

A vertical photograph capturing a serene sunset scene. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper center, partially obscured by a dark silhouette of a tree or land. Its light creates a shimmering, golden path of reflection on the calm water below. In the lower right foreground, the dark silhouette of a person is visible, sitting on a boat or pier and holding a fishing rod. The overall color palette is dominated by warm, golden-brown and orange tones, with deep blacks in the silhouettes and the sky above the sun.

Fishing
in Central
Texas

Granger Lake

Granger

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operates four parks on the shores of Granger Lake, including Friendship Park, Taylor Park, Willis Creek Park and Wilson H. Fox Park. These parks provide campgrounds, rest rooms, picnic areas, boat ramps and opportunities for shoreline fishing. There is also bank access to the San Gabriel River above Granger Lake off County Road 347.

From I-35 in Round Rock, travel east on Hwy. 79 to Taylor, and take Hwy. 95 north toward Granger. For Taylor and Wilson H. Fox Parks, turn right off Hwy. 95 onto F.M. 1331 near Circleville and look for park signs on left. To fish the San Gabriel River above the lake, access the river on the southeast side of the Hwy. 95 bridge, or turn right onto C.R. 347 and continue to the wildlife management area parking lot. For Willis Creek Park, turn right onto C.R. 346 between the San Gabriel River and Granger. For Friendship Park, turn right on F.M. 971 in Granger, then right at the sign for the park.

Walter E. Long Reservoir

Austin

Bank angling is limited but available at the City Park where the boat ramp is located. Rest rooms, picnic tables and playground equipment are available.

From East Austin, go east from U.S. 183 on F.M. 969, and turn left onto Blue Bluff Road. From Del Valle, go north off of Hwy. 71 East onto F.M. 973, and pass through the F.M. 969 intersection. Turn left onto Decker Lake Road, then right onto Blue Bluff Road.

Lake Travis

Western Travis County

Lake Travis has 14 LCRA parks and recreation areas on its shores. Travis County operates seven of the parks through an agreement with LCRA. Each of these parks offers bank fishing access and a host of other amenities.

Contact Travis County for directions to various parks. (512) 854-9020 or www.lcra.org/community/parks_travis_county.html

Lake Bastrop

Bastrop

Boat and bank access can be found at North Shore and South Shore parks. They are operated by the LCRA. Additional amenities at both parks include picnic tables, playgrounds and sand volleyball courts. The North Shore has a fishing pier and the South Shore provides a swimming area.

From Austin, take Hwy. 71 east to Bastrop, take a left onto Hwy. 95. To South Shore: Take a right onto Hwy. 21 East. Go approximately 2 miles and turn left onto South Shore Road (also C.R. 352). Continue on South Shore Road, the entrance will be on your right. To North Shore: Turn right off Hwy. 95 onto F.M. 1441, drive 2.5 miles to the park entrance.

Bastrop State Park Pond

Bastrop

Good bank access. Hiking trails and camping are located within the state park.

From Austin, take Hwy. 71 east to Bastrop. Turn left onto Hwy. 21, and follow to the park entrance.

Buescher State Park Pond

Smithville (Trout stocking)

Good bank access. Canoe rentals available. Hiking trails and camping are located within the state park.

From Austin, take Hwy. 71 east to Smithville. Turn left onto F.M. 153, and left into park entrance.

Bright Lake

Round Rock

Excellent bank access. Hiking paths, rest rooms, picnic tables and playground equipment are located on site.

From I-35, take the Hwy. 79 exit, head east on Hwy. 79 and turn left into Old Settlers Park about 3 miles from I-35.

The first Saturday in June of each year is the annual **Free Fishing Day** and no person is required to have a fishing license or stamp endorsements while fishing on that day.

A fishing license and stamp endorsement are not required if fishing from the bank in a state park or in waters completely enclosed by a state park.

Meadow Lake

Round Rock

Good bank access on west side of lake. Picnic tables and playground equipment are located on-site.

From I-35, take the F.M. 3406 exit (just north of Hwy. 79 exit) and go east on 3406/Old Settlers Blvd. to Sunrise Street to a stop sign. One block past Sunrise Street, turn left onto Settlement Drive, and lake is about 1/4 mile on the right side of the road.

Southeast Metropolitan Park Ponds 1-4

Del Valle

Four fishing ponds offer excellent bank access within this Travis County Park. Other amenities include hiking trails, a climbing wall and various sporting fields and courts.

Travel east on Hwy. 71 past Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The park is on the north side of Hwy. 71.

Colorado River

Webberville and Bastrop

Several parks offer boating and bank fishing access to the river. Little Webberville and Big Webberville parks have paved parking and boat ramps, and are maintained by Travis County. A fishing pier is located at Big Webberville Park. Fisherman's Park in Bastrop also has paved vehicle access and boat ramp, as well as picnic facilities, nature trail, playground and fishing pier.

Little Webberville and Big Webberville are located east of Austin on F.M. 969 near the community of Webberville. Fisherman's Park is located near downtown Bastrop at the end of Farm Street.



Lake Georgetown

Georgetown

Bank fishing is fair within the parks (Tejas Camp and Jim Hogg, Russell and Cedar Breaks parks) operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A hiking trail from Tejas Camp provides miles of bank fishing access to the south shore of the North Fork of the San Gabriel River above the reservoir.

From I-35 in Georgetown, go west on F.M. 2338 (Andice Blvd.) and turn left at the sign to the park of choice. Tejas Camp can be found by turning right onto C.R. 258 just north of the junction of highways 183 and 29, north of Leander.

Town Lake

Austin

Bank access is available at Festival Beach Park, Auditorium Shores and Red Bud Island. The Austin hike and bike trail circles almost the entire lower two thirds of the reservoir offering access to the bank.

Festival Beach is located on the north side of the lake just east of I-35. Auditorium Shores is on the south shore off Riverside Drive between South 1st and Lamar. Red Bud Island can be reached by turning south onto Red Bud Trail off Lake Austin Blvd.

Lake Austin

Austin

Bank angling is available at the Loop 360 bridge crossing, Emma Long Park, Mary Quinlan Park and Fritz Hughes Park near Mansfield Dam.

Emma Long Park can be located by turning south onto City Park Road off of R.R. 2222 just west of Loop 360. Mary Quinlan Park can be located by turning south on Quinlan Park Road from R.R. 620. Fritz Hughes Park can be reached by turning onto Low Water Crossing Rd. from 620, and turning south on Fritz Hughes Park Road.

Fishing License Fees

Freshwater Package.....	\$30
Saltwater Package.....	\$35
All-Water Package.....	\$40
Senior Freshwater Package	\$12
Senior Saltwater Package	\$17
Senior All-Water Package.....	\$22
Year-from-Purchase All-Water Package	\$47
One-Day All-Water License	\$11

More info at

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