Amistad

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Amistad National Recreation Area
Texas

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 U.S. waters you must follow current State of Texas regulations.

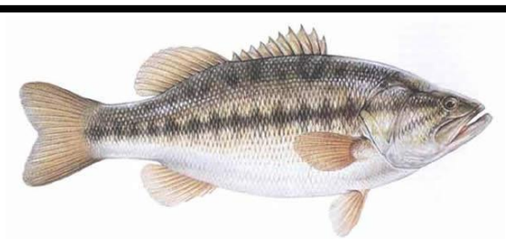
Buoys mark the international border along the Rio Grande arm of Amistad Reservoir. Above Buoy 28, the border is the mid-channel of the lake and river.

When fishing Mexican waters, everyone in the boat must possess a Mexican fishing license. Visit www.sportfishingmexico.com, or call (619) 233-4324, for current Mexican boating and fishing requirements. Mexican fishing licenses can be purchased locally.

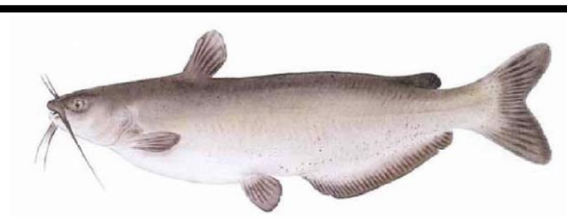
Fish cleaning stations are located at Diablo East, Rough Canyon, and the Pecos. If a cleaning station is not nearby, deposit fish remains in the lake at least 200 feet away from any developed area, including boat docks and where people are swimming.

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: includes bluegill, redear, green, warmouth, longear	No limit	no minimum



Largemouth Bass



Channel Catfish

Crappie

Alligator Gar

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Bank Fishing

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

Good bank fishing is available at many locations, including: below the picnic shelters at Black Brush Point, 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. Fishing docks may also be available; locations vary based on water levels. For current fishing dock locations contact the Visitor Center at 830-775-7491 extension 0.

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	5.37	20.25	11-7-04
Freshwater Drum	17.06	29.50	3-30-94
Smallmouth Buffalo	40.29	41.50	4-14-13
Alligator Gar	221	88	9-4-13
Longnose Gar	18.50	43.00	6-27-03
Spotted Gar	14	51	2-27-09
Carp	32.05	39	4-13-12
Gizzard Shad	2	16.50	2-27-09
White Crappie	1.47	15.50	6-23-06
Channel Catfish	14.16	29	4-10-12

All records must be verified by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Authorized Fishing Guides

Fishing Guides:	current as of May 10, 2016
Jon Ducharme	(830) 719-9097
James Burkeen	(830) 309-9720
Raul Codero	(830) 422-7674
Ed Schoening	(830) 459-1036

Kayak Guides:	
Shane Davies	(214) 418-9786

Keep Amistad Mussel Free!

Zebra and Quagga mussels are small non-native aquatic hitchhikers. They are invading freshwater habitats at an alarming rate. These mussels colonize all available surfaces and can clog engine intakes, disrupt the food chain and could alter the fishery resources.

Zebra mussels have been found in Texas, in Lake Taxoma, Ray Roberts, Lewisville, Bridgeport, Belton, Lavon, Waco and Dean Gilbert. As far as we know, there is no quagga or zebra mussel in Lake Amistad at this time. We would like to keep it that way.

Example of Zebra Mussel (NPS, 2014)

Rules to Prevent Spread of Zebra Mussels:

In the state's ongoing effort to combat the spread of invasive zebra mussels, new rules require that all boats operating on public fresh water anywhere in Texas be drained after use.

Persons leaving or approaching public fresh water are required to drain all water from their vessels and on-board receptacles (includes live wells, bilges, motor and any other receptacles or water intake systems coming into contact with public waters).

- Live fish, including personally caught live bait, cannot be transported from the water body where the fish were caught in or aboard a vessel in water from the water body where the fish were caught. Personally caught live bait can be used in the water body where it was caught.
- Transport and use of commercially purchased live bait in water while fishing from a vessel is allowed, provided persons in possession of the bait have a receipt that identifies the source of the bait. Any live bait purchased from a location on or adjacent to a public water body that transported in water from that water body can only be used as bait on that same water body.
- Before launching, remove all plant and animal material from the boat and inspect all exposed surfaces of your boat, including the hull.
- Don't' forget to dry fishing gear and bait buckets.

For more information visit: http://100thmeridian.org

Remember to Clean, Drain, and Dry your Boat

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Learn More

The Visitor Center is located six miles west of the Hwy 90/Hwy 277 intersection at 9685 U.S. Hwy 90 W. Open daily 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

For additional information on Amistad National Recreation Area, visit www.nps.gov/amis or call (830) 775-7491 extension 0.