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## Fish Around the Clock

No matter where you are in Pennsylvania, summer fishing is fantastic! But knowing how fish react to temperature and light before you wet your line will help you land more fish.

### Sunrise

Some say the first few hours of daylight are the best time to fish. The water temperature is coolest then, and the fish are rested. This is a peaceful time, with ducks on the water, herons feeding in the shallows, and you and your gear. Go quietly, though, or you will spook the fish.

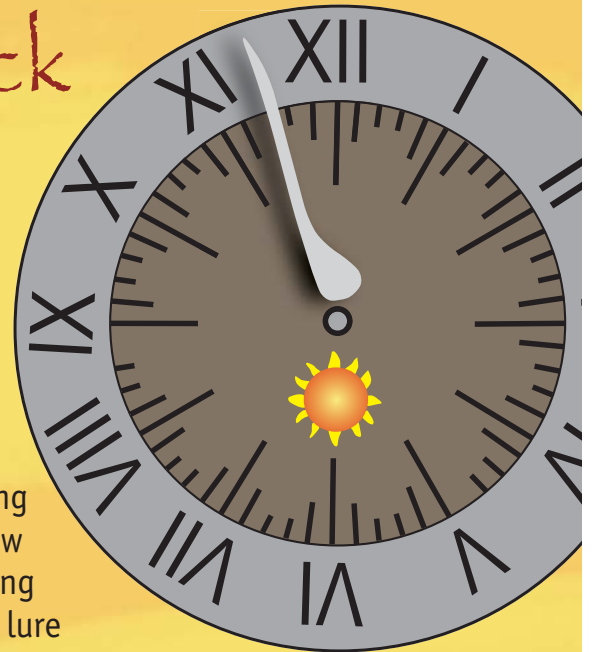


### Midday

Hot! Hot! Hot! The middle of a summer day is definitely NOT a great time to fish. The fish avoid the sun, hiding in sheltered, shady areas or in deep pools. If you really want to fish at midday, go where the fish are. Try areas of vegetation, submerged tree roots, big rocks, dropoffs, deep pools, or in the shade of waterside trees. Cloudy and rainy days will give you better results.

### Evening

As the sun sets and the air cools, the fish come out of hiding. The last hours of daylight are ripe for catching more than a few lunkers. Evening insect hatches lure hungry baitfish and larger fish out of hiding.



### Night

If you can, night time is the right time to catch small-mouth bass, catfish, walleyes and black crappies. They are actively feeding at night and can fall prey to anglers after dark.

Fishing is one of the best parts of summer. By varying where and how you fish, you could have fun fishing anytime!

