



Catching Lake Erie Steelhead

Steelhead group together, so fishing waters with a mix of good cover and water depth is an effective fishing technique. Overhead cover is also important. Deep water, riffles, rocks or timber are ideal holding locations to fish.



Bait Fishing

- Place your bait of choice onto the hook.
- Choose your splitshot based on water conditions and type of bait.
- Slow-moving water requires less weight than fast-moving water or heavier baits.
- Place the weight about 6 to 12 inches above your bait.
- Attach the hook to the line.

Fly Fishing with Egg Patterns

- Tie the hook with the egg pattern to the end of your leader.
- Place the indicator on your leader a few inches or two feet down from your fly line. Placement depends on water speed and depth.
- Choose a splitshot size based on water conditions, type of fly and size of indicator, if you do not have a weighted nymph.
- Place the weight about 6 to 12 inches above the fly.
- Do not place the weight all in one location. Spread them out within a 24-inch section.

Fishing Techniques Used for Both Types of Fishing

- Cast the bait or fly upstream into holding water. Cast close at first. Work your way out to the middle of the stream.
- Lead the line with your rod tip at or slower than water current.
- Continue to lead the bait or fly through the drift when the line passes you.
- Set the hook if the bait or indicator hesitates.

