

The 1,341-acre Paradise Public Fishing Area is located in the South Central Georgia farmlands of Berrien and Tift Counties. The area offers access to bank and boat anglers with 60 lakes and ponds, nestled between planted pines. Lakes are managed to provide bass, bream, crappie, and channel catfish for the angler.

### **FACILITIES**

The area offers fishing, picnicking, hiking, and birding. Primitive tent camping is allowed only in the designated camping area. There is a primitive tent group camping area available by reservation only. A barrier free boat dock, fishing pier, and comfort station are located in the picnic area near Lake Patrick. An information kiosk is located at Lake Windy near the entrance. Waterfowl and dove hunts are offered. Special regulations apply. Information on hunts and hunt dates are posted in the Georgia Hunting Seasons and Regulations booklet and are available on the DNR web site at <a href="https://www.georgiawildlife.com">www.georgiawildlife.com</a>.

Certain ponds are closed and only open during special fishing events in order to provide the best fishing experience to young anglers. Events celebrated at Paradise Public Fishing Area include National Fishing Week and National Hunting and Fishing Day. In celebration, these ponds are opened to anglers 15 years of age and younger. The ponds are heavily stocked and offer the best chance for a child to catch a fish. Bring a child to one of these events for a fun family day that will give a younger angler the opportunity to have a great day fishing and create a memory that will last a lifetime.

Check the information kiosk at the entrance for complete Area information. More information and current regulations can also be found on the Department of Natural Resources website at www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com or in the Georgia Sport Fishing Regulation Booklet.

Please place litter in appropriate containers. Help keep the area clean for you and others to enjoy.

EMERGENCY 911 TURN IN POACHERS 1-800-241-4113

#### LOCATION

The area is located 8 miles east of Tifton on the Brookfield/Nashville Road near Brookfield. Follow signs from Highway 82 to the area.

# LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

All persons 16 years of age and older must possess a valid Fishing or Hunting License OR a current Georgia Lands Pass to enter Paradise Public Fishing Area. The Lands Pass is NOT valid to hunt or fish.

# FISHING GEAR

It is unlawful for any person to fish with any gear other than pole and line. No person can have more than two (2) pole and lines (rod/reel, cane pole, or one of each) fishing at one time.

#### NOTE

Boats, bait, or licenses are not available at the public fishing area. Licenses may be purchased at your local license dealer or online at <a href="https://www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com">www.GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com</a> or at 1-800-366-2661.

# CREEL AND POSSESSION LIMITS PER DAY

- 30 Crappie
- 15 Bream (or any combination of Bream (Sunfish) species)
- 5 Largemouth Bass -14 inches or larger
- 5 Channel Catfish
- 15 Pickerel, any combination
- 5 Hybrid Striped Bass

Exceptions: Lake Tacklebuster is catch and release only for bream. Lake Paradise is catch and release only for largemouth bass.

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

October 1-April 30 open from sunrise to sunset May 1- September 30 open 24 hours/day

Note: You must be fishing or camping to remain on the area from 10:00 pm - 7:00 am. Campers who are fishing are not restricted to their campsites.

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