 mile, and Airport Road becomes Mumford Road at the traffic light (intersection with Greene Street). Go 0.7 mile on Mumford Road, and River Park North will be on the right at 1000 Mumford Road.

Five ponds with a total surface acreage of 48 acres are located in River Park North. Shoreline brush has been cleared from several areas around the ponds to facilitate bank fishing. Two fishing piers that are accessible to the physically challenged are located on the largest, a 15-acre pond. Harvestable-size channel catfish are stocked monthly and fed several times daily from April through September in this pond. Grass carp have been stocked to control aquatic vegetation. Four fish feeders and 6 PVC fish attractors will concentrate the fish for anglers. Fishing tackle is available for loan at the park

office. Other recreational opportunities and facilities at the park include restrooms, hiking trails, picnic shelters, paddle boats and canoes and campgrounds. The park is closed on Mondays. For more information, contact Howard Vainright at (252) 329-4562.

Hamlet

Hamlet City Lake (Richmond County): From the intersection of US 1 and US 74 in Rockingham, take US 74 East. Go approximately 6 miles to Lakeside Drive in Hamlet. Turn left and the lake is immediately on the right.

Bank fishing and parking access are ample at this 50-acre lake and fishing is permitted 24 hours a day. A fishing pier that is accessible to the physically challenged is located on this lake. Harvestable-size channel catfish are stocked monthly and fed several times per day from April through September. The recreational complex around the lake includes a boat launch, hiking trail, picnic tables and horseshoe pits. Gasoline powered outboard motors are prohibited on the lake but electric trolling motors are allowed. Largemouth bass, bluegill and redear sunfish are also available. For additional information, contact Lee Matthews at (910) 582-2651.

Kernersville

Kernersville Lake (Forsyth County): From I-40 Business at Kernersville, take NC 66 North. Go 1.4 miles and turn right on Dobson Street. Go 0.9 mile and turn left on Old Valley School Road. Go 1.4 miles and turn left into the park entrance.

Several cleared sections of shoreline are available for fishing from the bank, and row boats are available for rent. Channel catfish are stocked monthly and fed from April through September. Other species present include largemouth bass, sunfish and crappie. A large graveled parking lot, a covered picnic shelter and accessible restrooms are available. For more information, contact Ricky Lunsford, Park Manager, at (336) 993-8245 or Mike Anderson at (336) 727-2946.

Kinston

Neuseway Nature Park (Lenoir County): From US 70 Bypass south of Kinston, take NC Hwy. 11 N/55E. Go 0.6 mile and turn left onto SR 1364 (Earl Tyndall Road). The ponds will be on the left.

Three ponds ranging in size up to 6 acres are located at the park. The largest pond has an accessible fishing pier and is intensively managed. Several plastic fish attractors have been constructed and placed in the pond, and 3 fish feeders have been installed around it. Channel catfish are stocked monthly and fed several times daily from April through September. Fishing equipment is available for loan at the park office. Other fish species available include largemouth

bass, sunfish and carp. For additional information, contact the park office at (252) 939-3367.

Mebane

Lake Michael (Orange County): From the intersection of NC 119 and US 70 in Mebane, take US 70 east and go 0.3 mile. Turn left on North Ninth St. and go 0.2 mile. Turn right on Brown Street (the name of this road will change to Lebanon Church Rd., SR 1306). Go 0.8 mile, and the drive to Lake Michael will be on the right. Go 0.2 mile on the gravel drive to the marina.

This 60-acre lake is located in a 260-acre park complex that includes a boat ramp, playground, picnic areas and hiking trails. Vending machines and restrooms are available at the marina. The lake is closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sunday mornings in April through October. Fish species available include largemouth bass, crappie, other sunfish, carp and channel catfish. Harvestable-size channel catfish are stocked monthly and fed from April through September. Fishing tackle is available for loan at the site. For additional information, contact the marina at (919) 563-4573 or Dean Ray, Director, at (919) 563-3629.

Morrisville

Lake Crabtree County Park (Wake County): From Raleigh, take I-40 West to Exit 285 (Morrisville Aviation Parkway). Take SR 1002 South. Go 0.3 mile, and the park (1400 Aviation Parkway) is on the left.

Some bank areas have been cleared of brush and several accessible piers have been constructed on the 522-acre lake. Fish attractors have been installed and fish feeders are located next to the pier. Handicapped parking areas, restroom facilities and picnic shelters are located near the lake. Boat rentals are available. Fishing tackle is available for loan at this site. The lake is regularly stocked with channel catfish. Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie and carp also are available. For additional information, contact Mary Donnelly, Park Manager, at (919) 460-3390.

New Hill

Harris Lake County Park (Wake County): From Apex, take U. S. 1 south. Go approximately 7 miles and take Exit 89. Turn right (south) on New Hill-Holleman Rd (SR 1127), go 2.8 miles, and turn right into the park on SR 2000. Go 0.5 mile on park road to pond on right.

A floating pier that is accessible to the physically challenged is located on Harris Lake, and several fish attractors have been placed near the pier. A total of 7 small ponds are located on the park. However, the largest pond (approx. 3 acres) that is closest to the park entrance offers the best fishing opportunity. Bank areas have

been cleared for fishing access. A playground, picnic shelters, and a variety of walking trails are also located at the park. Fishing tackle may be borrowed at this site. The largest pond and 2 of the other ponds are stocked with channel catfish, while largemouth bass and sunfish are available in all the ponds. For additional information, contact Tim Lisk, Park Manager, at (919) 387-4345.

Pfafftown

C. G. Hill Memorial Park (Forsyth County): From Winston-Salem, take NC Hwy. 67 (Reynolda Road) West approximately 5 miles northwest of Wake Forest University, and turn left on SR 1525 (Yadkinville Hwy.). Go 2.8 miles and turn right on SR 3210 (Transou Road). Go 0.9 mile and turn left on SR 1455 (Balsom Road). Go 0.8 mile, and the park entrance is on the left.

Harvestable-size channel catfish are stocked at 2-month intervals and fed daily from April through September. A paved parking area and several shoreline benches are located adjacent to the pond. A graveled exercise trail runs along one side of the pond, and a children's playground, and picnic shelters are also available. Other fish species that may be caught in the pond are largemouth bass and sunfish. For more information, call Mike Anderson at (336) 727-2946.

Raleigh

Shelley Lake (Wake County): From Raleigh, take I-440 to Exit 7B (Glenwood Avenue/US 70 West). Go 0.4 mile west on US 70 and turn right on Lead Mine Road at Crabtree Valley Mall. Go 1.3 miles and turn right on West Millbrook Road. Go 0.2 mile and turn left into Sertoma Park.

Brush has been cleared from bank areas and a fishing pier has been constructed. Handicapped parking is available. Feeders have been installed to attract fish. Channel catfish are stocked monthly from April through September, and largemouth bass and sunfish also are available. Fishing tackle is available for loan at this site. For additional information contact Richard Costello at (919) 233-2121 or the Marina Hut (weekends only) at (919) 420-2331.

Simpkins Pond (Wake County): From I-440 (Outer Belt Line) in Raleigh, take the Lake Wheeler Road exit and go south (away from Raleigh). Go 6 miles and turn right into the Lake Wheeler complex. Follow the park road approximately 1/2 mile, and Simpkins Pond will be on the left.

The brush has been cleared from most of the shoreline of this 8-acre pond. Parking facilities are located on 2 sides of the pond, and restrooms are available at the Lake Wheeler Marina. Several fish attractors have been installed to concentrate fish. Channel

catfish are stocked regularly and fed from April through September. Largemouth bass and sunfish may also be caught, and fishing equipment is available for loan at the marina. Fishing is by permit only. For additional information, contact Benn Herrmann, Park Manager, at (919) 662-5704 or Jan Harris, Park Supervisor at (919) 831-6640.

Sanford

San Lee Park (Lee County): From Sanford, take US 421/NC 87 South and turn left on SR 1514 (Bragg Street). Go 0.3 mile and turn right onto SR 1559 (Nash Street) beside the Lee County High School. Go 0.3 mile and turn left onto SR 1521 (Kelly Drive). Go 2.7 miles past Carolina Community College and turn right onto Pumping Station Road. Go 0.3 mile, and park entrance is on the right. The ponds are located behind the Environmental Building/Office Complex.

Shoreline brush has been cleared from several locations around both ponds. A small fishing platform has been constructed on each pond, and either pond can be fished from a walking bridge that crosses the dam of the upper pond. A large fishing pier that is accessible has been constructed on the larger pond. Three fish feeders have been installed in the 8-acre lower pond, and two feeders have been installed in the 6-acre upper pond. Channel catfish are stocked monthly from April through September. Largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish and bullheads are also available. Rest room and picnic facilities are available at the park, and canoes can be rented. Fishing tackle is available for loan at this site. For more information, contact Steve Godfrey, Park Manager, at (919) 776-6221.

Tarboro

Indian Lake Park (Edgecombe County): From Tarboro, take Exit 485 off US 64 Alternate. Go north on N.C. 111/122 (Western Blvd.) a distance of 2.7 miles, and the park entrance is on the left.

The 3.5 acre pond has a maximum depth of 7 feet with an average depth of 3-4 ft. and an aeration system. The fishing fee is \$1.00 per day, and the pond is open to fishing from sunrise to sunset April through October. The pond is stocked with channel catfish and fed regularly April through September. Largemouth bass and sunfish are also available. Paddle boats, picnic tables with grills, a volleyball court, horseshoe pits, hiking trails, an outdoor drama complex, concession stand, and restrooms are available at the park. Fishing tackle may be borrowed at the site. For more information, contact Lee Perry, Director, at (252) 641-4276.

Wilson

Lake Toisnot (Wilson County): From the junction of US 264 and NC 42 in Wilson, take NC 42 (Ward Boulevard) east. Go three

miles, and turn left on Corbett Avenue. Go 0.3 mile, and park and lake will be on the right.

Most of the vegetation has been cleared from the shoreline of this 20-acre lake. Five fish feeders have been installed, and channel catfish are stocked monthly from April through September. Largemouth bass, sunfish and carp are also available. A wooden sidewalk, from which fishing is allowed, crosses the lake. Picnic tables and shelters are available. An accessible fishing pier and handicapped parking spaces are available. Fishing tackle, including fishing gear that has been specially adapted for use by the physically challenged, is available for loan at the park office in downtown Wilson. For additional information, contact Mike Webster at (252) 399-2273 or Kent Montgomery at (252) 399-2266.

Winston-Salem

Winston Pond (Forsyth County): In Winston-Salem, from I-40 Business take Exit 6C and take US 311 (Martin Luther King Drive). (As you exit I-40, make a left turn at the stop light, go 0.1 mile to Martin Luther King Drive and turn right.) Go 0.4 mile and turn right on New Walkertown Road. Go 1.4 miles and turn right on Waterworks Road. Go 0.1 mile, and the first road to the left is the park entrance. Take this road around to the dam and pond area.

Vegetation has been cleared from most of the shoreline around this 20-acre lake. Three fish feeders and several fish attractors have been installed. Channel catfish are stocked regularly from April through September. Largemouth bass, sunfish and carp are also available. Picnic facilities and accessible restrooms are available. For more information, contact Diane Peck at (336) 650-7677 or John Goins at (336) 727-2227.

Other Fishing Tackle Loaner Sites

Fishing equipment is available for loan at the following locations. Fishing opportunity may also be available at most of these sites, although a permit from the local lake management agency may be required and special restrictions may apply. While the sport fishery at these facilities is not managed intensively as part of the Community Fishing Program, it may be managed by the Wildlife Resources Commission under another program or by the local agency.

Albemarle

Rock Creek Park (Stanly County): From Albemarle, take N.C. 24/27 and go south on U.S.52. Go 1 block (0.2 mile) and turn right into the park. Turn left immediately and go to the end of the parking lot and the offices are on the right. This site is operated by the Albemarle Parks and Recreation Department; for additional information, call (704) 984-9560.

Community Fishing Sites By County

<i>County</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Cooperating Local Agency and Site</i>
Alamance	Burlington	Alamance County Parks and Recreation & Cedarock Park
Buncombe	Black	Black Mountain Parks and Mountain Recreation Lake Tomahawk
Cabarrus	Concord	Cabarrus County Parks and Recreation & Frank Liske Park
Edgecombe	Tarboro	Tarboro Parks and Recreation Indian Lake
Forsyth	Winston-Salem	Winston-Salem Parks and Recreation & Winston Pond
	Kernersville	Forsyth County Parks and Recreation & Kernersville Lake
	Pfafftown	Forsyth County Parks and Recreation C. G. Hill Memorial Park
Guilford	Greensboro	Greensboro Parks and Recreation & Oka T. Hester Park Bur-Mil Park Hagan-Stone Park
Lee	Sanford	Lee County Parks and Recreation & San Lee Park
Lenoir	Kinston	Kinston/Lenoir County Parks and Recreation Neuseway Nature Park
Mecklenburg	Charlotte	Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation & Freedom Park Park Road Park McAlpine Creek Park
Moore	Carthage	Reedy Creek Park & Hornet's Nest Park Moore County Parks and Recreation Lake Luke Marion
Orange	Mebane	Mebane Recreation and Parks Lake Michael
	Carrboro	Carrboro Recreation and Parks Anderson Community Park Pond
Pitt	Greenville	Greenville Recreation and Parks & River Park North
Richmond	Ellerbe	Ellerbe Lion's Club Ellerbe Lion's Club Pond
	Hamlet	City of Hamlet & Hamlet City Lake
Surry	Elkin	Elkin Parks and Recreation & Big Elkin Creek
Wake	Apex	Apex Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Apex Community Park Lake
	Cary	Cary Parks Recreation and Cultural Resources Department & Bond Park
	Morrisville	Wake County Parks and Recreation & Lake Crabtree County Park Harris County Park
	Raleigh	Raleigh Parks and Recreation & Shelley Lake/Sertoma Park Simpkins Pond
Wilson	Wilson	Wilson Parks and Recreation & Lake Toisnot

& Sites have special provisions for the physically challenged.

Burlington | *Lake Cammack* (Alamance County): From I-85/40 near Burlington, take Exit 150 and go north on Jimmie Kerr Road (SR 1928). Go 2.2 miles and turn right at the third traffic light onto NC 49 North. Go 3.9 miles and turn left onto McCray Road (SR 1754). Go 5.2 miles and turn right at second stop sign onto Union Ridge Road (SR 1001). Go 0.4 mile and the marina entrance is on the left. The marina is closed on Thursdays. Fish feeders are located near the bank fishing area. This site is operated by the Burlington Recreation and Parks Department; for additional information, contact the marina at (336) 421-3872.

Lake Mackintosh (Guilford County): From US 85/40 near Burlington, take Exit 138 and go south on US 61. Go 0.7 mile and the marina entrance is on the left. Fish feeders are located near the bank fishing area. The marina is closed on Tuesdays. This site is operated by the Burlington Recreation and Parks Department; for additional information, contact the marina at (336) 449-2078.

Charlotte | *Latta Plantation Park* (Mecklenburg County): From I-77 northbound in Charlotte, take Exit 16B (Sunset Road West). Go 1 mile and turn right on Beatties Ford Road. Go 5 miles and turn left on Sample Road. Go 1 mile to the park entrance. This site is operated by the Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department; for additional information, contact (704) 875-1391.

McDowell Park (Mecklenburg County): From I-77 in Charlotte, take Exit 90 (Crosswinds Boulevard) and go west toward Crosswinds. Go 4 miles and turn left on NC 49. Go 7 miles, and the park entrance will be on the right. This site is operated by the Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department; for additional information, contact (704) 588-5224.

Fayetteville | *Lake Rim Park* (Cumberland County): From Fayetteville, take US 401 South. Go to the intersection of US 401 and Gillis Hill Road and turn right. Go approximately 0.1 mile to the intersection of Gillis Hill Road and Raeford Road and turn right. Go approximately 0.2 mile and Lake Rim Park is located on the right, adjacent to the NC Wildlife Resources Commission fish hatchery/boating depot. This site is operated by the Cumberland County Parks and Recreation Department. For additional information, contact (910) 424-6134.

Greensboro | *Lake Higgins* (Guilford County): From I-85/40 in Greensboro, take Exit 127 onto U.S. 220/29 North. Go 2.9 miles, and turn right onto West Wendover Avenue (staying on US 220). Go 2.4 miles (on Wendover Avenue), and turn right onto Battleground Avenue (staying on US 220 North). Go 7.3 miles and turn left on SR 2135 (Hamburg Mill Road). Go 0.4 mile, and the marina entrance will be on the left. Fish feeders are located near the bank fishing area. This site is operated by the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department. The marina phone number is (336) 643-4295.

Lake Brandt (Guilford County): From I-85/40 in Greensboro, take Exit 127 onto US 220/29 North. Go 2.9 miles, and turn right onto West Wendover Avenue (staying on US 220). Go 2.4 miles (on Wendover Avenue), and turn right onto Battleground Avenue (staying on US 220 North). Go 0.6 mile and bear right on Lawndale Drive. Go 5.4 miles (Lawndale Drive will turn into Lake Brandt Road/SR 2347), and the marina entrance will be on the left. Fish feeders are located near the bank fishing area. This site is operated by the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department. The marina phone number is (336) 545-5333.

Lake Townsend (Guilford County): From I-85/40 in Greensboro, take Exit 127 onto US 220/29 North towards Reidsville. Go 10 miles (staying on US 29) and take the Summit Avenue (SR 2526) exit. Turn left off the exit ramp and go 0.1 mile back over US 29 and turn left at the next stop sign onto Summit Avenue. Go 0.8 mile and turn right onto SR 2641 (Bryan Park Road). Go 0.6 mile and turn right onto SR 2642 (Lake Townsend Road). Go 0.5 mile, and the marina entrance will be on the left. Fish feeders are located near the bank fishing area. This site is operated by the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department. The marina phone number is (336) 375-2232.

High Point | *Oak Hollow Lake* (Guilford County): From I-40 west of Greensboro, take the Regional Airport exit. Take N.C. 68 South into High Point and turn right onto SR 1507 (Centennial Road) and follow it to the marina. Fishing is available by permit in this 800-acre lake. Bank fishing sites and fish feeders are located along the bank and restroom facilities are available at the marina. This site is operated by the High Point Parks and Recreation Department; for additional information, contact the lake marina at (336) 883-3494.

Old High Point City Lake (Guilford County): From I-85, take Business I-85 south to the Jamestown exit, turn onto Oakdale River Road, and go north toward Jamestown. Go 2 miles and turn left onto US 29/70A. Go through town and across Deep River and take the second road to the right into the park. The park will be on the right and the marina will be on the left. Fishing is available by permit in this 350-acre lake at special bank fishing sites or from a pier. Fish feeders are located near the pier and bank fishing areas. Restrooms are available at the marina. This site is operated by the High Point Parks and Recreation Department; for additional information, contact the lake marina at (336) 883-3498.

Monroe **Cane Creek Park** (Union County): From Monroe, take NC 200 south toward Waxhaw. Go about 10 miles, to Waxhaw, pass the first park sign and turn left on Providence Road. Go 1.8 miles and turn left on Harkey Road. Go 1 mile and turn right into the entrance of the Day Use Area. Pay any applicable fees at the park office (\$2 to enter park, \$1 to fish, \$2.50 to launch a boat). Follow the signs to the lake. Fish feeders are located near the bank fishing area. This site is operated by the Union County Parks and Recreation Department; for additional information, contact Wanda Smith at (704) 843-3919.

Raleigh **Lake Johnson** (Wake County): From I-440 in Raleigh, take the Gorman Street exit and go north toward the N. C. State University campus. Go 1¼ miles and turn left on Avent Ferry Road. Go 1½ miles and turn left into the boathouse parking lot. No private boats or bank fishing are allowed. This site is operated by the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department; for additional information, contact the office at (919) 233-2121.

Roxboro **Mayo Park** (Person County): From Roxboro, take N. C. 49 north. Go approximately 9 miles and turn left (west) on SR 1515. Go approx. 1 mile and the park office is on the left. (This is 0.3 mile from the Triple Springs Boating Access Area on Mayo Lake). This site is operated by the Person County Parks and Recreation Department; for more information, contact the office at (336) 597-1754.

Plymouth **Plymouth Housing Authority** (Washington County): From Williamston, take US 64 East approximately 21 miles. Turn on to West Water Street in downtown Plymouth. The Plymouth Housing Authority address is 306 W. Water Street. Contact Mrs. Lisa Silverthorne, Director, at (252) 793-3188. This tackle loaner site is sponsored by the Plymouth Rotary Club.

NCARP Minimum Trophy Fish Weight or Length Requirements

<i>Species</i>	<i>Weight (pounds)</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>
Largemouth Bass	8	24
Smallmouth Bass	3	19
Spotted Bass	2	15
Striped Bass	10	27
Bodie Bass	8	24
White Bass	2	17
Bowfin	10	22
Carp	20	34
Catfish		
Blue	30	41
Channel	10	30
Flathead	30	41
White	4	21
Crappie (Black or White)	2	16
Longnose Gar	10	48
Muskellunge	20	41
White Perch	1	12
Yellow Perch	1	14
Chain Pickerel	4	26
American Shad	3	16
Hickory Shad	2	13
Sunfish		
Redbreast (Robin)	1	11
Redear (Shellcracker)	1	11
Green	1	9
Flier	0.4	8
Bluegill	1	11
Warmouth	1	11
Rock Bass	1	11
Roanoke Bass	1	11
Mountain Trout		
<i>Hatchery Trout</i>		
Brook (speckled)	2	16
Brown	2.5	18
Rainbow	2.5	18
<i>Wild Trout</i>		
Brook (speckled)	0.5	10
Brown	2	15
Rainbow	0.75	12
Walleye	6	23