

Guide to Fishing Flat Creek PFA

This 102-acre public fishing lake is located in Houston County south of Perry, Georgia. Flat Creek Public Fishing Area (PFA) offers excellent fishing for bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish, black crappie and largemouth bass. The lake can be accessed by bank or by boat and is intensively managed to maximize fishing success. Due to its close proximity to I-75 and its location in central Georgia, the lake is easily accessible to many outdoor enthusiasts. Visit Flat Creek PFA for an exceptional fishing or outdoors experience with friends and family.

Hours

Open year-round, 7 days/week, 24 hours/day

Facilities

- Concrete boat ramp
- Restrooms
- Picnic tables
- Fish cleaning station
- Most facilities ADA accessible

Regulations

Public fishing areas have special regulations that are posted on site as well as published in the Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations. Anglers 16 years of age and older, except honorary license holders, must possess a current fishing license. For more information, visit www.gofishgeorgia.com or call (800) 366-2661.

Directions

From I-75: Take Exit #134 (South Perry Parkway) and turn west. Travel approximately 0.25 miles and turn left (south) on U.S. Highway 41. Go about 3.5 miles and turn left into Flat Creek Public Fishing Area.

For more fishing information, visit the Georgia Wildlife Resources Division website at www.gofishgeorgia.com or call (478) 825-6151.

Trip Check List

- Check the current boating regulations about life jackets.
- Boats with enclosed areas that may trap gas or vapors are required to be equipped with a USCG approved fire extinguisher.
- Carry your current license and boat registration with you.
- Check your boat's trailer and navigation lights, and fuel before leaving home.
- Carry a first aid kit, insect repellent, sunscreen, extra clothing, food and drinking water.
- Be aware of and abide by all fishing regulations.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.

Be an Ethical Angler!

Ethical anglers fish responsibly, consider the rights of others, portray a positive image, and help to protect and conserve our natural resources. Be an ethical angler, the future depends on it.

- Know and obey the fishing regulations.
- Keep only the fish they can use and release all others.
- Pass on the tradition by taking a child fishing.
- Leave a place cleaner than it was found.
- Do not transfer fish or plants between bodies of water.
- Report violations and pollution.
- Do not litter!
- Dispose of fishing line properly.
- Do not trespass.
- Are courteous of others.
- Lend a helping hand.

T.I.P. (Turn in Poachers): To report game/fish law violations, fish kills or hazardous spills, call (800) 241-4113.

Major Fish Species & Fishing Tips

Largemouth bass • Channel catfish • Bluegill • Redear sunfish (shellcracker) • Black crappie


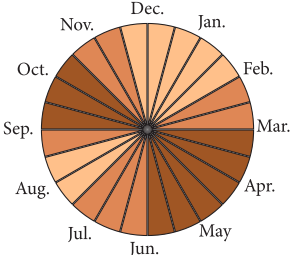

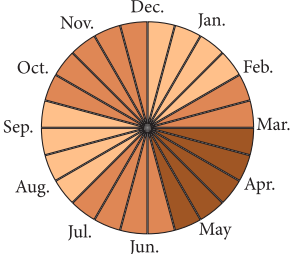

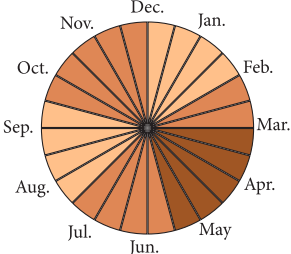

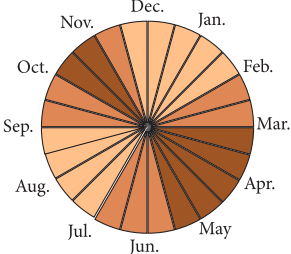
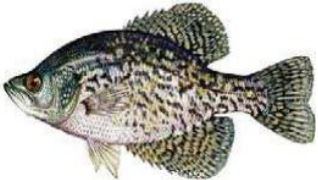
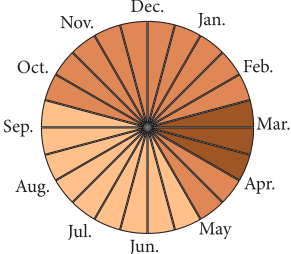
Flat Creek PFA is intensively managed for quality bluegill and shellcrackers (bream). Bream like to spawn over sandy areas with good hard bottoms. Bream typically bite best from March through June. Redear will bite better in the early spring, as they spawn before bluegill. The submerged roads that cross the lake are excellent spawning areas. Try fishing worms or crickets at or just off the bottom during spring and summer to target these spawning fish. Small spinners and jigs fished in shallow water or near weeds will also produce lots of bream. As water temperatures increase in the summer, try targeting shady areas such as weeds, and woody habitat. The deep woody habitat to the northeast side of the lake is a good place to look for deep bream on warm summer days.

Largemouth bass are numerous in Flat Creek PFA. Rock piles and drop offs will hold bass in most conditions. When the bass are bedding from February through April, try fishing jigs and worms in shallow water. During summer months, bass can be found in deeper water around standing timber. Flat Creek PFA is intensively fertilized to increase productivity. This typically reduces visibility to between 18–28 inches and the lake appears very green. During times of low visibility, anglers should try fishing spinner baits or crank baits with a rattle or good “wobble” to entice a hit.

Channel catfish bite best from May through July. Try fishing on or near the bottom in deep water using night crawlers or liver. Catfish will also be found in the woody debris or near drop offs where they can easily ambush prey.



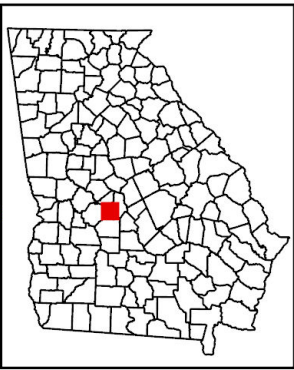
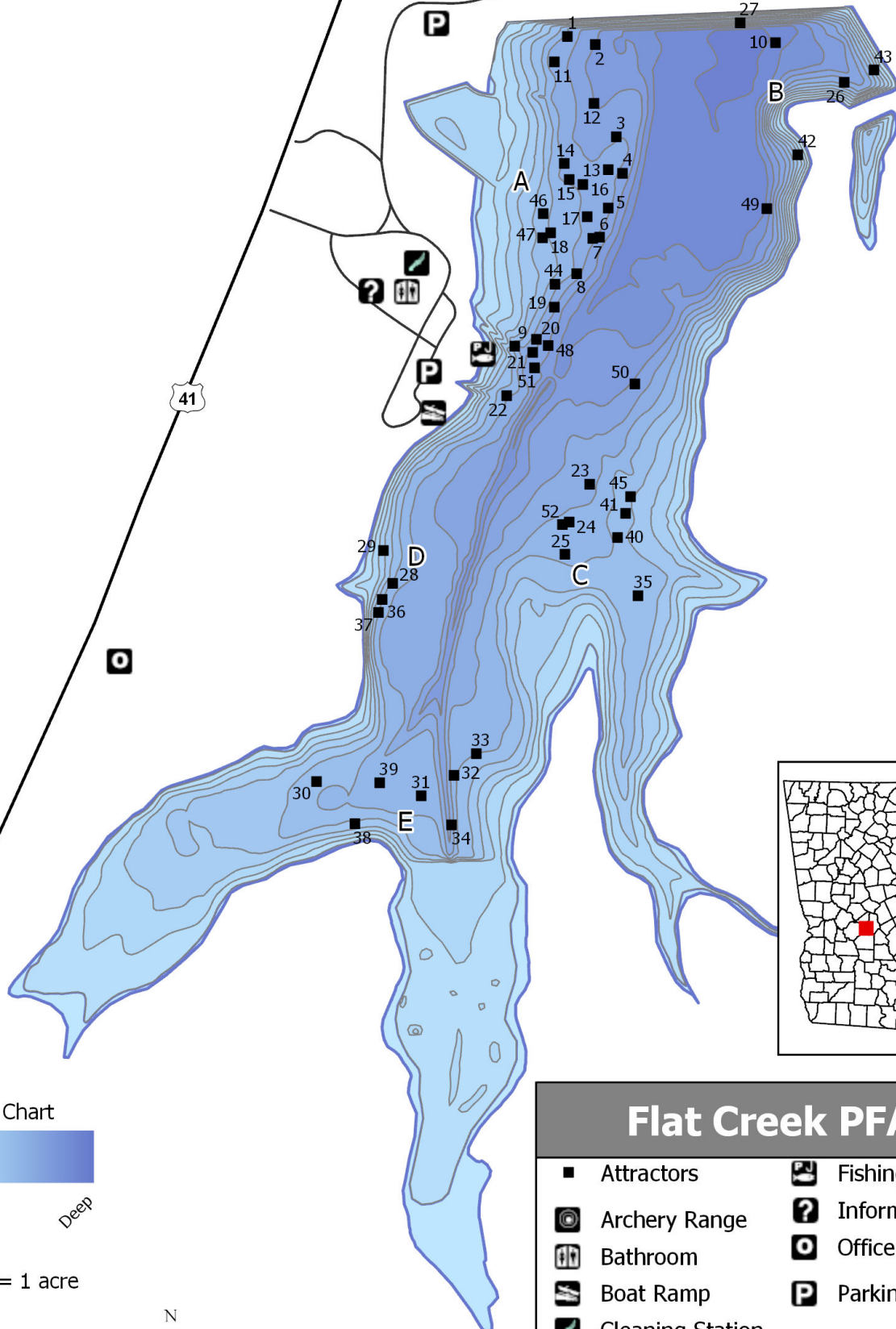
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Fish Species	Biology	Best Fishing Times
	<p>Bass spawn from February to May. Occupy a variety of habitats in reservoirs and rivers. Feed both day and night motivated by hunger or striking. Females are typically larger and more aggressive than males. Bait: Crankbaits, plastic worms & jigs</p>	
	<p>“Shellcracker” feed primarily on aquatic insects including midge larvae to snails. Unlike bluegill, shellcracker typically do not stunt. Fast growth, larger size and good flavor make these a desirable fish. Bait: Crickets, Red Wigglers & small top water lures</p>	
	<p>Most likely the first fish caught by children. They aggressively guard nest during spawns. Bluegill are hard fighters, hit a variety of baits, and are abundant in most rivers and lakes. Known as a tasty panfish. Bait: Crickets, Red Wigglers & small top water lures</p>	
	<p>Channel catfish are a highly adaptable and desirable fish that are easily caught. They can reach Sizes up to 20 lbs and use their barbells for taste. Larger individuals are often confused with Blue catfish. Bait: Chicken livers, worms, “stink bait” & crickets</p>	
	<p>Has a preference of clear water, and associated with vegetation during spawns. Young prefer insects, switching to fish as it matures. Black crappie commonly reach 2 lbs in size, and the current world record is 5 lbs. An extremely popular game fish in Georgia. Bait: Minnows, jigs & red wigglers</p>	

Best Fishing Times Key



Fish images: Duane Raver/USFWS



Flat Creek PFA

■ Attractors	🚤 Fishing Pier
🏹 Archery Range	❓ Information Kiosk
🚻 Bathroom	⓪ Office
🚤 Boat Ramp	ⓐ Parking
🟢 Cleaning Station	— Roads
A Attractor Group	

Depth Chart

Shallow ————— Deep

■ = 1 acre

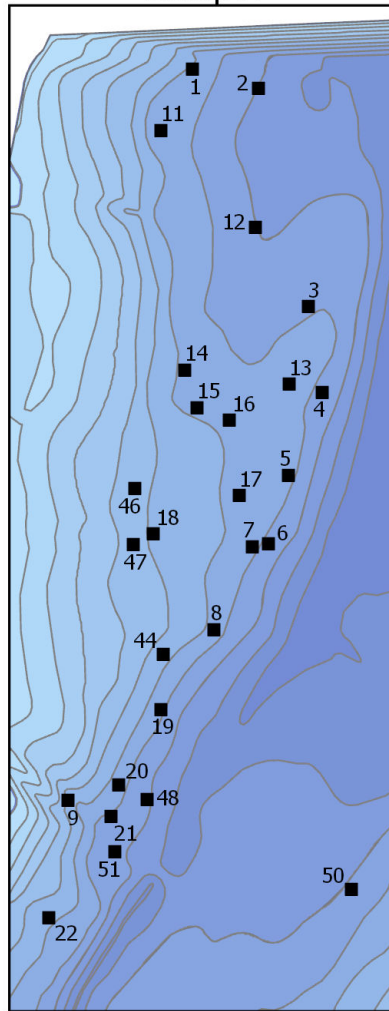
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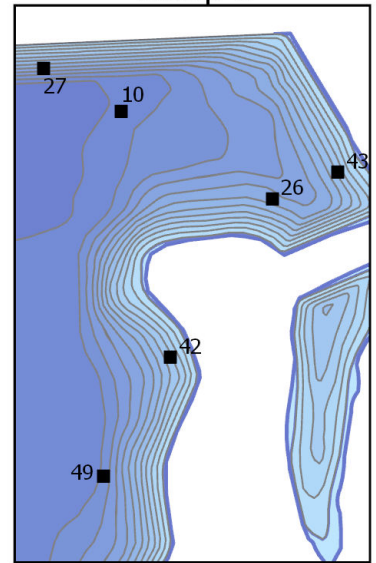
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Group	Feature	Number	Latitude	Longitude
A	Boulder Pile	1	32.410686	-83.775384
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A	Boulder Pile	3	32.409686	-83.774804
A	Boulder Pile	4	32.409326	-83.774734
A	Boulder Pile	5	32.408976	-83.774904
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A	Boulder Pile	7	32.408676	-83.775084
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A	Boulder Pile	9	32.407606	-83.776004
A	Brush Pile	11	32.41043	-83.77554
A	Pallets	12	32.41002	-83.77507
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A	Brush Pile	16	32.40921	-83.7752
A	Pallets	17	32.40889	-83.77515
A	Brush Pile	18	32.40873	-83.77558
A	Pallets	19	32.40799	-83.77554
A	Brush Pile	20	32.40767	-83.77575
A	Honey Hole	21	32.40754	-83.77579
A	Brush Pile	22	32.40711	-83.7761
A	Pipe Trees	44	32.40822	-83.77553
A	Gravel Beds	46	32.40892	-83.775672
A	Gravel Beds	47	32.408683	-83.775677
A	Pallets	48	32.40761	-83.77561
A	Pallets	50	32.40723	-83.77459
A	Pallets	51	32.40739	-83.77577
B	Unknown	10	32.41063	-83.77293
B	Honey Hole	26	32.41023	-83.77212
B	Honey Hole	27	32.41082	-83.77335
B	Pipe Trees	42	32.40951	-83.77267
B	Pipe Trees	43	32.41035	-83.77177
B	Pallets	49	32.40897	-83.77303
C	Brush Pile	23	32.40623	-83.77512
C	Pallets	24	32.40585	-83.77536
C	Brush Pile	25	32.40553	-83.77541
C	Brush Pile	35	32.40512	-83.77455
C	Pipe Trees	40	32.4057	-83.77479
C	Pipe Trees	41	32.40594	-83.7747
C	Gravel Beds	45	32.40611	-83.77464
C	Pallets	52	32.40583	-83.77544
D	Brush Pile	28	32.40524	-83.77744
D	Brush Pile	29	32.40557	-83.77755
D	Pipe Trees	36	32.40508	-83.77757
D	Pipe Trees	37	32.40495	-83.77761
E	Brush Pile	30	32.40327	-83.77834
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E	Brush Pile	32	32.40333	-83.77672
E	Brush Pile	33	32.40355	-83.77646
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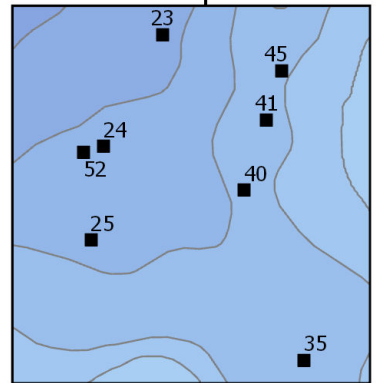
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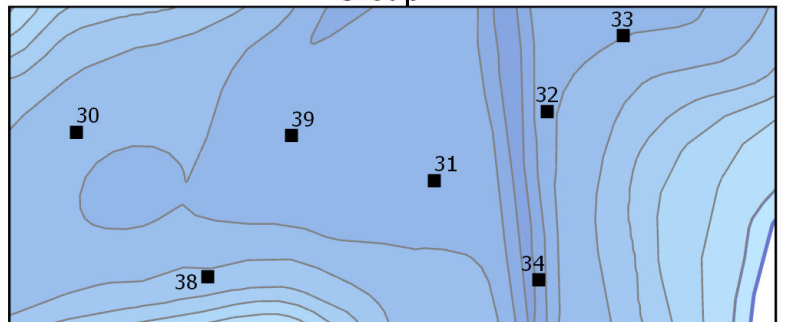
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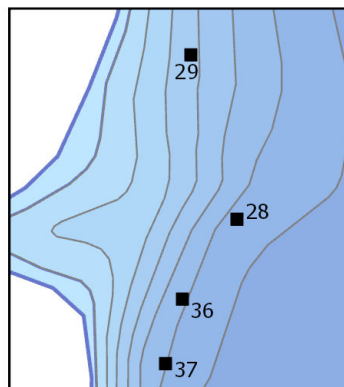
Group C



Group E



Group D



All waypoints are in geographic coordinates (decimal degree) and cast on the North American Datum of 1983.