## Where can I fish within Hilton Head Plantation?

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Below are six pages using the <u>official Street Map for Hilton Head Plantation</u> to help explain which ponds(or portions of ponds) you are allowed to fish within Hilton Head Plantation, and identify locations at which you can access those ponds without trespassing on anyone's property. A hard copy of this map can be obtained at the Property Owners' Association (POA) office on Surrey Lane for \$1 for residents, \$2 for non-residents. This map can also be viewed on-line, or downloaded in Adobe Acrobat pdf format, at the POA's website, <u>www.hiltonheadplantation.com</u>. To view or download the map at the website, select "Maps & Directions", then select "Street Map." The HHP Fishing Club will provide one map for each family attending any of the Family Fishing Clinics hosted by the HHP Fishing Club.

Within our plantation we have many lakes and ponds. Most are freshwater, from which you can catch largemouth bass, bluegill (bream), catfish, carp and occasionally crappie. Some, most notably Spring Lake and Bear Lake, are brackish (saltwater), from which you can catch redfish, seatrout, flounder, snook, black drum, and other saltwater species. You do not need a fishing license to fish the freshwater ponds within our plantation since they are privately owned freshwater ponds; however, you must have a South Carolina saltwater license to fish any of the brackish (saltwater) ponds; for example., Spring Lake or Bear Lake, since they are federally regulated.

Most ponds are managed by the HHP Property Owners Association (POA ponds), others are privately owned (golf course ponds), and a few ponds are privately managed by residents of the adjacent subdivision (The Rookery ponds). Full access for fishing is available in all <u>POA managed ponds</u>. Fishing is restricted in <u>golf course ponds</u>. For the most part, fishing in <u>ponds within The Rookery</u> is limited to residents of that subdivision. Names have been assigned to the ponds which are managed by the POA or by the residents of The Rookery.

Page 1 of 6 is an overall view of the official map for Hilton Head Plantation. POA managed ponds and golf course ponds are shown as light blue; whereas ponds managed by the residents of The Rookery are shown as dark blue.

On Page 2 of 6, The Rookery subdivision is circled in dark blue. The Rookery subdivision is located toward the middle of the plantation, across from the Whooping Crane Conservancy.

Page 3 of 6 demonstrates that the names assigned to the ponds managed by the POA are generally derived from the names of the streets to which they are adjacent. For example, Oyster Reef Cove Pond is adjacent to Oyster Reef Cove, Cattail Pond is adjacent to Cattail Court, Wild Laurel Pond is adjacent to Wild Laurel Lane, Persimmon Pond is adjacent to Persimmon Place, and Trails End Pond is adjacent to Trails End.

Page 3 of 6 also highlights one of the great advantages of living in Hilton Head Plantation. Property owners do not own all the way down to the water; that is, lot lines for private properties do not extend to edges of the ponds, a green space will exist between private lots and any pond. Therefore, you can have access to and fish, or walk and view wildlife, all the way around any pond managed by the POA without having to worry about trespassing on anyone's property.

Page 4 of 6 shows the "LEGEND" of the official map. <u>Points of access to POA</u> managed ponds are designated by **yellow triangles**. If you enter at the points identified on the map by yellow triangles, you can have access to the pond without having to worry about trespassing on anyone's property.

Street addresses will be shown as black numbers.

"The Rookery ONLY" fishing areas (ponds or portions of ponds where fishing is allowed only by residents of The Rookery subdivision) are shown in dark blue. All other ponds and lakes are shown in light blue.

Sections of ponds (or entire ponds) where fishing is allowed will be identified by ponds that are light blue in color which have edges that have a dark blue border. Sections of ponds (or entire ponds) along which no fishing is allowed will be identified by ponds that are light blue in color which have edges that have an orange border. Sections of ponds (or entire ponds) along which fishing is allowed only by residents of The Rookery subdivision will be identified by ponds that are dark blue in color and have edges that have a black border.

Thus, where you (other than residents of The Rookery subdivision) are allowed to fish can be summarized as: Fishing is allowed along any section of a light blue pond where the edge of the pond has a dark blue border. Fishing is not allowed along any section of any pond where the edge of the pond has an orange border.

Page 5 of 6 shows a portion of the official street map near the Plantation House. Note that many of the **ponds are light blue with no orange border**. These are the ponds you can fish at any time.

Street addresses for each lot within the plantation are indicated by black numbers within yellow lots. For example, 11 Pineland Road is highlighted within a black circle.

Each hole on a golf course is identified by black numbers within a white circle. For example, the fairway for Hole # 1 of the Oyster Reef golf course is highlighted within a purple oval.

Points of access to ponds are identified by yellow triangles. For example, two locations at which you can gain access to Bear Lake are identified by yellow triangles highlighted within two red ovals. One point of access is located across from 56 Bear Creek Drive, the other point of access is be located across from 64 Bear Creek Drive.

Highlighted within an orange oval is a pond on a golf course fairway (Hole #6 of the Dolphin Head golf course) which is completely surrounded by an orange border. Fishing is not allowed anywhere on this pond.

Highlighted within a white circle is a pond (Spring Lake) where only certain portions of the pond have an orange border. Fishing is allowed along any portion of this pond that does not have an orange border. Fishing is not allowed the portion of this pond where an orange border is depicted (western portion of Spring Lake).

Highlighted within a dark blue circle is a portion of a pond within The Rookery. It is important to recognize that even though this pond is within The Rookery, the <u>west side</u> of the pond is shown as light blue without an orange border; as such, you are allowed to fish this pond from along its west side at any time.

Page 6 of 6 identifies the two ponds located within The Rookery where fishing is allowed along the edge of at least a portion of each of those ponds; that is, the sections adjacent to light blue water. Fishing is allowed along a portion of the northwestern side of Golden Hind Pond, and along the southwestern side of Rusty Rail Pond.











