















# POPULAR SPORTFISHES OF PENNSYLVANIA

## WHERE, HOW AND WHEN TO CATCH THEM

FISH	WHERE	HOW	WHEN
<b>Bluegill</b> <b>Pumpkinseed</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weedy shorelines of lakes and ponds</li> <li>Gravel and rocky areas of lakes and ponds</li> </ul>	<b>Bait:</b> Nightcrawler, waxworm or mealworm pieces fished on a hook below a bobber <b>Lures:</b> Small twisters and poppers (1/32 to 1/8 ounce) <b>Color:</b> White, yellow and chartreuse <b>Line:</b> 2- to 6-pound-test line <b>Hook:</b> 6-12	<b>Spring:</b> Early morning <b>Summer:</b> Late day <b>Fall:</b> Late day
<b>Redbreast Sunfish</b> <b>Rock Bass</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rocky areas of ponds and lakes</li> <li>Riffles and pockets behind rock in rivers and streams</li> </ul>	<b>Bait:</b> Minnows, crayfish, grubs, nightcrawlers and hellgrammites fished on a light wire hook drifted along the bottom <b>Lures:</b> Small spinners and twisters (1/16 to 1/8 ounce) <b>Color:</b> Black, brown and green <b>Line:</b> 4- to 8-pound-test line <b>Hook:</b> 4-8	<b>Spring:</b> Mid-day <b>Summer:</b> Early/late day <b>Fall:</b> Early/late day
<b>Black Crappie</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large streams, lakes and ponds with clear water and little vegetation</li> <li>Submerged logs, trees and stumps</li> </ul>	<b>Bait:</b> Grubs, worms and minnows fished on or near the bottom or under a float; crickets and grasshoppers fished on the surface <b>Lures:</b> Small spinners, twisters and crankbaits (1/32 to 1/8 ounce) <b>Color:</b> Black, brown and green <b>Line:</b> 4- to 8-pound-test line <b>Hook:</b> 4-8	<b>Spring:</b> Daytime <b>Summer:</b> Early day <b>Fall:</b> Early day
<b>White Crappie</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large ponds, lakes and reservoirs under submerged trees, logs and stumps. Found in warmer, more turbid waters than Black Crappies</li> </ul>	<b>Bait:</b> Minnows or grubs fished near the bottom or under a float <b>Lures:</b> Small spinners and twisters (1/32 to 1/8 ounce) <b>Color:</b> White, silver, black, green and yellow <b>Line:</b> 2- to 6-pound-test line <b>Hook:</b> 4-8	<b>Spring:</b> Daytime <b>Summer:</b> Early day <b>Fall:</b> Early day
<b>Yellow Perch</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear, lakes and ponds</li> <li>Slow-moving streams with rocky bottoms</li> </ul>	<b>Bait:</b> Worms or grubs fished on or near the bottom <b>Lures:</b> Spinners, twisters and crankbaits (1/32 to 1/8 ounce) <b>Color:</b> White, yellow and green <b>Line:</b> 2- to 4-pound-test line <b>Hook:</b> 4-8	<b>Spring:</b> Afternoon in March and April <b>Summer:</b> Early morning and late evening
<b>Smallmouth Bass</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warm streams and rivers with gravel bottoms</li> <li>Rocky areas along weed beds</li> <li>Clear lakes, ponds and reservoirs</li> </ul>	<b>Bait:</b> Crayfish, minnows and hellgrammites fished on a jig head or a light wire hook drifted on the bottom or under a bobber <b>Lures:</b> Bucktail jigs, crankbaits, spinners, twisters, topwater poppers and stickballs (1/16 to 3/4 ounce) <b>Color:</b> Brown, black, motor-oil green and shad colored <b>Line:</b> 4- to 10-pound-test line <b>Hook:</b> 1-4	<b>Spring:</b> Daytime <b>Summer:</b> Early morning and late evening <b>Fall:</b> Daytime

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<b>Largemouth Bass</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weedy lakes and ponds</li> <li>Sluggish or backwater areas on rivers</li> </ul>	<b>Bait:</b> Large minnows and crayfish fished on the bottom or under a bobber <b>Lures:</b> Jigs, crankbaits, plastic worms, twisters and poppers (1/6 to 1 ounce) <b>Color:</b> Black, brown, purple and green <b>Line:</b> 6- to 14-pound-test line <b>Hook:</b> 3/0-4	<b>Spring:</b> Daytime <b>Summer:</b> Early morning and early evening <b>Fall:</b> Daytime
<b>Walleye</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deep, clear lakes</li> <li>Large rivers with rocky or gravel bottoms</li> </ul>	<b>Bait:</b> Minnows, leeches and nightcrawlers fished on a jig head or a slip ring on or near the bottom <b>Lures:</b> Jigs, crankbaits, twisters and spinners (1/8 to 1 ounce) <b>Color:</b> Bright green, yellow, gold, silver, black and purple <b>Line:</b> 6- to 12-pound-test line <b>Hook:</b> 3/0-4	<b>Spring:</b> Morning and late day <b>Summer:</b> Night
<b>Channel Catfish</b> <b>Bullheads</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deep, clear rivers</li> <li>Muddy ponds and lakes</li> </ul>	<b>Bait:</b> Chicken or beef livers, cut bait, minnows and prepared stinkbait fished on the bottom with a single or treble hook slip rig <b>Lures:</b> Spinners and jigs tipped with a minnow or nightcrawler <b>Color:</b> Black, brown and green <b>Line:</b> 10-pound-test line <b>Hook:</b> 4	<b>Summer:</b> Nighttime in early June and mid-June
<b>Carp</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slow brackish rivers and ponds</li> <li>Lakes with lots of weeds</li> </ul>	<b>Bait:</b> Corn, nightcrawlers and prepared dough balls fished on a single or treble hook on the bottom <b>Line:</b> 6-pound-test line <b>Hook:</b> 6 and up	<b>All seasons:</b> Daytime
<b>Suckers</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streams and rivers with rocky, gravel bottoms</li> <li>Mouths of feeder streams</li> </ul>	<b>Bait:</b> Corn and nightcrawlers fished on the bottom <b>Line:</b> 2- to 4-pound-test line <b>Hook:</b> 4-12	<b>Early Spring:</b> Daytime
<b>Trout</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cold, clear lakes and streams</li> <li>Some rivers</li> </ul>	<b>Bait:</b> Minnows, worms, salmon eggs, corn, cheese and prepared baits fished on light wire hooks drifted on the bottom <b>Lures:</b> Spinners and small crankbaits (1/32 to 1/8 ounce) <b>Line:</b> 2- to 8-pound-test line <b>Hook:</b> 6-14	<b>Spring:</b> Mid-day <b>Summer:</b> Early morning and early evening

The best time to go fishing is anytime! These seasons and times of day are only suggestions. Fishing action can vary depending on weather and water conditions.