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A MAN'S GOTTA BELIEVE IN SOMETHING. I BELIEVE I'LL GO FISHIN'. This is an exciting time of year. Flowers are in bloom, the Chicago Cubs are poised to win the World Series and local anglers are preparing to venture out to area lakes to catch their limit of freshwater fish. I've prepared some general information that will be helpful to those who wish to pursue the fishing experience. I've gathered input from Bobby Johnson of Frisco, a friend and angler who knows something about catching fish.

"The key point," said Johnson, owner of North Texas Money Management, "is that knowledge of the lake is important. It is beneficial to learn about the different parts of a lake and talk to people who are experienced and understand the affects of water level fluctuation, water temperature and lake topography."

Residents can purchase a license for \$23 and buying one is easy. A license can be purchased at locations such as sporting goods stores, bait and tackle shops and even Wal-Mart. A license is not needed if the angler is: under 17 years of age, or born before September 1, 1930. The first Saturday in June is the annual "Free Fishing Day" when no fishing license or stamp endorsements are required.

My favorite lake to fish is Lake Ray Roberts. Two state park units and several satellite parks are located around the lake. Boat ramps, campsites and picnic areas are available at the Johnson Branch and the Isle du Bois. Also, Isle du Bois has a lighted fishing pier. Additional ramps are provided at Buck Creek, Jordan Park, Pond Creek, Pecan Creek and Sanger Park.

Ray Roberts Lake

Location: 10 miles north of Denton off FM 455. The dam is in Denton County but pushes water into Cook and Grayson counties.

Size: 29,350 acres **Maximum Depth:** 106 feet

Predominant Fish Species:

largemouth bass, white bass, channel catfish, crappie and sunfish. Many trophy-sized bass are caught in Lake Ray Roberts. Early June offers exceptional crappie and catfish fishing. Good bait choices

include surface baits, jigs, spoons and minnows. Remember that bass are a "structure fish" and enjoy congregating around stumps, rocks and brush piles.

Just west of Frisco is Lake Lewisville. This is a popular recreational lake and another favorite fishing spot. Though the clarity is primarily murky, the lake does offer some hybrid and striped bass along with blue and channel catfish. I recommend boat launching at Little Elm, Stewart's Creek Park, Hidden Cove City Park or Lewisville City Park.

Johnson enjoys fishing at Lake Lewisville. It seems that

his Mom was pushed off a bridge into Lake Lewisville when she was 8 months pregnant with Johnson! "I guess you could say I was baptized and fell in love with the lake at an early age," Johnson remarked.



a fishing resource guide for frisco anglers

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lake. Stripers can be found around the ridges and humps on Walnut Creek and the main lake.

Johnson recommends fishing with soft baits such as worms, lizards, and flukes for black bass. Spinner baits and crank baits can also be effective since they allow you to cover a lot of water in a short amount of time. If you really want the "big" bite, don't leave home without your jigs!

Wherever you choose to fish this spring, remember boating and water safety and, whenever possible, share the experience with a friend.

Could someone please pass the hush puppies?

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