



Fishing

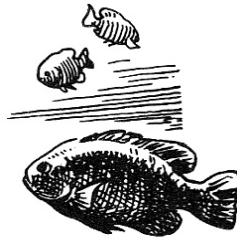
Salt Plains

National Wildlife Refuge

Public Fishing Areas, Rules and Regulations

Fishing is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

- Fishing is permitted on refuge waterways from April 1 through October 15.
- Designated areas open to fishing include Sand Creek (north of Hwy 11) and the east and west channels of the Salt Fork River on Hwy 11 only. In addition, the east channel may be fished south of Hwy 11 on the east bank for a distance of one mile.
- The reservoir is open to fishing with closed areas marked by buoys and/or signs.
- Closed areas on the reservoir include Ralston Island and the west shoreline.
- The area west of Ralston Island will be closed to all fishing beginning Sept 10. (see map on reverse side)
- No boats are allowed in the river channels.



- A pond for children 14 years old and younger and mobility impaired individuals is available near the headquarters.
- Taking any type of bait from refuge lands or water is not permitted.
- All state regulations apply in addition to refuge regulations.
- All pets must remain on leash.
- Camping and fires are allowed in Jet Recreation Area only.

What Will You Catch?

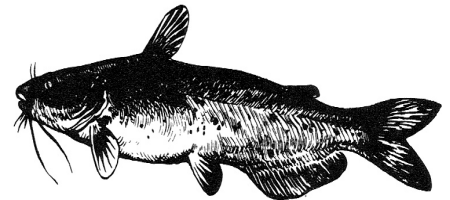
The Great Salt Plains Lake is well known for the excellent channel catfish. The Byron State Fish Hatchery regularly stocks the lake with channel catfish, hybrid striped bass and saugeye.

Other fish that inhabit refuge waters include:

- Largemouth Bass
- White Bass
- Black Bass
- Bluegill
- Perch
- Flathead Catfish
- Sunfish
- Walleye
- Crappie
- Gar
- Shad

Noodling Regulations

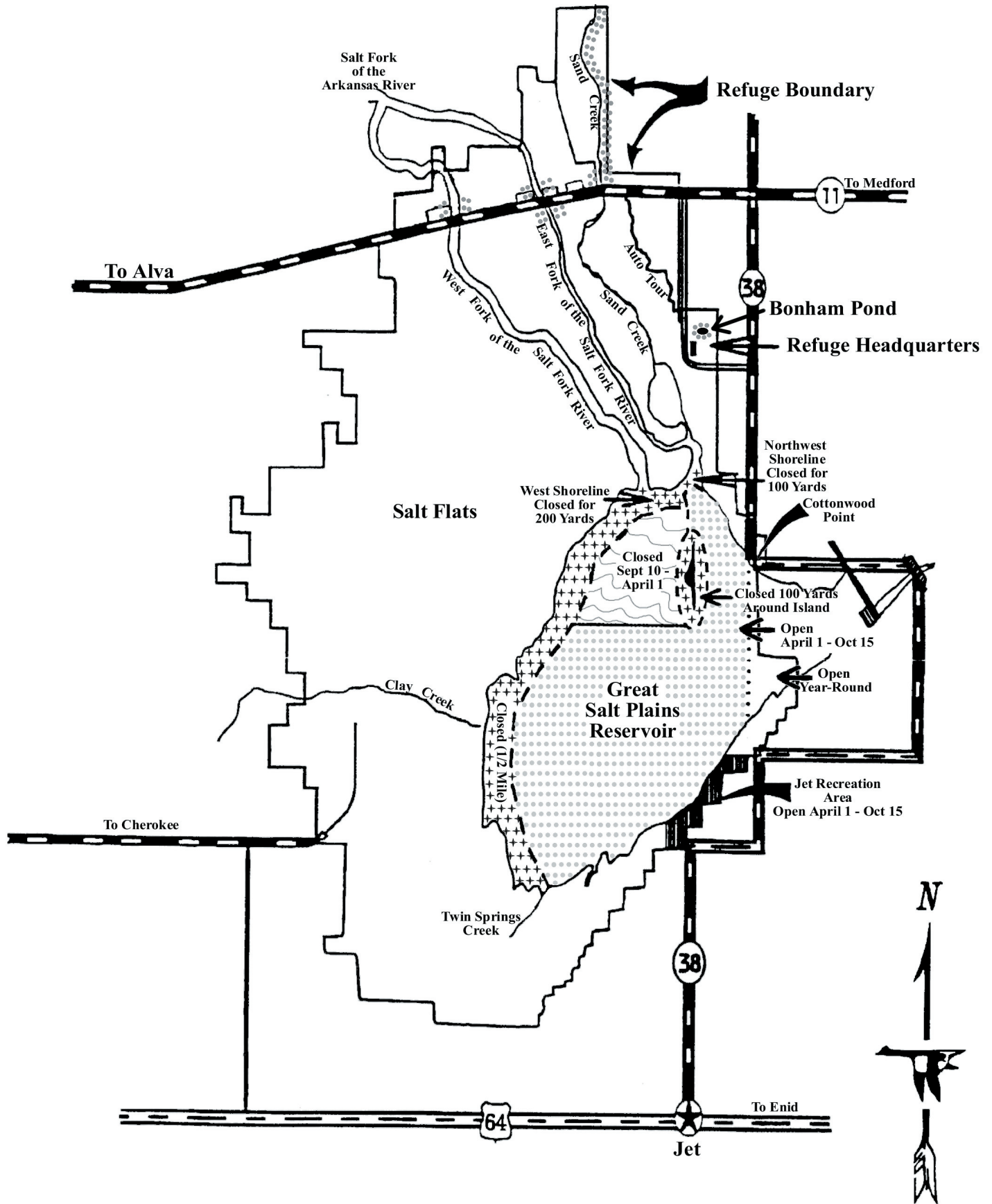
- All state regulations apply in addition to refuge regulations.
- Nongame fish only taken by use of hands only.
- Possession of hooks, gaffs, spears, poles or ropes with hooks attached while in the act of noodling is not permitted.



Trotline Regulations

- All state regulations apply in addition to refuge regulations.
- No more than 3 lines and 100 hooks (hooks at least 24 inches apart) per person
- Owner's name and address attached to each line.
- Lines must be attended at least once every 24 hours.
- Trotlines are not permitted within 500 feet of the shoreline of the Jet Recreation Area.
- Posts used to secure or anchor trotlines must reach a minimum of two feet above the water surface and must be marked so that they are clearly visible to boaters.
- Trotlines are to be removed when fishing is completed.

Consult ODWC's fishing brochure for further state regulations.



⑪ State Highway

⑥④ U.S. Highway

● Open April 1 - Oct 15
 Closed Oct 16 - March 31

+ Closed Year-Round