

FISHING LICENSE

An Ohio license is required for anyone age 16 or older, except as listed below. The license is required to be in your possession while fishing. Licenses are valid for one year beginning March 1.

Free licenses are available through most license outlets for residents who are:

- physically disabled, and require assistance to fish
- residents of state and county institutions
- holders of “veteran” license plates
- veterans who are permanently disabled
- former prisoners of war

A fishing license is not required of persons who are:

- younger than 16 years old
- giving assistance to a fisherman who is physically disabled, provided the two persons together are using only one line
- members of the U.S. Armed Forces on annual leave or furlough

A fishing license is not required at the following MetroParks sites:

- Carriage Hill MetroPark’s Cedar Lake and North Woods Pond
- Possum Creek MetroPark’s Argonne Lake and fishing ponds
- Germantown MetroPark’s Sunfish Pond
- Eastwood MetroPark’s Lagoon and Blue Lake

A good angler has respect for the quarry, before and after catching it, and knows there is much more to fishing than taking a limit.

FISHING

FISHING AT YOUR FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS



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FISHING OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

The waters of your MetroParks are rich in fish life. Whether you are fishing the Mad River for trout, wading the clear waters of Twin Creek in search of the scrappy smallmouth bass, or doing battle at Possum Creek’s fishing lake with a giant catfish, fishing opportunities abound in the Montgomery County area.

For recreation, relaxation or food, fishing is an outdoor activity that can be enjoyed by all members of a family, both young and old. The techniques and equipment used vary from angler to angler and often depend on the species sought. Rod and reel combinations are available in various classes. A good all-around fishing outfit for our area is in the light to medium class range. Line for such an outfit should be eight to ten pound test line.

BASIC TACKLE

Basic tackle includes rods and reels. There are four choices and anglers must determine which is best suited for their fishing style. Spin-cast is a good choice for the beginner. The other three require a bit more skill, but can be mastered with practice.



Spin-cast Reel



Spinning Reel



Bait-cast Reel



Fly-cast Reel

RULES AND REGULATIONS

For the most part, fishing rules in MetroParks facilities parallel state regulations. In some cases, MetroParks rules may be more stringent to maintain the best fishing possible. Please check for posted signs before fishing. These may indicate size or number limits and ponds/lakes that are catch-and-release only. No reptiles or amphibians may be taken from MetroParks sites.

BAIT

Live Bait: Includes minnows, insects, crayfish, nightcrawlers (Live bait may not be collected in MetroParks facilities.)

Artificial Bait: Includes plastic worms and jigs, spoons, spinners, plugs, flies



Spoon



Spinner



Plastic Worm



Fly



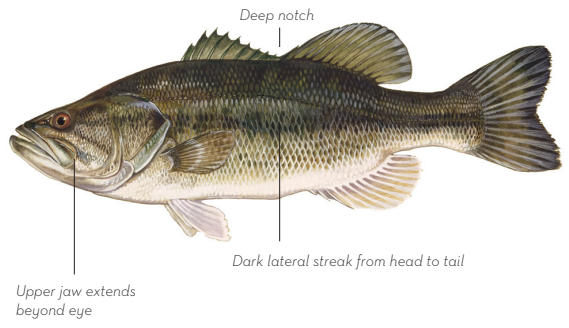
Plug

FISH FOUND IN METROPARKS WATERS

Largemouth Bass

LOCATION: All lakes and ponds

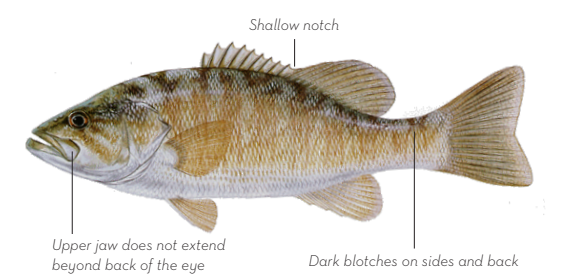
BAITS: Crayfish, Minnows, Plugs and Spinners



Smallmouth Bass

LOCATION: All streams

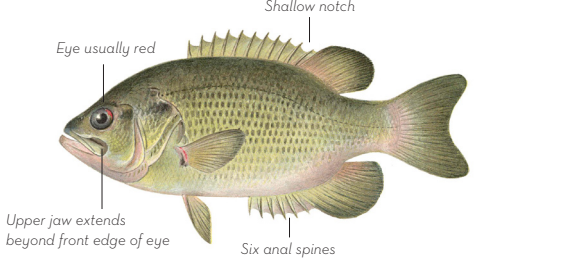
BAITS: Crayfish, Minnows, Plugs, Spinners and Flies



Rock Bass

LOCATION: All streams

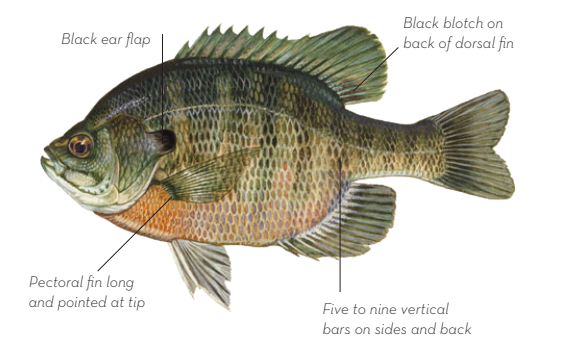
BAITS: Crayfish, Minnows and Small Spinners



Bluegill

LOCATION: All lakes and ponds

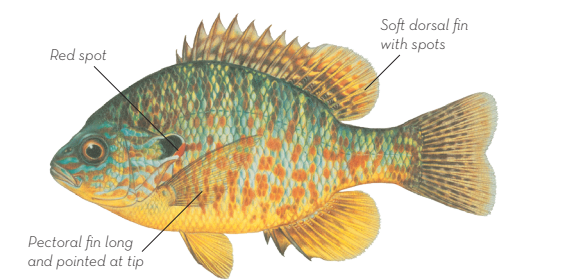
BAITS: Red Worms, Insects and Jigs



Pumpkinseed

LOCATION: All lakes, ponds and streams

BAITS: Red Worms, Maggots and Jigs



Crappie

LOCATION: All lakes, ponds and streams

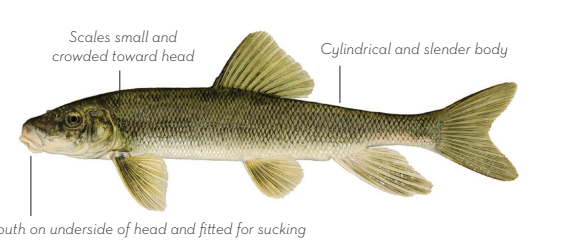
BAITS: Minnows and Jigs (1/32 oz. white)



White Sucker

LOCATION: All streams

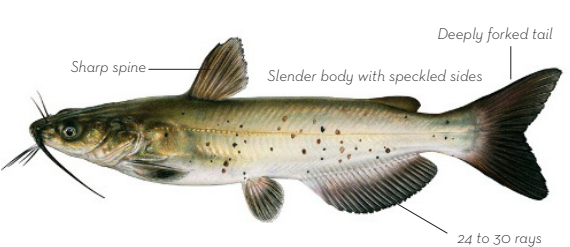
BAITS: Night Crawlers



Channel Catfish

LOCATION: All lakes, ponds and streams

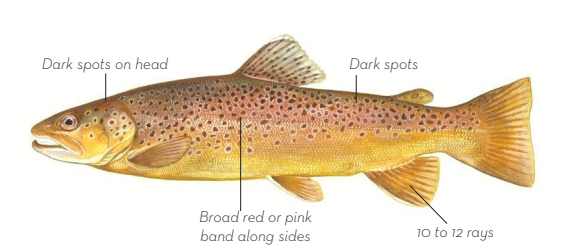
BAITS: Night Crawlers



Brown Trout

LOCATION: Mad River

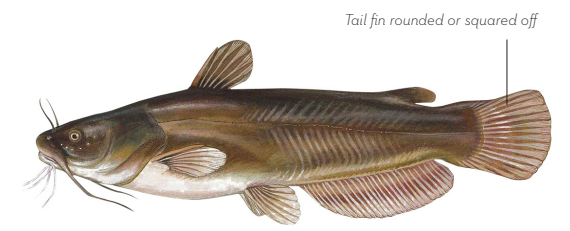
BAITS: Cheese, Worms, Corn, Small Spoons, Small Spinners and Flies



Bullhead

LOCATION: All lakes, ponds and streams

BAITS: Night Crawlers, Liver and Hot Dogs



LAKE & POND FISHING

- Carriage Hill MetroPark** - Cedar Lake (15 acres), North Woods Pond (1 acre)
- Eastwood MetroPark** - Eastwood Lake (185 acres), Blue Lake (7 acres), Lagoon (12 acres)
- Englewood MetroPark** - North Ponds (50 acres), Martindale Road Ponds (17 acres)
- Germantown MetroPark** - Sunfish Pond (1 acre, catch and release only)
- Huffman MetroPark** - Huffman Lake (44 acres)
- Possum Creek MetroPark** - Argonne Lake (15 acres), four ponds (three are stocked periodically with trout or catfish)
- Twin Creek MetroPark** - Lake George (.7 acres), Dogwood Pond (1.7 acres)

STREAM FISHING

- Eastwood MetroPark** - Mad River
- Englewood MetroPark** - Stillwater River
- Germantown MetroPark** - Twin Creek
- Island MetroPark** - Great Miami River
- Huffman MetroPark** - Mad River
- River Corridor Bikeway** - Great Miami & Stillwater Rivers
- Taylorsville MetroPark** - Great Miami River
- Twin Creek MetroPark** - Twin Creek
- Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark** - Stillwater River
- Wesleyan MetroPark** - Wolf Creek