**Local Emergency:** 911 or Bastrop County Sheriff’s Department (512) 303-1080.

**Where to Fish:** Fishing restricted to shoreline.

**Licenses and Restrictions:** A fishing license is not required at Bastrop State Park. This is a Community Fishing Lake; there is a limit of two fishing poles per person. Fishing is by pole and line only.

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**HARVEST REGULATIONS**

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All other fish: statewide bag and length limits apply.

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**FISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

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How to tie a fishing knot

The palomar knot is very strong and easy to tie.

How to measure fish

Pinch the tail together and take the longest measurement from nose to tail.

Natural bait hook placement

Tips for releasing fish safely

1. For safety for you and a quick release of fish, mash down the barb of the hook with pliers.
2. Quickly play and release fish as soon as possible (take photos quickly).
3. Remove hook with pliers or cut line if the hook has been swallowed.
4. Gently place fish back into water.
5. Revive fish by holding upright in water and facing it into the current, gently forcing water through gills.
6. If you don’t intend to eat the fish, NEVER place it on a stringer.

Fishing ethics

Before doing anything, ask yourself the following questions:

- Is it legal?
- Would it be good if everyone did it?
- Would it make you proud?

Ethical behavior is more than just following the fishing regulations. Ethical people go beyond what laws require and demonstrate good judgment and behavior for everyone – even if no one sees you do something ethical.

Ethical behavior includes picking up trash around the area you have been fishing, calmly and politely explaining to others if they are breaking fishing regulations, and respecting the rights of other anglers and those that use the water in other ways.