

**Summary of  
2013 MD Park Service & Fisheries Service  
License Free Fishing Area (LFFA) Survey (updated 1/27/14)**

**EXISTING LFFAs** - Currently 24 areas; 6 do not meet criteria and 4 marginally meet criteria.

**A. Do not meet LFFA criteria:**

- 1) Canton Recreational Pier (Baltimore City) - in an area impacted by debris from Harris Creek; no signs of being used for fishing or crabbing; parking on the street.
- 2) Hull Street Recreational Pier (Baltimore City) - pier has been taken over by the Inner Harbor Connector Ferry Service; posted "No Fishing"; very limited parking
- 3) Bridge #K-004, Still Pond - Still Pond Creek (Kent Co.) - limited parking alongside the road near the bridge and fishing from the bridge is dangerous.
- 4) Route 213 Bridge, Chestertown – Chester River (Kent/QA Co.) - no parking at either end of the bridge and this is a high traffic bridge.
- 5) Mill Street Bulkhead, Salisbury – Wicomico River (Wicomico Co.) - no parking and poor water quality.
- 6) Snow Hill, County Bridge on Porter's Crossing Road - west of U.S. Route 113 & east of Route 354 and Pocomoke River (Worcester Co.) - limited parking at this site alongside of the road and fishing off of the bridge is dangerous.

**B. Marginally meet LFFA criteria:**

- 1) Friendship Landing - Nanjemoy Creek (Charles Co.)
- 2) Monokin River Park, Princess Anne - Monokin River (Somerset Co.)
- 3) Tyaskin Park, Tyaskin - Wetipquin Creek/Nanticoke River (Wicomico Co.)
- 4) Cedar Hall Landing - Pocomoke River (Worcester Co.)

**POSSIBLE NEW LFFAs** - Based on LFFA survey feedback from MPS and Fisheries Service Regional staff, the following are areas that should be considered as potential locations for new License Free Fishing Areas.

**Western Region:**

- 1) Gambrill Pond at Gambrill State Park – A 1 acre pond with good access that has hybrid Bluegill and is used for fishing rodeo. There is also a part time staffed nature center nearby. Could institute a pilot tackle loaner program at this site to evaluate the feasibility of this option at other state parks. No park entry fee.

**Central Region:**

- 1) Kittamaquidi Lake at Columbia - 27 acre lake near Columbia Mall. Has a user friendly waterfront area. Would need to secure approval of governing body.
- 2) North Point State Park - Wooden fishing pier near parking area and just north of Crystal Pier. Good option for replacing 2 Baltimore sites (Canton, Hull St.) that do not meet LFFA criteria. Entry fee: Memorial Day - Labor Day \$4.00 for MD residents and \$6.00 for non-residents; Labor Day - Memorial Day \$3.00 per vehicle for MD residents and \$5.00 for non-residents.

**Southern Region:**

- 1) Sweden Point Pier, Smallwood State Park - Fishing pier located near marina with access to tidal fishing. Park has a discovery/nature center nearby. Entry fee: April – October \$3.00 per person on holidays and weekends, \$3.00 per vehicle weekdays year round, out of state persons add \$2.00 per charge.
- 2) Myrtle Grove Pond, Myrtle Grove Wildlife Management Area - 23 acre lake and 10 acre pond, both are stocked with trout. Suggested location is the 10 acre pond.

**Eastern Region:**

- 1) Federalsburg Municipal Waterfront - City owned waterfront park area. Has handicap access fishing area, parking, picnic benches on Marshyhope Creek. Considered tidal.
- 2) Jane's Island State Park - Marina Dock area of Daugherty Creek. Near nature center, bulk headed waterfront, might be good location for pilot tackle loaner site. No park entry fee
- 3) Martinak State Park - Watts Creek waterfront near boat ramp. Tidal water, good parking and access and nature center nearby. No park entry fee.