

FISHING REGULATIONS

STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

Some waterbodies have different size and creel limits, please refer to the "Special Fishing Regulations" section for more details. There are no size or creel limits for rough fish, unless statewide or special regulations apply.

For daily creel and fishing license purposes, one fishing day equals one calendar day. **Except for trout**, anglers may cull fish of a particular species until reaching the daily creel limit. Any additional fish caught in excess of the daily creel limit must be released immediately.

| FISH SPECIES | | Daily Limit | Possession Limit | Minimum Size Limit |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| BLACK BASS | Largemouth Bass | 6* | 12* | 12" |
| | Smallmouth Bass | 6* | 12* | 12" |
| | Kentucky (Spotted) Bass | 6* | 12* | none |
| | Coosa Bass | 6* | 12* | none |
| | Rock Bass | 15 | 30 | none |
| | Redear Sunfish | 20 | 40 | none |
| | Walleye, Sauger and their Hybrids | 6* | 12* | 14" |
| | Muskellunge | 1 | 2 | 30" |
| | Chain Pickerel | 5 | 10 | none |
| | Northern Pike | none | none | none |
| | White & Hybrid Striped Bass | 15** | 30** | none** |
| | Striped Bass | 5 | 10 | 15" |
| | Yellow Bass | none | none | none |
| | Crappie (Black & White) | 20* | 40* | none |
| | Rainbow Trout | 8 | 16 | none |
| | Brown Trout | 1 | 2 | 16" |
| | Paddlefish | 2 | 4 | none |
| | Brook Trout | Catch and release only*** | | |
| | Lake Sturgeon | Catch and release only | | |

* Singly or combined; a total of these species ** No more than 5 fish in the daily creel limit may be more than 15 inches long.

*** Except for the Cumberland River downstream of Wolf Creek Dam and the upper section of Hatchery Creek, see Special Regulations section for details.

STATEWIDE SIZE and CREEL LIMITS (301 KAR 1:060, 1:201; KRS 150.010)

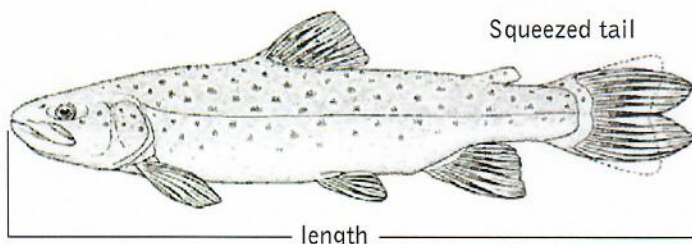
Fishing season is open year-round in Kentucky, except on waterfowl refuges and as otherwise noted in this guide. Statewide size and creel limits apply to all Kentucky waters, public and private,

except some waters have different limits (see "Special Fishing Regulations").

MEASURING FISH (301 KAR 1:201)

Measure all fish from the tip of the lower jaw (closed) to the tip of the tail with fish laid flat on rule with tail lobes

squeezed together. Undersized fish must be returned immediately to the waters from which they were taken in the best possible physical condition.



Q: How is a daily creel limit different than a possession limit?

A: The daily creel limit is the number of a particular sport fish species you may keep in one day's fishing. A possession limit is two times the daily creel limit for all fish species with a daily creel limit and excludes processed fish.