

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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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.

SMALLMOUTH BASS



Smallmouth Bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*) are freshwater fish found in clear, cool rivers, lakes, and reservoirs with rocky or sandy bottoms. These aggressive hunters feed on fish, crayfish, and insects. They are prized by anglers for their strong fight and elusive behavior.

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

- Use small, natural looking lures.
- They have excellent eyesight. Stay hidden.
- Prepare for a fight! Smallmouth have stamina!

REGULATIONS



Find and note current species regulations at:
<https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Regulations/Fish/Fishing-Regulation>

In Season: YES or NO

Bag Limit:

Minimum Size:

 inches

BROWN TROUT



Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*) are freshwater fish that prefer calm sections of cool, clear streams, rivers, and lakes with plenty of cover like rocks and fallen trees. They are most active at dawn and dusk, feeding on insects, crustaceans, and smaller fish in riffles and near overhanging banks.

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

- Try small spoons, spinners, or jigs on light line.
- Cast near calm areas with lots of cover.
- Browns are cautious. Be patient.

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In Season: YES or NO

Bag Limit:

Minimum Size:

 inches

RAINBOW TROUT



Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) are freshwater fish that thrive in fast, cool, clear rivers, streams, and lakes with gravel bottoms and shaded cover. They're most active in low light, feeding near the surface. Their diet includes insects, small fish, and aquatic invertebrates.

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

- Try small spoons, spinners, or jigs on light line.
- Cast upstream. Reel lure as it floats downstream.
- Wet hands before handling catch & release fish.

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In Season: YES or NO

Bag Limit:

Minimum Size:

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