









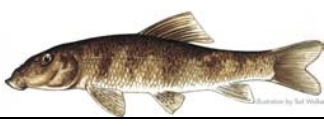





POPULAR SPORTFISHES OF PENNSYLVANIA

WHERE, HOW, AND WHEN TO CATCH THEM

FISH	WHERE TO	HOW TO			WHEN TO	
Bluegill Pumpkinseed 	Habitat Weedy shorelines of lakes and ponds, gravel and rocky areas	Bait Piece of nightcrawler, wax worm or meal worm fished on a hook below a bobber	Type Lures Color Line Hook Size Lure Size	Small twisters & poppers White, yellow & chartreuse 2 to 6 lb. Test 6-12 1/32 to 1/8 oz.	Spring Summer Fall	Early Morning Late day Late day
Redbreast Sunfish Rock Bass 	Habitat Rocky areas of ponds and lakes. Riffles and pockets behind rock in rivers and streams	Bait Minnows, crayfish, grubs, nightcrawlers, hellgrammites, on a light wire hook-drifted along bottom. Weight with a few split shot	Type Lures Color Line Hook Size Lure Size	Small spinners & twisters Black, brown and green 4 to 8 lb. Test 4-8 1/16 to 1/8 oz.	Spring Summer Fall	Mid-day Early/late day Early/late day
Black Crappies 	Habitat Large streams, lakes and ponds with clear water & a little vegetation, sub-merged logs, trees and stumps	Bait Grubs, worms, minnows fished on or near the bottom or under a float, crickets, grasshoppers on a light wire fished on surface	Type Lures Color Line Hook Size Lure Size	Small spinners & twisters and crankbait Black, brown and green 4 to 8 lb. Test 4-8 1/32 to 1/8 oz.	Spring Summer Fall	Daytime Early day Early day
White Crappies 	Habitat Large ponds, lakes and reservoirs under sub-merged trees, logs and stumps. Found in warmer, more turbid waters than the Black Crappie	Bait Minnows or grubs fished near the bottom or under a float	Type Lures Color Line Hook Size Lure Size	Small spinners & twisters White, silver, black, green And yellow 2-6 lb. Test 4-8 1/32 to 1/8 oz.	Spring Summer Fall	Daytime Early day Early day
Yellow Perch 	Habitat Clear, cool, open lakes and ponds, also in a few slow-moving streams with rocky bottoms	Bait Worms or grubs fished on or near the bottom	Type Lures Color Line Hook Size Lure Size	Spinners, twisters, and crankbaits White, yellow, green 2-4 lb. Test 4-8 1/32 to 1/8 oz.	Spring Summer	Afternoon March/April Early morning Late Evening
Smallmouth Bass 	Habitat Warm streams and rivers with gravel bottoms; Rocky areas along weed beds; A few clear lakes, ponds and reservoirs	Bait Crayfish, minnows, hellgrammite fished on a jig-head or a light wire hook drifted on the bottom or under a bobber	Type Lures Color Line Hook Size Lure Size	Bucktail jigs, crankbaits, spinners, twisters, top-water poppers & stickballs Brown, black, motor-oil green, shad colored 4-10 lb. Test 1-4 1/16 to 3/4 oz.	Spring Summer Fall	Daytime Early morning Late evening Daytime

<p>Largemouth Bass</p> 	<p>Habitat Weedy lakes and ponds, sluggish or backwater areas on rivers. Largemouth can tolerate a wide range of conditions</p>	<p>Bait Large minnows, crayfish fished on the bottom or under a bobber</p>	<p>Type Lures Color Line Hook Size Lure Size</p>	<p>Jigs, crankbaits, plastic worms, twisters & poppers Black, brown, purple and Green 6-14 lb. Test 3/0 to 4 1/16 to 1 oz.</p>	<p>Spring Summer Fall</p>	<p>Daytime Early morning Early evening Daytime</p>
<p>Walleye</p> 	<p>Habitat Deep, clear lakes and large rivers with a rocky or gravel bottom</p>	<p>Bait Minnows, leeches, night crawlers fished on a gig head or a slip ring on or near the bottom</p>	<p>Type Lures Color Line Hook Size Lure Size</p>	<p>Jigs, crankbaits, twisters, and spinners Bright green, yellow, gold, silver, black and purple 6-12 lb. Test 3/0 – 4 1/8 to 1 oz.</p>	<p>Spring Summer</p>	<p>Morning Late day Night</p>
<p>Channel Catfish Bullheads</p> 	<p>Habitat Variety of places including clear deep rivers to muddy ponds and lakes</p>	<p>Bait Chicken or beef livers, cut bait, minnows or prepared stink-bait fished on the bottom with a single or treble hook slip rig</p>	<p>Type Lures Color Line Hook Size Lure Size</p>	<p>Spinners and jigs tipped with a minnow or nightcrawler 10 lb. Test 4</p>	<p>Summer Early to Mid June</p>	<p>Nighttime</p>
<p>Carp</p> 	<p>Habitat Slow brackish rivers, ponds and lakes with lots of weeds</p>	<p>Bait Corn, night crawlers or prepared dough-balls fished on a single or treble hook on the bottom</p>	<p>Line Hook Size</p>	<p>6 lb. Test 6 and up</p>	<p>ALL Seasons</p>	<p>Daytime</p>
<p>Suckers</p> 	<p>Habitat Streams and rivers with a rocky, gravel bottom, mouths of feeder streams, especially in the Spring</p>	<p>Bait Corn, nightcrawler fished on the bottom</p>	<p>Line Hook Size</p>	<p>2-4 lb. Test 4-12</p>	<p>Early Spring</p>	<p>Daytime</p>
<p>Trout: Brown, Rainbow, Brook</p> 	<p>Habitat Cold clear lakes and streams, and some rivers</p>	<p>Bait Minnows, worms, salmon eggs, corn, cheese, prepared baits fished on light wire hook drifted on the bottom</p>	<p>Type Lures Line Hook Size Lure Size</p>	<p>Spinners and small crankbaits 2-8 lb. Test 6-14 1/32 to 1/8 oz.</p>	<p>Spring Summer</p>	<p>Mid-day Early morning Early evening</p>

Remember: The best time to go fishing is anytime! These season and times of day are only suggestions. Fishing Action can vary depending on weather and water conditions. For additional information, see our WEB SITE @ www.fish.state.pa.us.

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