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.

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.

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

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.
**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 (85 acres), Blue Lake (7 acres), Lagoon (12 acres)
Englewood MetroPark - North Ponds (50 acres), Martindale Road Ponds (7 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 (17 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