

Guide to Fishing Ocmulgee PFA

Nestled within the boundaries of Ocmulgee Wildlife Management Area in Bleckley County, Ocmulgee PFA offers a 106-acre lake for your fishing enjoyment. The lake can be fished from the bank or by boat and is fertilized and intensively managed to maximize fishing success. Due to its unique location and close proximity to the Ocmulgee River, this area offers many opportunities for the outdoor enthusiast. Visit Ocmulgee PFA for a peaceful fishing or outdoor 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
- Fishing piers
- 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 Hawkinsville: Take Highway 341 towards Eastman, turn left on Highway 26 towards Cochran. Travel approximately .25 miles and turn left on Upper River Road. Go about six miles, turn left onto Allison's Landing Road then turn right into the PFA at the sign.

From Cochran: Take Highway Alt. 129 north. Turn left onto Porter Road. Travel about eight miles and turn right onto Allison's Landing Road then turn right into the PFA at the sign.

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 • Bluegill • Redear sunfish (shellcracker) • Crappie


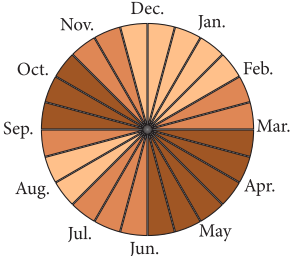

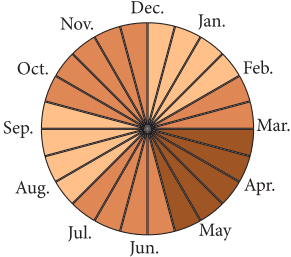

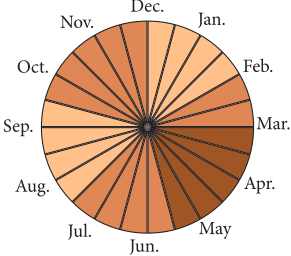
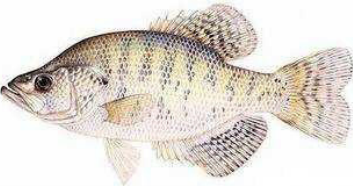
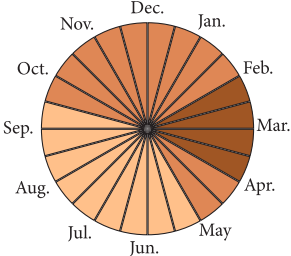
Standing timber left on the outside edges of the lake during re-construction concentrates both crappie and bass for anglers. Crappie will utilize the shade that the timber provides as cover during the daytime. Fishing minnows or jigs to these suspended fish is a good technique. Bass will suspend in the thicker cover as they lay in ambush for passing prey. Early in the morning, top-water baits fished around the edges of the thicker brush may fool hungry bass. Later in the day, fishing swimming lures around the edges of the thicker timber or pitching weedless baits right into the thick cover can be productive.

Bluegill and shellcrackers (bream) like to spawn over sandy areas with good hard bottoms. The old submerged haul road that lies just underwater and runs along shore from the boat ramp down to the east end of the dam is excellent spawning habitat. Just up-lake of the dam on the west side, a large sandy flat with scattered cypress trees is another prime bedding location. Try fishing crickets or earthworms just at or on the bottom in these areas during the late spring and summer for these spawning fish. When the bluegill aren't bedding, try casting small artificial lures, spinners and top-water poppers around the shallow edges. Also, try all the newly added fish attractors that are made of both artificial and natural materials.

The aeration system creates a current in the lake that also tends to concentrate game fish. Points and high spots underwater that concentrate current flow will also be ambush points for game fish. The narrow break in the old pond dam just down lake of the upper fishing pier is a good example. Underwater features and cover in the general vicinity of the aeration heads themselves also are likely locations where bass and other game fish will be found. Crank baits or worms fished in these type areas when the aeration system is operational will be productive.



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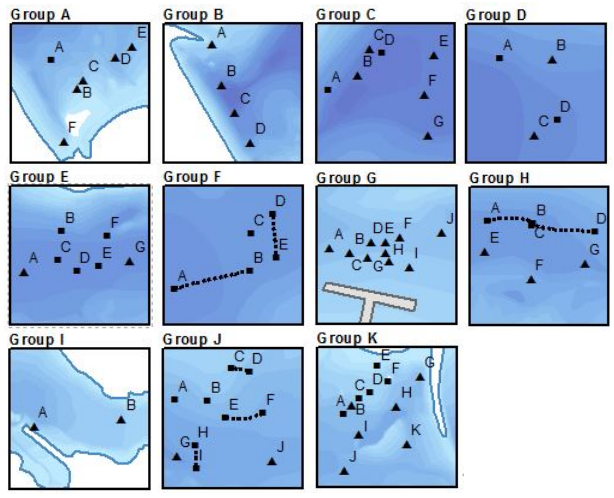
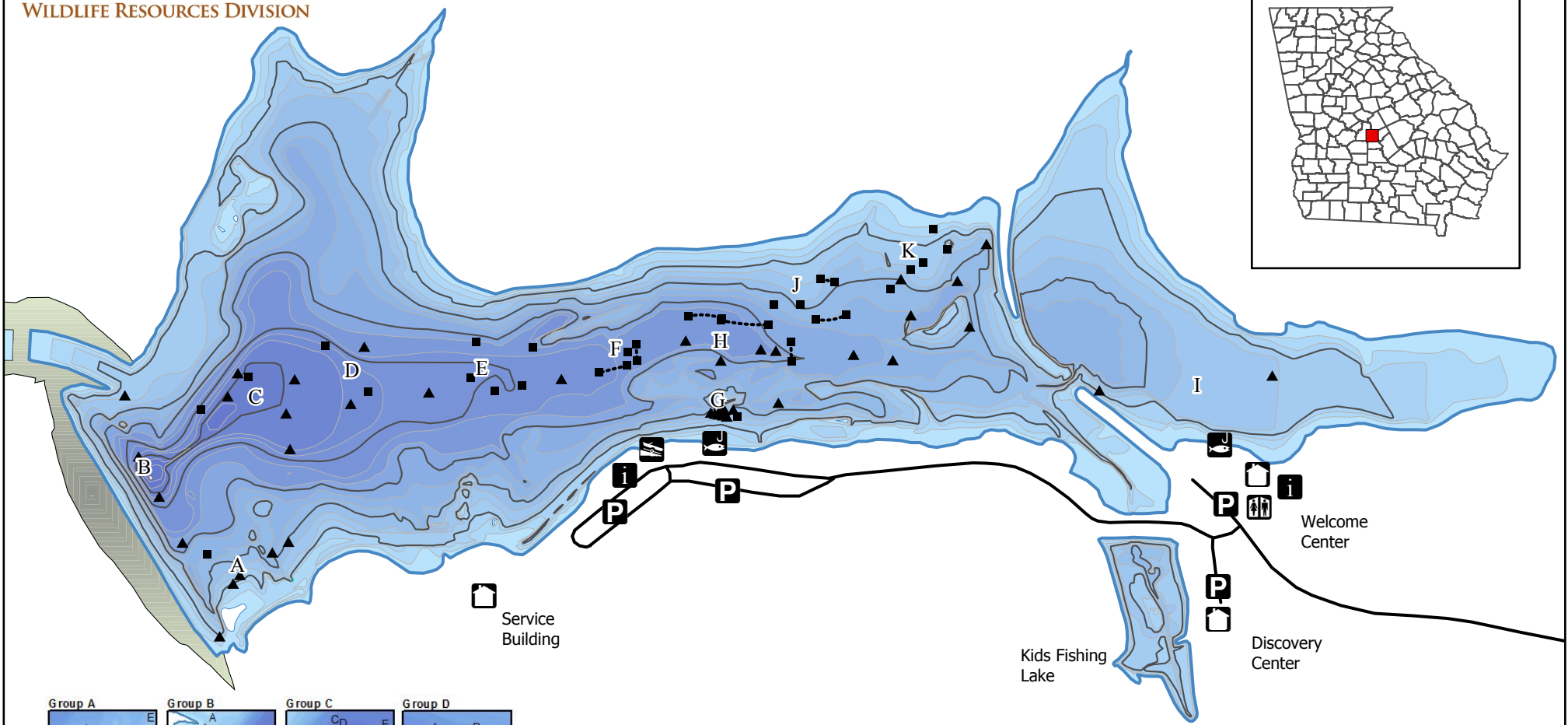
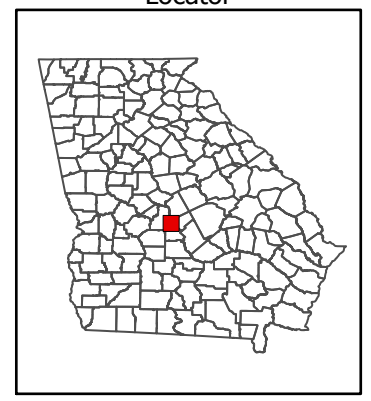
Fish Species	Biology	Best Fishing Times
 <p>Largemouth Bass</p>	<p>Bass spawn from February to May. Occupy a variety of habitats in reservoirs and rivers. Feed both day and night motivated by hunger or striking. Females are typically larger and more aggressive than males. Bait: Crankbaits, plastic worms & jigs</p>	
 <p>Redear Sunfish</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>Bluegill</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>White Crappie</p>	<p>Closely related to black crappie. Prefer areas of submerged brush or other structures. Average life span is approximately 10 years. Typically grow larger than black crappie. Are considered a tasty panfish making them highly desirable by anglers. Bait: Jigs, Red Wigglers & minnows</p>	

Best Fishing Times Key



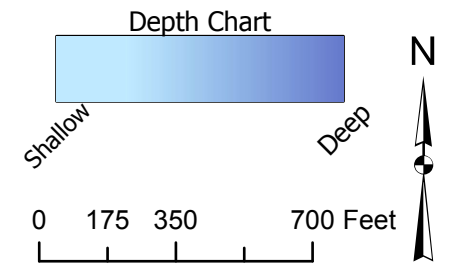
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Locator



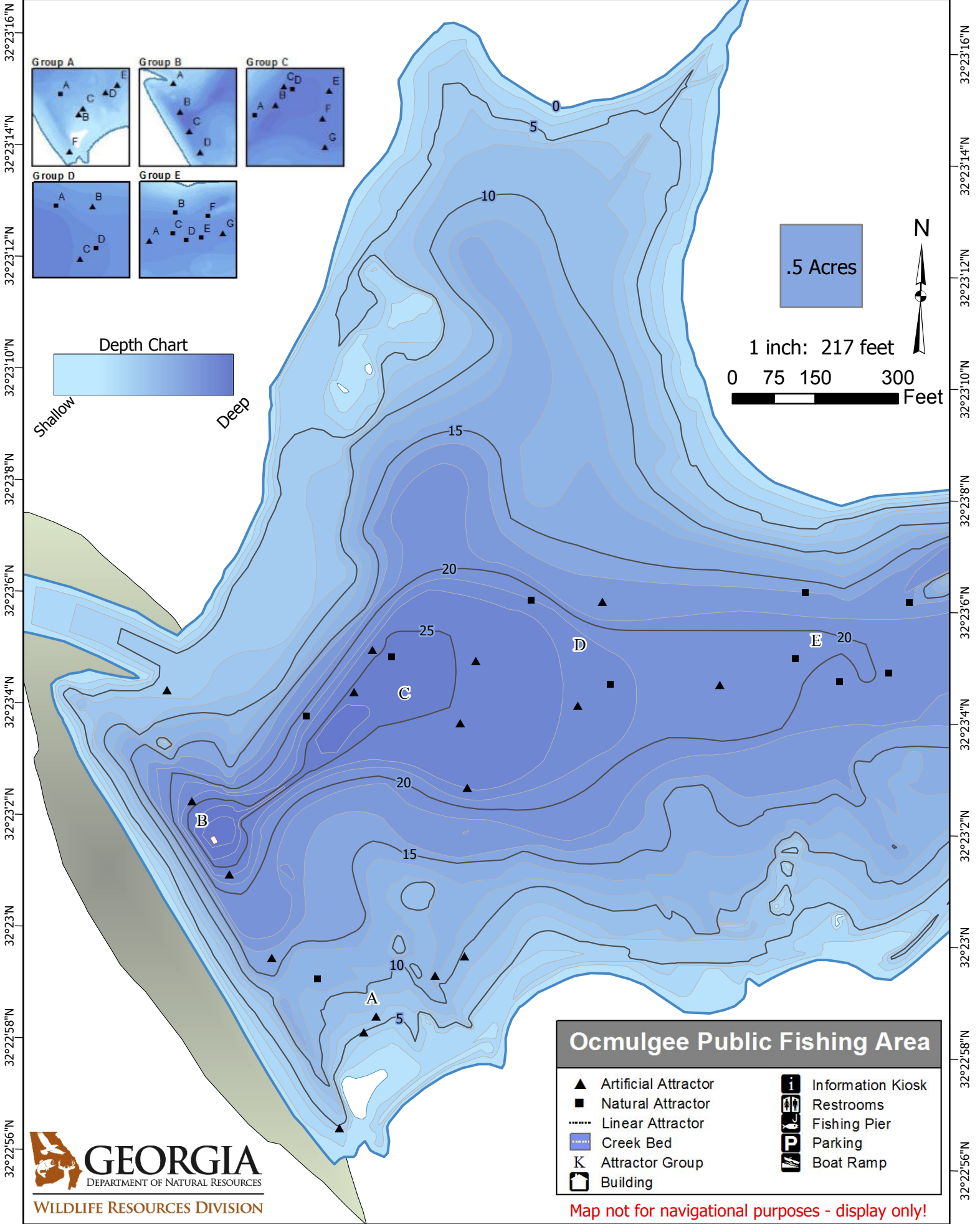
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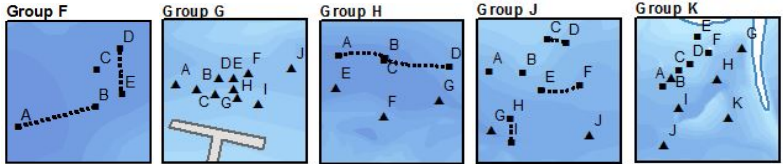
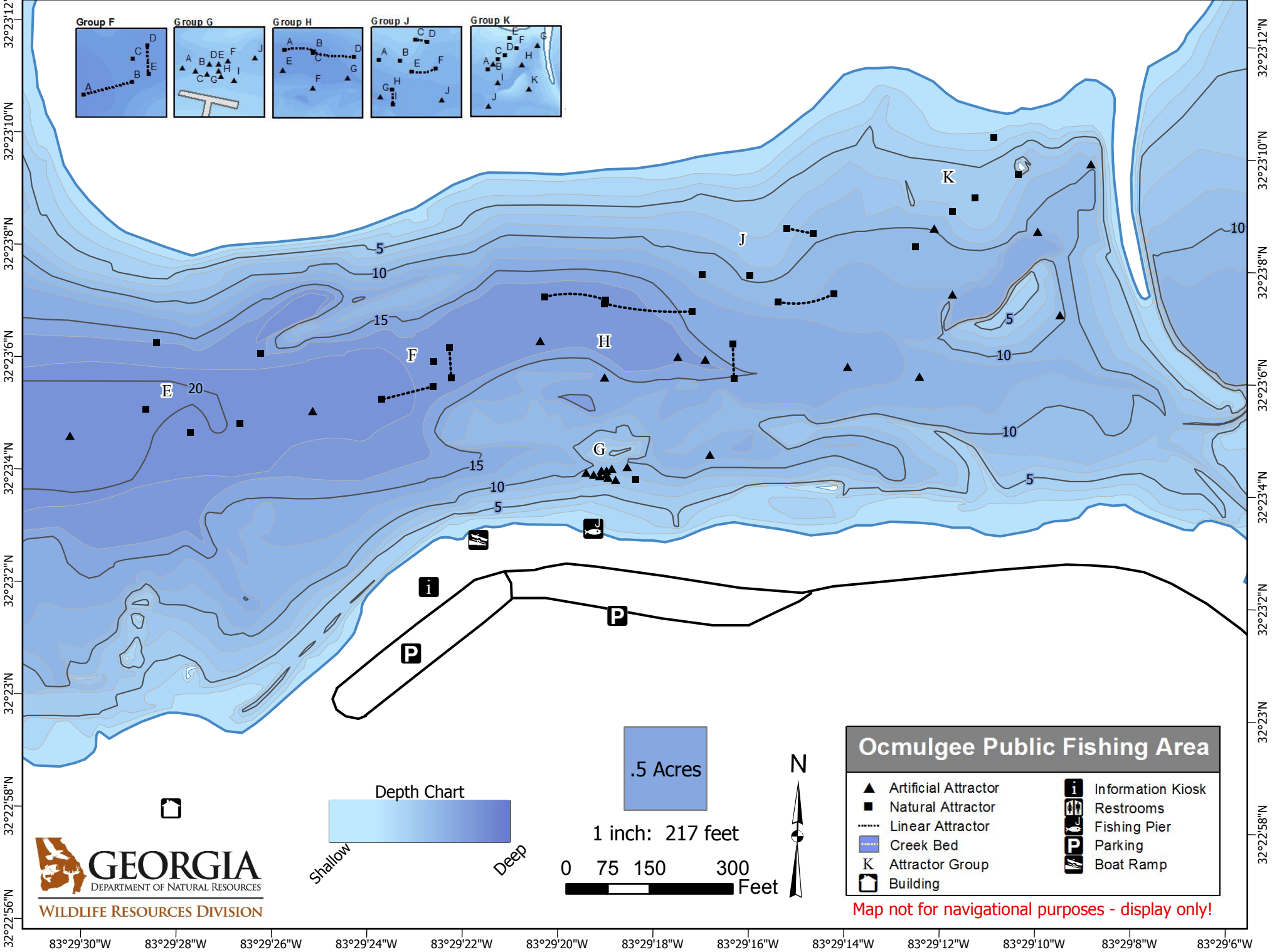
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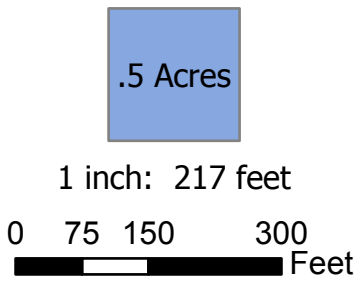
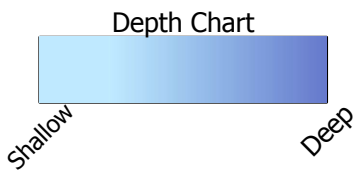
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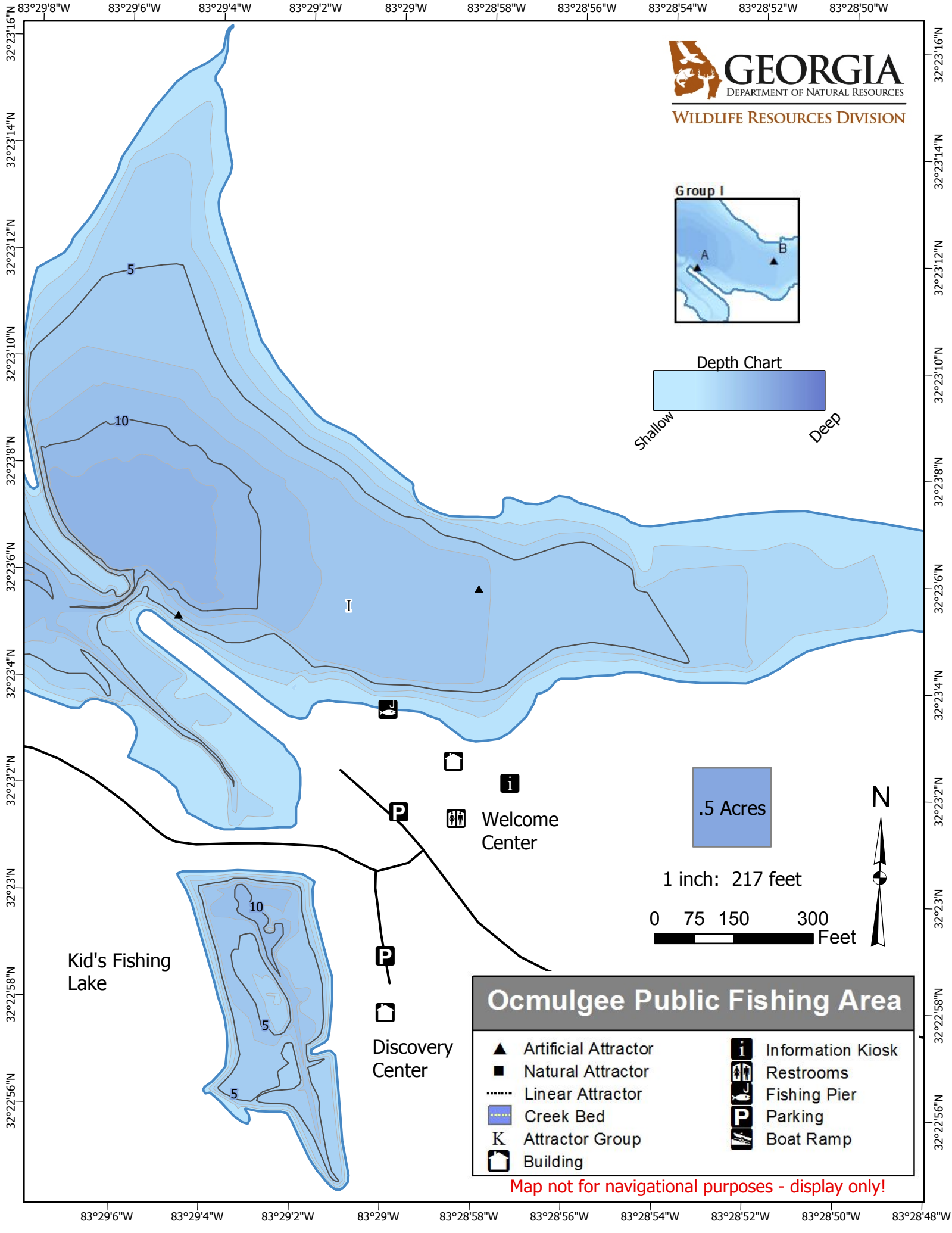
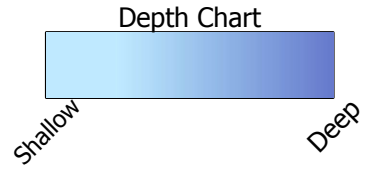
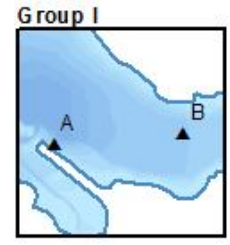
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Kid's Fishing Lake

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.5 Acres

1 inch: 217 feet

0 75 150 300 Feet



Ocmulgee PFA Fish Attractor Waypoints

Group	Feature	Point	Longitude	Latitude
A	GVL 3	A	-83.49412	32.38311
A	CRT 5	B	-83.49384	32.38285
A	CRT 4	C	-83.49377	32.38293
A	CRT 6	D	-83.49343	32.38314
A	SPL 3	E	-83.49326	32.38324
A	CRT 2	F	-83.49397	32.38237
B	CRT 3	A	-83.49504	32.38453
B	CUBE 11	B	-83.49488	32.38398
B	CUBE 10	C	-83.49465	32.38362
B	CUBE 12	D	-83.49439	32.38321
C	TREE 4	A	-83.49422	32.38442
C	ADU 1	B	-83.49394	32.38454
C	CUBE 9	C	-83.49384	32.38475
C	TREE 2	D	-83.49373	32.38472
C	ADU 2	E	-83.49323	32.38471
C	CUBE 8	F	-83.49332	32.38440
C	ADU 3	G	-83.49327	32.38408
D	TREE 3	A	-83.49292	32.38502
D	SPL 1	B	-83.49250	32.38502
D	CUBE 7	C	-83.49263	32.38450
D	TREE 1	D	-83.49244	32.38461
E	CUBE 6	A	-83.49180	32.38462
E	STU 2	B	-83.49131	32.38509
E	STU 1	C	-83.49136	32.38476
E	STU 3	D	-83.49110	32.38465
E	STU 4	E	-83.49081	32.38470
E	STU 5	F	-83.49070	32.38505
E	CUBE 5	G	-83.49039	32.38477
F	BLP 1A	A	-83.48999	32.38484
F	BLP 1B	B	-83.48969	32.38491
F	STU 6	C	-83.48969	32.38503
F	RRP 1B	D	-83.48960	32.38510
F	RRP 1A	E	-83.48959	32.38495
G	CUBE 17	A	-83.48879	32.38450
G	CUBE 16	B	-83.48875	32.38449
G	CUBE 15	C	-83.48871	32.38448
G	PAL 1	D	-83.48870	32.38451
G	SPL 2	E	-83.48867	32.38451
G	PAL 3	F	-83.48864	32.38452
G	PAL 2	G	-83.48867	32.38449
G	CUBE 14	H	-83.48866	32.38448
G	CUBE 13	I	-83.48862	32.38447
G	PAL 4	J	-83.48855	32.38453
G	BLP 3	K	-83.48850	32.38447

Group	Feature	Point	Longitude	Latitude
H	GVL 1A	A	-83.48906	32.38536
H	GVL 1B	B	-83.48870	32.38535
H	SND 1A	C	-83.48871	32.38533
H	SND 1B	D	-83.48819	32.38531
H	CUBE 4	E	-83.48907	32.38514
H	CUBE 1	F	-83.48869	32.38497
H	CUBE 2	G	-83.48827	32.38508
I	CRT 7	A	-83.48465	32.38478
I	PALH 6	B	-83.48281	32.38495
J	BLD 1	A	-83.48814	32.38549
J	BLD 2	B	-83.48786	32.38549
J	BLP 2A	C	-83.48765	32.38573
J	BLP 2B	D	-83.48750	32.38571
J	GVL 2A	E	-83.48770	32.38536
J	GVL 2B	F	-83.48737	32.38541
J	CUBE 3	G	-83.48811	32.38507
J	RRP 2A	H	-83.48795	32.38515
J	RRP 2B	I	-83.48794	32.38498
J	PALH 1	J	-83.48728	32.38505
J	TIR 1	K	-83.48807	32.38460
K	TREE 5	A	-83.48690	32.38565
K	PALH 7	B	-83.48679	32.38574
K	STU 7	C	-83.48669	32.38583
K	STU 8	D	-83.48656	32.38590
K	RRP 3	E	-83.48646	32.38620
K	STU 9	F	-83.48631	32.38602
K	CRT 1	G	-83.48589	32.38608
K	PALH 5	H	-83.48619	32.38574
K	PALH 3	I	-83.48668	32.38542
K	PALH 2	J	-83.48686	32.38501
K	PALH 4	K	-83.48605	32.38533

Fish Attractor Key

Code	Feature	Code	Feature
ADU	Air Diffuser	PAL	Pallet
BLD	Boulder	PALH	Pallet House
BLP	Boulder Pile	RRP	Rip-Rap Pile
CRT	Crate	SND	Sand Pile
CUBE	PVC Cube	STU	Stump Pile
GVL	Gravel Pile	TIR	Tire
SPL	Line Spool	TREE	Tree

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