



GEAR UP & GET OUT!

Spring Fishing CHECKLIST

Use this equipment list to help plan and prepare for successful Spring 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

Licenses and Permits
May be purchased online at

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