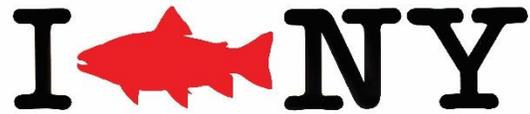




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## New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Fishing Rod Lending Program

DEC's I FISH NY program offers opportunities for anglers to borrow fishing equipment for free. This is a great way for beginning anglers to get started and become familiar with the sport of fishing before deciding to purchase their own equipment.

### What DEC Supplies:

- Fishing Equipment (to borrow):
  - 5 spin casting/spincast combo rods
  - Bobbers
  - Hooks
- Brochures (to keep) on freshwater sportfish, knot tying, casting a fishing rod, and freshwater fishing regulations guides for patrons.

### Responsibilities of Our Partners:

- Loan out fishing rods to eligible patrons.
- Maintain a log of how many fishing rods were loaned.
  - Submit to the DEC Bureau of Fisheries, [fwfish@dec.ny.gov](mailto:fwfish@dec.ny.gov) at the end of the calendar year.
- Maintain the fishing rods.
  - If you do not have someone who can maintain the equipment, we recommend contacting a local sportfishing group (e.g. Trout Unlimited, B.A.S.S., etc.) and ask if they can help.
- A fee cannot be charged for loaning out the rod; however, late return fees can apply.

### Recommendations:

- Remind borrowers that those 16 years of age and older must have a fishing license. They can be purchased online, over the phone (1-866-933-2257), or at a license issuing agent.

### Helpful Resources:

- [Rod Loaner Program Webpage](#)
- [How to do a basic bobber rig](#)
- [Basic fishing knots](#)
- [DEC Places to Fish Webpage](#)

If you have any questions or need to contact us, please email [fwfish@dec.ny.gov](mailto:fwfish@dec.ny.gov).