

Stream Manners

Remember the **SMART** angler philosophy:

Safety first.

Manners are important.

Appreciate clean water.

Release some of your catch.

Teach others to be SMART anglers.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!



(Above) Round Goby



(Left) Zebra Mussels

Stop aquatic hitchhikers such as round gobies and zebra mussels from entering all waterways.

- Check your equipment for mud and aquatic animals and plants.
- Drain coolers and bait buckets used to hold fish and bait. Properly discard any leftover bait.
- Clean mud from your boots and equipment.
- Dry your equipment and clothing until its dry to the touch. Then, allow it to dry for two more days.

Safety

- Never fish alone. Always let someone else know where you plan to fish.
- Watch water levels, because they can rise quickly.
- When wading, use boots with metal cleats or studs and a wading staff.

Be Respectful of

- Private property—Ask for permission, and stay in the stream.
- Fishing areas—Be courteous of other anglers on the stream.



Practice "Leave No Trace"

- "Pack out what you pack in."
- If you see trash along the stream, pick it up.
- Bring a litterbag.