

RIVERS

Rivers come in all shapes and sizes. Some are small and flow fast. Others are much larger and flow slowly. One thing that they have in common is that many lower-order tributaries eventually feed them. Some well-known rivers in Pennsylvania include the Allegheny, Susquehanna and Delaware. The lower reaches of these rivers are often much wider, deeper and warmer than their upstream tributaries. The fish that live in them are different because of these conditions.



Focus on Fishing



Smallmouth bass are a great fish to focus on when fishing in rivers. They are more tolerant of warmer waters than are other fish like trout. They also like living around large rocks, downed trees and debris that can be found in the river environment. You can fish for smallmouth bass from the shore or from a boat. You'll want a fast-action spinning or baitcasting outfit.



Use hellgrammites, minnows and crayfish if you prefer live bait. No smallmouth can resist those tasty treats. Try a crayfish plug, jointed minnow or large spinner if you prefer tossing lures.

