

Range

Yellow perch are a plentiful fish that can be found in most of North America. They are a native species east of the Rocky Mountains and as far south as South Carolina. They can be found in most of eastern Canada as well as northcentral Canada. Perch have also been stocked in western states like Idaho, Montana, Washington, California, New Mexico, and Texas. **Have you caught perch near your home?**



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Habitat

Perch live in lakes and ponds. Sometimes they can also be found in slow-moving rivers or even in tidewater. The best places to fish for perch are in lakes or ponds with clear water and vegetation along the shore. Perch are usually found in water less than 30 feet deep. During different seasons, perch use different parts of the lake. In the spring, they can be found around rock piles near the lake's bottom. In the summer, they favor the edges of weeded areas.

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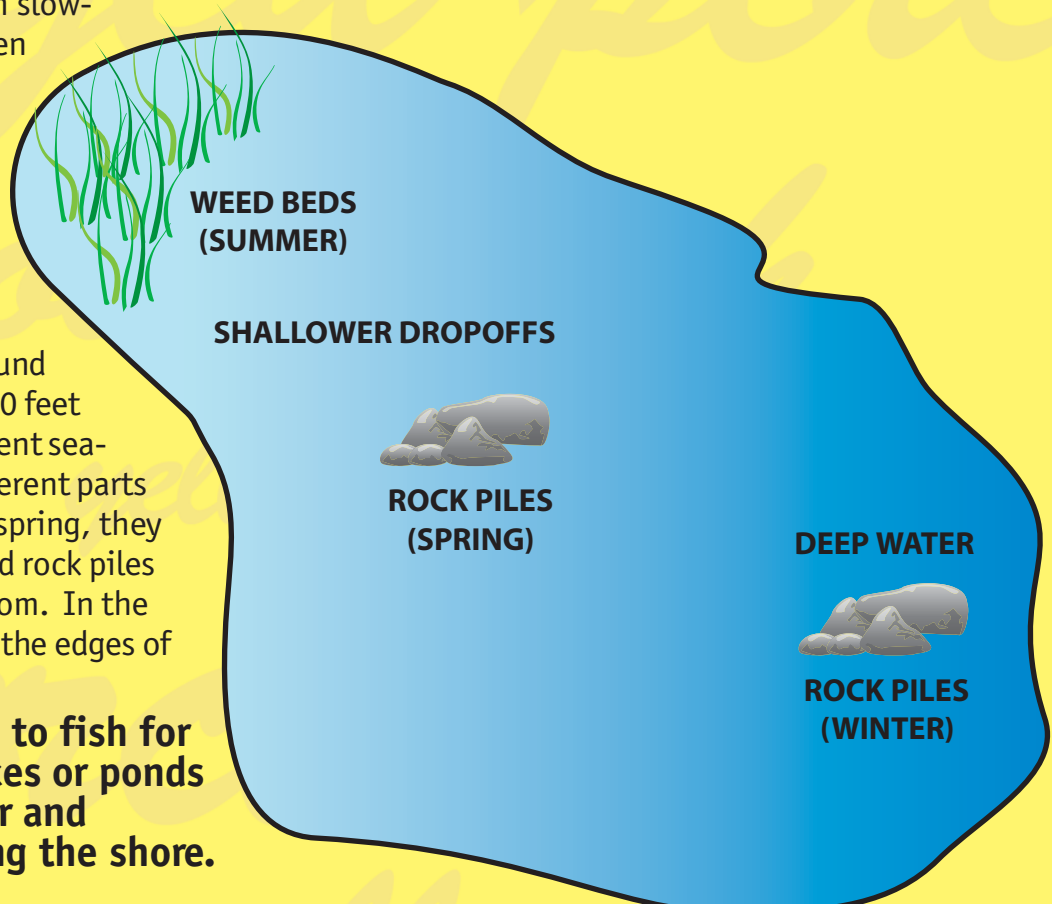


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