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# SPRING NEWSLETTER



## Blake Loafman's Personal Best: A 7- Pound Largemouth Bass from Sonora Park

Kennedale, Texas, has a hidden gem for local anglers—Sonora Pond. This quiet fishing spot became the setting for an



unforgettable catch when Blake Loafman of Arlington Texas, landed his personal best, an impressive **7-pound largemouth bass** on Friday March 7th at approximately 6:50pm.

### The Catch of a Lifetime

On a routine fishing trip to Sonora Pond, Loafman, wasn't expecting to hook a trophy-sized bass, but persistence paid off. Using a **Live Minnow**, he made a precise cast near submerged structure where he suspected a big fish might be lurking. A few moments later, he felt the unmistakable **thump** of a large fish inhaling his bait.

The fight was intense—drag peeling, rod bending, and heart racing. Loafman skillfully played the fish, keeping steady pressure to prevent it from diving into cover. After a few adrenaline-pumping moments, he finally brought the **massive Pond Monster** to the bank, securing his personal best.

### A Testament to Local Fishing

Sonora Pond, though small and often overlooked, has proven itself as a home to quality bass. Loafman's catch serves as inspiration for local anglers, proving that with patience, the right technique, and a little luck, **trophy bass can be caught in unexpected places**.

Blake's record is now the benchmark to beat—who will be the next angler to pull a giant from Sonora Pond?

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Every spring, anglers across Texas eagerly anticipate one of the state's most exciting fishing events—the white bass run. As water temperatures rise to around 55–60°F, typically between February and April, schools of white bass (also known as “sand bass”) migrate from reservoirs into rivers and creeks to spawn. This annual phenomenon creates an excellent opportunity for both seasoned and novice anglers to reel in large numbers of these hard-fighting fish.



## Where to Find the White Bass Run

The best places to experience the white bass run are rivers feeding into major Texas reservoirs. Popular locations include:

- **Village Creek** (above Lake Arlington)
- **Mountain Creek** (above Joe Pool Lake)
- **Trinity River** (below Lake Worth)
- **Bear Creek** (above Benbrook Lake)
- **Denton Creek** (above Grapevine Lake)

Creeks and tributaries feeding into these main waterways also become hotspots as white bass push upstream in search of suitable spawning grounds.

## How to Catch White Bass

White bass are aggressive feeders during the run, making them relatively easy to catch with light tackle. Anglers commonly use:

- **Jigs and Soft Plastics** – 1/16- to 1/8-ounce jigheads with curly-tail grubs or swimbaits in white, chartreuse, or silver.
- **Inline Spinners and Small Crankbaits** – Mimic shad or minnows, the primary forage for white bass.
- **Live Bait** – Minnows fished under a bobber or on a split-shot rig can be highly effective.

Casting into deeper pools or eddies where white bass school up can yield impressive catches, especially early in the morning or late in the afternoon.

## Regulations and Conservation

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) enforces regulations to protect white bass populations. Statewide, the daily bag limit is **25 fish per angler**, with a minimum size of **10 inches**. Always check local regulations, as some areas may have special restrictions.

## A Tradition for Texas Anglers

The white bass run isn't just about fishing—it's a cherished tradition for many Texans. Whether you're wading in a creek, paddling a kayak, or casting from the bank, the experience of catching these feisty fish in fast-moving waters is unforgettable. With the right timing and location, you can enjoy one of the most exciting fishing events Texas has to offer.

Grab your gear and hit the water—it's time for the white bass run!



# The Largemouth Bass Spawn: A Prime Time for Anglers

The largemouth bass spawn is one of the most exciting times of the year for bass fishing. As water temperatures rise to around 60–75°F, typically between March and June depending on location, bass move into shallow waters to spawn. This period presents a unique opportunity for anglers to catch trophy-sized fish in relatively accessible areas.

## Understanding the Spawning Process

The spawn occurs in three main phases:

1. **Pre-Spawn** – As water warms, bass move from deeper waters to shallower areas, feeding aggressively to prepare for spawning. This is one of the best times to catch large bass.
2. **Spawn** – Males build nests in shallow, sandy, or gravelly areas, usually 1–6 feet deep. After females lay eggs, males guard the nests, making them highly territorial.
3. **Post-Spawn** – Females retreat to deeper waters to recover, while males continue protecting the fry before eventually moving away.

## Best Baits and Techniques

During the spawn, bass can be both aggressive and selective, depending on their stage. Some effective lures include:

- **Soft Plastic Lizards, Craws, or Creature Baits** – Slowly dragged across beds to trigger defensive strikes.
- **Jigs and Texas-Rigged Worms** – Great for targeting bass in spawning areas.
- **Topwater Lures and Jerkbaits** – Effective for catching aggressive males guarding nests.

Sight fishing is popular during the spawn, as bass beds are often visible in clear, shallow water. Polarized sunglasses help spot nests and individual fish more easily.

## Conservation and Responsible Fishing

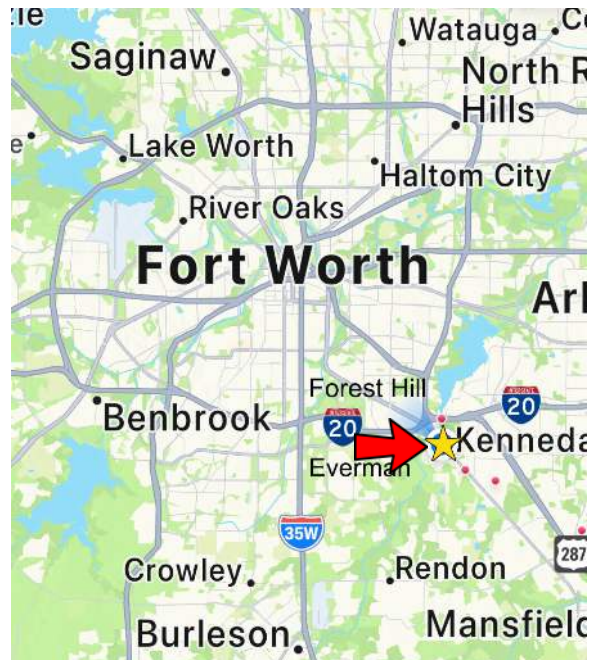
While the spawn is a prime time for catching bass, responsible angling is crucial. Many anglers practice **catch and release** to ensure strong future populations. If handling bass, minimize stress by using barbless hooks, keeping fish in the water as much as possible, and releasing them near their nesting areas.

## A Special Time for Bass Fishing

For anglers, the largemouth bass spawn is one of the best opportunities to land a big fish. Whether fishing for fun or aiming for a personal best, understanding the spawn can improve both success rates and conservation efforts. Get out on the water and experience this incredible fishing season firsthand!

**We will be**  
**OPEN SUNDAYS**  
**Starting Sunday**  
**March 2nd**  
**6am-4pm**

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