Fish In SC
Family fun on the water

Freshwater  Brackish  Saltwater

RAINBOW TROUT  VERMILLION SNAPPER  KING MACKEREL
BROOK TROUT  GOLFINO FISH  RED DRUM
BROWN TROUT  ATLANTIC SPARFISH  MAHIO
STRIPED BASS  CUBIA  SOUTHERN FLOUNDER
HYBRID BASS  REDHERRON  SPANISH MACKEREL
BLACK CRAPPIE  REDFISH  CHANNEL CATFISH
LARGEMOUTH BASS  BLUE CATFISH  SPOTTED SEA TRUNK
Go to FishinSC.com to learn more. Grab your gear and catch your limit while fishing the scenic waterways of South Carolina!

Illustrations courtesy of "Fisherman's Guide to Fishes of the Southeastern United States."
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.

**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!

**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 in 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.

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.
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 FishSC.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. Always check the weather and be aware of others while fishing and boating.