A INTRO TO
KANSAS
FISHING

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
**BUY A LICENSE**
A Kansas fishing license is required for all anglers age 16-74. There are many convenient ways to purchase:
- Kshuntfishcamp.com
- From any licensed vendor
- Any KDWPT Office
- Mobile App - HuntFishKS
- By calling 1-800-938-2877

**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.

**PRO TIPS**
- **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 medium 4-6 sized hook, baited with a full worm, weighted enough to sink to the bottom.