

PATIENCE PAD

"It's called *fishing*, not *catching*." Fishing takes patience. While waiting for fish to bite, take the opportunity to observe the world around you. Birds, bugs, frogs, plants, and more are waiting for you to discover.

Find something interesting and draw it while you wait.



FRIEND TO FISHES

Part of being a great angler is caring for fish and the environments they live in. Like people, fish need clean water, plenty of food, and safe shelter to survive. Here are some ways you can be a good friend to fish.

■ Pack it in, Pack it out

Don't leave trash. Keep the water clean and take anything you bring.

■ Be Gentle

If you catch and release, be gentle and cause as little injury to the fish as you can.

■ Take only what you need

Just because the bag limit is 5 doesn't mean you have to take 5. Catch only what you need and leave the rest for others.

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With a little skill and a little luck you can become a great angler!

Fishing is a great way to explore nature. It requires observation, patience, and skill. TRACK and KIP made this guide to help you become a better angler and catch some of the common fish here.

CATFISH



Catfish (Family *Ictaluridae*) are freshwater fish that include channel catfish and blue catfish. They feed along the bottom of clean water using taste buds on their skin to detect food. Their diet includes plant matter, crayfish, mollusks, fish, dead animals, and other things they find.

Angler Tips Catching catfish is a lot easier if you use your knowledge of their behavior and follow these tips:

- Try dough balls and "stink baits".
- Cast near banks, logs, and murky spots.
- Let the bait rest on the bottom.

REGULATIONS

Find and note current species regulations at:
<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/fish/beginners.html>



In Season: YES or NO

Bag Limit:

Minimum Size: inches

BREAM



Bream (*Lepomis sp.*) are freshwater fish that include bluegill, flier, warmouth, pumpkinseed, green sunfish, redear (shellcracker), and spotted sunfish. They are most active in the morning and evening hours, hunting in shallow, weedy water. They prey on insects, snails, and small crustaceans.

Angler Tips Catching bream is a lot easier if you use your knowledge of their behavior and follow these tips:

- Try worms or crickets as bait.
- Cast in calm, shallow water near vegetation.
- Set a bobber 6-12" above hook.

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In Season: YES or NO

Bag Limit:

Minimum Size: inches

LARGEMOUTH BASS



Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) are freshwater fish that can be found in clear ponds, swamps, lakes, and other calm waters with lots of places to hide (submerged stumps, logs, and other vegetation). They prey on fish, frogs, crayfish, and other small animals.

Angler Tips Catching largemouth is a lot easier if you use your knowledge of their behavior and follow these tips:

- Try reaction baits (spoons or spinners).
- Keep bait moving and don't let it sink.
- Drag bait beside, but not into, vegetation/logs.

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In Season: YES or NO

Bag Limit:

Minimum Size: inches