GEAR UP & GET OUT!

Summer Fishing ✔ CHECKLIST

Use this equipment list to help plan and prepare for successful Summer fishing in Kentucky. Don't forget to tag us in your harvest pics at **#FishKY**. Good Luck!

Must Do's

- ☐ Obtain Fishing License *(or a KY Sportsmen's License)* and *KY Trout Permit (if you plan to keep trout)*
- ☐ Practice Casting
- ☐ Find a FINs Lake or other waterbody to fish
- ☐ Obtain Landowner's Permission

Rods & Reels

- ☐ Spin cast rod with reel – best for beginners
- ☐ Spinning rod and reel – best for light lures
- ☐ Baitcasting rod and reel – best for heavy lures

Lures & Tackle

Catfish

- ☐ 5/0 Circle hooks
- ☐ Chicken livers, nightcrawlers or commercial stink bait
- ☐ ½-ounce egg sinkers

Bluegill, Crappie, and Trout

- ☐ Size #6 or Size #8 Aberdeen hooks, Size #4 baitholder hooks
- ☐ Bobbers
- ☐ Small sinkers
- ☐ Red worms, wax worm or meal worms
- ☐ 1-inch yellow curly-tailed grubs
- ☐ Live minnows
- ☐ 2 1/2-inch curly tailed grubs in white, chartreuse and lime-green
- ☐ 1/16-ounce leadheads
- ☐ In-line spinners/Rooster Tails
- ☐ Small suspending jerkbaits
- ☐ Small crankbaits

Large and Smallmouth Bass

- ☐ Soft plastic ribbon-tailed worms, stick baits or lizards
- ☐ Shad-colored (grey, pearl and blue) medium-running crankbaits
- ☐ White buzzbait topwater lure
- ☐ ½-ounce black and blue jig with matching crawfish trailer

White bass

- ☐ White or chartreuse curly-tailed grubs, 1/8-ounce leadheads
- ☐ White, silver, grey, chartreuse or pink in-line spinners
- ☐ Small chugger style pearl-colored topwater lure
- ☐ Small silver casting spoon

Safety & Other Gear

- ☐ Lifejacket
- ☐ Wide-brimmed hat
- ☐ Wade boots for stream fishing
- ☐ Rain Suit
- ☐ Knife/Pliers/Multi-tool
- ☐ Tackle box or bag/Fishing vest
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Filet Knife
- ☐ Insect Repellent
- ☐ Water Bottle
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ Cell Phone/Camera
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses
- ☐ Compass/Maps/GPS