

TPWD To Stock Rainbow Trout Beginning December 3

For an inexpensive, entry-level fishing experience the entire family can enjoy, it doesn't get much easier than winter rainbow trout fishing in Texas.

Beginning Dec. 3 and continuing until mid-March, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will stock upwards of 260,000 hatchery-reared rainbow trout at 119 sites across the state.

Many of the fish stockings will be conducted at small community fishing lakes, state park lakes and popular river tailraces offering easy angling access.

TPWD has been stocking rainbow trout each winter since the 1970s, providing Texans a simple and economical opportunity to go fishing.

Catching these hungry fish can be easy, making the experience ideal for both novice anglers and kids.

The fish will bite almost immediately after stocking and typically will take a variety of baits, from whole kernel canned corn or commercial soft bait to artificial flies

and even small spinner baits.

Fishing gear can be as basic as an inexpensive spincast rod and reel combo, a small plastic bobber, a fishing weight and a hook.

It's also a good idea to carry along a pair of needle-nosed pliers to help remove

the public to fish.

Check with local parks and recreation departments or water authorities for additional information.

Most sites get an annual dose of more than 1,000 trout.

Among the

driving directions, and a TPWD name and contact phone number for each site.

Money donated to TPWD from the Toyota Texas Bass Classic is being used to support Neighborhood Fishin'.

Other popular fishing holes like the Guadalupe River below the Canyon Reservoir Dam, which includes the tailrace, also receive multiple stockings from December into March.

As the only fishable place in Texas where rainbow trout can survive during the summer months, the Guadalupe River will get almost 17,000 trout stocked this winter.

One public access point along the Guadalupe River has been leased by TPWD specifically for trout fishing, Camp Hueco Springs.

A map and directions to this site are on the TPWD Web site.

Anglers should note there are special harvest restrictions in place along a 10-mile stretch of the Guadalupe River below the

tailrace.

In this area, anglers may retain only one trout per day, which must be at least 18-inches in length, and any trout harvested must be caught on artificial lures.

For additional details about the special harvest regulations and the location of that river stretch, please consult the TPWD Outdoor Annual.

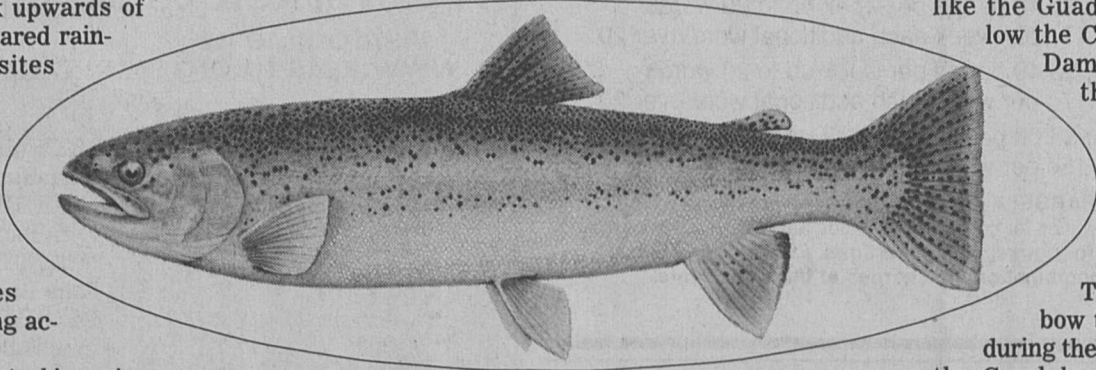
The special regulations zone

does not include the area immediately below Canyon Lake Dam.

There, as in other Texas waters, the daily bag limit is five trout and there is no minimum length.

A valid Texas freshwater fishing package is required to fish for trout.

Youth ages 16 and younger and all anglers fishing from the bank in state parks are exempt from the fishing package requirement.



hooks, and a five gallon bucket, small ice chest or a fish stringer to keep your catch.

Be sure to keep freshly caught trout cold on ice or refrigerated. The complete 2008-2009 Rainbow Trout Stocking Schedule is on the TPWD Web site.

Here anglers can find stocking locations, stocking dates and driving directions to each site.

Many locations offer special events for youth prior to allowing

winter trout stocking sites are 13 Neighborhood Fishin' locations in city suburbs across the state.

These spots get trout stocked every two weeks in the winter, but catfish are also stocked there in the summer, making them year-round family fishing destinations.

Details are on the Neighborhood Fishin' Web page, which lists the urban area, lake or pond,

Nominations Sought For Freedom Awards

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense agency, is continuing the nomination season for the 2009 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

National Guard and Reserve members and their families are eligible and encouraged to nominate employers who have gone above and beyond in their support of military employees.

Nominations will be accepted at www.FreedomAward.mil until Jan. 19, 2009.

The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their outstanding support of their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

The 2009 recipients will be announced in the spring and

honored in Washington, D.C., at the 14th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony Sept. 17, 2009.

Recipients of the 2008 Freedom Award met with President George W. Bush and Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England.

Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Dr. David Chu presented the awards at a ceremony attended by members of Congress and senior government and military officials.

Almost one-half of the U.S. military is comprised of the National Guard and Reserve.

The Department of Defense shares these citizen warriors with their civilian employers, many of whom provide significant support to their employees who serve in the National Guard and

Reserve.

2008 honorees ranged from a small family-owned transportation business in Utah to large businesses, including Chrysler and Dominion Resources to the City of Austin, a public sector employer.

Past recipients of the Freedom Award have provided full salary, continuation of benefits, care packages and even family support to employees fulfilling their military obligation.

The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) to recognize exceptional support from the employer community.

ESGR is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972.

Its mission is to gain and maintain employer support for

Guard and Reserve service by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law and resolving conflicts through mediation.

For questions regarding the Freedom Award nomination process, please visit www.FreedomAward.mil or contact Beth Sherman, ESGR Public Affairs, at (703) 380-9717.

Perfect Attendance Lists

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Alma Olivares, Mercedes Saenz, Everett Shirek, Mallory Thomas, Craig Wilson.

EIGHTH GRADE

Danielle Dopslauf, Briana Faas, Cullen Wiese, Cydney Cook, Cierria Ehrhardt, Chris Giles, Trevor Jones, Cole Macek, Katie Pagel, Aubrey Pavlu, Esgar Rodriguez, Jennifer Rodriguez.

Sheridan School KINDERGARTEN

Perla Avila, Xitali Carrera, Kevin Esquivel, Camille Garcia, Angelina Herrera, Shane Holt, Aaron Querner, Emily Villapando.

FIRST GRADE

Jack Armstrong, Keagan Gar-

SECOND GRADE

Myra Arana, Mary Kazmir, James Kutzer, Brynn Munoz, Preston Orsak.

THIRD GRADE

Rudy Anzaldua, Clayton Botard, William Dugger, Michael Kalisek, Emily Kelly, Blake Robinson, Victor Welch, Kaitlyn Willbern.

FOURTH GRADE

Levi Botard, Brandon Rodriguez.

FIFTH GRADE

Connor Benton, Mikenna

Gabler, Jamie Kutzer, Hannah McGregor, Ross Owers, Aaron Rondeau-LaBarge, Alyssa Taylor, Carlee Vandermark, Lenora Williamson.

SIXTH GRADE

Melissa Beck, Maria Esquivel, Mackenzie Fogle, Virginia Hardcastle, Trent Rollins.

SEVENTH GRADE

Jonathan Blair, Kayla Machart, Angel Mason, Tyler Mathews, Kayleigh Pausewang, Katelyn Tesch, Houston Toombs, Colton Turner.

EIGHTH GRADE

Kelsey Andrejczak, Haley Benton, Jesus Esquivel, Mikayla Gabler, Amy Huggins, Kaylee Janow, Hugo Morales.

Lady Raiders Off To 1-2 Start

The Lady Raiders traveled to La Grange on Nov. 18. They played a strong La Grange team.

The Lady Raiders fell behind the last seconds of the first quarter and could not get the lead back the remainder of the game.

By halftime they were trailing 26-38.

The final score was Rice 42 - La Grange 74.

The leadingscorer for Rice was sophomore Machelsea Thomas with 14 points. Following behind her was senior Brittnee Stevenson with 10. Delilah Gentry added eight points, Cynthia Quinney put up four points. Other contributors were Tori Rathburn and Sabrina Spates with two each.

On November 21 the Lady Raiders traveled to Palacios. The Lady Raiders finished the first quarter ahead 10-9. Palacios played a strong defensive game only allowing the Lady Raiders to score five points in the second quarter. Halftime the Lady Raiders were down 15-22. They lost the game 52-38. The leading scorer for Rice was senior Stevenson with 10 points, Thomas followed close behind with 8 points and Sabrina Spates had a nice game contributing with seven points and 12 rebounds.

Other players who scored for Rice were Quinney with five, Kayli Kallina four points, Gentry and Kaydi Gold with two points each. The Lady Raiders traveled

to Bellville on Nov. 24 and were scheduled to be back at home on Dec. 2 to start district play against East Bernard.

Come out and support the Lady Raiders.

Other game stats: Kayli Kallina: 2 steals; Tori Rathburn: 1 rebound, 1 steal; Kaydi Gold: 1 rebound, 1 steal; Delilah Gentry: 1 steal; Annicia Williams: 2 rebounds; Machelsea Thomas: 7 rebounds, 4 steals, 3 assist; Cynthia Quinney: 1 rebound, 1 assist; Brooke Popp: 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 assist; Brittnee Stevenson: 8 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assist; Sabrina Spates: 12 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 assist.

Stats for the game: Kayli Kallina-2 rebounds; Tori Rathburn-1 steal; Delilah Gentry-3 rebounds, 2 assist; Annicia Williams-3 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 assist; Machelsea Thomas-1 Rebound, 5 steals,

3 assist; Cynthia Quinney-1 steal, 1 assist; Brooke Popp-1 steal, 1 assist; Dynasty Johnson-1 assist; Brittnee Stevenson-4 rebounds, 1 steal; Sabrina Spates-5 rebounds

JV Results

The JV Lady Raiders played against La Grange on Nov. 18. The lost the game 21-54.

Leading scorer for Rice was Kaydi Gold with eight points. Destinee Williams and Jordyn Pausewang added four points each.

Kacyi Rathburn put up three points and Katlyn Ford scored two points.

The JV Lady Raiders traveled to Bellville on Nov. 24 and then start district on Dec. 2 against East Bernard at home beginning at 5 pm.

Come out and support the Lady Raiders!

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www.eaglelakeheadlight.com

TAX TIPS from RAY

The Internal Revenue Service has issued the 2009 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes. Beginning on Jan. 1, 2009, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups, or panel trucks) will be: 55 cents per mile for business miles driven; 24 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes; 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations. The new rates for business, medical and moving purposes are slightly lower than rates for the second half of 2008 that were raised by a special adjustment mid-year in response to a spike in gasoline prices. The business mileage rate was 50.5 cents in the first half of 2008 and 58.5 cents in the second half. The medical and moving rate was 19 cents in the first half and 27 cents in the second half.

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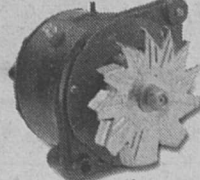
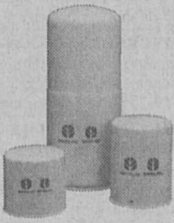
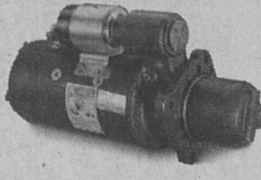
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