

The Ideal Fishing Spot

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There are lots of places to go fishing in Pennsylvania. Some are better than others for a family fishing outing. When choosing the ideal family fishing spot, look for these features:

✓ A gradually sloping bank in the area you want to fish.

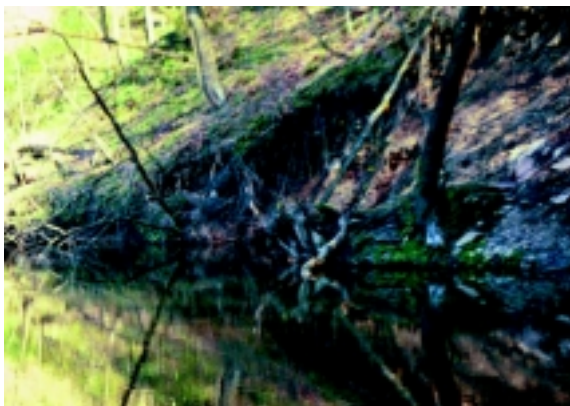


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✓ Stay away from high banks or ones that are covered with trees and shrubs.



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✓ Dry place to sit on the bank.



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✓ Trees close by to shade the bank.

✓ Easy to walk or drive to with a lot of parking for cars or bicycles.



✓ Restrooms nearby.



✓ Slow-moving water. Fast-moving water can be dangerous.

✓ Loaded with panfish. See panfish identification in this issue.



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✓ Picnic tables.

✓ Other fun things to do when the fishing action slows.

To help find an ideal family fishing spot, look on the Internet. Start at the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission web site: www.fish.state.pa.us. There you will find information about Fish & Boat Commission lakes. The trout stocking schedule is also posted on the web site.

The PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has a good site at www.dcnr.state.pa.us. The DCNR has information on Pennsylvania state parks.

State parks make great family fishing spots. You can find everything on the list in many of our state, county and local parks.

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One site you have to visit is www.WaterWorksWonders.org. There you can find information about family fishing spots all over the United States. Looking for the ideal family fishing spot on the Internet is a great rainy day activity.

