Fishing equipment checklist for beginners

Free checklist of everything you need to start or go fishing.



- [ ] Fishing License, including applicable stamps and if going on private property written permission
- [ ] Fishing Pole(s), make sure you know the legal limit on how many poles you can use
- [ ] Tackle box (bobbers, extra fishing line, fish stringer, hooks, jigs, leaders, lures, power bait, sinkers and weights)
- [ ] Live Bait (if using minnows consider an air aerator, keep all live bait out of direct sunlight)
- [ ] Map of body of water and/or area you're fishing in
- [ ] Sun Protection; scentless sunscreen and sunglasses
- [ ] First aid kit, should be a small, portable kit designed for camping or outdoors
- [ ] Insect Repellant
- [ ] Portable GPS or fish finder
- [ ] Compass
- [ ] 4"+ fixed bladed knife
- [ ] Needle nose pliers
- [ ] Small bottle of hand sanitizer
- [ ] Camera (avoid using a cell phone to prevent accidental drops into the water)
- [ ] 2 to 3 clean towels
- [ ] Water bottles
- [ ] Rope tape measurer (to measure the length of your future monster catch)

- [ ] Toilet paper

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