

Tips

1. **Plan your trip.** Be sure to check tackle and equipment prior to going afield; a forgotten raincoat, fouled spark plugs, or a dirty reel can spoil a trip.
2. **If you fail to catch fish in one spot** using various baits and techniques, **move to another area or habitat.** Many species of fish, such as crappie, largemouth bass, walleye and white bass will move back and forth between shallow and deep water, or range from one area to another.
3. As you become knowledgeable and successful, **share fishing tips** or fishing holes.
4. **Be courteous and considerate of others.** Don't crowd in on another's fishing spot. Don't create big wakes or run closely to, or between other boats.
5. **Learn the lake regulations,** fish and boating laws, and follow them.
6. When boating, **follow proper boat operational techniques.** Don't overload your boat. Do not run your craft at a high rate of speed near the shoreline and bank fishermen.
7. **Give assistance where needed.** A friend in need is a friend indeed.
8. **Be careful. Use safe and required safety equipment.** Don't take chances. When moving wear your life saving gear.
9. **Do not litter,** treat each area as if it were your own property. Dispose of used fishing line properly.
10. **Watch the weather,** when the lake becomes rough or a storm front is sighted, seek protection of a marina or a sheltered cove.