

# Manners Are Important

It's important to use good manners when you're at the dinner table. It's also important to use good manners when you're fishing. Good manners can make a more enjoyable day for you and others around you.

Good manners include asking permission from landowners before entering their land to fish, or before just crossing their land to reach a fishing spot.

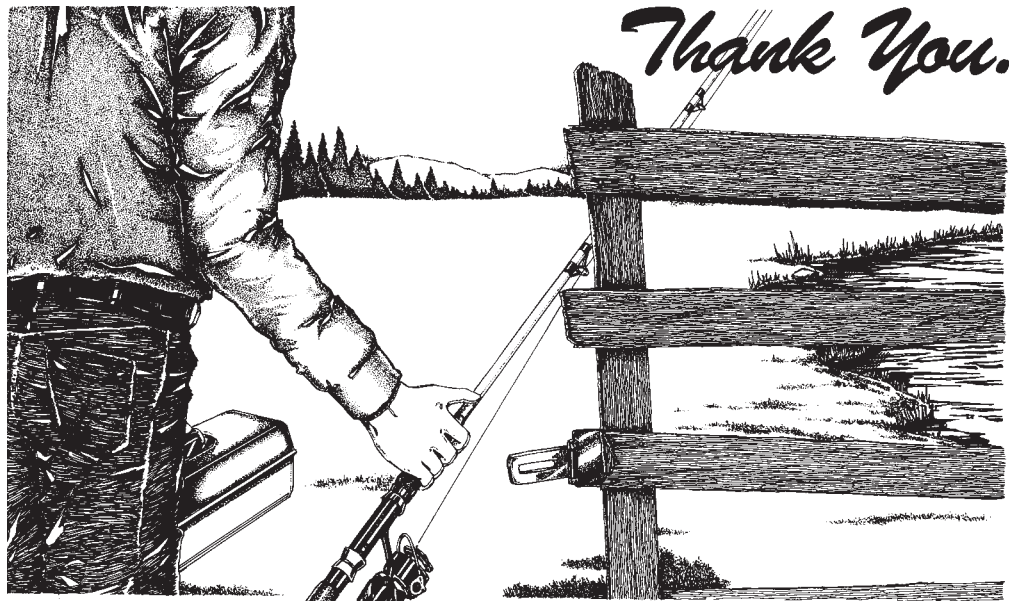
Many landowners allow strangers to cross their property to fish. They don't have to. They do this as a courtesy.

One way to show your appreciation is not to litter. And be sure to pick up any litter you may find.

A more traditional way to show your appreciation is with a thank-you card. Use the notecard below to write a short thank-you note to your favorite landowner.

While you're on the water it's important to show good manners

toward those around you. Give other anglers plenty of space to fish. Be respectful and keep your voice down. If you're catching fish, keep your hooting and hollering to yourself. Many anglers go fishing to enjoy the peace and quiet. Your big smile, not your loud noises, will show everyone around you that you're having a great time.



**From:**

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**Dear Landowner:**

***I want to thank you for allowing me on your property. I spend many enjoyable hours fishing here, and without your hospitality that would not be possible. In return, I promise to make sure that I leave nothing behind but footprints and will treat your land as if it were my own. Thanks again.***

*Please feel free to photocopy this card.*