



TAKE ME FISHING™

Best times to fish

Since weather, tide, and other conditions affect species behavior, knowing the best times to fish is essential. Today, anglers can access an array of resources to help pinpoint the best fishing days, best times for freshwater fishing, and best saltwater fishing times locally.

Fish Finders and Water Temperature Gauges

Too many hot days can make fish in shallow lakes, ponds, and rivers sluggish. **This also happens in the Bay when July arrives and the water temps have increased.**

The same thing happens in the winter when water temperatures are lower.

Why? **All fish are cold-blooded**, meaning they can't keep their body temperature at a constant level. So the temperature of their surroundings influences the fish's body temperature and bodily functions.

Really high and really low water temperatures reduce the amount of oxygen in the water, making fish less active and picky about when and what they. When it comes to finding the best fishing times, a good starting point is to avoid extreme temperatures.

For more accurate analysis of the water to find out when the fish are biting, **fish finders** and water temperature gauges can give anglers up-to-the-minute feedback on temperature.



Daily Fishing Forecast

Other factors like bright sunlight can also affect fish activity so it's important to pay attention to the time of day you plan to go, which can make all the difference in your success. Fish generally prefer early morning and evening sun to the bright midday rays. In midday, the surface temperature of the water is also hotter, forcing the fish to move deeper.

Tools like a **daily fishing forecast** – available online through resources like **Farmers' Almanac** — can help you learn if fish will be biting on a particular day and, if so, the best fishing times.



Fishing Calendar

Variable weather conditions can be a big factor in determining the best times to fish. Wind can play a large role in because it pushes water and surface food to the far shore.

Storms also affect fishing success, increasing feeding during the hours immediately before a cold front, but slowing during

and after a storm or front hits. The exception is a warm front, which causes surface water temperatures to increase, putting fish into a feeding frenzy.

Another good opportunity to fish is on cloudy days since overcast skies cause fish to cruise for food more than on bright days. Light rain is also one of the best fishing times, especially because it washes insects and bait into the water, creating a feeding binge for fish.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
				1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

For more exact targeting of the best times to fish, you may want to try a fishing calendar. These tools use data from your exact location like the weather patterns as well as other considerations such as tide, and moon phases combined with feeding behavior to determine when it's ideal to fish for the species you want to catch.

With many fishing calendar apps available, these handy resources allow you to anticipate increased fish activity so you can plan your outing well in advance – or even identify a better location to try.

Ask Around

Finally, don't be afraid to ask your local fellow anglers. Local regulars can often provide a wealth of useful information. Not only will most share their most successful times, you'll often find at least one local around who knows where to get the info you're looking for broken down by season and specific types of fish.

So **head over to the local bait shop** or wherever you get your fishing supplies and strike up a friendly conversation. If you fish in public facilities, stop by the info shack if there is one available.



Now that you know the best fishing times during different seasons, check out *Farmer's Almanac Best Days To Fish Calendar* and consult your local daily fishing forecast for current conditions.

Don't forget to purchase your fishing license online and get ready for the fun!