

Do Your Homework

Planning a Trip on a Human-Powered Boat

Planning can help you have a safe, fun and successful fishing trip. Here are some things to do before you hit the water:



- **Choose a body of water.** The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission's "Pennsylvania's Best Fishing Waters" is a great place to start. This website lists the best places to fish. Visit PaBestFishing.com.

- **Learn about the types of fish that live where you plan on fishing.** Find out what bait works best for those fish. Use maps to find spots where fish may be found.

- **Learn the fishing and boating rules and regulations for that body of water.** Find out if your boat needs a launch permit or registration. Learn about the seasons, sizes and limits for the fish you may catch. For more information, visit www.fishandboat.com.

- **Learn the location of access points, so you can get in and out of the water easily.** Maps showing accesses are available at most park offices. These maps may also show you where hazards are located such as dams or rapids.

- **Learn about other dangers you may find on the water.** Wind, waves, rocks and fallen trees can be dangerous.

- **Check the weather forecast.** Avoid boating when storms, high winds or high water are in the forecast. Rain miles away can result in high water downstream. You can check on the stream flow of many Pennsylvania waters by visiting <http://pa.water.usgs.gov>.

- **Never boat alone!** Always have an adult with you when you are boating.

