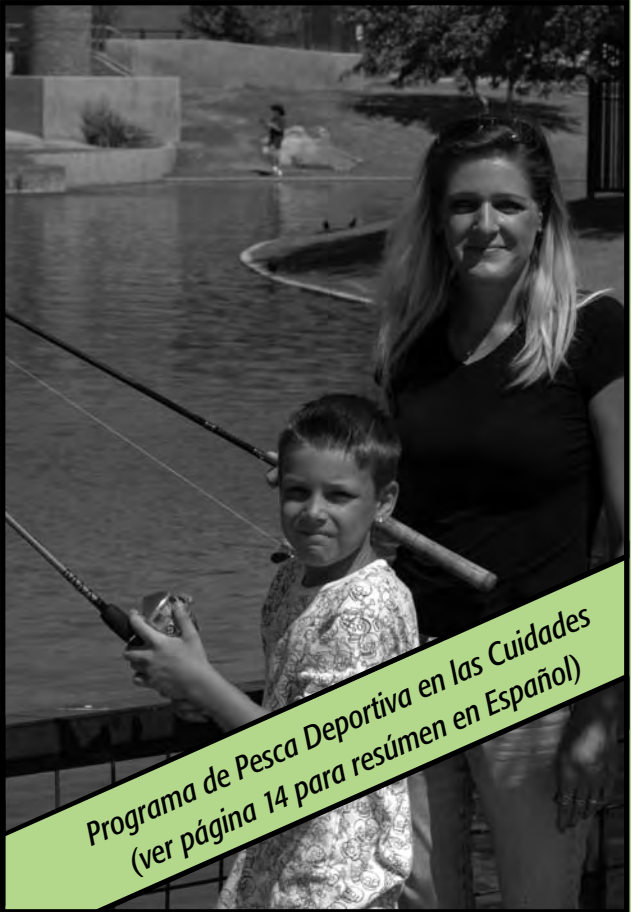


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URBAN FISHING PROGRAM



**Programa de Pesca Deportiva en las Ciudades
(ver página 14 para resúmen en Español)**

What It Is • What You Need Where To Go • What To Catch

*A cooperative program between the
Arizona Game and Fish Department and the cities
of Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Payson, Peoria, Phoenix,
Sahuarita, Scottsdale, Surprise, Tempe and Tucson*

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Welcome to Arizona's Urban Fishing Program

There are 21 city park lakes currently participating in the Arizona Urban Fishing Program, a partnership between the Arizona Game and Fish Department and 11 cities across the state (see map on pages 19, 26, 27 and 42). Ready-to-catch fish are stocked over a 10-month period from mid September through June; every two weeks!

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Catfish			4							8		
Trout						9						
Sunfish					1					1		

Channel catfish averaging 1.5-2 pounds are stocked four times during the fall, from September to November. By mid November, the every-other-week stockings of catfish are replaced by stockings of 11-13 inch rainbow trout. There are nine trout stockings during the winter period lasting to early March. By mid March, water temperatures have warmed enough to support catfish once again. From March through the end of June, another eight stockings of catfish are delivered to all Urban Fishing Program waters. In addition to stocking catfish or trout at two-week intervals, catchable size sunfish (bluegill or hybrid sunfish) in the 5-8 inch range are stocked once in the fall and once in the spring.

More than \$550,000 is spent annually to purchase these fish from fish growers and transporters that can deliver healthy fish on time, every time. Catfish and sunfish are delivered to Urban Fishing Program waters from Arkansas-based fish suppliers. Trout are delivered from fish contractors in Colorado.

The main motto of the Urban Fishing Program is "if people can't get to the fish, we bring fish to the people." We take great pride in providing fun, family-friendly fishing recreation and excellent customer value. To cover costs of providing this convenient service to urban residents, anglers who fish at any of the 21 designated Urban Fishing Program waters must purchase a special Urban Fishing License. Youth under the age of 14 do not need a license and can fish for free at Urban Lakes or anywhere in Arizona.

For further stocking and program information, see pages 3 and 5 and the Frequently Asked Questions information on pages 6-8.

All 21 lakes in this brochure are designated Urban Fishing Program lakes that require a \$18.50 Class U fishing license for anglers 14 years of age or older.

Changes Since Last Year

There are no changes since 2008. License prices are the same, fish limits and regulations remain unchanged, and no new Urban Fishing waters were added.

Veterans Oasis Park Lake Status

The first load of fish were stocked into newly completed Veterans Oasis Park Lake in September 2008. The city of Chandler lake (see page 25) has now been stocked with young bluegill, redear sunfish and largemouth bass. It will take from 6-18 months before these species grow to adult size. Catchable channel catfish and rainbow trout have been stocked on a regular basis. White amur were stocked to assist in controlling aquatic weeds. The adjacent wetland areas are already attracting large numbers of shore birds and migratory birds, making for great wildlife viewing.

Program Receives Top Award

The Urban Fishing Program Fish Stocking process was selected as a 2007 Showcase in Excellence Award recipient by the Arizona State Quality Alliance. This prestigious award recognizes the high quality performance of the fish stocking process and the methods that have been put in place to ensure fish arrive in the right amounts, right sizes, and healthy condition on time, every time. The Urban Fishing Program is committed to continuous quality improvement, high performance, accountability and customer service; it serves as a role model for urban fishing programs across the United States. This award validates what urban anglers have known for years – that the Arizona Urban Fishing Program is a winner!



More About the Urban Fishing Program

Arizona's Urban Fishing Program officially began in 1985. One of its goals is to provide nearby fishing opportunities to city dwellers as a more convenient alternative to long-distance travel to lakes outside of town. Of equal importance is its goal of providing fishing education opportunities to urban residents. Workshops on equipment selection, fishing techniques and outdoor ethics are offered to a wide range of groups (see page 53 for more information).



Specially designed Urban Fishing Program signs are posted at all participating waters, uniquely identifying these waters from other urban waters. The signs also highlight the fishing license requirements and special bag limit regulations for Urban Lakes and Urban Ponds.

Online Fishing Information

www.azgfd.gov/fishing

Urban Fishing Program (UFP):

- UFP Bulletin Bimonthly newsletter, what's biting
- UFP Stocking Schedule..... Weekly fish stocking schedules
- UFP Lake Locations..... Find nearest lake, see lake maps

Statewide Fishing Resources:

- Weekly Fishing Reports..... What's biting and where
- Where to Fish Interactive fishing map
- Trout stocking schedule Weekly trout stocking schedules
- Fishing Blog..... Interactive fish talk
- Been Fishing?..... Submit your own fish report
- Fishing Pictures..... Share your fishing photos
- Arizona Fishing Regulations .. Review or download current regulations
- Hot Topics..... Info on Quagga Mussels, Golden Alga
- State Fish Records..... All-time biggest fish caught
- eNews Free online subscriptions to UFP Bulletin, Weekly Fishing Report, and more

Harmful Algae Bloom Alert GA

Swimming or suspended in all urban waters are millions of planktonic algae. Most of these algae are microscopic, but some are large enough to be seen as small flecks in the water. These algae are vital to the overall health and productivity of our lakes and serve as the base of the primary food web that supports fish populations. Recently, however, a new species of algae referred to as golden alga have been found in five Urban Fishing Program Lakes resulting in fish kills. The golden alga produce toxins that can lead to fish kills, however they do not pose a risk to humans, pets or wildlife if they come in contact with or drink from the water, or consume any of the fish.

The Game and Fish Department has taken a lead role in monitoring for these harmful algae species before they can cause problems. Early detection of the bad algae and rapid response with algaecide treatments are the key to avoiding any significant fish losses in our lakes. The Department is working closely with the cities, lake management consultants and other key partners to detect and control all adverse algae blooms.



What to look for and what you can do

Typically shad, trout and small bluegill are the first fish species to die from golden alga toxins. Fish may be seen resting on the bottom or moving slowly near the shorelines, often showing no escape response to your presence. During a serious golden alga bloom, water color turns yellowish to yellow-brown.

Do not move golden alga to other bodies of water!

- Clean, Rinse and Dry all fishing tackle and equipment before using it at another lake or river.
- Do Not Move water, aquatic plants, live fish or wildlife (frogs, tadpoles, clams, turtles, crayfish, etc.) from one water body to another.

Report all fish kills and unusual fish behavior to park staff or the Game and Fish Department at (602) 942-3000.

Other Fish Stockings

In addition to every other week stockings of channel catfish and rainbow trout from September through June, two other fish species are stocked into Urban Fishing Program waters every year: sunfish and largemouth bass.

Sunfish (bluegill or hybrid sunfish)

To create new fishing opportunity and provide another fun fish to catch, bluegill or hybrid sunfish are stocked once in the spring and once in the fall. These aggressive, easy to catch members of the sunfish family take most any bait and will bite all day long making it a popular fish for kids and families. Inch for inch, these fish put up a good fight, are delicious to eat or can be easily released. Program waters are stocked at rates of 60-150 fish per acre. Stocking rates vary depending on the season, the level of fishing pressure and the amount of sunfish remaining in each lake.

Largemouth Bass

Urban Lakes and Ponds are restocked annually with largemouth bass. Bass are stocked at rates of 10-30 fish per acre in the fall. The management goal of this special stocking is to bolster bass populations and improve long-term fishing success for this popular sport fish. The 6-9 inch juvenile bass will benefit from the many fish habitat improvement projects recently completed at lakes creating better homes and spawning habitats. **For this management strategy to work, the support of anglers and compliance with the 13-inch minimum length limit is essential. Anglers must immediately release unharmed all bass under 13 inches – it's the law.**



Urban Fishing Program FAQ's

Answers to your questions

Q: What lakes are included in the Urban Fishing Program?

A: Currently, there are 21 lakes that are specially designated Urban Fishing Program waters. Distinctive signage uniquely identifies all waters in the Program. A listing of lakes by city can be found in the index. Locations of all 16 metropolitan Phoenix urban waters can be found on pages 26-27. A map of the four Tucson area urban lakes is on page 19. Green Valley Lake is located in Payson.

Q: What kind of license do I need to fish these designated Urban Fishing Program waters and where can I purchase one?

A: If you are 14 years of age or older, you must buy a \$18.50 Class U Urban Fishing license (rates are the same whether a resident or non-resident). The Class U license covers all fish species found in the designated Urban Fishing Program lakes and ponds. Juveniles under the age of 14 do not need a license. The new Class L Super Fishing License is valid for all statewide and Urban Fishing Program waters. Other licenses that are valid at designated Urban Fishing Program waters are: Class D resident or non-resident one-day fishing licenses; Class N Super Combination Hunt and Fish License; resident youth-group two-day fishing licenses (sold to groups of up to 20 juveniles age 14-17); and Pioneer and disabled veteran complimentary licenses. Urban and one day fishing licenses can be purchased from any of 340 dealers statewide that sells state fishing and hunting licenses or any Game and Fish office. A regular Arizona fishing license (Class A, B, C, F or I) is not needed nor valid at the designated Urban Fishing Program waters.

Q: What types of fish are in the Urban Program waters?

A: Catchable rainbow trout are stocked during the winter months (November through March) and channel catfish are stocked in the spring and fall months (March through June and September to November). Additionally, sunfish and largemouth bass are stocked each year. Largemouth bass, bluegill and other sunfish species are common. Other species of fish (not regularly stocked) that may occur in these lakes include carp, white amur, tilapia, and crappie.

Q: When are designated Urban Fishing Program waters stocked?

A: Lakes are stocked every two weeks from September through June. Due to extremely high lake temperatures, there are no fish stockings from July 1 to Sept. 15. Specific stocking days are not publicized, however the week of stocking is shared with the public. This gives everyone an equal opportunity to take advantage of the stocked fish and emphasizes the sporting aspects of fishing.

It also assists in reducing crowding and other associated impacts on stocking days. On stocking weeks, fish stockings may occur from Monday through Saturday with days randomly determined. The program has an amazing 98 percent "on time" delivery rate for all fish stocking during the scheduled stocking week.

Q: Why are there two kinds of Urban Program waters—Lakes and Ponds?

A: Starting in 2005, the Urban Pond concept was developed to provide a quality fishing experience at small fishing waters less than three acres. These small ponds must be managed differently than traditional Urban Lakes to reduce the rapid harvest of fish after each stocking, decrease the crowding impacts, allow for fair distribution of fish caught by more anglers, and encourage anglers to focus more on the recreational benefits of fishing while still allowing for a couple of fish to be kept. There are currently four waters managed as Urban Ponds and 17 waters managed as Urban Lakes. Throughout this booklet, and by special signage at each park, these waters are clearly identified.

Q: How many fish does each of the Urban Lakes or Ponds get?

A: Designated Urban Fishing Program lakes are stocked on a surface-acre basis. For each surface acre, a lake receives from 65 to 150 pounds of catfish or 25-45 pounds of trout per stocking. On average, that equates to 50 catfish or 75 trout stocked per acre. The four waters under the Urban Pond management concept are also stocked every two weeks, but at rates of 30 catfish or 45 trout stocked per acre. With stockings occurring every two weeks at Urban Lakes and Urban Ponds, most lakes get over 22 stockings per year.

Q: What is the limit at Urban Lakes and Urban Ponds?

A: For Urban Lakes, the daily bag and possession limit is 4 trout, 4 catfish, 2 largemouth bass of 13 inches or more, 10 sunfish, and one white amur of 30 inches or more. Statewide limits apply to all other fish species. For waters managed under the Urban Pond concept, the limits are 2 trout, 2 catfish, 1 largemouth bass of 13 inches or more, 5 sunfish, and one white amur of 30 inches or more. For unlicensed juveniles under the age of 14, they may take the same limits of fish as a licensed angler with the exception of trout, where the daily limit is 1/2 the established limit.

Q: Can I fish with two poles at Urban Program waters?

A: Urban anglers may fish with two poles providing they have a valid Two Pole Stamp in their possession and it is affixed to either their current Urban Fishing License or state fishing license. Two Pole Stamps cost \$6 and can be obtained from any license dealer or department office.

Q: Are any big fish stocked in these Urban Program waters?

A: Yes! The ratio is about one big fish for every 20 stocked, so several lucky anglers may take home bragging-sized fish from each stocking, which could mean a 3-6 pound catfish or a 2-3 pound trout. However, remember that these fish are bought by the pound (catfish average over 1 1/2 – 2 pounds each, trout average nearly 1/2 pound each). This means that as more lunkers are stocked, the total number of fish stocked drops. So by stocking more “keeper-sized” fish, everyone has a better chance of catching fish.

Q: Who pays for the Urban Fishing Program?

A: The Urban Fishing Program is a cooperative effort between the cities of Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Payson, Peoria, Phoenix, Sahuarita, Scottsdale, Surprise, Tempe and Tucson. The program is supported by the sale of Urban Fishing Licenses and from fees from the city parks and recreation departments. The Arizona Game and Fish Department receives no state taxpayer dollars. During 2008, over \$550,000 was spent on stocking keeper-size channel catfish, rainbow trout and sunfish.

Q: Why are some lakes in urban areas not in the Urban Fishing Program and not a designated Urban Fishing Program water?

A: There are several reasons, including, but not limited to: 1) these lakes are either smaller than 2 acres and/or have poor water quality to support stocked fish; 2) they have inadequate facilities or are not open to the public or; 3) their managing entity or the city chooses not to enter into a cooperative agreement with the department. The department is committed to growth of the Urban Fishing Program and is always looking for new fishery opportunities and partnerships. Watch for growth in the future.

Q: Are the fish safe to eat?

A: Yes. Overseeing the quality and health of the lakes and the fish involves a partnership between the cities, the Game and Fish Department and the Department of Environmental Quality. Lake water quality is monitored regularly to ensure compliance with state standards. The trout, catfish and sunfish stocked into our designated Urban Fishing Program waters come from reputable fish farms with strict fish health standards and quality control practices. Most of the stocked fish don't stay in the lakes for long (80 percent of the stocked fish are caught within 30 days). Finally, remember that proper care and cooking of your catch will ensure a healthy and delicious meal!

2008 Urban Fish-of-the-Year and Catch and Release Records

(Preliminary as of Nov. 14, 2008. Final results will be available in February 2009 at www.azgfd.gov)

Kept:

Channel Catfish 10 lb. 3.2 oz., 28 in.
Caught 3-24-08 at Lakeside Lake by Shay Denniston
Rainbow Trout..... 5 lb. 4.6 oz., 23 in.
Caught 11-1-08 at Water Ranch Lake by Tony Morello

Released (length only):

Bluegill8 in.
Caught 4-18-08 at Papago Pond #3 by Louis Hoeniger
Channel Catfish25 in.
Caught 3-22-08 at Papago Pond #3 by Louis Hoeniger
Largemouth Bass 18 in.
Caught 3-18-08 at Papago Ponds #2 by Louis Hoeniger
Rainbow Trout..... 18 in.
Caught 3-4-08 at Sahuarita Lake by Don Hoffman
White Amur.....35 in.
Caught 5-28-08 at Red Mountain Lake by Andrew Schmidt

All-time Arizona Urban Fish Records: (kept or released)

Carp	30 lb. 0.6 oz., 35.5 in.	Encanto Lake, 2002
Channel Catfish¹	11 lb. 5.44 oz., 28 in.	Evelyn Hallman Pond, 2002
Largemouth Bass¹	11 lb. 10.4 oz., 24.5 in.	Papago Pond, 2000
Rainbow Trout	7 lb. 15.75 oz., 22.75 in.	Green Valley Lake, 2006
Redear Sunfish	1 lb. 12.25 oz., 13.4 in.	Encanto Lake, 2000
Tilapia	3 lb. 15.68 oz., 17 in.	Encanto Lake, 1984
White Amur²	47 lb. 1.6 oz., 46.5 in.	Encanto Lake, 2002

¹ Catch and release

² Also the Arizona State Record

Things to know

Remember the following actions are illegal by the public:

- 1) stocking live fish into a body of water, and
- 2) removing and transferring fish alive from a body of water.

Please, do not feed the ducks and geese. Feeding creates a dependent population that is a potential health hazard and makes a costly mess. Ducks have plenty of natural food already. Most food given to ducks is not healthy, too many ducks creates a nuisance situation, and the feces from ducks and wasted food causes water pollution. Many of the parks have rules prohibiting the feeding of ducks.

Where to get more information

Current information on Program activities and stocking schedules is prepared every two weeks in the Urban Fishing Program Bulletin. Bulletins are posted on bulletin boards at your nearest Urban Program lake or they can be downloaded from the Web at www.azgfd.gov. To receive your free copy of the bi-weekly Urban Fishing Program Bulletin or the weekly Fishing Report, subscribe under AZGFD eNews. The Web site includes more facts and information on the Program as well as the weekly stocking schedules.



Reverew Lake, Mesa

The Urban Angler's Code of Ethics

1. I will **help protect** the outdoors. I will not litter. I will pick up and properly dispose of all fishing line, bait containers, fish remains and other trash.
2. I will **protect** our fisheries by cleaning and drying all my equipment after use.
3. I will **not transfer** live fish or illegally dump them in another water.
4. I will **buy and carry** an Urban Fishing license if I am 14 years old or older.
5. I will **know** the fishing regulations including the size and number of fish I can keep. I will **abide** by these laws and report those that violate them to Operation Game Thief (1-800-352-0700).
6. I will **keep** only those fish that I plan to eat. I will **carefully release** all other fish right away.
7. I will **properly care** for all fish I plan to eat. This means putting them on ice at the lake, cleaning them at home, and quickly and properly storing them in a refrigerator or freezer.
8. I will **share** my fishing knowledge and skills with others, particularly kids.



Evelyn Hallman (Canal) Pond, Tempe

Urban Fishing Regulations at a Glance

The Game and Fish Commission specially designates certain municipal lakes as Urban Fishing Program waters (listed in this brochure). This special designation includes rules and regulations that are unique to these waters. The following information highlights what are considered some of the key regulations urban anglers should be aware of.

NOTE: This summary of fishing regulations is prepared for convenience only. It is not a legal document, as it does not contain all the laws and regulations relating to fishing. For more details on general rules and regulations, please refer to the 2009 & 2010 Arizona Fishing Regulations booklet.

License Requirements: All persons 14 years or older, while fishing any public fishing water in Arizona, must have on their person a current Arizona fishing license. Urban Fishing Program waters require one of the following license types (other types are not valid).

AGE	FISHING LICENSE TYPE	FEE
Under age 14	No license required	
Age 14 and over	Class U, Urban good for calendar year	\$18.50 ¹
	Class D, One day only	\$16.25
	Class L, Super Fish good for calendar year	\$53.00 resident \$63.00 nonresident
Age 70 and over and AZ resident past 25 years	Class P, Pioneer	Complimentary

¹ The fee for the Class U license issued in November or December, of the year for which the license is valid, is half price: \$9.25 for residents and non-residents.

Other valid licenses include Super Combo Hunt and Fish, disabled veteran complimentary license and youth-group two-day fishing license.

Licenses can be purchased at any Game and Fish office or any one of our 340 license dealers or sporting goods stores statewide that sells state fishing and hunting licenses.

Fishing without a license or the proper license is the #1 violation.

Bag and Size Limits*

Species	Daily Bag and Possession Limits		Minimum Size Limit
	Urban Lakes	Urban Ponds	
Catfish	4	2	None
Trout	4	2	None
for unlicensed juveniles	2	1	None
Bass	2	1	13 inches
Sunfish: <i>various species including bluegill, redear, green, and hybrid</i>	10	5	None
White amur (grass carp)	1	1	30 inches
Other	None	None	None

*Once you catch a fish and do not release it, it now counts toward your daily possession limit. This includes any fish you catch and give away to someone else. Once your daily limit is reached, you must stop fishing for that species.

Method of Take, Use of Bait

Angling:

- One or two poles only. Anglers may use no more than two hooks on each line. If using two poles, must have a \$6 Two Pole stamp.
- No snagging or use of seine nets, cast nets or dip nets to capture sport fish.

Other:

- Park rules and regulations vary by city and are identified on signage at each park. Posted park hours are also the times that anglers may fish.
- When fishing, Game and Fish laws require you to attend your line, that is, stay near your fishing pole at all times.
- When fishing, the hook, fly or lure must be used in such a manner that the fish voluntarily attempt to take it in their mouths.
- It is a violation to fail to keep all edible portions of fish in an edible condition or to leave fish to die. This is wasting "game" meat.
- It is illegal to transport live fish from a lake or to transfer live fish from one body of water to another. Unauthorized stocking of fish, minnows and crayfish is illegal.
- It is a violation to litter. This includes hooks, fishing line, bait containers, wrappers, etc.

**Report Violators
Call Operation Game Thief 24/7
1-800-352-0700**

Guía rápida sobre los reglamentos del Programa de Pesca en las Ciudades (Pesca Deportiva Urbana)

La Comisión de Caza y Pesca de Arizona ha designado ciertos lagos en varias ciudades del estado, como parte del Programa de Pesca Deportiva en las Ciudades. Este proyecto es en colaboración con los condados y no todos los lagos urbanos participan en este programa. Aquellos lagos que si participan, se encuentran enlistados en este folleto. La designación especial de estos lagos incluye una serie de reglas y reglamentos únicos para estas aguas. La siguiente información resume lo que se considera lo mas importante que un pescador debe de conocer para la práctica de la pesca deportiva en las ciudades.

NOTA: Esta guía rápida sobre la pesca deportiva en las ciudades se ha preparado únicamente con fines informativos. No es un documento legal, ya que no contiene todas y cada una de las leyes y reglamentos referentes a la pesca deportiva. Para mayor información sobre las leyes y reglamentos, por favor consulte el folleto del 2009 y 2010 sobre la pesca deportiva en Arizona, disponible en las oficinas del Departamento de Caza y Pesca por todo el estado y con los distribuidores de artículos deportivos sobre caza y pesca.

Requisitos para obtener una licencia de pesca deportiva en las ciudades. Todas las personas que tengan 14 años de edad o más, deben de portar una licencia válida del año en curso mientras se encuentran pescando en Arizona. Para participar en Programa de Pesca en las Ciudades se requiere una de las siguientes licencias, según sea el caso. Existen otro tipo de licencias para pescar fuera de las ciudades, pero estas no son válidas para la pesca urbana.

EDAD	TIPO DE LICENCIA PARA PESCAR	COSTE
Menores de 14 años	No se necesita una licencia para pescar	—
14 años o mayores	Licencia Clase U (Urbana), válida por el año en curso, o.	\$18.50
	Licencia Clase D válida por un día.	\$16.25
	Licencia Clase L, Super Pez, válida del 1 de enero al 31 de diciembre	residente \$53 no residente \$63
70 años o mayores y residentes del estado de Arizona en los últimos 25 años	Licencia Clase P (Pionero).	—

Otro tipo de licencias para pescar incluyen licencias gratuitas para veteranos de guerra con discapacidades y licencias de dos días para grupos de jóvenes.

Las licencias de pescar pueden ser compradas en cualquiera de las oficinas del Departamento de Caza y Pesca de Arizona o cualquiera de los 340 establecimientos autorizados como son las tiendas de deportes en todo el estado que venden licencias de cazar y pescar.

Límites del número y tamaño de captura para el programa de pesca deportiva en las ciudades

Especie	Limite diario de captura		Mínimo de talla para su captura
	Lagos Urbanos	Estanques Urbanos	
Bagre de canal (channel catfish)	4	2	Ninguno
Trucha (trout)	4	2	Ninguno
para cada menor de 14 años	2	1	Ninguno
Lobina (small and large mouth bass)	2	1	13 pulgadas (33 centímetros)
Varias especies de los llamados "sunfish", como el agalla azul (bluegill), redear, green e híbridos			
Carpa herbívora (grass carp o white amur)	10	5	Ninguno
Otras especies	1	1	30 pulgadas (76 centímetros)
	Ninguno	Ninguno	Ninguno

Metodos de pesca y tipo de carnada:

Con Anzuelo:

- Una o dos cañas. Cada pescador solo puede usar hasta dos anzuelos por cada caña. Si se utilizan dos cañas al mismo tiempo, el pescador deberá de tener en su licencia una estampilla especial de \$6 dólares que autoriza el uso de dos cañas.
- No se permite el uso de harpones, chinchorros, o redes de cuchara para capturar a los peces.

Otros:

- Los reglamentos de los parques varían de ciudad en ciudad. El pescador debe de leer estos reglamentos en los señalamientos de cada parque.
- Cuando este pescando, cada persona debe de cuidar su cañas, esto quiere decir que debe de permanecer cerca de sus cañas en todo momento.
- Cuando este pescando, el anzuelo, mosca artificial o atrayente deben de ser usados de tal manera que el pez deba, de manera voluntaria, tratar de tomarlo con su boca.
- Si después de haber capturado un pez, usted lo deja morir o hechar a perder, estará violando la ley.
- Se prohíbe transportar peces vivos capturados en alguno de los lagos de la ciudad, o bien transportarlos de un lago a otro. Esto constituye una introducción ilegal y se aplica para peces y crustaceos como el acocil.

Pescar sin una licencia o sin la licencia adecuada, es el ilícito #1

Arizona Urban Fishing Program

Urban Fish-of-the-Year/Catch and Release entry form

Check One: kept fish catch and release

See page 17 for rules and a description of the record fish program.

Angler's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Species: _____

Common Name

Date Caught: _____

Certified Weight (Rule #1): _____ lbs (example: 3.18 lbs)

Total Length (Rule #2): _____ inches

Location of Catch (Rule #3): _____

Type of Lure or Bait: _____

Species Identified By (Rule #4): _____

Fishing License Number: _____

License Verified by (Rule #5): _____

Scale Location: _____

Registered Scale Number: _____

Expiration Date of Scale Certification: _____

Witnesses to Weight (except catch and release entries):

We, the undersigned, witnessed the weighing of the fish described above and attest to the weight and length as listed (Rule #1, 2, 6).

Name and Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name and Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Submit your completed entry form and photograph to:
Arizona Game and Fish Department Fisheries Branch
5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086

Arizona Urban Fishing Program

Urban Fish-of-the-Year/Catch and Release

In 2000, the Arizona Game and Fish Department started keeping records for Urban Fish-of-the-Year, and Catch and Release records from the department's designated Urban Fishing Program waters. Over the years, some remarkable fish have been caught from city park lakes (see page 9). This is your opportunity to claim some fame for your trophy catches, whether you keep it or release it. Good Luck!

Requirements for reporting

Rule #1 Fish must be weighed on a certified fair trade scale in pounds. All Game and Fish offices have scales. Page 37 of the 2009 & 2010 Arizona Fishing Regulations lists 26 fish weighing scale locations across the state. Scale locations, register number and expiration date of scale certification must be recorded on an entry form. The department reserves the right to cut open any fish after weighing. (Rule #1 not required for catch and release entries).

Rule #2 Length of the fish must be measured in inches by a straight line from the tip of the snout to the tip of the compressed tail.

Rule #3 Fish must be caught in an Arizona Urban Fishing Program water. Fish must be taken during the legal open season and by the legal method of take for the water where taken. Any illegal act associated with taking or handling of the fish will disqualify the record.

Rule #4 Identification of species must be verified by a member of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. A photograph of the fish is required for the record file and for identification purposes.

Rule #5 Angler must provide Arizona Fishing License number. Inspection of valid fishing license must be verified by a member of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. For catch and release records, a photo copy of the current, valid license is required.

Rule #6 If the weights and measurements are not witnessed by the department personnel, two witnesses must be present at the time the fish is weighed and measured.

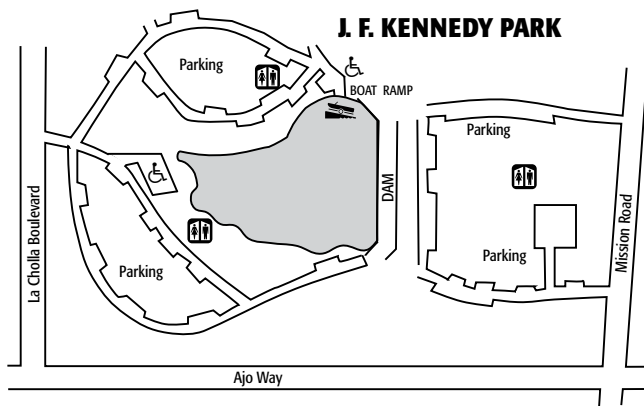
Rule #7 The Arizona Game and Fish Department reserves the right to further check identification and/or verification of witnesses and to refuse an application that is questionable.

Rule #8 Eligible fish species for both State record and Fish-of-the-Year entries are those sportfish listed under current State records. Illegally released fish species from pet and aquarium trades are not eligible for a State record or Urban Fish-of-the-Year.

Rule #9 In the event of any dispute regarding the authenticity of the fish record application, the fish must be made available for inspection by Arizona Game and Fish Department personnel. The determination made by department personnel shall be conclusive.

See page 16 for record fish entry form.

City of Tucson Lakes



Kennedy Lake: ♿

Location: J. F. Kennedy Park in southwest Tucson, north of Ajo Way between La Cholla Boulevard and Mission Road.

Size: 10 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet, average depth 8 feet.

Hours: Sunrise to 10:30 p.m.

Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on carp.

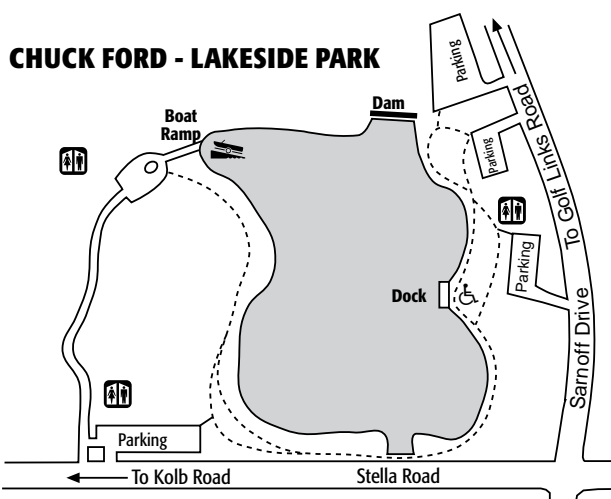
Boating: Canoes up to 17 feet and boats 14 feet and under are permitted. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Gasoline motors prohibited.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. No live baitfish allowed. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, largemouth bass, carp and white amur.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. No glass containers. No littering. Feeding of waterfowl prohibited. Other rules posted. For more information call (520) 791-5909 or (520) 791-4873, ext. 204.



Kennedy Lake, Tucson



Lakeside Lake: ♿

Location: Chuck Ford-Lakeside Park in east Tucson, northwest corner of Stella Road and Sarnoff Drive.

Size: 14 acres at full capacity. Maximum depth 35 feet, average depth 15 feet.

Hours: Sunrise to 10:30 p.m.

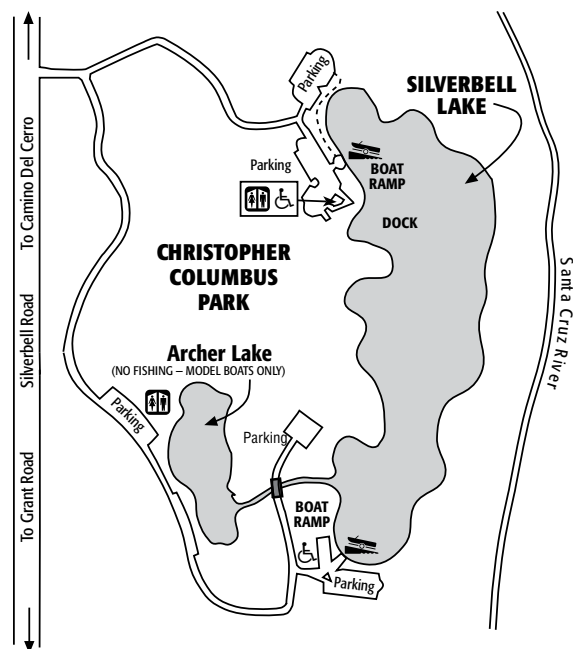
Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish. No limit on crappie.

Boating: Canoes up to 17 feet and boats 14 feet and under are permitted. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Gasoline motors prohibited.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. No live baitfish allowed. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, crappie and largemouth bass.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. No glass containers. No littering. Feeding of waterfowl prohibited. Other rules posted. For more information call (520) 791-5930 or (520) 791-4873, ext. 204.

City of Tucson Lakes



Silverbell Lake: ♿

Location: Christopher Columbus Park in northwest Tucson, east of Silverbell Road between Camino del Cerro and Grant Roads.

Size: 13 acres. Maximum depth 6 feet, average depth 4 feet.

Hours: Sunrise to 10:30 p.m.

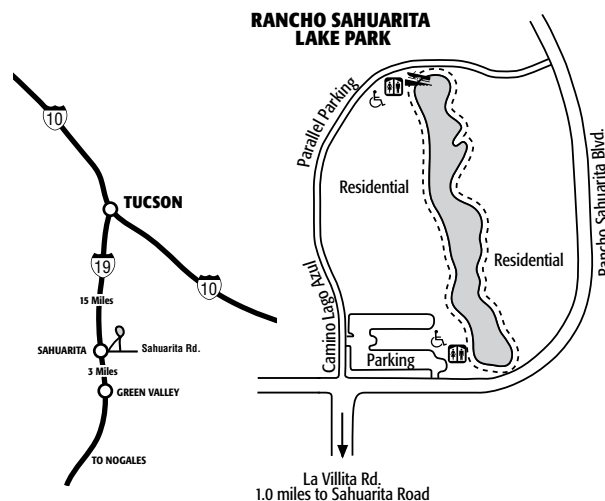
Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on crappie or carp.

Boating: Canoes up to 17 feet and boats 14 feet and under are permitted. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Gasoline motors prohibited.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. No live baitfish allowed. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, crappie, largemouth bass, carp and white amur.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. No fishing allowed in Archer Lake. No glass containers. No littering. Feeding of waterfowl prohibited. Other rules posted. For more information call (520) 791-4873, ext. 204.

Town of Sahuarita



Sahuarita Lake: ♿

Location: Located 18 miles south of downtown Tucson. Take Sahuarita Road exit (exit 75) off Interstate 19 (Nogales Highway) and head 1.0 miles east to La Villita Road. Take La Villita Road 1.2 miles north to the north shore of the lake.

Size: 10 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet, average depth 7 feet.

Hours: Daylight hours as posted at lake.

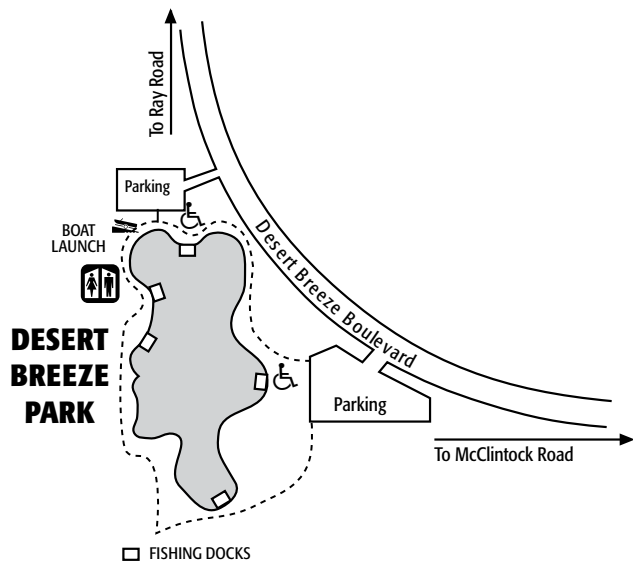
Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish.

Boating: Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Gas motors prohibited and not allowed to be attached to boats on the lake. Must have proper floatation devices on board. For other boating rules, call the information number below.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish and hybrid sunfish.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. All animals must be restrained by a leash. Alcoholic beverage permits required. Glass containers prohibited. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information call (520) 625-2731.

City of Chandler Lakes



Desert Breeze Lake: ♿

Location: Desert Breeze Park in west Chandler, southwest of Ray Road and McClintock Drive on Desert Breeze Boulevard.

Size: 4 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet, average depth 8 feet.

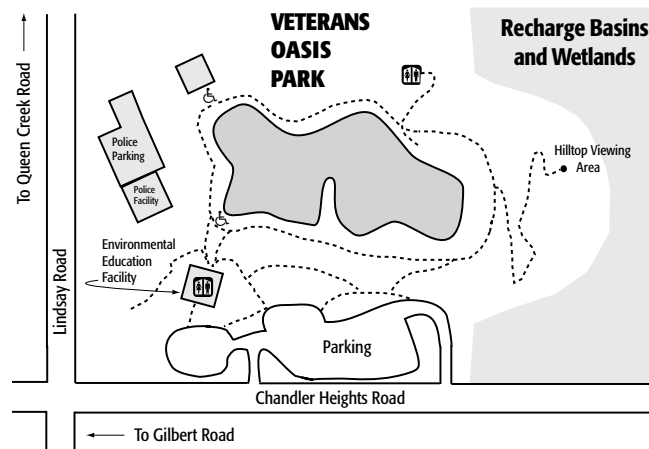
Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on carp.

Boating: City of Chandler boating permit required. Must have proper floatation devices aboard. No launch ramp, must hand carry boat from north parking lot. No motors allowed (gas or electric). For more boating information, call (480) 782-2727.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, largemouth bass, carp and white amur.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. Glass containers prohibited. Alcoholic beverage permits required. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information call (480) 782-2727.



Veterans Oasis Lake: ♿ *New in 2008!*

Location: Veterans Oasis Park in southeast Chandler, on northeast corner of Chandler Heights Road and Lindsay Road.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 14 feet, average depth 12 feet.

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on carp.

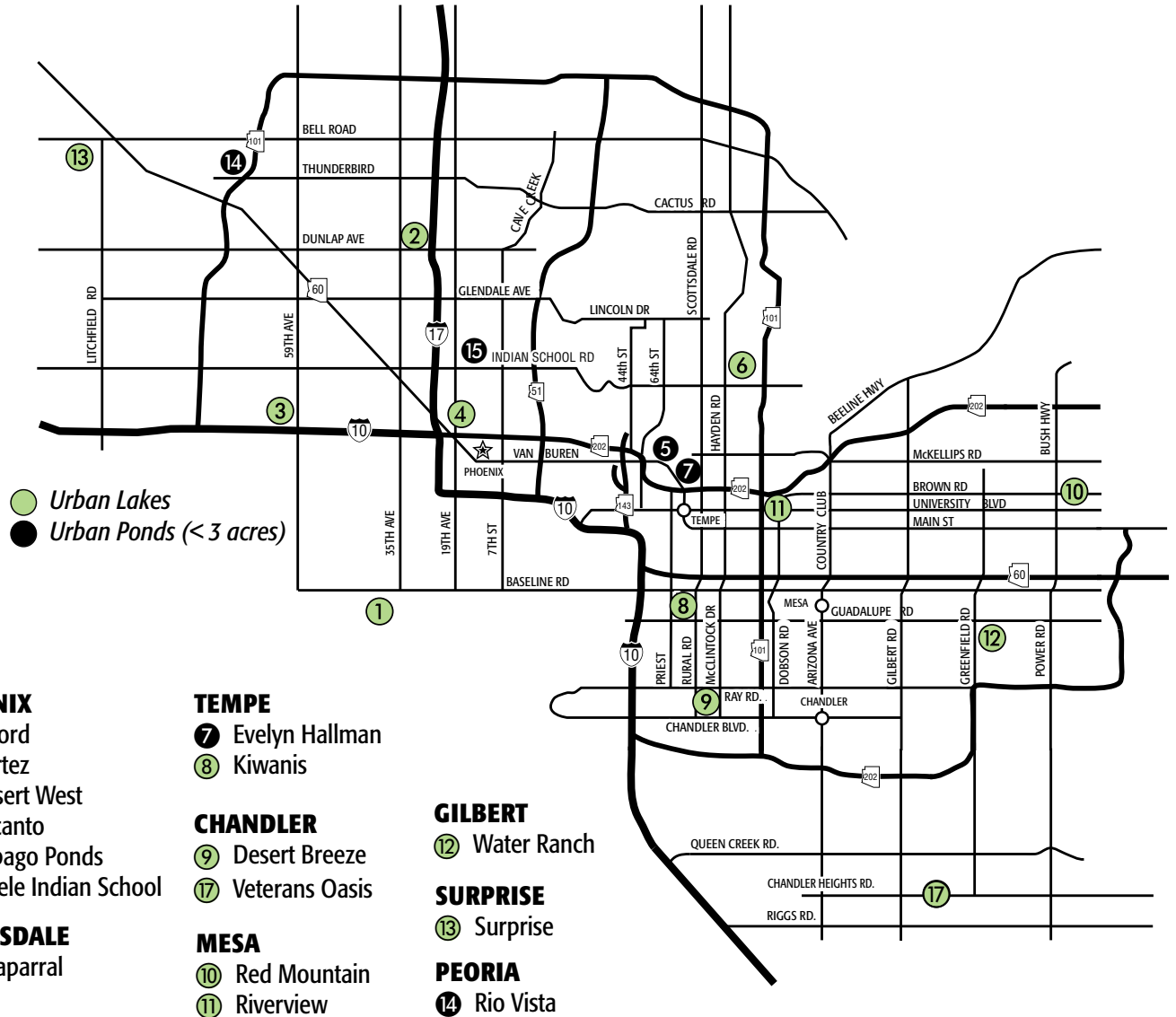
Boating: City of Chandler boating permit required. Must have proper floatation devices aboard. No launch ramp; must hand carry boat from main parking lot located south of the lake. No motors allowed (gas or electric). For more boating information, call (480) 782-2890.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, largemouth bass and white amur.

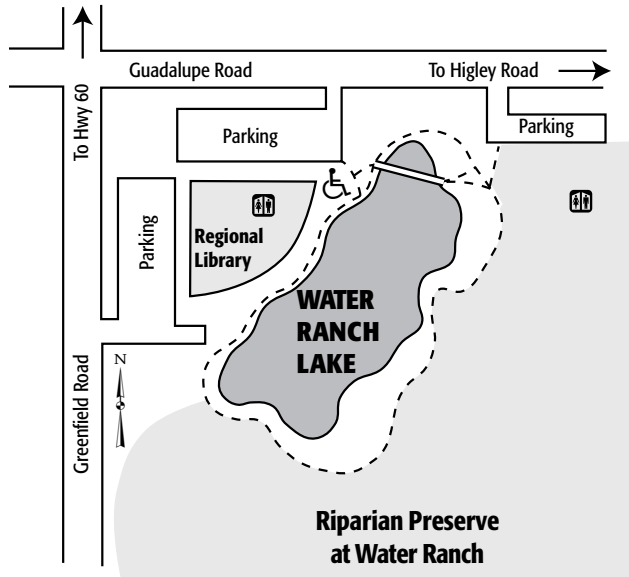
Park rules: Swimming, wading and diving prohibited. Glass containers prohibited. Alcoholic beverage permits required. Other rules posted. For more information, call (480) 782-2890.

Special note: This new park features many walking trails, ramadas and picnic areas, a play area, and an Environmental Education Center offering information, classes and programs, exhibits and a nature store.

Metropolitan Phoenix Urban Lakes and Ponds



Town of Gilbert Lake



Water Ranch Lake: ♿

Location: Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch in north Gilbert, at southeast corner of Greenfield Road and Guadalupe Road. Lake is just east of the Southeast Regional Library.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 15 feet, average depth 11 feet.

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on tilapia or carp.

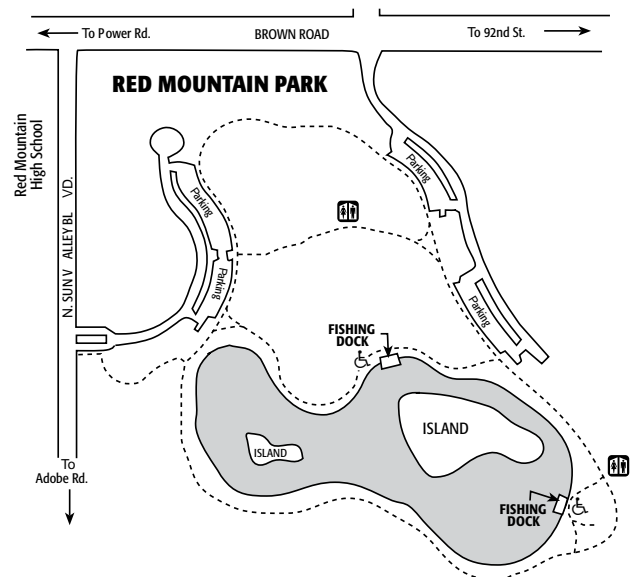
Boating: Not allowed.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tilapia and carp.

Park rules: No fishing from bridge. Swimming or wading prohibited. Glass containers prohibited. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information on park rules and regulations call (480) 503-6200.

Special note: The microscopic golden alga occurs here. Please be careful not to move any water or live fish from this lake. See page 4 for more information.

City of Mesa Lakes



Red Mountain Lake: ♿

Location: Red Mountain Park in east Mesa, at southeast corner of Brown Road and Sunvalley Boulevard (3/4 mile east of Power Road).

Size: 8 acres. Maximum depth 17 feet, average depth 12 feet.

Hours: Sunrise to 10 p.m.

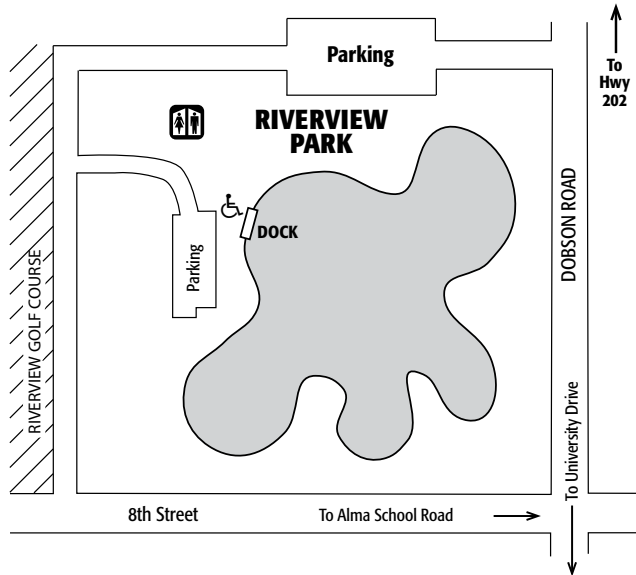
Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on carp.

Boating: Not allowed.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, hybrid sunfish, largemouth bass, carp and white amur.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. No pets allowed in park. Glass containers prohibited. No distilled alcoholic beverages permitted. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information call (480) 644-5300.

City of Mesa Lakes



Riverview Lake: ♿

Location: Riverview Park in west Mesa, northwest corner of Dobson Road and 8th Street.

Size: 3 acres. Maximum depth 16 feet, average depth 10 feet.

Hours: Sunrise to 10 p.m.

Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish. No limit on carp or tilapia.

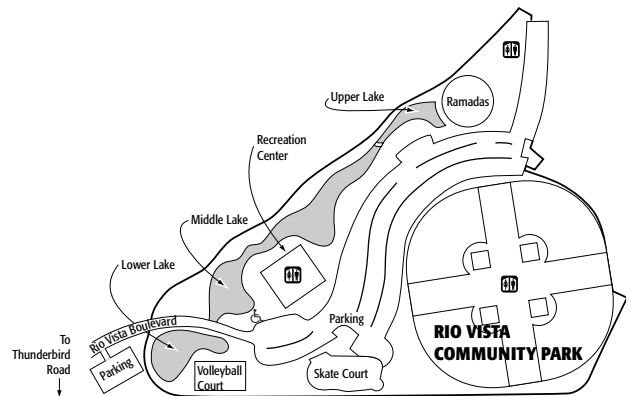
Boating: Not allowed.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, largemouth bass, tilapia, and carp.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. No pets allowed in park. Glass containers prohibited. No distilled alcoholic beverages permitted. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information call (480) 644-2352.

City of Peoria

Under Urban Pond management



Rio Vista Pond: ♿

Urban Pond Concept

Location: Rio Vista Park in south central Peoria on Rio Vista Boulevard, just north of Thunderbird Road, 1/4 mile west of Loop 101 Freeway.

Size: 2.7 acres. Maximum depth 13 feet, average depth 7 feet.

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

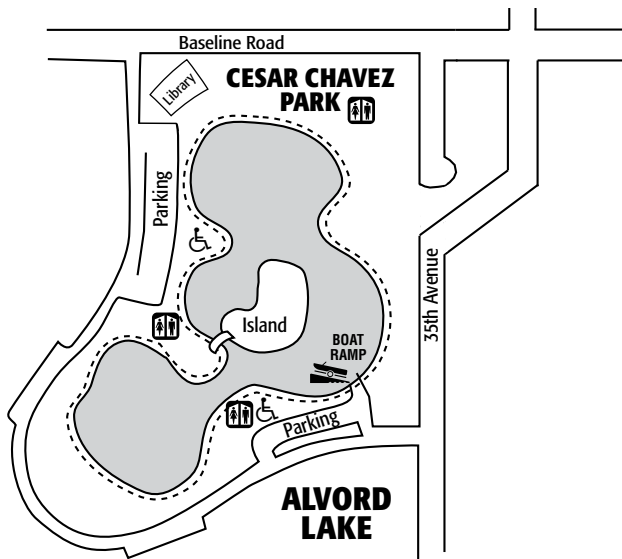
Daily bag and possession limit: Urban Pond Concept - 2 catfish, 2 trout, 1 bass (13 inch minimum), 5 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on tilapia or carp.

Boating: Not allowed

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout in season, hybrid sunfish, bluegill, redear sunfish, largemouth bass, tilapia, white amur and carp.

Park Rules: Swimming or wading in pond prohibited. Glass containers prohibited. Alcoholic beverage permits required. No littering. Dogs are not permitted in park. Other rules posted. For more information call (623) 773-7137.

Urban Pond Note: This smaller urban lake is managed under the Urban Pond concept, with fish stockings every two weeks at a lower rate and reduced daily bag and possession limits for stocked fish.



Alvard Lake: ♿

Location: Cesar Chavez Park in southwest Phoenix, at southwest corner of 35th Avenue and Baseline Road.

Size: 25 acres, largest of Arizona's designated Urban Fishing Lakes. Maximum depth 18 feet, average depth 14 feet.

Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

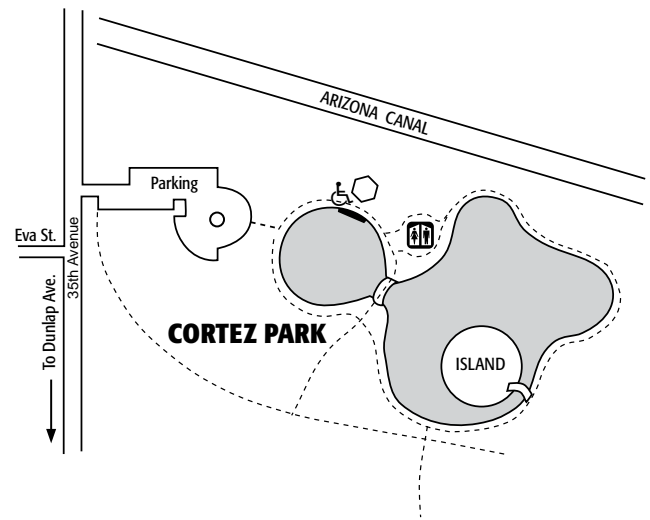
Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish, white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on yellow bass, tilapia or carp.

Boating: Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Only canoes, rowboats and sailboats are allowed (no rafts). No motors allowed (gas or electric). Must have proper floatation devices on board. Fishing from a boat is prohibited.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, hybrid sunfish, largemouth bass, yellow bass, tilapia and carp.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. Glass containers prohibited. Alcoholic beverage permits required. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information call (602) 262-6111.

Special Note: The microscopic golden alga occurs here. Please be careful not to move any water or live fish from this lake. See page 4 for more information.



Cortez Lake: ♿

Location: Cortez Park in west Phoenix, at northeast corner of 35th Avenue and Dunlap Avenue.

Size: 3 acres. Maximum depth 14 feet, average depth 10 feet.

Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

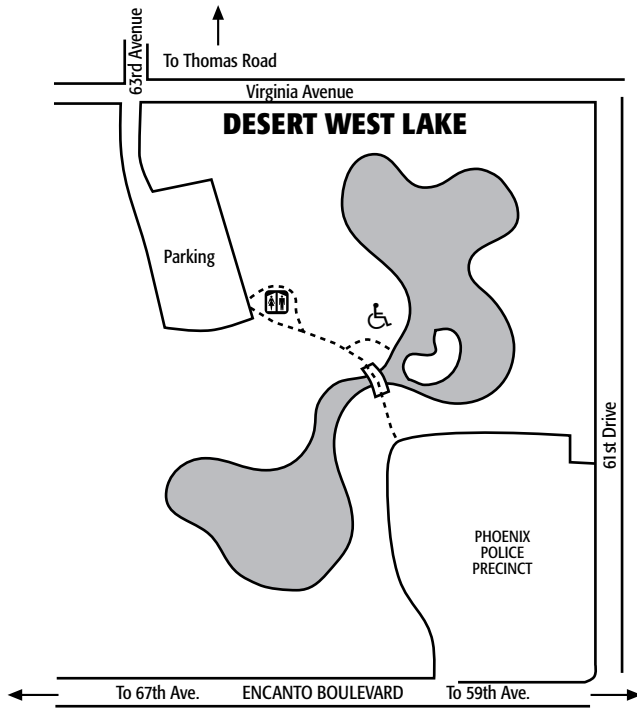
Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on tilapia or carp.

Boating: Not allowed.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, largemouth bass, tilapia, carp and white amur.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. Glass containers prohibited. Alcoholic beverage permits required. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information call (602) 262-6575.

Special Note: The microscopic golden alga occurs here. Please be careful not to move any water or live fish from this lake. See page 4 for more information.



Desert West Lake: ♿

Location: Desert West Park in southwest Phoenix, at 63rd Avenue between Virginia Avenue and Encanto Boulevard.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 15 feet, average depth 11 feet.

Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

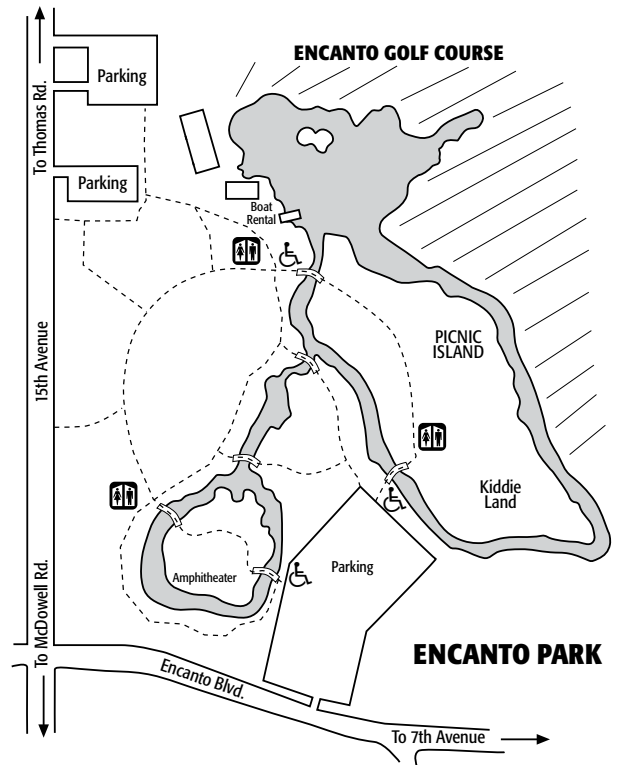
Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on tilapia or carp.

Boating: Not allowed.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, largemouth bass, carp, and white amur.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. Glass containers prohibited. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information on park rules and regulations call (602) 262-6575.

Special Note: The microscopic golden alga occurs here. Please be careful not to move any water or live fish from this lake. See page 4 for more information.



Encanto Lake: ♿

Location: Encanto Park in central Phoenix, northeast of 15th Avenue and Encanto Boulevard (between Thomas and McDowell roads).

Size: 7.5 acres. Maximum depth 10 feet in main lake, 4 feet in channels.

Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

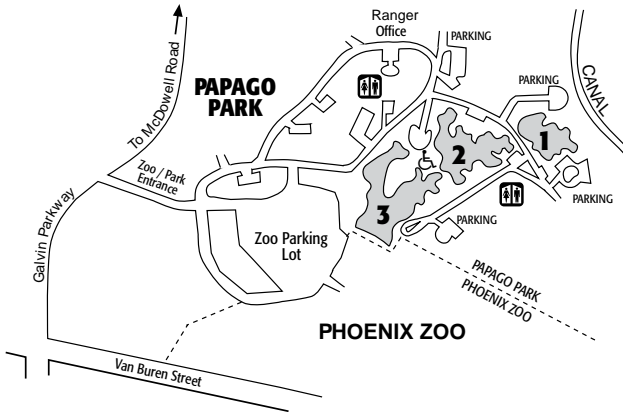
Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on tilapia or carp.

Boating: Private boats not allowed.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, largemouth bass, tilapia, carp and white amur.

Park rules: Fishing prohibited from golf course as posted. Swimming or wading prohibited. Glass containers prohibited. Alcoholic beverage permits required. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information call (602) 261-8991.

Under Urban Pond management



Papago Ponds:

Urban Pond Concept

Location: Papago Park in east Phoenix, immediately north of the Phoenix Zoo on Galvin Parkway between McDowell Road and Van Buren Street.

Size: Total of 6 acres. Pond #1: 1 acre, maximum depth 8 feet. Pond #2: 2 acres, maximum depth 7 feet. Pond #3: 3 acres, maximum depth 11 feet.

Hours: 6:00 a.m. To 11:00 p.m.

Daily bag and possession limit: Urban Pond Concept - 1 bass (13 inch minimum), 2 catfish, 2 trout, 5 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on crappie, tilapia or carp.

Boating: Not allowed.

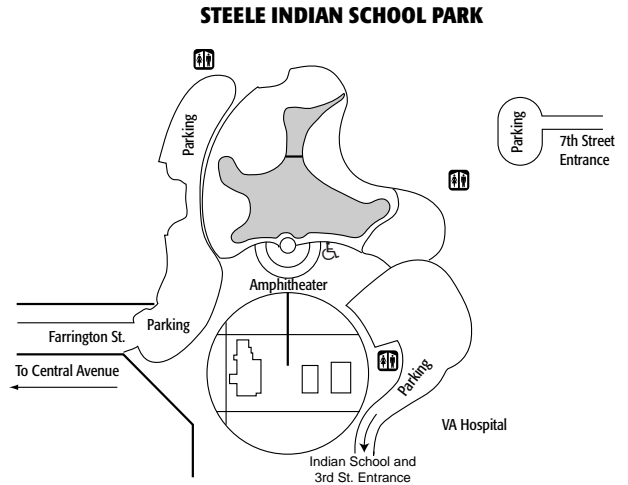
Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: Channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, crappie, tilapia, carp and white amur.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. Glass containers prohibited. Alcoholic beverage permits required. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information call (602) 256-3220.

Urban Pond note: This smaller urban water is managed under the Urban Pond concept, with fish stockings every two weeks at a lower rate and reduced daily bag and possession limits for stocked fish.

Special Note: The microscopic golden alga occurs here. Please be careful not to move any water or live fish from this lake. See page 4 for more information.

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Steele Indian School Park Pond:

Urban Pond Concept

Location: Steele Indian School Park on the northeast corner of Indian School Road and Central in downtown Phoenix. Park entrances are from 3rd Street north of Indian School or from Farrington Street (1 block north of Indian School Road) west off of Central Avenue.

Size: 2.5 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet, average depth 8 feet.

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Daily bag and possession limit: Urban Pond Concept - 2 catfish, 2 trout, 1 bass (13 inch minimum), 5 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on tilapia or carp.

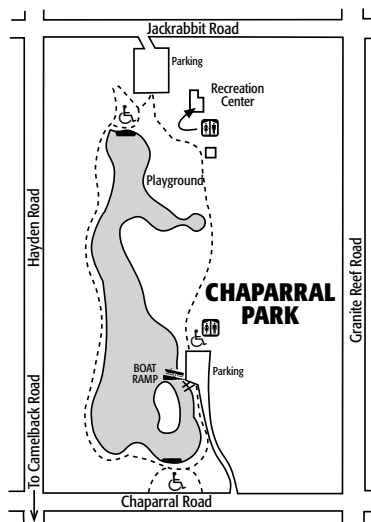
Boating: Not allowed.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (seasonal), hybrid sunfish, bluegill, redear sunfish, largemouth bass, tilapia, white amur and carp.

Park rules: Swimming or wading in pond prohibited. Glass containers prohibited. Alcoholic beverage permits required. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information call (602) 495-0739.

Urban Pond note: This smaller urban water is managed under the Urban Pond concept, with fish stockings every two weeks at a lower rate and reduced daily bag and possession limits for stocked fish.

City of Scottsdale Lake



Chaparral Lake: ♿

Location: Chaparral Park in west Scottsdale, northeast corner of Hayden and Chaparral roads.

Size: 10 acres. Maximum depth 15 feet, average depth 10 feet.

Hours: Sunrise to 10:30 p.m.

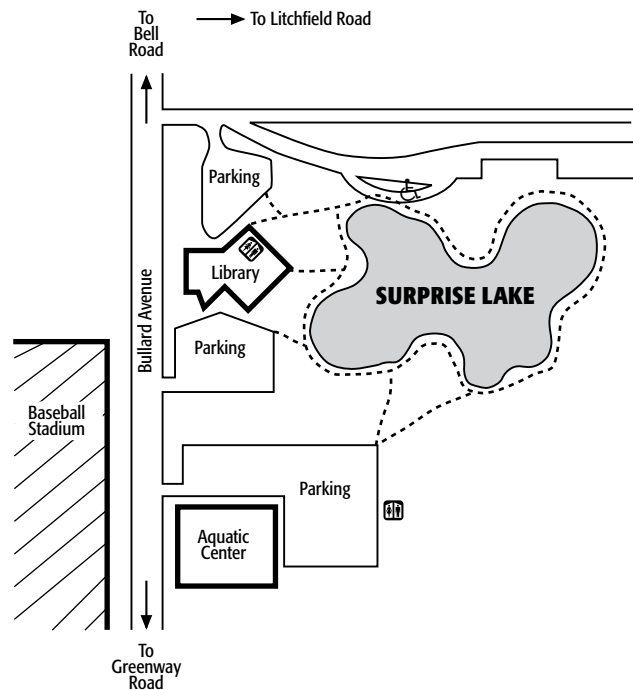
Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish. No limit on crappie, tilapia or carp.

Boating: Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Must have proper floatation devices on board. Electric trolling motors may be used. Gas motors prohibited. Windsurfing not allowed. Other boating rules posted.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, flathead catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tilapia and carp.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. Must obtain a permit to drink beer in the park. All other alcoholic beverages and glass containers are prohibited. Model boats may be operated only in areas that are designated for that purpose. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information call (480) 312-2353.

City of Surprise



Surprise Lake: ♿

Location: City of Surprise. Surprise Recreation Campus in northwest Valley, between Bell Road and Greenway on the east side of Bullard Avenue.

Size: 5 acres. Maximum depth 12 feet, average depth 8 feet.

Hours: Sunrise to 10:00 p.m.

Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum).

Boating: Not allowed.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, largemouth bass and white amur.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. Glass containers prohibited. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information call (623) 222-2000.

City of Tempe Lakes

*Under Urban Pond management
Park name changed in 2007!*



Evelyn Hallman Pond (formerly Canal Pond): ♿

Urban Pond Concept

Location: Evelyn Hallman Park in northwest Tempe, southwest corner of College Avenue (68th Street) and McKellips Road.

Size: 3 acres. Maximum depth 7 feet, average depth 5 feet.

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

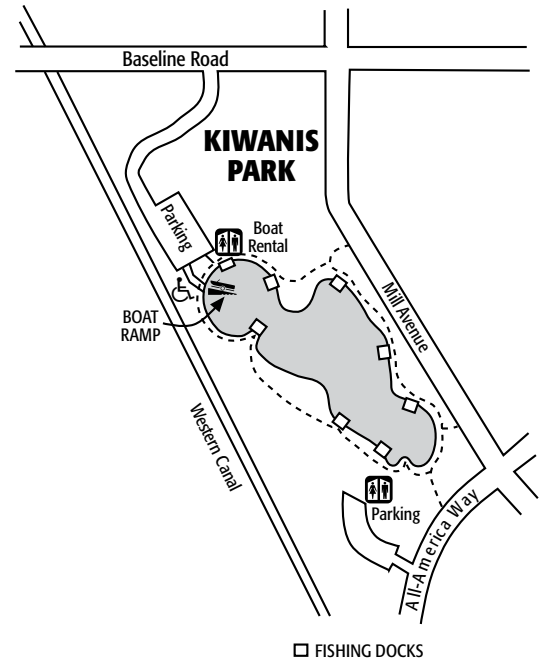
Daily bag and possession limit: 2 catfish, 2 trout, 1 bass (13 inch minimum), 5 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on tilapia or carp.

Boating: Not allowed.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, largemouth bass, tilapia, carp and white amur.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. A permit is required to drink beer in the park. All other alcoholic beverages and glass containers are prohibited. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information call (480) 350-5200.

Urban Pond note: This smaller urban water is managed under the Urban Pond concept, with fish stockings every two weeks at a lower rate and reduced daily bag and possession limits for stocked fish.



Kiwanis Lake: ♿

Location: Kiwanis Community Park in central Tempe, southwest of Baseline Road and Mill Avenue.

Size: 13 acres. Maximum depth 8 feet, average depth 5 feet.

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.

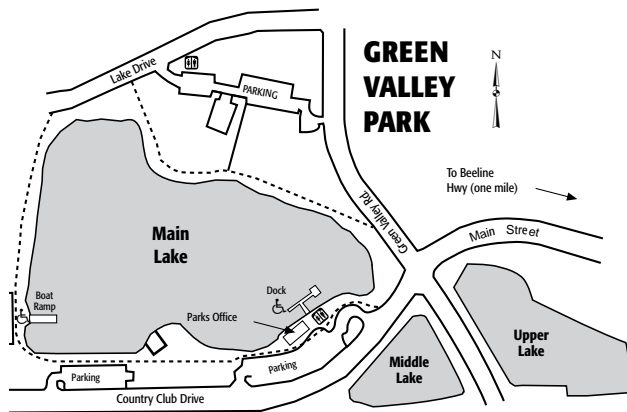
Daily bag and possession limit: 4 catfish, 4 trout, 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 10 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum). No limit on tilapia or carp.

Boating: City of Tempe annual boating permit required (call (480) 350-5200). Must have proper floatation devices on board. Gas and electric motors prohibited. Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Other boating rules posted.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains: channel catfish, rainbow trout (in season), bluegill, redear sunfish, hybrid sunfish, tilapia, largemouth bass, flathead catfish, carp and white amur. New picnic ramadas surrounding the lake were completed.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. A permit is required to drink beer in the park. All other alcoholic beverages and glass containers are prohibited. No littering. Other rules posted. For more information call (480) 350-5200.

Town of Payson Lakes



Green Valley Lakes: ♿

Location: Green Valley Park in west Payson, on Main Street and Green Valley Road (one mile west of Beeline Highway 87).

Size: Upper lake 2 acres, middle lake 1 acre, and main lake 10 acres. Maximum depth of main lake 21 feet.

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Daily bag and possession limit: 4 trout (2 for unlicensed juveniles), 2 bass (13 inch minimum), 4 catfish, 10 sunfish, 1 white amur (30 inch minimum).

Boating: Boating permitted only between sunrise and sunset. Gas motors prohibited. Must have proper floatation devices on board.

Comments: Urban Fishing License required. Contains rainbow trout (in season), largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie, bluegill, green sunfish, hybrid sunfish and white amur. Lake receives treated effluent, therefore full body contact is prohibited.

Stocking: Trout are stocked two week intervals from October to May. Catfish, bass, and sunfish are not stocked.

Park rules: Swimming or wading prohibited. All animals must be restrained by a leash. Alcoholic beverage permits required. Glass containers prohibited. No littering. Other rules posted. For more parks information call (928) 474-5242 ext. 7.

Simple Tips for Family Fun!

Remembering these five simple kid-style tips will help make your fishing time an enjoyable and memorable experience for you and your family.

1. Keep it simple and safe.

Forget technique and tactics, kids just want to throw a line in the water and catch something. Choose simple equipment. A push-button spincast reel and a 5-6 foot rod are best. Pack only the amount of tackle you need to keep everybody fishing (hooks, bobbers and weights). Fish with easy-to-use bait secured under a small bobber or on the bottom. Provide your youngster with his or her own small tackle kit. Spend your time teaching and coaching the kids, don't plan to do much fishing yourself.

2. Be prepared.

Have all the things you need to fish beforehand, so when you go fishing there are no delays. Get lots of worms. They are great universal bait and kids will love the dirt, slime and squirm of worms. Bring drinks and snacks in a small tote – being in the outdoors makes kids hungry. Bring a camera to capture the memories.

3. Make it fun.

Take kids to a place where they can catch a lot of fish such as bluegill. Help them identify their catch (see pages 48-51) and teach them how to properly handle the fish they catch. If fishing is slow, take a short break and walk the shoreline or play at the nearby playground. Relax and have patience. Seize opportunities to explore and discover, to make up games and to tell stories.

4. Involve the kids.

Whenever you can, let kids do things themselves – bait the hook, cast their own rods, reel in the fish and remove the fish from the hook. Give kids a role for the day – choosing where to fish, what to bring for snacks, how long to fish each spot, netting the fish or counting the birds.

5. Go where the fish are.

Nearby Urban Fishing Program waters are excellent locations to catch all kinds of fish including bluegill, trout and catfish. Lakes are stocked every two weeks for 10 months of the year.

A terrific Web site for fishing tips and information is:



TAKE ME FISHING™
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Basic Fishing Setups

For beginning anglers, a closed face, push-button spincast reel is a great choice (for ease of use and fewer tangles). A 5-6 foot rod and reel combo spooled with 8 pound test line can be purchased at sporting goods stores for \$18-30. For starters, it is best to buy various hooks and sinkers and a couple swivels and bobbers. A set of needle nose pliers, a stringer and some clippers (for cutting the line) round out the basic components of a tackle box.

Rigging of your hooks, weights and baits is a fundamental part of your fishing success. The following methods have proven to work well for trout, catfish and bluegill. The only differences are the sizes of tackle and types of bait used. Here are some proven setups for catfish, trout and sunfish.

Catfish

Line: 8 to 12 lb. test

Hook Size: 2 to 6 baitholder

Bait: Worms, stink baits, hotdogs, liver, shrimp

Catfish are best caught using a hook and sinker setup (fig. 1). Catfish bite best in darker environments. Fish the deepest spots during the daytime and more shallower after dark.

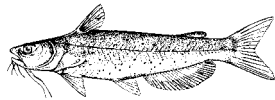
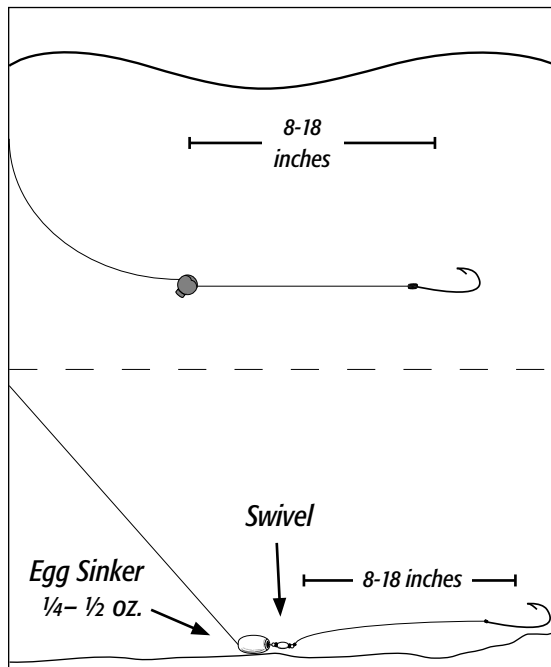


Figure 1: Hook and Sinker Setup



Trout

Line: 4 to 6 lb. test

Hook Size: 8 to 12 baitholder

Bait: Worms, salmon eggs, Power Bait

When using prepared floating baits, the bottom fishing set up with an egg sinker is most effective (fig. 1). When fishing for trout, use the egg sinker set-up with 4- or 6-pound line tied below the swivel to the hook. Fishing with a bobber (fig.2) can work well for trout when using non-floating baits such as worms or salmon eggs. In addition to the baits suggested for trout, small in-line spinners such as Panther Martins or Mepps, or spoons such as Kastmasters or Super Dupers, can be effective.



Sunfish

Line: 2 to 6 lb. test

Hook Size: 8 to 12

Bait: Worms, mealworms, corn

Sunfish or bluegill can be caught using the bobber setup (fig. 2). Use a small stick or round bobber and fish along the lake edges in 4-8 feet of water. Try to cover up the hook with the bait.

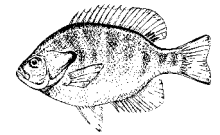
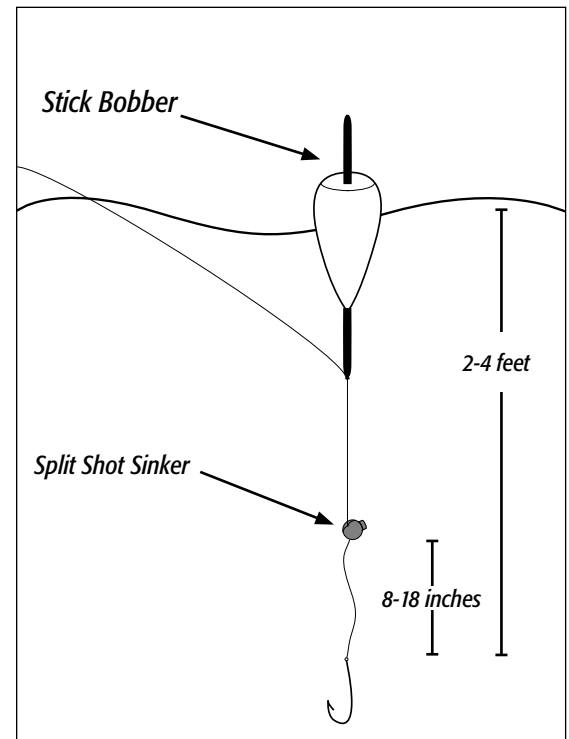


Figure 2: Bobber Setup



Tips to Better Fishing

Study about fishing and fish habits.

It will not only improve your ability to catch a fish, but will increase your enjoyment! There are many sources of information including Arizona Wildlife Views magazine and TV show on PBS, fishing shows on television and specialty magazines such as "In Fisherman," Internet, fishing clinics or seminars, clubs and advice from more experienced fishermen.

Go fishing more often!

Not only is fishing a great way to relax, but the more often you go, the more your "luck" will improve. Like any sport, fishing takes practice and it takes knowledge to consistently succeed. The fastest way to improve your success is to find a "coach" or a mentor to teach and "train" you on the basics as well as the many finer points about fishing. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Match tackle and techniques to fish.

Your choice of equipment, lures and presentation all influence your chances of catching fish. Whether you should fish on the bottom or the surface, the shoreline or the deeper waters varies between types of fish and seasons of the year. Learn to match your techniques to the seasonal habitats and behavior patterns of fish, be adaptable. Pay attention to the methods other anglers are using.



Frank Rizzio and his daughter Kamie spend a pleasant day fishing at Surprise Lake in Surprise.

Formula to Fishing Success

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F: Fish factor: Understanding each fish species' unique habits, and their food and habitat preferences during the year.

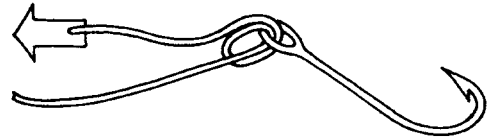
L: Location factor: By understanding fish habits, you can fish those spots where fish are likely to be most concentrated or active for that time of day or year.

P: Presentation factor: Matching your tackle, bait, technique and timing to entice fish to bite.

Standard Knot Tying

Trilene Knot

(a strong all-purpose knot)



1. Run the ends of the line through the eye of the hook two times.



2. Loop the line around 4 or 5 times, then thread the loose end back between the two loops near the hook as shown.



3. Pull tight. Trim the loose end.

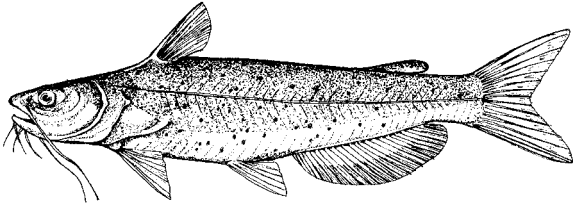
Urban Fish

Channel Catfish (*Bagre de canal*)

Stocked every other week from March through June and from Sept. 15 to November.

Average size: 14-18 inches

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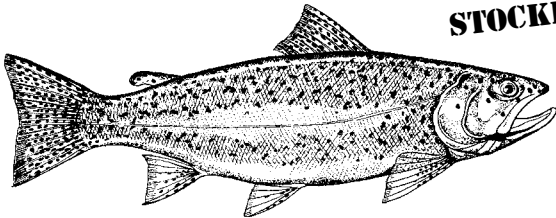
These fish have spines in the dorsal and pectoral fins, long barbels about the mouth, and an adipose fin. Body is scaleless and the tail is deeply forked. Younger fish are silvery with black spots. Older fish are blue-black above with white bellies. Most often caught with worms, liver, shrimp, hot dogs or prepared "stink" baits fished on the bottom at dusk, at night, or at dawn. Use sliding sinker, No. 2-6 hook. "Cats" stocked in Designated Urban Lakes average 1.8 lbs., but 3-6 lb. lunkers are not uncommon. **Daily bag and possession limit is 4 catfish, except at Urban Ponds where the limit is 2 catfish. No size limits.**

Rainbow Trout (*Trucha*)

Stocked every other week from November - March

Average size: 9-14 inches

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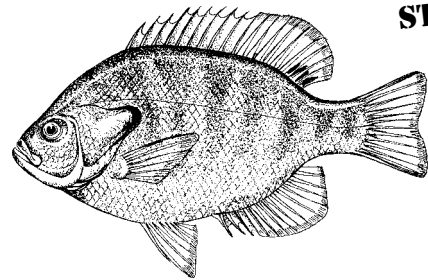
Arizona's most popular trout has very fine scales, an adipose fin and a silvery body that goes from dark olive to black on top to silvery white on the belly. Body and fins are spotted. Sides often have a horizontal pink streak, hence its name. A coldwater fish, the rainbow trout does not survive through the hot summer months in urban lakes. Can be caught on salmon eggs, Power Bait, corn, worms and cheese using No. 10 or 12 hook and small weight or with a bobber. Also strike small spinners and other flashing lures as well as wet flies and nymph patterns. Designated Urban Lakes are stocked with rainbow trout averaging over 1/3 pounds each. Occasional catches of 2-3 lb. fish occur. **Daily bag and possession limit is 4 trout for licensed anglers and 2 for unlicensed juveniles and blind residents, except at Urban Ponds where the limit is 2 and 1 trout, respectively. No size limits.**

Sunfish (includes bluegill, redear sunfish, green sunfish and hybrid sunfish)

Stocked twice each year: spring and fall.

Average size: 5-8 inches

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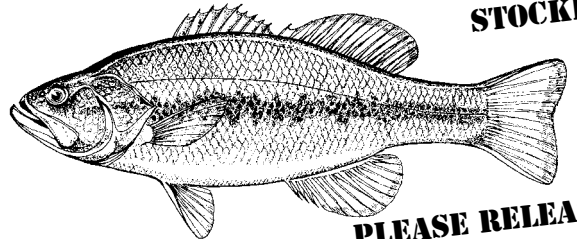
Short bodied fish that is compressed or flat. Each sunfish species varies in coloration and markings. Bluegill and redear have small mouths, while green and hybrid sunfish mouths are larger. Sunfish occasionally reach weights up to 3 pounds, but are most commonly 4-8 inches. Hybrids tend to grow faster and reach larger sizes. Sunfish are easily caught by using earth worms, meal worms or bread on #10 or smaller hook with a small bobber. Will strike small jigs or flies. **Daily bag and possession limit is 10 sunfish, except at Urban Ponds where the limit is 5 sunfish. No size limits.**

Largemouth Bass (*Lobina*)

Stocked as 6-9 inch fish every year.

Average size: 10-15 inches

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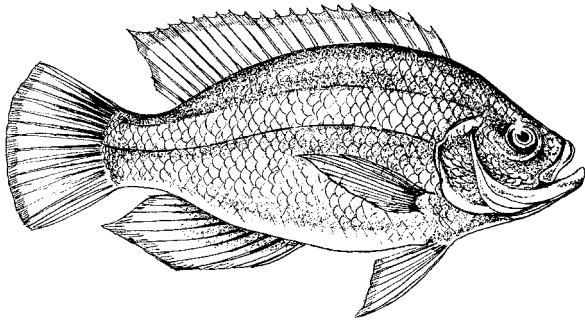
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Longer and not as deep-bodied as other sunfish. Dark green on top shading to white on the belly. There is a wide, dark mottled bar along the side. Feeds almost entirely on other fish. Can be caught using lures that imitate natural prey—flies, poppers, plugs, spoons, plastic worms—or natural bait—worms and minnows. Fish around rock piles, points and submerged objects at dawn or dusk. Lunkers from 3-8 pounds are sometimes taken. Largemouth bass help control overpopulated, stunted sunfish. Hardy, they may be caught and released many times. **Daily bag and possession limit is 2 bass that must be a minimum of 13 inches, except at Urban Ponds where the limit is 1 bass that must be a minimum of 13 inches.**

Urban Fish

Tilapia

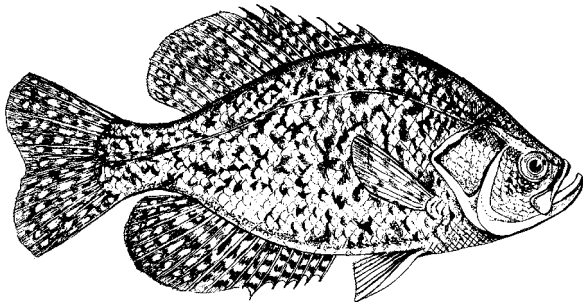
Average size: 5-10 inches



Similar to bluegill and sunfish, except no dark gill flap, large-headed, large mouth, with “broken” lateral line on sides. Coloration highly variable, but body tending to be olivaceous and red or iridescent blue tinges not uncommon on body or fins. Feeds on aquatic weeds and algae and is helpful in their control. Intolerant of cold water temperatures—large numbers may die during cold winter months. Tilapia occasionally reach sizes from 1-2 pounds, but are very prolific and overpopulate and become stunted. Highly competitive with bluegill and largemouth bass. Anglers can help prevent this by keeping all they catch. Good tasting. Tilapia are caught by using small earth worms or meal worms on No. 8 or smaller hook with a bobber. Will strike small jigs or flies. **No creel limit.**

Crappie

Average size: 6-11 inches

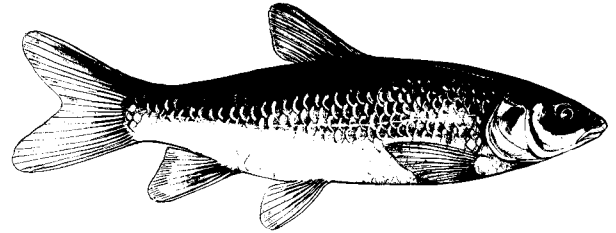


Flat-bodied fish with large dorsal and anal fins. Crappie mouths are large and the head lengths are greater than other sunfish. Body is silvery white and speckled with dark spots across the sides and fins. Feeds mostly on threadfin shad and other small fish. Often caught on small minnows, worms and jigs. **No creel limit.**

White Amur (Grass carp) (*Carpa herbivora*)

Average size: 15-30 inches

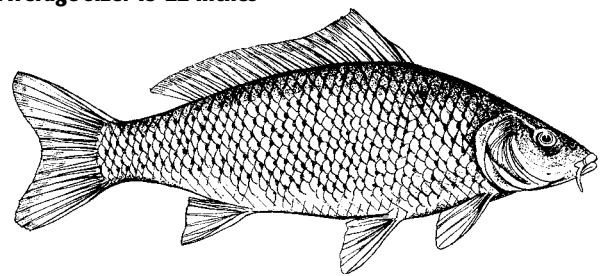
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Similar to common carp only in color (brassy yellow) and large scales. Notable differences include no barbels on bony mouth, no spine on a short dorsal fin or anal fin, more elongated, tail darker and more deeply forked. These fish are highly effective biological controls of nuisance weed and algae problems and were stocked for these purposes. Lakes containing white amur are posted with advisory signs. White amur can consume more than their body weight in aquatic weeds each day. Although vegetarians, white amur will occasionally take various baits. Good fighters. Anglers should exercise care to ensure safe release of these fish. A state record 47 pounder was caught in 2002 from Encanto Lake. **Daily creel limit is 1 fish that must be a minimum of 30 inches.**

Carp (*Carpa*)

Average size: 15-22 inches



An often overlooked food and sport fish. Carp have large scales, two small barbels on each side of fleshy mouth, and a large sawtoothed spine at the front of a long, single dorsal fin and the anal fin. Color is brassy yellow or gold. Use worms, corn or dough balls made with bread, cornmeal or Wheaties with various flavors (such as liver or anise) added, and fish on bottom. Catches of 8-15 pounders not uncommon. Good fighters. Tasty when smoked. **No creel limit.**

Operation Game Thief

Violators steal your fish— help us catch game thieves!

Report violators: \$25–\$100 rewards for information about over-limits. Call 1-800-352-0700.

Arizona's fish and wildlife belong to all of us, so when someone takes an over-limit, it's like taking a fish off your stringer and putting it on theirs. Bag and possession limits are designed to give everyone an equal chance and protect the fishery. If you see someone breaking the law, call Operation Game Thief toll free (1-800-352-0700) immediately, 24-hours a day. This phone number is printed on all fishing and hunting licenses.

To make the best case against violators, we need to know exactly what they did, when and where they did it, a description of the person or persons, a description of their vehicle, and the license plate number (very helpful).



Kwanis Lake, Tempe

Our most frequently reported violation is for overlimits of fish (anglers stealing from you and the Urban Program). Here are the facts regarding bag limit regulations:

In a 24-hour calendar day period, an angler may not catch and keep over 4 trout and 4 catfish from any one or more Urban Program Lakes. Once the 4th fish is kept, the angler must stop fishing for that species that day regardless if the angler gives any of the kept fish away to someone else anytime that day. Daily limits at Urban Program ponds are 2 trout and 2 catfish.

Sportfishing Education Program

It's fun and It's free!

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has a statewide Sportfishing Education Program, which teaches introductory fishing skills to people of all ages. Fishing clinics are led by department sanctioned instructors. The department further supplies all educational materials, rods, reels, bait, and terminal tackle at no charge. Topics of instruction include: where and when to fish; selecting tackle and bait; casting and rigging techniques; fishing safety and ethics; care of your catch; and much more.

The department works with various private and public organizations to solely or jointly sponsor fishing programs ranging in size from 25 to 2,500 participants. For information on scheduled public fishing clinics in your area, call (623) 236-7219 or visit our Web site at www.azgfd.gov.



Read the 2009 & 2010 Arizona Fishing Regulations. You should get a copy when you buy your fishing license. If the dealer doesn't give you a copy, ask! The fishing regulations are important to you and the future of Arizona's fishing. Creel, size and slot limits, methods of take, and other rules protect fish from over-exploitation, improve fishing quality, and give all of us a better chance for success. The rules do change, so get a new copy every year.



Catfish stocking at Sahuarita Lake, Sahuarita.

For the department's Weekly Fishing Report call (623) 236-7701 or check our home page at www.azgfd.gov for urban and other statewide fishing information.

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