



Texas FlyFishers
June 2017 Saltwater Outing
Fence Lake, Rockport, Texas

When: Saturday, June 10, 2017
Where: Fulton / Rockport, Texas – Kayak Fence Lake via the Skimmer
Load Out: Skimmer Dock, 215 North Fulton Beach Rd., Fulton, TX 78358
Start Time: **Saturday** - 5:00 am – Meet up at the Skimmer Dock, Fulton, TX
Return Time: **Saturday** - 4:00 pm – Return to Skimmer Dock
Trip Leader: Chris Sumers
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Description: Saturday morning, we will be ferried to St. Joe's Island aboard the M/V Skimmer for a day of skinny water kayak & wade fishing in the Fence Lake area. About 3:00 pm, the Skimmer will return to pick us up at the mouth of Fence Lake and take us back to the dock.

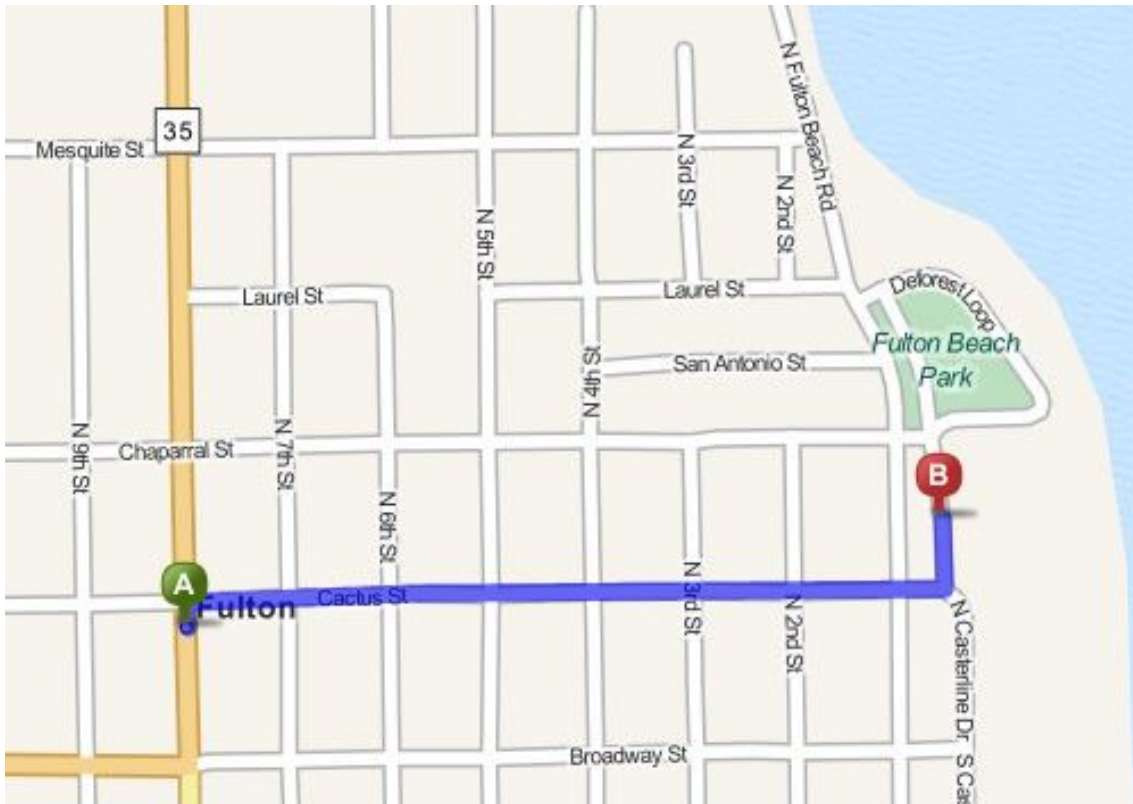
Important Note: *Be sure and remove all items in and on your kayak prior to load out on the Skimmer and carry them on separately. It will make it easier to load and stack the kayaks on the mother ship.*

Sign up: Sign up on line, on the sign up sheet distributed at the monthly meeting or e-mail the trip leader. Sign up deadline is on or before 3:00 pm Sunday, June 4, 2017.

Cost: Ferry Service aboard the M/V Skimmer will be \$25.00 per person. *Note: The rate based on a minimum of 10 people. If you need to rent a kayak, they are available through the Skimmer at \$50.00 per day. You will need to reserve it in advance. Also, tips for the crew are appreciated.*

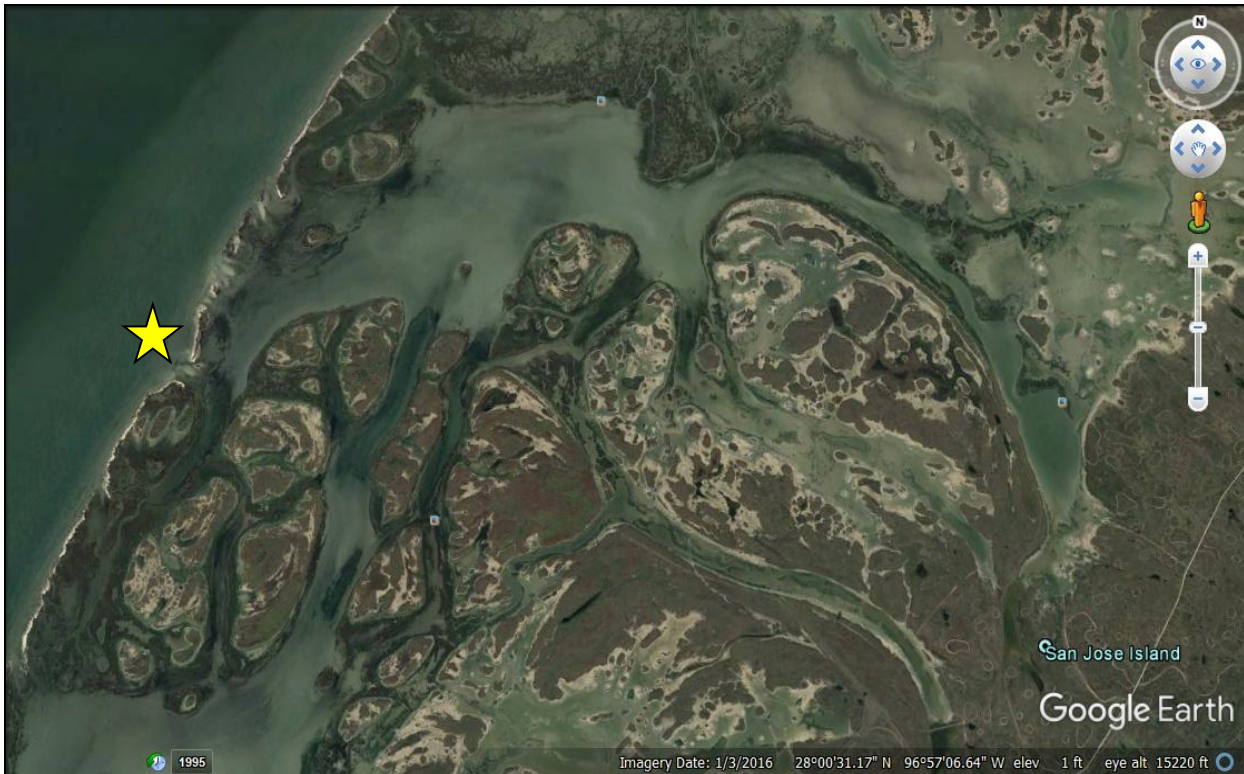
Directions:

Saturday Morning: We will meet up at the Skimmer’s dock, located at the Fulton Harbor, just behind Charlotte Plummer’s Seafood Restaurant in Fulton, Texas, at 5:00 am for loadout. When you come in on HW35, Turn Left on Cactus Street and go appx. ½ mile to Fulton Beach Road. Cross Fulton Beach Road and just behind the restaurant to the left is the Harbor and the Skimmer. This is where I’ll collect your filled out Waiver of Liability and your ferry fee. Once we have the kayaks and gear loaded, we’ll shove off.

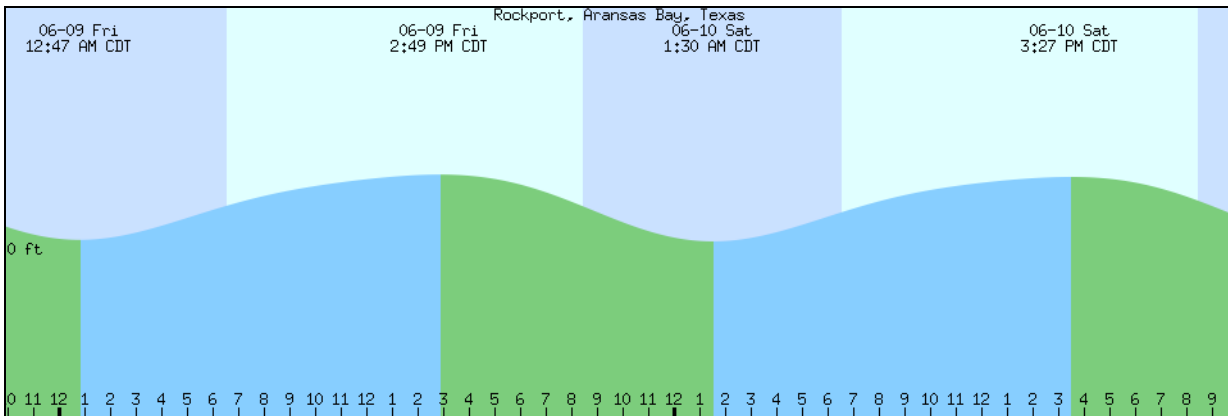


About the area: Fence Lake is a relatively small and shallow bay (averaging about 1½-3 ft.). This combined with the grassy bottom keeps the water clear and should allow you the opportunity to sight cast to fish. The numerous fingers and creeks should provide ample opportunity to explore the area and enjoy a peaceful day of fishing. The fish should be set in their spring patterns, big trout will be up shallow along with the red fish feeding on glass minnows and small shrimp. Be sure and keep your eye on the prop scars. (See below)

Aerial View of the Fence Lake Area / Put In & Take Out Point



Tides for Rockport, Aransas Bay, TX June 9 – 10, 2017



Tide Data:

Saturday, June 10, 2017

- 1:30 am CDT Low Tide 0.0 feet
- 6:31 am CDT Sunrise
- 3:27 pm CDT High Tide 0.4 feet

Important items:

- ***Member dues must be current for you to participate!***
- Outing Waiver of Liability, filled out and signed, along with emergency contact information – See Attachment 1
- Current Texas Fishing License with Saltwater Stamp
- Skimmer Ferry Fee, \$\$\$\$ in cash
- Have proper safety equipment **INCLUDING a proper fitting PFD**
- Extra change of dry clothes
- Wind and/or water proof jacket
- Wading shoes and sting ray Guards
- Lunch, **plenty of water and/or Gatorade**, snacks and power bars
- Sunscreen and mosquito repellent wipes
- **Wide brimmed hat AND polarized glasses**
- First Aid Kit.
- Hand held VHF or FRS radio with charged up batteries
- A well-stocked wading belt or bag
- A space blanket, this item doesn't weigh much and doesn't take up much space but, if you get caught in a thundershower, this can be used to help protect you from the beating rain and will help insulate you.

Recommended Equipment: 6-8 wt outfit with weight forward, floating line, tapered leader with a 10-12 lb. test tippet. Don't forget extra leader material and tippet.

Recommended Flies: Shrimp patterns, Bead Eye Clouser Minnows and light colored grizzly Seaducers are the productive flies. Spoon flies, crab and kwan style patterns also work well. Size 6 to 2. For surface flies, choose a pattern that will land softly, such as the Gartside Gurgler or a Dink or VIP popper. **Note:** There is a lot of grass in Fence Lake, both under and on top of the water. You might want to add a weed guard to your flies. You can always snip it off.

Recommended guidelines for participants:

- Notify the trip leader if you have any potential concerns or health issues.
- Know your limitations. If you are inexperienced then buddy up.
- While we all practice catch and release, I don't think you will be banished from the Club if you desire to keep a fish or two for the skillet. However, you might want to think about how you are going to transport your catch to the dock. A soft sided cooler with a frozen ice pack should do the trick.

Note - Sunday Trip: If there is interest and, since we will already be down there, we can put together a Sunday morning (fish 'til noon). Please let me know if you are interested when you sign up.

Attachment 1

INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

This agreement is made by and between the Texas Flyfishers club ("TFF") of Houston, Texas, and the undersigned. It is hereby understood that

1. TFF is a non-profit club whose objectives are to promote the benefits of fly fishing and conservation.
2. From time to time TFF sponsors outings, fishing trips, and other events that have a certain degree of risk of injury or death.
3. The undersigned wishes to participate in the TFF-sponsored event described below.
4. TFF will not allow the undersigned or any minors accompanying him or her to participate in the event described below without signing this agreement.

THEREFORE, the undersigned, in consideration of being allowed to participate in the event described below, on his or her own behalf and on behalf of any minors accompanying him or her, hereby voluntarily releases, waives, discharges, and relinquishes any and all claims or causes of action for personal injury, death, property damage, or other injury of any kind that may arise out of the event described below, whether or not caused by any act, action, or failure to act by TFF, its officers, executive committee, event-coordinators, agents, or assigns.

The undersigned separately agrees, for himself or herself, his or her heirs, personal representatives or assigns, and for any minor child whom he or she accompanies to the event described below, that in the event any claim is made for personal injury, death, property damage, or other injury of any kind against TFF, its officers, executive committee, event-coordinators, agents, or assigns arising out of the event described below, the undersigned will indemnify and hold harmless TFF, its officers, executive committee, event-coordinators, agents, or assigns from any and all such claims.

The undersigned agrees that if any portion of this agreement is held to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE UNDERSIGNED BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE TEXAS FLYFISHERS FROM ANY LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR INJURY OF ANY OTHER KIND CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF TEXAS FLYFISHERS, ITS OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, EVENT-COORDINATORS, AGENTS, ASSIGNS, OR ANY PARTICIPANT IN THE EVENT DESCRIBED BELOW OR BY HAZARDS ATTENDANT TO THE ACTIVITY.

The undersigned acknowledges that he or she has read the foregoing and fully and completely understands the legal consequences of signing this agreement, as well as the dangers incident to participating in the activity described below.

Initials

Activity Description, Location, and Date:

June 2017, Club Saltwater Outing
Fence Lake aboard the M/V Skimmer
Fulton, Texas
Saturday 10 June 2017

Signed:

Name (printed legibly):

This agreement covers and includes the following minor children accompanying me, for whom I take responsibility:
