

Fishing for Beginners – Printable Checklist

Before You Go

- Check local fishing license requirements
- Confirm fishing regulations and catch limits
- Check weather conditions
- Tell someone where you're going fishing

Essential Fishing Gear

- Rod and reel combo
- Fishing line (6–12 lb monofilament)
- Hooks (sizes 6–10)
- Weights or sinkers
- Bobbers (floats)
- Live bait or artificial lures
- Tackle box
- Fishing pliers or multi-tool

On the Water

- Practice safe casting
- Watch your bobber or line for bites
- Handle fish carefully
- Measure and release fish properly if required

Safety & Comfort

- Wear sunscreen and protective clothing
- Bring drinking water and snacks
- Wear a life jacket if fishing from a boat
- Clean up all trash before leaving