

THE WATER IS WAITING

FISHING ETIQUETTE

SHARE THE WATER

Catch fish, not other anglers! Allow other anglers 60 feet or more of space on the bank.

REGULATIONS PROTECT YOU & FISH

Don't keep more fish than the limit. Regulations ensure everyone has a chance to safely catch fish today and tomorrow.

DON'T LEAVE TRASH BEHIND

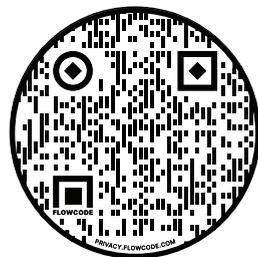
Dispose of your trash and fishing line in the proper receptacles. If none are nearby, bring out what you brought in. Please leave the shore and water cleaner than you found it.

FURTHER RESOURCES

There's lots more to learn about fishing, including:

- How to knot your hook
- How to cast a line
- How to clean your catch

Find it all and more at ksoutdoors.com/fishing



A INTRO TO KANSAS FISHING

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GET STARTED FISHING TODAY

BUY A LICENSE

A Kansas fishing license* is required for all anglers age 16-74.

There are many convenient ways to purchase:

- Kshunfishcamp.com
- From any licensed vendor
- Any KDWPT Office
- Mobile App - HuntFishKS
- By calling 1-800-918-2877

BASIC FISHING GEAR

Rod & Reel - Spincast rods are a low-cost and low-maintenance rod for beginners. They are lightweight and easy to use. Look for reels with 8-12 lb test line for a versatile, sturdy setup.

Tackle Box - Storage for lures and hooks. Pick one you like!

Hooks- Look for "Aberdeen" or "Bait-holder" hooks in a variety of sizes.

Weights - These take the bait down to where the fish are. Split-shot sinkers are the most versatile and easy to use.

Bobbers - Floats keep bait at desired depth and indicate when a fish is on the line.

Bait - Worms are the most recommended bait for Kansas lakes and ponds, but hot dogs work in a pinch too.

FIND A PLACE TO FISH

Find a detailed listing of all public fishing lakes and reservoirs in Kansas at KSoutdoors.com/fishing. Also find details on Walk-In Fishing Access and Community Fisheries Assistance Program.

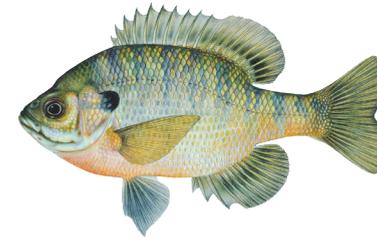
Walk-in Fishing Access lets you fish at privately owned ponds and streams leased for public use by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism. The Community Fisheries Assistance Program leases fishing rights from over two hundred community lakes statewide.

BEGIN WITH THESE FISH

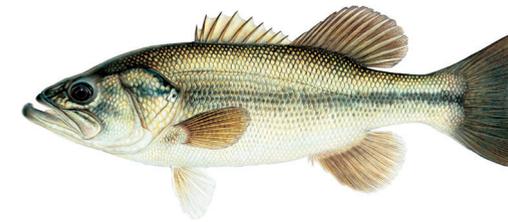
Get to know fish species native and stocked in Kansas lakes that are easy to start catching from the shore or a boat.

PRO TIPS

BLUEGILL are common panfish that are easy to catch in shallow water. No need to make a long cast, they hang out by the shore and next to docks!



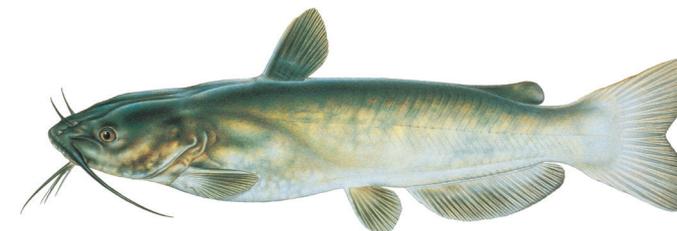
LARGEMOUTH BASS like to hang out in shallow water, especially around submerged structures like trees and logs. Largemouth bass are most active spring through fall.



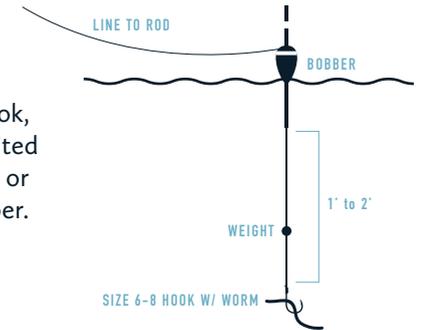
RAINBOW TROUT are popular fish found along the shoreline among rocks and other structures. Kansas Trout Season is November 1 - April 15. A trout permit is required during the season. Refer to the annual Fishing Regulations Summary or ksoutdoors.com for more information.



CATFISH are bottomfeeders found in nearly all waters, from large rivers and reservoirs to small prairie streams. Good channel cat fishing is never far away in Kansas. Google "learn how to hold a catfish." KDWPT stocks harvest-sized channel catfish in urban ponds statewide, April to September. For locations and schedules, visit www.ksoutdoors.com



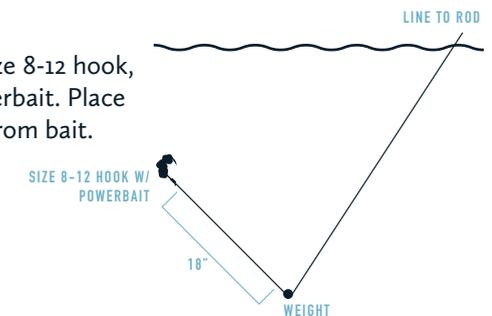
Pro Tip: Use a small hook, such as a size 6 or 8, baited with half a worm a foot or two below a small bobber.



Pro Tip: Use a common bass lure such as a curl tail grub.



Pro Tip: Use a size 8-12 hook, baited with powerbait. Place a weight 18" up from bait.



Pro Tip: Use a medium 4 -6 sized hook, baited with a full worm, weighted enough to sink to the bottom.

