

# Fish In SC

Family fun on the water



## Freshwater

## Brackish

## Saltwater



RAINBOW TROUT

BROOK TROUT



BROWN TROUT



STRIPED BASS



HYBRID BASS



BLACK CRAPPIE



REDBREAST SUNFISH



LARGEMOUTH BASS



BLUE CATFISH



CHANNEL CATFISH



VERMILLION SNAPPER



DOLPHIN FISH

ATLANTIC SPADEFISH



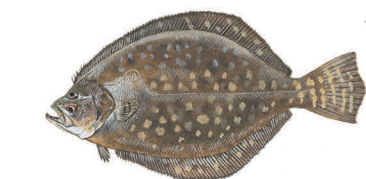
COBIA

KING MACKEREL



RED DRUM

WAHOO



SOUTHERN FLOUNDER

SPANISH MACKEREL



SPOTTED SEA TROUT

Many freshwater fish **CAN LIVE** in brackish environments.  
Most saltwater fish **ONLY TOLERATE** brackish environments.

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South Carolina  
Just right.







Take part in new and exciting adventures in the Palmetto State's beautiful waters and make memories that will last a lifetime. South Carolina's mountains, midlands and coast are all within a short driving distance, so you can fish all three regions in a single weekend. To find out more about the top family fishing destinations, as well as what you can expect to catch while you're there, visit [FishInSC.com](http://FishInSC.com).

## FRESHWATER FISHING

Be sure to check with state parks, state lakes, city reservoirs or county parks for special bag limits and regulations that apply to certain fishing areas throughout the state.

### Streams

South Carolina is made up of more than 30,000 miles of streams and rivers that make their way through South Carolina's Upstate around the mountains and into the Midlands. These streams are a popular destination for fly fishing. While this type of fishing does require some practice and skill, streams are a great place to begin learning about the sport. And what better classroom than the beautiful mountains of South Carolina's Upstate? Make lasting memories with family and the people who matter most as you hone those fly fishing skills. ....

### Rivers

With thousands of miles of rivers throughout South Carolina, there is no shortage of great freshwater fishing spots. One of the Palmetto State's top rivers for fishing is the Pee Dee River, which is not only full of catfish and redbreast, but is also a beautiful place to spend a day on the water. Another great fishing destination is Whitewater River, well known for its breathtaking waterfalls and trout fishing.

### Lakes

Reconnect with family and friends to make lifelong memories at some of South Carolina's most scenic and beloved destinations — its lakes! The Palmetto State is home to 14 major reservoirs, which all together cover nearly 370,000 acres. Some of the top lake destinations for fishing include Lake Marion, Lake Thurmond, Lake Moultrie, Lake Jocassee and Lake Murray, just to name a few. Trout, bass, catfish, crappie and shellcrackers can be found in the lakes. So make sure you bring plenty of bait!

## BRACKISH WATERS

Brackish water is made when fresh water and sea water come together in bodies of water called estuaries. Both fresh and saltwater fish species mix in brackish water, which means you never know what you might catch.

## SALTWATER FISHING

### Surf

If you're looking for a more laid-back fishing adventure with the family, visit the beach for a day of surf fishing. Some fish that are often caught while surf fishing include redfish, whiting, flounder and sometimes even small sharks.

### Intracoastal

The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway runs the full length of the South Carolina coastline. Flats fishing is a popular type of fishing that occurs along the waterway in shallow, saltwater inshore areas. Be on the lookout for redfish, cobia and flounder when fishing along the Intracoastal Waterway.

## OFFSHORE FISHING

Deep sea fishing is not for the faint of heart. Before heading out on an all-day excursion into the deep waters of the Atlantic Ocean, be sure that you have the sea legs to handle it. This is where you're likely to catch big game fish, including wahoo, sailfish and mahi mahi.

## SHELLFISH, CRABBING & SHRIMPING



Shellfish, crabbing and shrimping are also popular types of fishing in South Carolina. Visit public shellfish grounds, crab from a public dock or pier, or spend the day in the salt creeks and mud flats and cast for shrimp.

You never know what you might catch while fishing South Carolina's lakes and rivers.



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# Waterways of South Carolina

## LICENSING INFORMATION

A Social Security number and a government-issued ID are required for freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses. Children under 16 years of age do not need a fishing license. To find out more about licensing information, visit [DNR.SC.gov/licensing](http://DNR.SC.gov/licensing).

## LICENSES REQUIRED:

Please check regulations for special non-game permits.

Bush hooks/pole lines  
Seines and gill nets  
Hook and line  
Cast nets  
Trotlines  
Gigging

## RESOURCES



For DNR contact, registration, education, recycling and violation information, visit [DNR.SC.gov](http://DNR.SC.gov).



South Carolina Association of Tourism Regions: [SCATR.com](http://SCATR.com)

## FRESHWATER LAKE FACT

Lake Marion and Moultrie are not landlocked, which means boaters can leave Lake Moultrie through the Pinopolis Lock and travel all the way to the Atlantic Ocean!

## FRESHWATER RIVER FACT

Spanning more than 250 miles, the Edisto River is the longest free-flowing blackwater river in the United States.

## SALTWATER FACT

The best time to go fishing in saltwater is when the tide is rising or falling. There's more movement in the water, and that means the fish are moving too.



## FISHING TACKLE LOANER PROGRAM

At an official South Carolina Fishing Tackle Loaner Program site, you can borrow a rod, reel and tackle box ... everything but the fish!

Program locations include 27 state parks and have helpful hints and other information you need to know to be prepared for your first fishing trip. For more information about the Fishing Tackle Loaner Program, visit [FishInSC.com](http://FishInSC.com).

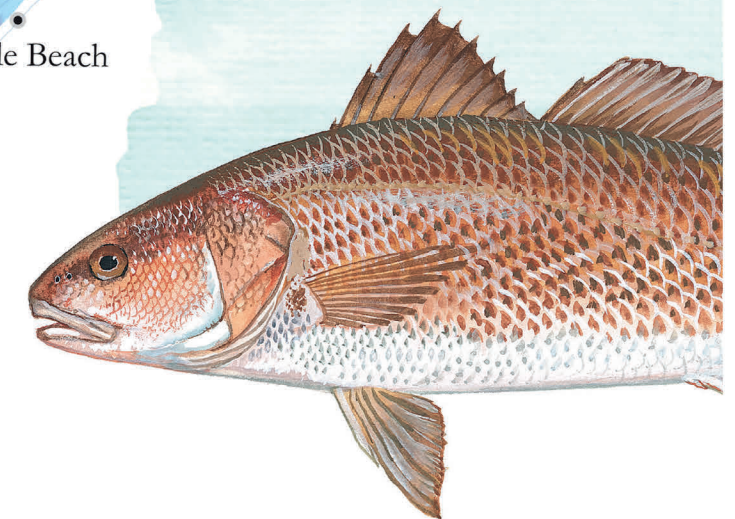
## FRESHWATER/SALTWATER DIVIDING LINE

The freshwater/saltwater dividing line on coastal rivers and creeks is typically located along US Highway 17.

## WATER SAFETY

Be sure everyone has a life jacket on properly and that you're wearing high-SPF sunscreen. Life Jacket Loaner board locations can be found at [BoatUS.org](http://BoatUS.org). Always check the weather and be aware of others while fishing and boating.

\* Map data consolidated from various sources.  
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