



Angler Education Program 2024 Annual Tackle Loaner Report



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 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.

Picture below: Goose Island State Park Fishing Pier

42 Tackle Loaner sites reported for Financial Year (FY) 2024 (Sept 1, 2023, to Aug 31, 2024) throughout Texas. FY 24 saw an **11% increase** in reported usage from the previous year. In addition to the 42 sites that reported, 6 new or reactivated sites joined the growing list of sites. Sites include **32 State Parks** and **10 non-TPWD sites, including 7 libraries** that have accessible public waters nearby. Of the 10 non-TPWD sites, Mountain Creek Branch Library had the highest number of borrowers (59). For a list of sites, see our [Tackle Loaner webpage](#)



Total participants that borrowed equipment this fiscal year was **4,970 individuals** (11% increase from the previous year), 19% were first-time anglers (920).

Group	FY 2024
Youth Male	1,399
Youth Female	903
Subtotal Youth	2,302
Adult Male	1,526
Adult Female	1142
Subtotal Adult	2,668
Total Participants	4,970

Rank	Site	# of Borrowers
1	Inks Lake State Park	718
2	Tyler State Park	641
3	Purtis Creek State Park	243
4	Meridian State Park	200
5	Lockhart State Park	198
6	Eisenhower State Park	191
7	Blanco State Park	169
8	Guadalupe River State Park	168
9	Cooper Lake South Sulphur SP	156
10	Lake Whitney State Park	152