WHERE TO FISH!

Piedmont Streams
Fishing Guide
of North Carolina

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The Piedmont region of North Carolina is noted often for its pond and city lake fisheries. However, stream fishing is a virtually untapped resource of angling opportunities that can provide anglers with many enjoyable hours of fishing. The Piedmont has hundreds of miles of warm water streams supporting diverse populations of game and nongame fishes.

This guide features streams with developed public access areas (see Map A, Map B on pp. 18–19). These streams, which vary in size from small creeks to large rivers, provide harvestable-size largemouth bass, Roanoke bass, striped bass, white bass, sunfish, pickerel, crappie, catfish, carp and a variety of other game fishes. Fishing opportunities include bank, canoe and wading. Some streams provide access for all three. A number of hazards are associated with streams, so be sure that you know your skill level before leaving the bank.

The streams described in this brochure are grouped into eastern and western Piedmont areas. The streams are then listed in alphabetical order. Access points for each stream are listed starting upstream and progressing downstream. Each access point, evaluated on six categories, is rated as follows:

- - - - - - Excellent
- - - - - Very Good
- - - - Good
- - - Fair
- - Poor
N/A — Not Available
The categories are:

**Overall accessibility:** ratings are based on the ability of all citizens to access the site with relative ease. A rating of ★★★★★★ indicates easy access for all citizens including those with disabilities. A rating of ★★★★★ indicates extremely difficult access with long hikes or steep banks that require some skill to access.

**Bank fishing opportunities:** ratings are based on the length, height, steepness and overall quality of the bank areas. A rating of N/A means bank fishing is not allowed.

**Wading opportunities:** ratings are based on the length, depth and overall ease of wading in the stream. A rating of N/A means wading is not advised or allowed due to hazardous conditions.

**Small boat/canoe launching access:** ratings are based on the quality of the ramp or ease of access to the site. A rating of ★★★★★★ indicates a paved ramp that can be accessed with an automobile. A rating of ★★★★★ indicates no ramp and extreme conditions to carry a canoe to a given site. A rating of N/A means canoe launching is not advised or allowed.

**Parking:** ratings are based on the size, quality and distance from actual site. A rating of N/A means no parking is available.

**Aesthetic quality:** ratings are based on the natural beauty of each site. A rating of ★★★★★★ indicates a site surrounded by nature with little noise pollution. A rating of ★★★★★ indicates the site is located within a city or near some form of industry that creates noise pollution.

All locations described in this brochure are designated public access points. Some adjacent property upstream and downstream is private. Please respect the rights of property owners and do not trespass. So that these streams can provide fishing opportunities for future generations, please respect the environment.

In addition to this booklet, several other information resources exist for the outdoor enthusiast:

- For state park maps: park offices or online at http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/ncparks.html.
- For descriptions of most streams described in this guide: Paddling Eastern North Carolina (2002) by Paul Ferguson.
Western Piedmont

The Dan River flows south into North Carolina, providing beautiful scenery and exceptional fishing opportunities. The river snakes through the foothills of Stokes, Rockingham and Caswell counties before flowing back into Virginia. The upper reaches provide trout fishing opportunities, while lower sections have excellent striped bass fishing during the spring. The river is accessed mainly by canoe and has few small boat or bank fishing opportunities.

Fishery Present: Sunfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, catfish, trout (upper reaches) and striped bass (lower reaches).

1. Hanging Rock State Park, Stokes County
The access point is on the north boundary of the park with good bank and very good wading opportunities. The park provides an excellent canoe launch.

Directions: From Danbury, follow N.C. 89/8 north. Turn left on Flinchum Road (S.R. 1487). Access is at the end of the road.

Accessibility Small Boat/Canoe
Bank Parking
Wading Aesthetic

2. Lindsey Bridge, Rockingham County
The access point is located directly below a low-head dam. The site is surrounded by a large industrial park so the area is noisy. The site provides good bank and wading opportunities with an excellent canoe launch facility.

Directions: From Madison, follow U.S. 311 west. Turn left on Lindsey Bridge Road (S.R. 1138). Access is on the right after crossing the river.

Accessibility Small Boat/Canoe
Bank Parking
Wading Aesthetic

3. N.C. 704, Rockingham County
Undeveloped and difficult to locate, this access is under the N.C. 704 bridge near E. Murphy and Water streets in Madison. A sand mining company is on the left at the put-in. Canoe launch area is available.

Directions: Follow N.C. 704 west into Madison. Follow Dan River Trail Access signs back to the river.

Accessibility Small Boat/Canoe
Bank Parking
Wading Aesthetic

Access Areas
4. Settles Bridge, Rockingham County
The access point is at the bottom of a steep hill. Stairs lead to a canoe launch area with very little bank opportunities.

**Directions:** From Eden, follow N.C. 135 west. Turn left on Settles Bridge Road (S.R. 2145). Cross river and turn left on Dan River Road (S.R. 2149). Access is at the end of the road on the left.

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5. Eden WRC Access, Rockingham County
This access has a few bank fishing areas but is an excellent boat launching facility. Wading is not advised.

**Directions:** From Eden, follow N.C. 14 east. Turn right on Bethlehem Church Road (S.R. 2039). Access is on the right.

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6. Milton WRC Access, Caswell County
This access has minimal bank fishing opportunities but provides an excellent boat launching facility. Wading is not advised.

**Directions:** From Milton, follow N.C. 62 north. Access is on the left after crossing the river.

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The Fisher River is a small river that flows south through Surry County before draining into the Yadkin River. The river provides excellent fishing for trout in the northern sections of Surry County with smallmouth and largemouth bass fishing in the lower reaches. The only public access area located along the river is at Fisher River Park near Dobson in Surry County.

**Fishery present:** Sunfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, catfish, brown trout and rainbow trout.

7. Fisher River Park, Surry County
This park provides excellent wading and bank fishing opportunities. Operated by Surry County Parks and Recreation, the park also has several miles of trails with numerous access points along the river.
Directions: Follow U.S. 601 Business north of Dobson. Turn left on Prison Camp Road (S.R. 1345). Turn left on County Home Road (S.R. 1346). Access is on the left.

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Fisher River
The Little River, nestled deep within the Uwharrie National Forest, is a major tributary to the Pee Dee River. Public access is limited to a small Wildlife Resources Commission access area. The Little River provides excellent fishing for many species.

Fishery Present: Sunfish, crappie, largemouth bass and catfish.

8. Troy WRC Access, Montgomery County
The access has an excellent boat launch facility. No wading is allowed. Few bank fishing areas are available.

Directions: From Troy, follow S. Main Street/Pekin Road (S.R. 1005) south. Access is on the right just before crossing the river.

Accessibility: Small Boat/Canoe
Bank: Parking
Wading: N/A
Aesthetic:

Mayo River

The Mayo River originates in southern Virginia, flows south through Rockingham County and joins the Dan River near Madison, N.C. The picturesque Mayo River, which stretches 13 miles in North Carolina, flows over a very rocky substrate with many falls and pools. It is fairly inaccessible so fishing pressure is relatively light. This river is one of the most pristine streams in the Piedmont.

Fishery Present: Sunfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and catfish.

9. Anglin Mill Bridge, Rockingham County
This access is directly below Anglin Mill Bridge. The access is just above a large rock garden and requires skilled boating in order to pass. Wading and canoe launching are available.

Directions: From Madison, follow U.S. 220 north, turn left on N.C. 770. Turn right on C & N Smith Road (S.R. 1397). At “T” intersection, turn left on Smith Road (S.R. 1360). At the next “T” intersection, turn left on Anglin Mill Road (S.R. 1358). Turn left on Old Anglin Mill Road (S.R. 1385). Go down gravel road to “T” intersection, turn right on Mayo Beach Road (S.R. 1359).

Accessibility: Small Boat/Canoe
Bank: Parking
Wading: Aesthetic:

10. South End of Mayo Beach Road, Rockingham County
Surrounded by private property, this access is limited to a canoe launch area, located just below a large rock garden with many pools that may hold fish.
Directions: From Madison, follow U.S. 220 north and turn left on N.C. 770. Turn right on C & N Smith Road (S.R. 1397). At “T” intersection, turn left on Smith Road (S.R. 1360). At the next “T” intersection, turn left on Anglin Mill Road (S.R. 1358). Turn left on Old Anglin Mill Road (S.R. 1385). Travel down gravel road to “T” intersection and turn right on Mayo Beach Road (S.R. 1359).

Accessibility
Small Boat/Canoe
Bank N/A
Parking N/A
Wading N/A
Aesthetic N/A

11. U.S. 220 Business Bridge, Rockingham County
Located beside the U.S. 220 Business bridge north of Mayodan, this access provides limited bank and wading opportunities. Canoe launching is available.

Directions: From Mayodan, take U.S. 220 Business north. Access is on left after crossing river.

Accessibility
Small Boat/Canoe
Bank
Parking
Wading
Aesthetic
Mountain Creek is a small tributary to the Pee Dee River that forms the southern boundary of Morrow Mountain State Park in Stanly County. The stream is accessed by strenuous hiking trails in the state park.

**Fishery Present:** Sunfish, largemouth bass and catfish.

**Access Areas**

12. **Morrow Mountain State Park, Stanly County**

This access is difficult to reach. Long trails lead to the creek at the base of Morrow Mountain. Canoe access is limited to the lower reaches of the creek near the confluence with the Pee Dee River.

**Directions:** From Albemarle, follow N.C. 740 north. Turn right on Morrow Mountain Park Road and follow to the park.

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The Pee Dee River begins at the confluence of the Yadkin and Uwharrie rivers in Stanly and Montgomery counties. The river has an excellent catfish fishery as it flows into South Carolina. Access is limited primarily to boats with some bank fishing opportunities.

**Fishery Present:** Sunfish, crappie, largemouth bass and catfish. Striped bass and American shad are below Blewett Falls Dam in the spring.

**Access Areas**

13. **Red Hill, Anson County**

Located along the Pee Dee River above Blewett Falls Lake, this Wildlife Resources Commission access has a boat launching facility along with good bank access.

**Directions:** From Wadesboro, follow N.C. 109 north. The access is on the right before crossing the river.

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14. **Blewett’s Grave, Richmond County**

Located on the Pee Dee River at the base of Blewett Falls, this Wildlife Resources Commission access has a boat launching facility that is limited to high-flow periods regulated by output from Blewett Falls Dam. Limited bank access for fishing. A great public fishing area is directly across the river that can be accessed from Powerplant Road off N.C. 74.

**Directions:** From Rockingham, follow N.C. 74 west. Turn right on Old Charlotte Highway (S.R. 1140) just before crossing the river. Turn left on Blewett Falls Road. Follow road until it ends. Access road is on the left.
15. Rockingham, Richmond County
Provided by the Wildlife Resources Commission, this is an easily accessible area for launching watercraft. It provides limited shoreline for good bank fishing opportunities.

**Directions:** From Rockingham, take N.C. 74 west. Access area is on the left before crossing the river.

16. Cooleemee Junction, WRC Access, Davie County
This access provides very good bank fishing opportunities and an excellent boat launching facility. Wading is not advised.

**Directions:** From Mocksville, travel south on U.S. 601. Turn right on N.C. 801 towards Cooleemee. Turn right on Marginal Road (S.R. 1116). Turn right on Junction Road (S.R. 1116). After railroad tracks, turn left on gravel road. Access is at the end of the road.

17. U.S. 601, Davie County
This access provides good bank fishing opportunities and a boat launching facility. Wading is not advised. This site is provided by ALCOA, Inc.

**Directions:** From Mocksville, follow U.S. 601 south. Access is on the right before crossing the river.
The Uwharrie River begins in Randolph County and flows south into Montgomery County before entering the Pee Dee River. This scenic, cool water river cuts through the Uwharrie Mountains, the oldest mountain range in North America. Access is limited, but many opportunities are available for bank fishing, wading or canoeing within the Uwharrie National Forest.

Fishery Present: Sunfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, white bass and walleye.

18. Uwharrie Hunt Camp, Montgomery County

The river winds through the national forest providing many fishing opportunities. Cotton Place Road parallels the river for its entire length, with multiple access points. There are excellent bank fishing and wading opportunities within the Uwharrie National Forest.

Directions: From Troy, travel north on N.C. 109. Turn left on Reservation Road (S.R. 1153). At Uwharrie Hunt Camp, turn right on Moccasin Road (F.S. 576). Turn left on Cotton Place Road (F.S. 555). Access is along the road with parking on the right.

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The Yadkin River rises in the mountains of Watauga County before flowing south into South Carolina. The river is a major drainage of North Carolina with excellent fishing. Most of the river is accessible only by canoe or other small boat.

**Fishery Present:** Sunfish, largemouth bass and catfish. Smallmouth bass, brown trout and rainbow trout are in the upper reaches of the river.

### 19. Tailwater Park, Wilkes County

Located where the Yadkin River rushes out of W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, this access provides very good bank fishing opportunities. The park also provides an excellent canoe launching facility. Wading is not advised due to rapid increase in flow from W. Kerr Scott Reservoir.

**Directions:** From Wilkesboro, follow N.C. 268 west. Turn right on Old N.C. 268. The park is at the end of the road.

#### Accessibility
- Small Boat/Canoe: ●●●●●
- Bank: ●●●●●
- Wading: N/A
- Parking: ●●●●●
- Aesthetic: ●●●●

### 20. Memorial Park, Wilkes County

Flowing through the town of Wilkesboro, the river has small rapids and large pools. The park provides very little access to the river. High banks restrict the access area. There is a limited area for canoe access.

**Directions:** The park is located on Wilkesboro Avenue in North Wilkesboro.

#### Accessibility
- Small Boat/Canoe: ●●
- Bank: N/A
- Wading: N/A
- Parking: ●●●●
- Aesthetic: ●●●●

### 21. Smoot Park, Wilkes County

River access is located at the rear of the park. The banks are high and steep and provide limited access to bank fishing. Stairs leading to the river provide access to a canoe launching facility.

**Directions:** The park is located at the corner of Chestnut and Vance streets in North Wilkesboro.

#### Accessibility
- Small Boat/Canoe: ●●●●●
- Bank: ●●
- Wading: ●●
- Parking: ●●●●
- Aesthetic: ●●●●

### 22. Ronda Memorial Park, Wilkes County

This access is primarily a canoe launching facility. The park provides very little bank fishing and no wading opportunities.
**Directions:** From North Wilkesboro, travel east along N.C. 268. Turn right on Clingman Road (S.R. 2303) in Ronda. Access is on right before crossing the river.

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**23. Elkin/Crater Park, Surry County**
This access is primarily a canoe launching facility. The park provides very little bank and wading opportunities. Access point is at the rear of the park along the river.

**Directions:** Follow Bridges Street south from N.C. 268 through Elkin. The park is on the left before crossing the river.

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**24. Yadkin Shore, Yadkin County**
The access is primarily a canoe launch facility and should not be used for bank fishing or as a wading facility. As the river flows east toward Boonville, it widens and has large rock gardens and swift flowing water.

**Directions:** From Boonville, follow U.S. 601 north. Access is on right before crossing the river.

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**25. Roy Burgess/Rockford, Surry County**
This very good canoe launch facility access provides few but quality bank fishing opportunities. Wading is advised only during low-flow periods.

**Directions:** From Boonville, follow N.C. 67 east and turn north on Rockford Road (S.R. 1510). Access is on the left after crossing the river.

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**26. Shoals Access/Pilot Mountain State Park, Yadkin County**
This excellent canoe launch facility access provides minimal bank fishing opportunities. Wading is advised only during low-flow periods. The access is along the southern edge of the state park.
Directions: From Boonville, follow N.C. 67 east and turn north on Main Street in East Bend. Follow Yadkin River Trail signs to access area. Access is at the end of Shoals Road (S.R. 1546).

Accessibility  ●●●● Small Boat/Canoe  ●●●●
Bank  ●●● Parking  ●●●
Wading  ●●● Aesthetic  ●●●●

27. Donnaha Park, Yadkin County
This very good canoe launch facility provides minimal bank fishing opportunities. Wading is advised only during lower-flow periods. The access is at the back of the park, underneath the N.C. 67 bridge.

Directions: From East Bend, follow N.C. 67 east. Park is on the left before crossing the river.

Accessibility  ●●●● Small Boat/Canoe  ●●●●
Bank  ●●● Parking  ●●●
Wading  ●●● Aesthetic  ●●●●

28. Old U.S. 421 Park, Forsyth County
This access does not provide bank or wading opportunities. The access should be used only for canoe launching.

Directions: Follow Old U.S. 421 west of Lewisville. Park is on the right before crossing the river.

Accessibility  ●●●● Small Boat/Canoe  ●●●
Bank  N/A Parking  ●●●●
Wading  N/A Aesthetic  ●●●

29. Pate Memorial, Yadkin County
This access does not provide bank or wading opportunities. Undeveloped and difficult to use, the access is used primarily for canoe launching.

Directions: Follow Courtney-Huntsville Road (S.R.1001) north of Huntsville. A small county access is on the right before crossing the river.

Accessibility  ●●● Small Boat/Canoe  ●●
Bank  N/A Parking  ●●
Wading  N/A Aesthetic  ●●

30. Tanglewood Park, Forsyth County
This park is similar to many along the Yadkin River with little bank and wading opportunities. The access provides stairs leading to a canoe launching facility.
Directions: From Clemmons, follow U.S. 158 west. Park is on the left before crossing the river.

Accessibility ●●●●● Small Boat/Canoe ●●●●●
Bank ●● Parking ●●
Wading ● Aesthetic ●●●●●

31. U.S. 64, Davidson County
Very limited access is available. The site is undeveloped and does not allow for bank or wading opportunities. Canoe launching is possible but difficult.

Directions: From Lexington, follow U.S. 64 west. Access is on the left before crossing the river.

Accessibility ●● Small Boat/Canoe ●●
Bank N/A Parking ●●
Wading N/A Aesthetic ●●

32. Concord Church, WRC Access, Davie County
This access is used primarily for small boat and canoe launching. The access also has some opportunity for bank fishing. Wading is not advised.

Directions: From Lexington, follow U.S. 64 west. Turn left on N.C. 801. Follow N.C. 801 south until reaching the Wildlife Resources Commission access sign. Turn left on access road and follow to river.

Accessibility ●●●●● Small Boat/Canoe ●●●●●
Bank ●● Parking ●●
Wading N/A Aesthetic ●●●●●

33. Boone’s Cave State Park, Davidson County
The high cliffs of Boone’s Cave overlook the winding Yadkin River. This access should not be used to launch a canoe because of steep trails. Bank fishing is available along the trails.

Directions: From Lexington, follow U.S. 64 west. Turn left on N.C. 150. Follow N.C. 150 south, turn right on Boone’s Cave Road (S.R. 1167). Park is at the end of road.

Accessibility ●●●●● Small Boat/Canoe N/A
Bank ●● Parking ●●●●●
Wading ● Aesthetic ●●●●●

34. Salisbury Pump Station, Rowan County
This access is located at the confluence of the Yadkin and South Yadkin rivers. The area provides a good boat launching facility. Bank fishing is available, but wading is not advised.
Directions: From Mocksville, follow U.S. 601 south. Turn left on Old Mocksville Road (S.R. 1910). Turn left on Hannah Ferry Road (S.R. 1928). Access is at the end of the road.

Accessibility  Small Boat/Canoe
Bank          Parking
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35. York Hill, Davidson County
This is the final access before the Yadkin flows into High Rock Reservoir. The access provides bank fishing opportunities and a very good boat launching access. Deep water prohibits any wading.

Directions: From Salisbury, follow N.C. 150 north. Turn left on Old U.S. 29. Access is on the immediate left.

Accessibility  Small Boat/Canoe
Bank          Parking
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Eastern Piedmont

Campbell and Little creeks are located in Raven Rock State Park in Harnett County. Both streams, which flow east through the park before draining into the Cape Fear River, provide bank fishing and wading opportunities. Canoe access is restricted to the Cape Fear River.

Fishery Present: Sunfish, largemouth bass, and catfish.

36. Raven Rock State Park, Harnett County

Directions: Follow U.S. 421 south of Sanford. Turn left on Raven Rock Road (S.R. 1314). Park is at the end of road.

Accessibility  Small Boat/Canoe
Bank          Parking
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The Cape Fear River is the largest drainage in North Carolina. The confluence of the Haw and Deep rivers in Chatham County form the Cape Fear River as it flows east through the sandhills. The Cape Fear River provides an excellent catfish fishery along with various sunfish species. Access to the river is primarily by boat and canoe with very little bank fishing opportunities.

Fishery Present: Sunfish, crappie, largemouth bass and catfish.
Map A. Locations of stream access areas in the western Piedmont of North Carolina.
Map B. Locations of stream access areas in the eastern Piedmont of North Carolina.
37. Avent’s Ferry Bridge WRC Access, Chatham County

This access point provides very good bank fishing along with ramp access for larger boats. Be careful around the dam, located two miles downstream from the access area.

Directions: From Sanford, take N.C. 42 east. Cross river and access is on the left.

Crabtree and Sycamore creeks, located in William B. Umstead State Park in Wake County, provide bank fishing and wading opportunities. Canoes and small boats are not allowed on either stream. These streams support excellent sunfish fisheries, especially redbreast sunfish. The only access to these streams is by hiking trails ranging from 0.2 to 6.5 miles.

Fishery Present: Sunfish, crappie, largemouth bass and catfish.

38. William B. Umstead Park, Wake County

Directions: Follow I-40 west of Raleigh. Exit on Harrison Avenue (Exit #187). Turn right. Park is at the end of the road.
The picturesque Deep River rises near High Point in western Guilford County. As the river flows south through Randolph, Moore, Chatham and Lee counties, it provides a beautiful backdrop for an excellent fishing experience. The river joins the Haw River in Chatham County to form the Cape Fear River. The river provides an excellent fishery for many species.

Fishery Present: Sunfish, crappie, largemouth bass and catfish.

39. Riverside Park, Randolph County
The park provides very good bank fishing opportunities. Wading is not advised due to deep water. This site should not be used as a canoe launch area.

Directions: Follow N.C. 22 north from Ramseur to Franklinville. The park is on the left.

40. Ramseur, Randolph County
This access is limited as a boat launching facility and should be used only during high-flow periods. The area is inaccessible during low-flow periods.

Directions: From Ramseur, take U.S. 64 west. Access area is on the left before crossing the river.

41. Carbonton Dam, Chatham County
This access has a boat launching facility with very little bank access. Wading is not advised.

Directions: From Sanford, take N.C. 42 west. After crossing the Deep River, take the next immediate left (gravel road). Access is at the end of the road.
The Eno River rises in Orange County and flows into Durham County where it joins the Flat River to form the Neuse River. The river winds for 42 miles with a channel width ranging from 10 to 30 feet. Access areas are in state and municipal parks.

**Fishery Present:** Sunfish, largemouth bass, Roanoke bass and catfish.

42. **Few’s Ford, Orange County**
This access point, located in the Eno River State Park, provides excellent bank fishing and wading opportunities. Easy access to miles of trails and an easy canoe launch make this a premiere stream fishing opportunity.

**Directions:** From Durham, follow I-85 south to Cole Mill Road exit. Travel north on Cole Mill Road (S.R. 1569) to entrance of Eno River State Park on the left.

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43. **Pleasant Green, Orange County**
Nestled along the Eno River State Park, Pleasant Green contains both swift and slack water fishing opportunities because of a nearby dam.
Bank fishing opportunities are available with canoe access above and below the dam.

**Directions:** From Durham, follow U.S. 70 west and turn right on Pleasant Green Road (S.R. 1567). Access is on left before the bridge.

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**44. Cole Mill, Durham County**

Cole Mill is located within the Eno River State Park. Many trails leading to the river provide bank and wading access.

**Directions:** From Durham, follow I-85 south to Cole Mill Road exit. Travel north on Cole Mill Road (S.R. 1569) and follow signs to access area on the left.

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**45. West Point on the Eno Park, Durham County**

Centered deep within Durham, this park provides an escape from the fast-paced urban life of the Triangle. The South River and Eagle trails provide excellent bank and wading opportunities.

**Directions:** From I-85, travel north on Duke Street (U.S. 501 N Bypass). Access is on the left (follow signs).

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**46. Penny’s Bend Natural Area, Durham County**

Penny’s Bend is a natural area operated by the N.C. Botanical Garden. The sharp bend in the river has both deep and shallow water. Bank fishing is recommended where available.

**Directions:** Travel north on Roxboro Road (U.S. 501 N Business) and turn right on Old Oxford Road (S.R. 1004). Turn left on Snow Hill Road (S.R. 1631). The access is at the intersection of Old Oxford Road and Snow Hill Road.

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The headwaters of the Haw River originate in Rockingham County and flow south through Guilford, Alamance and Chatham counties before entering B. Everett Jordan Reservoir. The Haw River combines with the Deep River to form the Cape Fear River as it flows toward the southeast. Use extreme caution when wading or boating due to the rocky riverbed and rapid fluctuation in water levels. Most access points are along the Haw River Canoe Trail (www.hawrivertrail.org).

**Fishery Present:** Sunfish, crappie, largemouth bass and catfish.

**47. Glen Raven, Alamance County**
This site is primarily a canoe launch site with limited bank and wading opportunities. The site is directly beneath the N.C. 87 bridge, and noise from the traffic above can be disturbing.

**Directions:** From Burlington, follow N.C. 87 north. Access is on north end of the bridge near Altamahaw. Follow steps down to access area. Parking is at the intersection of Union Road and N.C. 87.

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**48. Glencoe Mill, Alamance County**
This site is primarily a canoe launch site with limited bank access. This section of river has numerous shallow rapids that provide good wading opportunities. It is located near the historic Glencoe Mill Village.

**Directions:** From Burlington, follow N.C. 62 north. After crossing Haw River, turn left on Glencoe Street (S.R. 1600). Park at the mill.

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**49. Burlington Town & Country, Alamance County**
This site has poor access for canoe and bank fishing. Parking is currently not available at this site.

**Directions:** Follow U.S. 70 west to Burlington. Turn right on Sellers Mill Road. Turn right on Morningside Drive. Turn right on Riverside Road. Access is on the left at the end of the road.

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**50. Graham, Alamance County**
This site, just outside Graham, provides an easy boat access and good bank fishing opportunities along the Haw River.
Little Fishing Creek is a small tributary of Fishing Creek, which flows through Halifax County. The stream winds through rolling hills as it runs through the heart of Medoc Mountain State Park. Little Fishing Creek is accessed primarily via the state park.

Fishery Present: Sunfish, largemouth bass, Roanoke bass and catfish.

51. Medoc Mountain State Park, Halifax County
Medoc Mountain State Park provides excellent access to one of the Piedmont’s more pristine streams. Canoe access is located at several points along the stream. Excellent bank fishing opportunities are available along the many trails that border the stream. The park provides limited wading opportunities.

Directions: From Louisburg, follow N.C. 561 north. Turn right on Medoc Mountain State Park Road/Wood Road (S.R. 1322).
The Neuse River begins at the confluence of the Eno and Flat rivers in the Piedmont. The Neuse then flows southeasterly for 270 miles through eastern North Carolina where it eventually discharges into the Pamlico Sound. The Neuse begins in the Piedmont with relatively high gradients and rocky substrates but widens and slows with substrates of sand and silt throughout the Coastal Plain. Access areas vary among municipal and state parks along the river basin.

Fishery Present: Sunfish, crappie, largemouth bass, catfish, striped bass (spring), American shad (spring) and hickory shad (spring).

52. Neuse River East Canoe Launch, Wake County
The access area, located just below Milburnie Dam, has bank fishing and wading opportunities and an excellent canoe launch area.

Directions: From Raleigh, follow U.S. 64 east and turn left on Old Milburnie Road (S.R. 2217). Take the next immediate left on Loch Raven Parkway into an apartment complex and follow signs to access area.

53. Rogers Lane, Wake County
This access, located just downstream of the Neuse River East Canoe Launch, is used primarily as a canoe launch with little bank fishing and wading opportunities.

Directions: From Raleigh, take U.S. 64 east and turn right on Rogers Lane (S.R. 2517). Follow Rogers Lane to a Raleigh municipal park just before the U.S. 64 bypass.

54. Cliffs of the Neuse State Park, Wayne County
The park is famous for its steep cliffs that overlook the Neuse River. The 350 Yard Trail and the Spanish Moss Trail provide bank fish-
ing opportunities. Wading and canoe launching are not allowed in the park.

**Directions:** From Goldsboro, take U.S. 70 east and turn right on N.C. 111 South. Turn left on Cliffs Park Road (S.R. 1743). Park is at the end of the road.

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The Tar River rises in the eastern Piedmont in Granville County and flows east into the Coastal Plain. The river begins with an excellent Roanoke bass fishery, but as it flows east, the river is known for its striped bass and shad fishing in the spring. The river flows through Granville, Vance, Franklin, Nash and Edgecombe counties and is accessed primarily by small boat or canoe.

**Fishery Present:** Sunfish, crappie, largemouth bass, Roanoke bass and catfish. Striped bass, American shad and hickory shad are below Rocky Mount Mill Dam during the spring.

### 55. Sunset Park, Nash County
This Rocky Mount city park is located along the river’s edge. River access is limited in the park, but very good access is available along the Tar River Trail that runs through the southern edge of the park.

**Directions:** Follow U.S. 301 north into Rocky Mount. Turn right on Sunset Avenue (U.S. 64 Business). Turn left on River Road. Park is on the left.

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### 56. Battle Park, Nash County
Battle Park, located on U.S. 64 in Rocky Mount, has a pier and is a very good boat launch facility. The bank fishing is good. This is the first access along the river where spring spawning runs of striped bass, American shad and hickory shad occur.

**Directions:** From Rocky Mount, follow U.S. 64 east, exit on Peachtree Street. Battle Park is across the exit.

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57. Stith Park, Edgecombe County
This access area is in a small city park on the eastern edge of Rocky Mount. The park allows limited fishing from a small pier.

**Directions:** Follow U.S. 64 east to Rocky Mount, exit on Atlantic Avenue. Turn right. From Atlantic Avenue, turn right on Spruce Street. Turn right on Riverside Drive.

- Accessibility: ●●●●●
- Small Boat / Canoe: N/A
- Bank: ●●
- Parking: ●●●
- Wading: N/A
- Aesthetic: ●●●

58. Riverfront Park East, Edgecombe County
This park, located in Tarboro, provides excellent access for bank and boat fishing opportunities.

**Directions:** From Tarboro, take U.S. 64 east. Turn left on N.C. 33. Turn right on Granville Street. Turn right on St. Andrews Street. Turn right on River Road. Park is on the right.

- Accessibility: ●●●●●
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