



Belk Scout Camp Fishing Guidelines

What kinds of fish live in our lake? Hybrid Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Large Mouth Bass, Copper Nose Minnows and Grass Carp.



Places to Fish at Belk Scout Camp

You can fish anywhere, except in the “No Fishing Area” and around the aerator.

Catch and Release

Unless instructed otherwise by MCC Fishing or the Camp Ranger –
All fishing is **Catch and Release**.

Protect our fish.

- Use circle or barbless hooks or crimp down the barbs.
- When you catch a fish, touch it with wet hands. Hold it under the belly, not by the jaw.
- Teach scouts how to properly release a fish. **Do not throw** the fish back into the water.

Safety First

- Use the buddy system. Fishing with a friend is a lot more fun.
- Wear a hat, preferably broad-brimmed.
- Wear eye protection; sunglasses or safety glasses.
- Bring your personal First Aid Kit and filled water bottle.
- Look before you cast. If you have someone near you, find another place to stand.
- When appropriate, use sunscreen and bug spray.

Hooks

- Use circle or barbless hooks or smash down the barbs on all hooks.
- For safety reasons –we recommend No Treble Hooks!

Bait

- Red worms, night crawlers, crickets, or corn.
- **Do not bring shiners or other bait fish.**

Other tips

- Don't leave your fishing rod in the water with the line unattended.
- Leave the lake area cleaner than you found it.

Tell us about your catch

- Keep track of what you caught and report your catch to your adult leader.
- Scoutmasters – Please send the information and photos to mccfishing415@gmail.com

FISH ON!