

Fishing Day Checklist

A quick plan for freshwater and coastal trips

1 Know the rules

- ☐ Check the license for your age and activity. Adults generally need a Basic Fishing License; saltwater fishing generally also needs a Saltwater License.
- ☐ Check current seasons, size and catch limits, and any location or gear rules.
- ☐ If crabbing or shrimping, review those separate recreational rules.

2 Choose your spot

- ☐ Pick a lake, river, bayou, community pond, or accessible coastal location.
- ☐ Confirm public access, hours, parking, boat launch details, and local conditions.
- ☐ Check the forecast and share your location and return time with someone.

3 Pack for the day

- ☐ Rod, reel, line, hooks, appropriate bait or lures, pliers, and a small tackle box.
- ☐ Drinking water, sun protection, insect repellent, and a light rain layer.
- ☐ Phone, charged battery, trash bag, and any required safety equipment.

4 Trip notes

Destination / access point: _____

Target fish / bait: _____

Weather / return time: _____

Other notes: _____

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