



Healthy Fish, Happy Fishing

Many of California's state parks provide good fishing, whether you're trying this sport for the first time or returning to your favorite spot year after year.

Fishing is about more than just catching fish. It also means caring for a place that is special to many people, and vital to the fish. Here are some ways you can do your part:

- Know the fishing regulations (including license and gear requirements, limits, and legal length of fish you may keep).
- Use lead-free lures and weights when possible.
- Practice "catch and release" fishing if you don't plan to eat your catch: use a barbless hook, and return fish to the water as soon as possible.
- Quickly return undersized, oversized, or unwanted fish to the water.
- Do not move aquatic animals, plants, or rocks.
- Pack out tangled fishing line, hooks, broken equipment and all other refuse.
- Never release live bait! Even an innocent-looking non-native animal can spread diseases, compete for food, and prey on native wildlife.

Keep this an inviting spot for people and fish.

