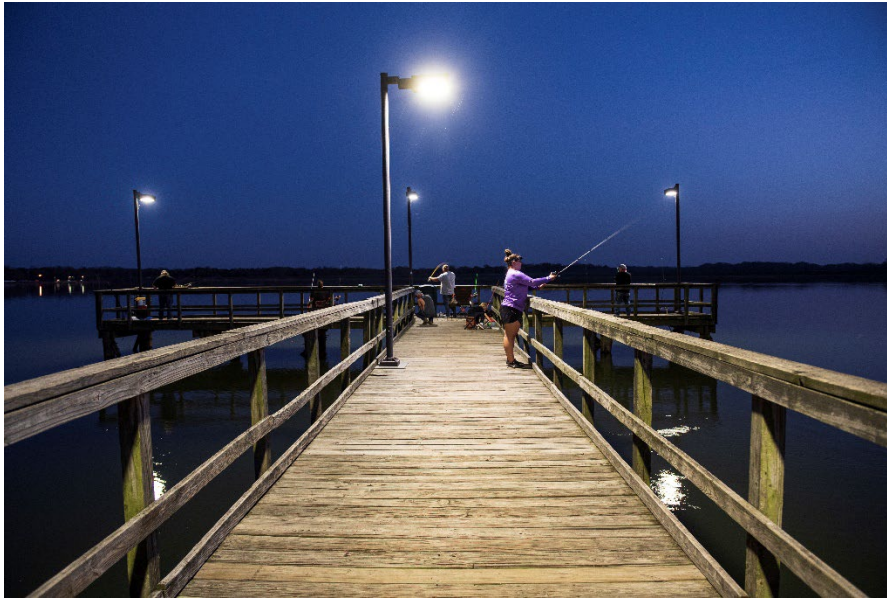




Angler Education Program Annual Tackle Loaner Report 2023



The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Tackle Loaner Program aims to recruit or reactivate anglers to the sport by providing access to fishing equipment to park visitors free of charge. The primary audience is families who have never fished or who already enjoy fishing yet might not have access to equipment.



43 Tackle Loaner sites reported usage for Fiscal Year 2023 (Sept 1, 2022, to Aug 31, 2023) throughout Texas. FY 23 saw a **29% increase** in reported usage from the previous year. Partners include **38 State Parks** and **5 non-TPWD sites, including 4 libraries** that have accessible public waters nearby. Of the 5 non-TPWD sites, Hurst Public Library had the highest number of borrowers (42). For a list of sites, see our [Tackle Loaner webpage](#).

Total number of people borrowing fishing equipment this fiscal year was **4,489 individuals** (29% increase from the previous year), 18% were first-time anglers (826) and 16% reported catching their "first fish" (701).

Group	FY 2023
Youth Male	1,322
Youth Female	859
Subtotal Youth	2,181
Adult Male	1,320
Adult Female	988
Subtotal Adult	2,308
Total Participants	4,489

Rank	Site	# of Borrowers
1	Inks Lake State Park	570
2	Tyler State Park	550
3	Sea Rim State Park	347
4	Lake Whitney State Park	268
5	Lockhart State Park	201
6	Purtis Creek State Park	195
7	Cleburne State Park	188
8	Fort Parker State Park	154
9	Cooper Lake South Sulphur SP	146
10	Guadalupe River State Park	142