Fish of City Park
(and Bayou St. John)

Fishing has a long and storied history at City Park. The Park's 11 miles of lagoons have provided decades of enjoyment to anglers young and old. Generations of avid fishermen have hooked their first 'big one' at City Park under the watchful eyes of a doting father or caring grandmother. You don't need a $50,000 fishing rig to hook up with a keeper at City Park. All you need is your LA Fishing License, pole, bait & a little patience. We invite you to come wet a line & pass a good time.

Funny thing about fish - they swim where the water is! Our fish didn't respect their boundaries when Hurricane Katrina struck and consequently, most of them swam away. Working with the Louisiana Department of Fisheries we actively restocked the waterways. Once again folks are landing big bass and catfish.

The Park's waterways are teeming with a variety of fish. Photos of species you are likely to encounter are pictured below. Fish with an asterisk before the name are found only in Bayou St. John.
Fish you’ll likely see in City Park/Bayou St. John waters:

Largemouth Bass
Micropterus salmoides

Blue Catfish
Ictalurus furcatus

Redspotted Sunfish
Lepomis miniatus
Bluegill
Lepomis macrochirus

*Red Drum (Redfish)
Sciaenops ocellatus

*Spotted Sea Trout (Speckled)
Cynoscion nebulosus
Rio Grade Chiclid
Hericthys cyanoguttatus

Spotted Gar
Lepisosteus oculatus

*Lady Fish
Elops suarus

American eel
Anguilla rostrata
Theadfin shad
Dorosoma petenense

Inland Silverside
Menidia beryllina

Diamond Killifish
Adinia xenica

Golden Topminnow
Fundulus chrysotus

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Gulf Killifish
Fundulus grandis

Rainwater killifish
Lucania parva

Mosquito Fish
Gambusia affinis

Least Killifish
Heterandria Formosa

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Sailfin Molly  
Poecilia latipinna

Sheepshead Minnow  
Cyprinodon variegatus

*Gulf Pipefish  
Syngnathus scovelli

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Warmouth
Lepomis gulosus

Redear Sunfish
Lepomis microlophus

Black Crappie
Pomoxis nigromaculatus

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Naked Goby
Gobiosoma bosc

*Sheepshead
Archosargus probatocephalus

*Striped Mullet
Mugil cephalus

Check out www.NewOrleansCityPark.com for information on the annual fishing competition the Big Bass Rodeo & for information on fishing records in the Park.