



Fishing



Promoting Good Fishing While Protecting Amistad...

Amistad National Recreation Area offers pristine waters and great fishing. Please help protect the lake and the quality of fishing by following established boating and fishing regulations. Littering is dangerous to swimmers and harmful to fish populations. Improper disposal of fish remains is littering; please use the fish cleaning stations provided.

“Catch and Release” fishing greatly increases the productivity and quality of fishing at Amistad. Most fishing tournaments utilize “live release.” By carefully handling and returning them to the lake, you give fish additional time to grow and reproduce, allowing for more trophy-sized catches.

Rules and Regulations for Reeling ‘em In

Amistad Reservoir is an international lake. When fishing United States’ waters you must follow current State of Texas regulations; see below.

Buoys mark the international border along the Rio Grande arm of Amistad Reservoir. Above Buoy 28, the border is the mid-channel of the lake and river.

For current Mexican boating and fishing requirements, go to www.conapescasandiego.org. Two local sources of permits and information are:

- Amistad Marine- 830.775.0878
- Fisherman’s Headquarters- 830.774.5670

Fish cleaning stations are located at Diablo East, Rough Canyon, and the Pecos. If a cleaning station is not nearby, deposit fish remains in the lake at least 200 feet away from any developed area, including boat docks and where people are swimming.



Popular Sport Fishes

Species	Daily Limit	Length (min. in inches)
Bass: largemouth, smallmouth	5	14
Bass: striped, hybrid striped	5 (any combo)	18
Bass: white	25	10
Catfish: channel, blue	25 (any combo)	12
Catfish: flathead, yellow	5	18
Crappie: white, black	25 (any combo)	10
Sunfish: including bluegill, redear, green, warmouth, longear	none	no limit



Largemouth Bass



Channel Catfish



Crappie



Alligator Gar

Bank Fishing Fishing from the shoreline is permitted anywhere **EXCEPT** in coves and harbors with boat docks or ramps.

Fishing docks are located at Rough Canyon, 277 South, Blackbrush Point, and Box Canyon.



Is Yours a Record Catch?	Species	Weight (lbs)	Length (in)	Date
	Striped Bass	45.00	44.00	5-14-90
	Largemouth Bass	15.68	28.30	12-28-05
	Smallmouth Bass	5.32	20.25	11-7-04
	Freshwater Drum	17.06	29.50	3-30-94
	Smallmouth Buffalo	36.00	38.62	6-05-92
	Alligator Gar	210.00	95.00	8-17-01
	Alligator Gar	214.50	89.50	8-11-05
	Longnose Gar	18.50	43.00	6-27-03
	Spotted Gar	8.40	28.00	6-27-03
	Carp	17.93	32.00	6-30-00
	Gizzard Shad	1.20	14.00	6-27-03
	White Crappie	1.47	15.50	6-23-06

All records must be verified by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Authorized Fishing and Tour Guides

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Boat Rentals

Forever Resorts Marinas
Diablo East and Rough Canyon
830.774.4157
www.lakeamistadmarina.com

Southwinds Marina
(USAF- Active or retired military only)
Spur 349 near Amistad Dam
830.775.7800

Canoe and Kayak Rentals
Amistad Water Sports
10401 US Hwy 90 W
830.7341445 or 830.734.6533



Keep Amistad Mussel Free!

Zebra and Quagga mussels are small non-native aquatic hitchhikers. They are invading freshwater habitats at an alarming rate. These pests colonize all available surfaces, can clog engine intakes, and ruin fisheries.

Boaters can help protect Amistad's waters by following these procedures:

- Before launching, remove all plant and animal material from the boat and inspect all exposed surfaces of your boat, including the hull.
- If coming from waters already 'infected,' wash the hull with high-pressure soapy water, drain all water from the boat, live well, and lower unit, and allow everything to dry for five days. Don't forget to dry fishing gear and bait buckets.



Zebra Mussel, left; Quagga Mussel, right.

For more information: <http://100thmeridian.org>

Visitor Center, US Hwy 90 W near Blackbrush boat ramp, open daily 8 am to 5 pm, has exhibits and book sales
Amistad National Recreation Area 4121 Veterans Blvd, Del Rio TX 78840 830.775.7491 www.nps.gov/amis