



GONE
FISHING

Freshwater Fishing Basics (Ages 12+)

This is an introduction into fishing rivers, lakes, and streams for Smallmouth & Largemouth Bass. No experience required. This 4-week course will get you hooked on fishing and will educate you on fishing equipment and the habitat of the bass. Learn several knots, casting techniques, how to read the water, and the proper lures to use to catch more fish and bigger fish. The final class will apply the techniques and knowledge learned on the water! Instructor: Jared Mounts with Jake's Bait & Tackle. May 7, 14, and June 4 (Wednesday), 6:30-8pm, at Jim Barnett Park, Conference Room.

June 7 (Saturday), 10am-1pm, at Jim Barnett Park, Wilkins Lake.

Note: June 7 is a Free Fishing Day in Virginia (no fishing license required).

Fee: \$22 (plus an optional equipment fee). Register by May 5. *Activity# 627213-01.*

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Equipment Options:

Choose one from below. Both starter combos are all-inclusive kits for any angler, no matter what age, and they are ready to fish right out of the box. You are welcome to bring your own equipment as long as it is in good working order.

\$25 Shakespeare Spinning Rod & Reel Combo Kit

Includes Stren fishing line, Berkley Power-bait or Gulp lures, knot tying & bait-choice resource guide.

\$25 BPS Closed Face Rod & Reel Spincast Combo Kit

(Little or no experience needed to cast)

Includes 1 lazer eye spinnerbait, 1 micro spin, rigged beetle with spinner, 2 squirmin squirt & 10 bodies, 4 beetle bodies, 3 curl tail grubs, 3 rigged curl tail grubs, 16 hooks, 8 crappie jigs, 2 bobbers, & a stringer

Family Day Fishing Rodeo (Ages 4+)

Prizes will be awarded in eight divisions for the largest fish. VA State Fishing regulations apply. A special stocking is scheduled prior to the rodeo. Register in advance or day-of. Sponsored by Wilkins Trust Fund. June 14 (Saturday), 7-10am, at Jim Barnett Park, Wilkins Lake Shelter. Fee: \$5. Register by June 13. *Activity# 621347-06.*

Fishing Day Camp (Ages 5-13)

Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will teach participants about conservation and safety. Participants will learn certain skills: baiting a hook, basic equipment, casting, and taking a fish off the hook. Camp will end with a session of fishing time. All participants should bring sunscreen, hat, lunch, and water. Fishing pole is recommended but not required, there will be extra fishing poles. All fish will be catch and release. June 21 (Saturday), 8am-1pm, at Jim Barnett Park, Wilkins Lake. Fee: \$25 R, \$28 NR. Register by June 13. *Activity# 621547-19.*

