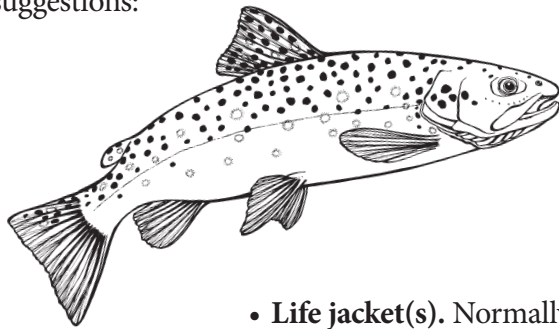


COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

Tips for Fishing with Kids



There aren't any guarantees of success when fishing. (If there were, it would be called "catching", not fishing!) Ask an experienced angler what the best part of fishing is and the response will most likely be "not the fish-catching part." Every aspect of fishing with kids adds to the experience. To make the most of your time together, take note of these ideas and suggestions:



- **Life jacket(s).** Normally thought of as a boating-safety item, a life jacket is a must for a youngster fishing near water of any kind.

- **Sunscreen.** Good sense to use to help avoid the long-term consequences of sunburn. Besides, a sunburn can spoil a day more quickly than just about anything!
- **Insect repellent.** When it's not just the fish that are biting.
- **Sunglasses.** Sun glare from the water is painful and can be dangerous. Sunglasses also offer some protection from errant casts and hooks.
- **Refreshments.** Snacks and drinks.

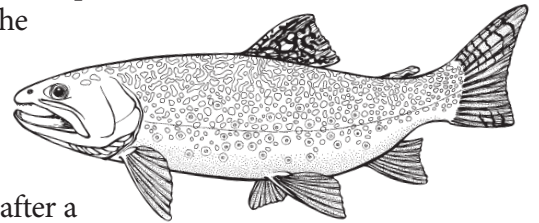
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- **Ice, ice chest, or cooler.** For sodas, and to keep the worms alive! Use the empty cooler to chill and transport your catch after a successful day.



- **Cap or visor.** Like sunscreen and sunglasses, a cap or visor offers important UV protection.
- **First aid kit.**
- **Fishing bait and tackle.** It's an obvious "tip", but kids will have a much better time if their equipment is sized for them. And—when teaching a youngster to fish, it is best to leave your own equipment at home. Concentrate on the teaching and the child's experience.
- **Find a great fishing spot.** Check out the 101 Places to Take a Kid Fishing online at www.wildlife.state.co.us/Fishing/WhereToGo/101Places
- Remember to **buy your fishing license if you are over 16 years of age!**

