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## Summertime Fishing



Have you ever thought about going fishing? You will never forget your first catch! Can you imagine yourself spending a warm, sunny day exploring the surroundings and fishing?

Let's plan a fishing trip! What items do you need to consider?

1. Location
2. Fishing Gear
3. Rules
4. Proper Clothing

### Location

Where should you go? The best places to begin are calm waters like ponds or small creeks in a nearby park. When you become more experienced, you can try fishing in lakes, and even from a boat. You can

find a great spot to fish close by on **fishandboat.com** or the PAFishandBoat app. It is best to always take an adult or friend with you!



# Fishing Gear

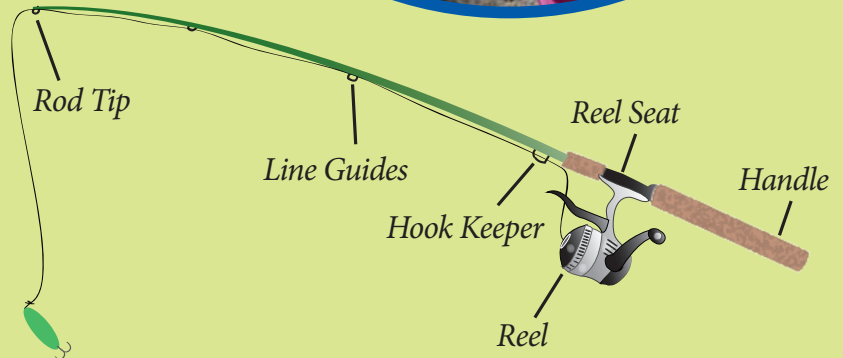
## Rods

Fishing rods come in many sizes to catch different sizes and types of fish. Some rods are longer, shorter, or more flexible. Stiff rods work well to catch large fish, and flexible rods work well to catch small but strong fish.



## Parts of a Fishing Rod

- Rod Tip
- Line Guides
- Hook Keeper
- Reel
- Reel Seat
- Handle



## Reels

There are different reels to use for fishing. The easier ones to use are push-button (spincast reels), and you may need more

practice to use spinning and baitcasting reels. Baitcasting reels allow better line control than spincast or spinning reels.

## Tackle

To catch fish, you will need hooks, weights, and bobbers—known as terminal tackle.

### Hooks

Hooks come in different sizes to hold fish of different sizes!

### Weights

Weights help keep your bait or lure weighed down in the water to be easily seen by the fish. Weights are usually made of soft metal to wrap around the fishing line.



Hooks



Weights



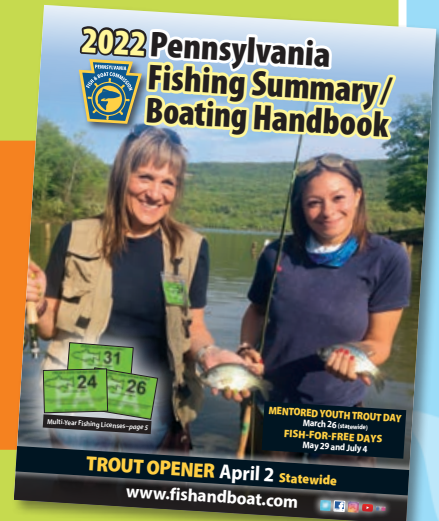
Bobbers

### Bobbers

A bobber is a floating piece that will "bob" or move when a fish pulls your fishing line. You can also place your bobber higher or lower on the fishing line to keep your bait higher or lower in the water for fish to see.

## Rules

Check the rules and regulations for fishing in Pennsylvania by reading the current year's *Pennsylvania Fishing Summary/Boating Handbook*, available where Pennsylvania fishing licenses are sold. It is also found at [fishandboat.com](http://fishandboat.com) and on the FishBoatPA app.



## Proper Clothing

Having the right clothing makes a big difference on an outdoor trip.

Check the weather before going on a fishing trip to pack what you will need for a fun and safe day. A hat and sunscreen are needed on sunny days.

Sunglasses protect eyes from the sun and flying hooks. Polarized sunglasses help to better see fish in the water. Bring snacks, water, insect repellent, and a first aid kit to better enjoy your time outside.

# Fishing Trip Word Search

Find these fishing-related words in the following word search.

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## Word List

**SUNGLASSES**

**BALLCAP**

**FISHING**

**SUNSCREEN**

**BOOTS**

**JACKET**

**REEL**

**HANDLE**

**ROD**

**TACKLE**

*(Hint: Some words may appear backwards.)*

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Answer Key