

Your NEBRASKA Checklist to Get Out and Start Fishing

— GAME PARKS —

Fishing in Nebraska is easy, fun and rewarding! Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, this checklist ensures you have everything you need for a great day on the water.

GET YOUR FISHING PERMIT

- Required for ages 16+
- Supports conservation and fish stocking
- Buy online or at local vendors

PICK YOUR FISHING SPOT

Nebraska offers countless lakes, rivers and reservoirs for every type of angler!

- **Family-Friendly:** Louisville SRA, Fort Kearny SRA, Lake Minatare SRA
- **Peace & Quiet:** Schramm Park SRA, Sherman Reservoir, Box Butte Reservoir
- **Rewarding Challenge:** Fremont Lakes SRA, Victoria Springs SRA, Lake McConaughy SRA

CAST & REEL IN THE FUN!

- **SPINCAST REEL:** Hold button, cast, release button
- **SPINNING REEL:** Open bail, hold line, cast, release, close bail
Remember: Practice makes perfect!

JOIN A COMMUNITY FISHING EVENT

Nebraska Game and Parks hosts events for beginners and families—perfect for learning and having fun.

GATHER YOUR GEAR

- **Rod & Reel** – A simple spincast or spinning combo is great for beginners
- **Tackle** – Hooks, bobbers, sinkers, extra fishing line
- **Bait** – Worms, minnows, corn, artificial bait or lures
- **Extras** – Sunscreen, water, snacks, pliers and a small tackle box

SET UP YOUR LINE

- **Step 1: Tie on a Hook or Lure** – Use a simple clinch knot (NOTE: If tying on a lure, skip to step five).
- **Step 2: Add a Bobber (optional)** – Helps keep bait at the right depth
- **Step 3: Attach a Weight** – Adds casting distance and keeps bait submerged
- **Step 4: Bait Your Hook** – Use worms, corn or artificial bait to attract fish

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRIP

- Fish early morning or evening for best bites
- Be patient – sometimes the fish take their time
- Switch baits or locations if you're not getting bites
- Check Nebraska fishing reports for updates

With your permit in hand, gear packed and a perfect fishing spot chosen — you're ready for a great day on the water. Happy fishing!

