

LICENSES – 2011 Fishing Fees

Fishing and Hunting Licenses are good for the calendar year. You must purchase new licenses at the beginning of each year. All licensed anglers must carry a valid form of photo identification while fishing.

RESIDENT LICENSES

Conservation Stamp(Class CS):	\$5
Required for <u>licensed</u> anglers except holders of Class X, XJ, A-L, B-L, and AB-L licenses	
Hunting and Trapping (Class A):	\$19
Fishing (Class B): includes National Forest	\$19
Sportsman Hunting/Fishing/Trapping (Class X):	\$35
for ages 18 through 64	
Junior Sportsman Hunting/Fishing/Trapping (Class XJ):	\$16
for ages 15 through 17	
Trout Fishing Stamp (Class O):	\$10
Required of <u>licensed</u> anglers fishing for trout.	

NONRESIDENT LICENSES

Conservation/Law Enforcement Stamp (Class CS/LE):	\$13
Required for all <u>licensed</u> anglers	
Fishing (Class F):	\$37
Hunting/Trapping (Class E):	\$119
One Day Fishing (Class LL):	\$3
One day	
Junior Sportsman Hunting/Fishing/Trapping (Class XXJ):	\$16
for ages 15 through 17	
National Forest Hunting/Trapping/Fishing(Class I):	\$2
Required of <u>licensed</u> anglers except for holders of Class XXJ	
Trout Fishing Stamp (Class OO):	\$16
Required of <u>licensed</u> anglers fishing for trout	

RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT LICENSES

Special Hunting and Fishing License for Persons with a Life-threatening Condition (Class DT):	FREE
Issued for ages 20 or less. Requires no additional licenses or stamps.	

LIFETIME LICENSES

Combination Hunting, Trapping and Fishing (Class AB-L)*:	\$805
Combination Hunting, Trapping and Fishing - Infant (Class AB-L-I)*:	\$402.50
must be purchased before age 2	
Fishing (Class B-L)*:	\$552
Fishing - Infant (Class B-L-I)*:	\$276
must be purchased before age 2	
Trout Fishing (Class O-L)**:	\$230
Trout Fishing - Infant (Class O-L-I)**:	\$115
must be purchased before age 2	

* Conservation Stamp not required.

** Valid only when accompanied by a Class B, AB-L, AB-L I, B-L, B-L-I, X, or XJ license.

TROUT STAMP REQUIREMENTS

Individuals in the following groups do not need a trout stamp:

- residents over 65 years of age
- resident and nonresident youth under 15 years of age
- residents who are disabled veterans or former POWs

PURCHASING A LICENSE

Licenses may be obtained as follows:

1. At more than 350 retail agent locations throughout the state and all county clerks offices. (\$3 issuing fee for first purchase and \$1 for subsequent purchases.)
2. www.wvfish.com
(Official DNR Web site - \$2 fee per transaction.)
3. Directly from the Hunting and Fishing License Unit by phoning (304) 558-2758. (\$2 fee per transaction.)

For additional information please contact:

Hunting and Fishing License Unit
West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
324 Fourth Avenue
South Charleston, West Virginia 25303

(304) 558-2758 • customerservice@wvdnr.gov

FISHING LICENSE NOT REQUIRED FOR

1. Residents who are totally blind. A physician's statement or certificate must be carried while fishing.
2. Residents 65 years of age or older. A WV driver's license or WV photo ID card issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles shall be carried while fishing.
3. Nonresidents or residents under 15 years of age.
4. Residents on active duty in the U. S. armed forces while on military leave. Leave papers shall be carried while fishing.
5. Resident landowners or their resident children, resident parents, or bona fide resident tenants of such land may fish on their own land during open seasons in accordance with the laws and regulations applying to such fishing.
6. Residents honorably discharged from the U. S. armed forces receiving total permanent service-connected disability benefits or former prisoners of war as determined by the Veterans Administration or resident disabled veterans who qualify under West Virginia Code 17A-10-8 and are exempted from payment of any motor vehicle registration fee by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Such persons must carry a card issued by the DNR.
7. Residents or in-patients of any state mental hospital, health or benevolent institution. Such persons must be under proper supervision and carry a written statement or certificate signed by the superintendent of the institution or facility.
8. Developmentally disabled residents. A DDFL card issued by the DNR must be carried while fishing.
9. Trout stamp not required for resident anglers 65 years of age or older.



OPEN FISHING TOURNAMENT SPONSORS

A permit is required from the Division of Natural Resources to hold a tournament that is open to the public or awards cash or prizes. Club tournaments, which are restricted to members competing for points, do not require a permit.

Tournament permit requests should be made to:

West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
Wildlife Resources Section
324 Fourth Avenue
South Charleston, West Virginia 25303

Call (304) 558-2771 for information.

Definition of Resident

A person who has been a domiciled resident continuously in West Virginia for 30 consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of application for a license or permit. This includes members of the U.S. armed forces stationed outside the state who were West Virginia residents at the time of entry into the service and any full-time student of a college or university of this state.

VIOLATIONS

Point System for Fishing Violations

Persons making false application for a license will have their license privileges suspended for one year.

Points assigned for other fishing violations:

- 10 points** for use of explosives or poison material in taking fish
- 6 points** for taking fish by illegal method, exceeding daily creel limit, and using bait in a restricted area
- 4 points** for all other violations

When a violator accumulates 10 or more fishing or hunting points combined, his/her license(s) will be revoked for a period of two years.

Points will be removed on their second anniversary or upon restoration of the license(s).

Reporting Boating, Fishing and Hunting Law Violations:

In progress – dial 911

Not in progress – call District Law Enforcement Office during normal operating hours.

1. Observe and write down all of the information concerning the violation.
2. Don't confront violator.
3. Contact a local Natural Resources Police Officer or county communication center as soon as possible.
4. Become involved in protecting your sport, be willing to testify in court.

Stream Pollution or Fish Kills:

Call 1-800-642-3074.

