

Fish Orlando 2020-2021 Event Calendar

Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC)

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Contact: Jim Sweatman (Fish Orlando Project Leader)

Given the current COVID19 situation, it would be wise to call the contact just prior to the event to verify that it is still scheduled as planned, and if there are any social distancing modifications.

September 12, 2020

Blanchard Park's 31st annual "Fish for the Fun of It" family fishing event.

Presented by: Fish Orlando, Orange County Parks and Recreation and local bass clubs

Time: 8:00am-10:00am

Where: Blanchard Park, Orlando

Contact: Todd Rowley (407) 836-6249

September 19, 2020

Bear Creek Park's 22nd annual "Fish for the Fun of It" family fishing event. At the request of Fish Orlando, this Fish Orlando URBAN POND is stocked by the FWC's Richloam Hatchery just prior to the event.

Presented by: Fish Orlando, Orange County Parks and Recreation, local bass clubs and Or Co. TSA

Time: 8:00am-10:00am

Where: Bear Creek Recreational Complex, Orlando

Contact: Todd Rowley (407) 836-6249

September 26, 2020

Barnett Park's 22nd annual "Fish for the Fun of It" family fishing event. At the request of Fish Orlando, this Fish Orlando URBAN POND is stocked by the FWC's Richloam Hatchery just prior to the event.

Presented by: Fish Orlando, Orange County Parks and Recreation and local bass clubs

Time: 8:00am-10:00am

Where: Barnett Park Frog Pond behind Parks and Recreation Administrative Bld, Orlando

Contact: Todd Rowley (407) 836-6249

October 3, 2020

MLK Jr Park 23rd annual “Test the Water’s” family fishing event. At the request of Fish Orlando, this Fish Orlando URBAN POND is stocked by the FWC’s Richloam Hatchery just prior to the event.

Presented by: Fish Orlando, City of Winter Park, Original Central Fla. Bass Club and Or Co. TSA
Time: 8:00am-10:00am
Where: Martin Luther King Jr. Park (Formerly known as Lake Island Park), Winter Park
Contact: Kelsi Baker (407) 599-3342

November 7, 2020

Starke Lake’s 20th annual Ocoee Fall Music Festival “FAB FIVE Family Fishing Event”. Fish Orlando staff bait the docks around the boat ramp just prior to the event.

Presented by: Fish Orlando, City of Ocoee Parks and Recreation and Solavita Fishing Club
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Where: Starke Lake public boat ramp, Ocoee
Contact: Dan Abdo (407) 905-3180

April 2021 (Date TBA)

“Fish Winter Springs” 4th Annual Fish Orlando FANTASTIC FISHING DAYS family fishing event. The event is held at a stocked pond in Central Winds Park that is only open to the public for the event and a fishing camp (see below under Other Family Fishing and Instruction Opportunities).

Presented by: Fish Orlando, City of Winter Springs Parks & Recreation and Or Co. TSA
Time: 8:00am-10:00am
Where: Central Winds Park Pond, Winter Springs
Contact: Mike Barclay (407) 327-6597

May 2021 (Date TBA)

St. Cloud Parks and Recreation “Borrow Pit” Event – Each year, this fenced and stocked borrow pit is only open to the public for a Fish Orlando FANTASTIC FISHING DAYS family fishing event.

Presented by: Fish Orlando, St. Cloud Parks & Recreation and Orange/Osceola Co. TSA
Time: TBD
Where: St. Cloud Borrow Pit across from St. Cloud Elementary School
Contact: Amanda Eversz (407) 957-7243

May 2021 (Date TBA) but usually one of the first two Saturdays in May)

Cornerstone Church 11th Annual "Fish-a-Thon" – The event is held at a private stocked pond that is only open to the public for a Fish Orlando FANTASTIC FISHING DAYS family fishing event and the Cornerstone Fishing Camp (see below under Other Family Fishing and Instruction Opportunities)..

Presented by: Fish Orlando and Cornerstone Church

Time: Usually 7:00am-9:00am

Where: The pond on Cornerstone Church property (South of St. Cloud on SR 523)

Contact: Cornerstone Church number is (407) 892-3300

OTHER FAMILY FISHING AND INSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITIES

***Denotes a fishing instruction opportunity**

***June/July 2020**

Orlando Bass Pro Shops Summer Camp which includes fishing instruction.

Presented by: Bass Pro Shops Orlando
Time: TBA
Where: Bass Pro Shops Orlando
Contact: Bass Pro Shops Orlando's number is (407) 563-5200

September 27, 2020

Bithlo Park's 8th annual "Fish for the Fun of It" family fishing event. At the request of Fish Orlando, the pond is stocked by the FWC's Richloam Hatchery just prior to the event.

Presented by: Orange County Parks and Recreation
Time: 8:00am-10:00am
Where: Bithlo Park, Orlando
Contact: Todd Rowley (407) 836-6249

February/March 2021 (Dates TBA)

Orlando Bass Pro Shops Spring Classic. They usually have a catch and release pond in the store stocked by the Fish Orlando staff.

Presented by: Bass Pro Shops Orlando and Orange County TSA
Time: Store hours
Where: Bass Pro Shops Orlando
Contact: Bass Pro Shops Orlando's number is (407) 563-5200

***April/May 2021 (Dates TBA but usually a Friday and Saturday following the Fish Winter Springs event listed above)**

"Fish Winter Springs" Fishing Camp – Beginning fishing instruction and fishing in their stocked pond.

Presented by: City of Winter Springs Parks & Recreation
Time: TBA
Where: Central Winds Park Pond, Winter Springs
Contact: Mike Barclay (407) 327-6597

***May/June 2021 (Dates TBA but usually 3 consecutive Saturdays in May/June following the Cornerstone Fish-a-Thon)**

Cornerstone Church Fishing Camp – Beginning fishing instruction and fishing in their private stocked pond.

Presented by: Cornerstone Church
Time: Usually 7:00am-9:00am
Where: Cornerstone Church property (South of St. Cloud on SR 523)
Contact: Cornerstone Church's number is (407) 892-3300

May/June 2021

Orlando Bass Pro Shops has "Go Outdoors" weekends – They usually have a catch and release pond stocked by the Fish Orlando staff.

Presented by: Bass Pro Shops Orlando and Orange County TSA
Time: Store hours
Where: Bass Pro Shops Orlando
Contact: Bass Pro Shops Orlando's number is (407) 563-5200

***Summer 2021 (Usually for 2 weeks sometime in June or July)**

FWC Youth Conservation Network Camp (Aquatic Wonders) on Turkey Lake; includes fishing and boating instruction for children ages 9-15. Fish Orlando staff usually conducts an electrofishing and fish dissecting demonstration on one of the days.

Presented by: City of Orlando
Time: 9:00am-4:00pm (SIGN UP WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE SUMMER)
Where: Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake, Orlando
Contact: Bill Frederick Park's number is (407) 246-4486

***Summer 2021**

Orlando Bass Pro Shops Summer Camp which includes fishing instruction.

Presented by: Bass Pro Shops Orlando
Time: TBA
Where: Bass Pro Shops Orlando
Contact: Bass Pro Shops Orlando's number is (407) 563-5200

***THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

“Get Hooked on Fishing” program provides fishing instruction, fish catching, and a free rod and reel combo.

Presented by: Gumbo Wars Inc.

Time: TBA

Where: Various locations throughout central Florida

Contact: Tom Van Horn (407) 416-1187; IRL-fishing.com