



# Sea Pines Fishing Information



## FRESH WATER FISHING

The Sea Pines Forest Preserve is home to three freshwater lakes which are reserved for the enjoyment of Sea Pines property owners, their guests, and Sea Pines Resort guests. Lake Joe is a favorite for children as it is stocked with catfish.

## FISHING PRIVILEGES

**Property Owners and Their Guests**  
Your property owner ID card will serve as your permit for fishing in Sea Pines. If your guest will not be accompanied, purchase a permit on behalf of your guest or send written authorization to SPCSA via email so that your guest can purchase a permit. Each CSA fishing permit is valid for up to 5 people. Additional permits may be purchased for larger groups.

**Rental and Overnight Resort Guests**  
Obtain a fishing permit from the CSA office located at 175 Greenwood Drive. Have your resort pass available and \$5 cash. CSA fishing permits are valid for up to five people and for the duration of your stay in Sea Pines.

Marriott Grande Ocean guests may purchase a fishing permit from the CSA office located at 175 Greenwood Drive in Sea Pines.

## BRACKISH LAGOONS & TIDAL WATERWAYS

Brackish lagoons and tidal waterways are desirable locations for crabbing and saltwater fishing. Please be aware that some fishing locations require a SCDNR fishing license. Surf Fishing, not on Sea Pines property, requires a SCDNR fishing license. For fishing in navigable, brackish/saltwater in Sea Pines, please obtain both CSA and SCDNR fishing permits. If the waterway is not navigable, only a CSA fishing permit is required. Visit [dnr.sc.gov/fishing.html](http://dnr.sc.gov/fishing.html) to purchase a license for saltwater fishing.

## SAFETY REMINDERS

- > Keep pets leashed and away from the water
- > Always assume lagoons & waterways contain alligators
- > Never throw unused bait or objects into the water
- > Smoking/Open flames is prohibited in the Forest Preserve
- > Swimming or wading in any waterway is prohibited
- > Be vigilant when reeling in or releasing fish
- > Do not feed alligators or any wildlife
- > Feeding or harassing alligators is dangerous and illegal
- > See Something, Say Something: Call 843.671.7170

# Sea Pines Fishing Regulations

## A. PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO FISH IN SEA PINES

- Sea Pines Property Owners and guests of Sea Pines Property Owners. Guests of Sea Pines Property Owners must be accompanied by the respective property owner, or the property owner may purchase a fishing permit in advance for their guest.
- Sea Pines Resort guests (renting within Sea Pines). A valid resort pass must be presented to obtain a fishing permit.
- CSA and Sea Pines Resort employees and members of their families when authorized by CSA. Guests of employees must be accompanied by the respective employee.
- Groups as authorized by CSA.

## B. AREAS ACCESSIBLE TO FISHING LAGOONS

- Access may be had through common ground. Trespassing on private or regime property is not permitted.
- Fishing in any lagoon bordering a golf course must be done in a manner and a time that will not interfere with golf operations (players, landscapers, special events).

## C. TIDAL CREEKS, CANALS, OCEAN

- Access may be had through common ground. Trespassing on private or regime property is not permitted.
- A South Carolina saltwater fishing license is also required when fishing from navigable bodies of salt/brackish water.

## D. CONTROLS OVER FISHING

Sea Pines Security will exercise control over all fishing within the Sea Pines community. All persons fishing will be required to have identification issued by the CSA Security Administration office as indicated below:

- Property Owners or Dependents – CSA Issued Photo ID Card
- All others – fishing permit issued for a specific date or length of stay.
- Fishing permits are available for \$5 cash (groups of 1-5 people per permit) and should be readily available while fishing.
- The individual is responsible for determining the locations of those common grounds providing access to fishing.

## E. CATCH LIMITS

- Largemouth Bass: Only 12-16 inches total length can be kept; all others must be released; not more than five (5) fish per person, per day.
- Crappie: No limit on size; not more than fifteen (15) fish per person, per day.
- Bream: No limit on size; not more than fifteen (15) fish per person, per day.  
\*\*\* In the Forest Preserve, bream is catch and release only\*\*\*
- Catfish: No limit on size; not more than two (2) fish per person, per day.
- Saltwater: Visit [www.dnr.sc.gov/fishing.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/fishing.html) for information.

## F. BAIT

- Live minnow bait is not permitted in any designated body of freshwater within Sea Pines.
- In Lake Joe, the use of crickets, worms, or hotdogs is permitted with the intention to catch catfish.

Sorry, fishing permits are not available for casual daily or commercial pass holders.

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