Places to fish around town

Newnan’s Lake:
http://www.sjrwmd.com/recreationguide/newnanslake/
http://myfwc.com/fishing/freshwater/sites-forecast/nc/newnans-lake/
http://www.visitgainesville.com/attractions/palm-point-nature-park/

There are several shore access points surrounding Newnan’s Lake. The boat ramp on Hawthorne Road offers a small playground, grills and covered pavilions. Palm Point Park has nice but short trails and plenty of shore access. Fish caught: Catfish, brim, crappie and bass

Camps Canal off CR 234:
http://florida.hometownlocator.com/maps/feature-map,ftc,2,fid,279958,n,camps%20canal.cfm

Camps Canal offers fishing right by the bridge and also a mile dirt access road (foot traffic only) heading west away from 234. Much of the road/trail has a substantially raised levee and steep slope to access the canal. May not be suitable for children under 6. Fish caught: Catfish and brim (not sure about bass)

Lake Lochloosa:
http://myfwc.com/viewing/recreation/wmas/cooperative/lochloosa

There’s a fishing dock on Lake Lochloosa in the WMA off of SR 301 on Burnt Island Rd. Limited shore access as well. Fish caught: Gar! Hahaha, also crappie, catfish, brim and bass.

Paynes Prairie State Park off of 441:
https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Paynes-Prairie

They allow fishing on their dock and the shore of Lake Wauberg. Admission price applies. There are also trails, grills, camping etc. Fish caught: catfish, brim, crappie and bass

UF Lake Wauburg:
http://recreports.ufl.edu/outdoors-adventure/lake-wauburg

If you’re a UF employee or student, or know someone you can tag along with who is, UF’s Lake Wauburg is a great place to spend time with the family. You can even borrow small boats and canoes to fish from. Fish caught: catfish, brim, crappie and bass

*Lake Alto and Santa Fe lakes have a couple boat ramps/fishing areas. Try a web search or have an adventure and drive around the lakes, talk to the locals. They’re chock full of local info.

*Santa Fe River off of SR 47, there is a county park with a long trail along the river. I've taken my kids there many times. It's a lot of fun. I could not find a link to the park. But it's worth having a look. If you look on a map, find State Road 47. Where the river intersects with the road is where the park is. You can't miss it.

Horseshoe Lake Park in Fort McCoy (Marion County)
Shore fishing access abounds in this county park, with many trails meandering along the lake. There are also pavilions, grills, beach and swimming access, and even cabin rentals. This is an underutilized county park that is a gem! Bass fishing is excellent, so are the brim. Not sure about catfish or crappie. About 30-45 minute drive from Gainesville and worth the drive.

Paynes Prairie off of 441

A recent but probably temporary local fishing hotspot, anglers are taking advantage of purportedly good fishing right off 441 in the drainage ditches which are currently inundated. Right off the main road, not great for young kids as traffic is zooming by constantly. Supposedly great for bass, brim, crappie and catfish.

Rodman Reservoir (Marion County)

New fishing pier access added. Fishing at the dam is also possible. Access to Ocala National Forest and other activities as well. I have not had much success with bass here, but have caught plenty of big brim and eels (yes, eels. They are quite delicious).

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