QUICK TIPS, RESOURCES AND GEAR
FISHING BASICS

1. PICK YOUR ROD & REEL
   A closed-face spincast rod and reel are great for learning how to fish.

2. CHOOSE YOUR BAIT
   Different species of fish have different appetites. Choose your bait based on what kind of fish are in the water and what you are trying to catch.

TROUT
  - Powerbait
  - Lures
  - Flies
  - Salmon eggs
  - Worms
  - Jigs

SUNFISH & CRAPPIE
  - Jigs
  - Worms
  - Mealworms

CATFISH
  - Stinkbait
  - Worms

BASS
  - Jigs
  - Worms

Bait restrictions may also apply to specific waters. Check the current Fishing brochure for additional information. Download the brochure online (cpw.state.co.us/Fishing/Brochure), or pick up a copy at over 800 license agents statewide.
**To maintain good fishing, the state regulates the number of fish you can catch and have in your possession.**

Check the current Fishing brochure for bag limits.

**4. KNOW YOUR KNOT**

You need just a few basic knots. The Improved Clinch Knot is a good, basic knot collection as you progress!

**Thread the line through eye of the hook.**

**Double back and make five or more turns around the line.**

**First loop formed behind the eye. Then go through the big loop.**

**Wet knot and pull the tag end while tying knots.**

These help you dislodge hooks and grip line.

**Slip the knot tight against the eye, clip excess.**

**5. GET YOUR GEAR ON**

- **Swivels**, perfect fishing hole and line from the regulations.

- **Sinkers**, 1/8 oz. to get you started.

- **Bobbers**, 4- to 8-lb. test

- **Fishing line**, 4- to 8-lb. test

- **Flies**, various colors

- **Bobbers**, various sizes

- **Hooks**, #8 or #10

- **Hemostats** or needle-nose pliers

- **Bobbers**, 4.0 to 6.0 lb.

**6. BAG LIMITS**

- **Colorado Fishing Atlas**, cpw.state.co.us/fish/fishingatlas

Remember a net, ice and a cooler for keeping your catch!

**LICENSE INFORMATION:**

Anyone ages 16 and older will need a fishing license. One-day, additional-day and annual licenses are available:

- **ONLINE**: CPW.STATE.CO.US/FISH/BUYANDAPPLY
- **BY PHONE**: 1-800-244-5613
- **AT OVER 800 LICENSE AGENTS STATEWIDE**