



Free Fishing Days 2008

A Free Fishing Day is an ideal time to schedule an event that includes fishing activities. In general, Free Fishing Days allow the public to fish without a license. This information may be helpful in planning dates for your boating, fishing and aquatic conservation events. *Please note that individual states may place certain restrictions and other regulations may apply, so be sure to contact your state fish and wildlife agency for specific state regulations.*

Fishing License Key

FW: Freshwater license waived for residents **NSW:** Saltwater license not required year-round
SW: Saltwater license waived for residents **NR:** Non-resident license waived
ED: License requirements waived for qualified educational programs

State	Free Fishing Dates	License Information
AL	June 7	
AK	None	
AZ	June 14	FW, NR
AR	June 13-15	FW, NR, Noon June 8 – Midnight June 10
CA	June 7 September 27	FW, SW FW, SW
CO	June 7 & 8	FW
CT	None	
DC	June 1-7	FW
DE	June 6 & 8	FW, NSW, NR
FL	April 5 & 6	FW-only
GA	May 31 June 7 September 27	FW, SW FW, SW FW, SW
HI	Every day	NSW
ID	June 7	FW, NR, Permit required for salmon fishing only
IL	June 6-9	FW, NR
IN	June 7 & 8	FW
IA	June 6-8	FW
KS	June 7 & 8	FW, NR
KY	June 7 & 8	FW, NR
LA	June 7 & 8	FW, SW
ME	February 16 & 17 May 31 - June 1	FW, NR FW, NR
MD	June 7 June 14 July 4	FW, NR, SW FW, NR, SW FW, NR, SW
MA	June 7 & 8	FW, Saltwater license for lobster only

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MI	February 16 & 17 June 7 & 8	FW, NR FW, NR
MN	May 5 - 11 June 6 - 8	Moms free with kids under 16 Adults free with kids under 16
MS	July 4	Permit not required on State Fishing Lakes & State Park Lakes on Saturday and Sunday of NFBW. However, a state fishing license is required. FW, SW
MO	June 7 & 8	FW
MT	None	ED
NE	May 17	FW
NV	June 14	FW
NH	June 7	FW, NSW, NR, Atlantic salmon permit required for Merrimack River Brood Stock Fishery Program.
NJ	June 7 & 8	FW, NSW, NR
NM	June 2 September 29	FW, NR FW, NR
NY	June 28 & 29	FW, NSW
NC	July 4	FW, NR
ND	June 6 & 7	FW
OH	May 3 & 4	FW
OK	June 7 & 8	FW, NR
OR	June 7 & 8	FW, NR
PA	May 24 June 1	FW, NR FW, NR
RI	June 7 & 8	FW, NSW, NR
SC	June 7 & 8	FW, SW
SD	May 16 - 18	FW, NR
TN	June 7	FW, NR
TX	June 7	FW, SW, NR
UT	June 7	FW, NR
VT	June 14	FW, NR
VA	June 6 - 8	FW, NR, <u>except</u> in designated trout stocked waters
WA	June 7 & 8	FW, SW, NR & Shellfish license waived
WV	June 7 & 8	FW, NR
WI	June 7 & 8	FW, NR
WY	June 7	FW, NR
American Samoa	Every day	No license required anytime
Guam	Every day	No license required anytime
Puerto Rico	Every day	No license required anytime
U.S. Virgin Islands	Every day	No license required anytime