# Amistad

National Recreation Area
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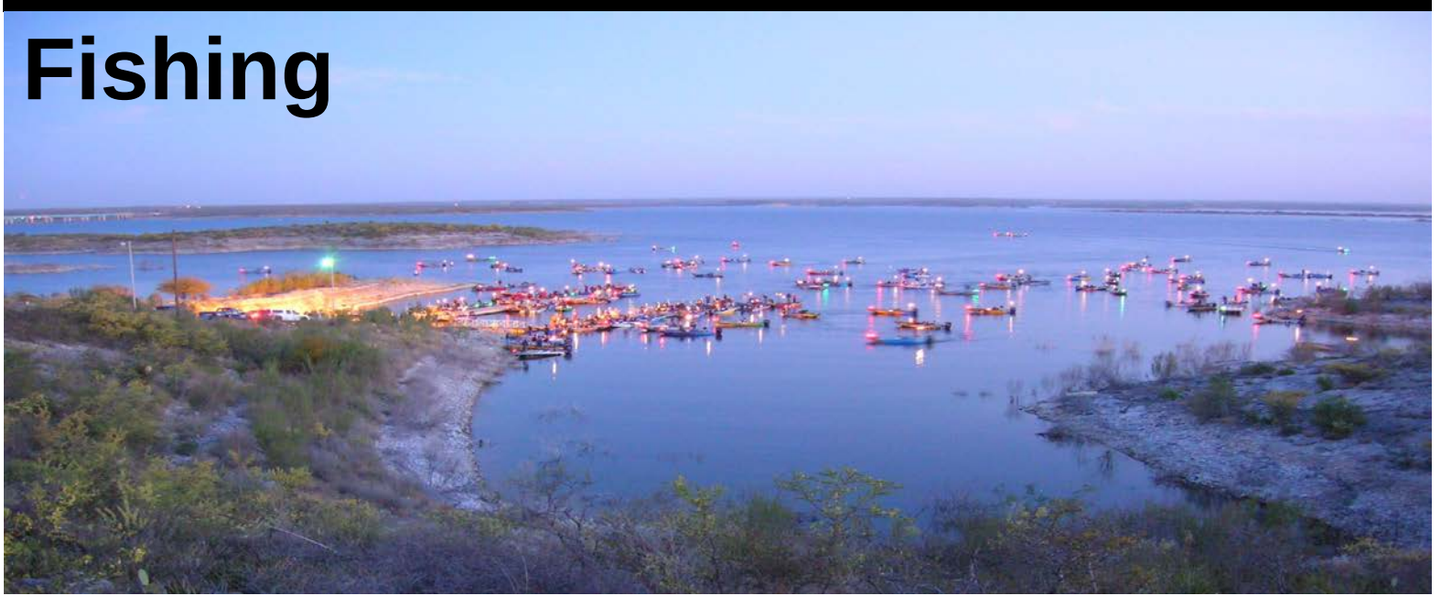
U.S. Department of the Interior

# 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.

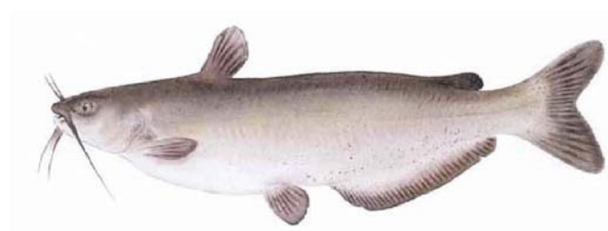
When fishing Mexican waters, everyone in the boat must possess a Mexican fishing license. For Mexican boating and fishing requirements, go to www.conapescasandiego.org or call (619) 233-4324. Mexican fishing licenses can be purchased locally

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.

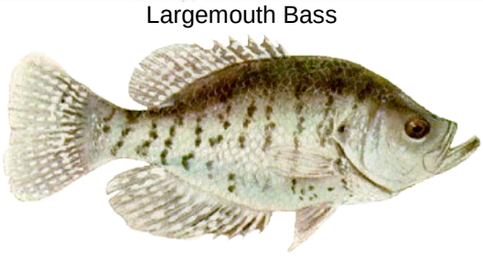
## Popular Sport Fishes

| 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, and The Pecos River.

Good bank fishing is available at Black Brush Point below the picnic shelters, below the Viewpoint Road picnic shelters at Diablo East and on the north side of Hwy 90 just west of the Rock Quarry Group Campsite, among others.

**Rough Canyon fishing dock by the camping area**

## 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, Scuba, and Tour Guides

**List of Guides Current as of April 25, 2012**

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## Boat Rentals

Southwest Lake Resort
Diablo East and Rough Canyon
(830) 774-4157 / (830) 775-8779
www.lakeamistadmarina.com

Southwinds Marina
(USAF- Active or retired military only)
Spur 349 near Amistad Dam
(830) 775-7800

**Canoe and Kayak Rentals**

Russell's True Value
506 E. Gibbs St.
Del Rio, TX 78840
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## 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