

Places to fish around town

Newnan's Lake:

<http://www.sjrwmd.com/recreationguide/newnanslake/>
<http://myfwc.com/fishing/freshwater/sites-forecast/nc/newnans-lake/>
<http://www.visitgainesville.com/attractions/palm-point-nature-park/>

There are several shore access points surrounding Newnan's Lake. The boat ramp on Hawthorne Road offers a small playground, grills and covered pavilions. Palm Point Park has nice but short trails and plenty of shore access. Fish caught: Catfish, brim, crappie and bass

Prairie Creek

right off State Road 20 (nearly directly across from Kate Fish Camp) is a popular place to pull up and fish from shore.

Camps Canal off CR 234:

<http://florida.hometownlocator.com/maps/feature-map,ftc,2,fid,279958,n,camps%20canal.cfm>

Camps Canal offers fishing right by the bridge and also a mile dirt access road (foot traffic only) heading west away from 234. Much of the road/trail has a substantially raised levee and steep slope to access the canal. May not be suitable for children under 6. Fish caught: Catfish and brim (not sure about bass)

Lake Lochloosa:

<http://myfwc.com/viewing/recreation/wmas/cooperative/lochloosa>

There's a fishing dock on Lake Lochloosa in the WMA off of SR 301 on Burnt Island Rd. Limited shore access as well. Fish caught: Gar! Hahaha, also crappie, catfish, brim and bass.

Paynes Prairie State Park off of 441:

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Paynes-Prairie>

They allow fishing on their dock and the shore of Lake Wauburg. Admission price applies. There are also trails, grills, camping etc. Fish caught: catfish, brim, crappie and bass

UF Lake Wauburg:

<http://recsports.ufl.edu/outdoors-adventure/lake-wauburg>

If you're a UF employee or student, or know someone you can tag along with who is, UF's Lake Wauburg is a great place to spend time with the family. You can even borrow small boats and canoes to fish from. Fish caught: catfish, brim, crappie and bass

*Lake Alto and Santa Fe lakes have a couple boat ramps/fishing areas. Try a web search or have an adventure and drive around the lakes, talk to the locals. They're chock full of local info.

*Gilchrest County Santa Fe River Park. <https://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/pcl/Pages/ParksList.aspx>

There is a county park with a long trail along the river. I've taken my kids there many times. It's a lot of fun. If you look on the map, find State Road 47. Where the river intersects with the road is where the park is. You can't miss it.

Horseshoe Lake Park in Fort McCoy (Marion County)

<https://www.marioncountyfl.org/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/46/663>

Shore fishing access abounds in this county park, with many trails meandering along the lake. There are also pavilions, grills, beach and swimming access, and even cabin rentals. This is an underutilized county park that is a gem! Bass fishing is excellent, so are the brim. Not sure about catfish or crappie. About 30-45 minute drive from Gainesville and worth the drive.

Rodman Reservoir (Marion County)

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/os-xpm-2001-11-18-0111180285-story.html>

New fishing pier access added. Fishing at the dam is also possible. Access to Ocala National Forest and other activities as well. I have not had much success with bass here, but have caught plenty of big brim and eels (yes, eels. They are quite delicious).

Heagey-Bury Pier

Orange Lake at public park. 5040 NW 191st Pl, Orange Lake, FL 32681

<https://www.ocalamarion.com/directory/heagy-burry-boat-ramp/>

Shoreline fishing opportunities at Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/marjorie-kinnan-rawlings-historic-state-park>

Johnson Pond Fishing Pier (Hawthorne)

<https://www.cityofhawthorne.net/parks-recreation/pages/parks>

FWC has launched their new Florida Fishing Pier Finder online resource. It is in interactive map used to find public fishing piers and other places to fish from shore, both fresh and salt water. There are a few listed in this document not yet on their site, and a few on the site not listed in this document.

https://myfwc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=bd38784e43d74550b682e448ef1f7a71&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=campaign

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