



LINCOLN NEIGHBORHOOD FISHING TRIP PLANNER

Featuring Bowling Lake, Holmes Lake, Conestoga State Recreation Area and Eugene T. Mahoney State Park

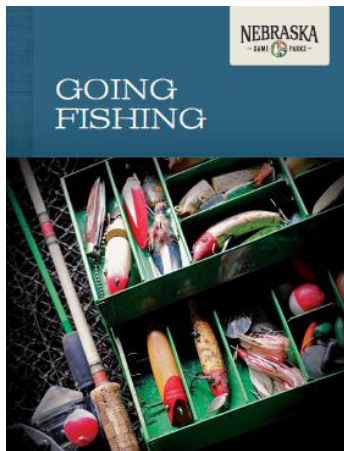
Fishing is a great family get-away activity and Lincoln ponds and lakes offer comfortable and fantastic fish catching opportunity in your community.

- Many types of fish for all types of anglers.
- Fishing locations that offer beginner friendly amenities.
- Affordable fishing licenses with annual, 3-day and 1-day options.
- Fish and enjoy other fun family activities.

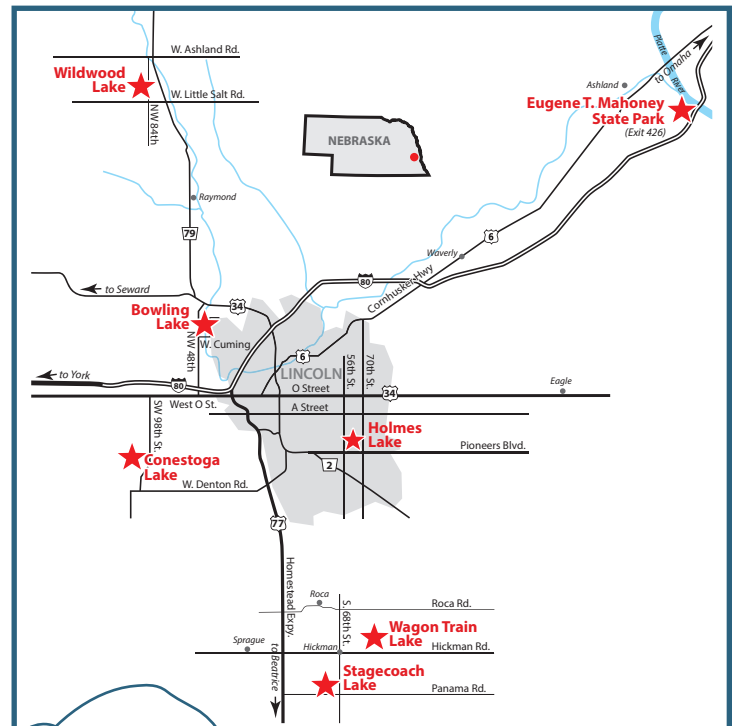
Getting Started!

Fishing can be easy and inexpensive. Start out simple with a push button spin-casting reel and basic tackle of hooks, weights, bobbers, hook remover and hand towel. Canned corn, lunch meat or hot dogs all work well for bait.

Fishing Resources



Fishing is fun. We encourage those new to fishing to use the Going Fishing publication as a resource to answer your questions. Additional suggested publications include the Common Fishes of Nebraska identification pamphlet and the annual Fishing Guide for current regulations and fishing locations suggestions. All found at OutdoorNebraska.org/FishingGuidesandReports



How to Buy a Fishing License and Park Permit:

Fishing licenses and park permits are available at Game and Parks Commission offices and permit vendors statewide or at OutdoorNebraska.org

Fishing Licenses:

Resident Annual: \$38, 3-Day: \$31 and 1-Day: \$10

Non-resident Annual: \$84, 3-Day: \$37 and 1-Day: \$14.50

Park Entry Permits:

Annual: \$30, Duplicate Annual: \$15 and 1-Day: \$6

Vehicles not registered in Nebraska:

Annual: \$60, Duplicate Annual: \$30 and 1-Day: \$12



Beginner Friendly Fishing near Lincoln

Family Friendly Fishing in the Lincoln Area. All the suggested locations below include a combination of picnic shelters, hiking trails, barrier free access, nearby playground, and highly maintained fish populations making them perfect for family fishing outing. The bass, bluegill, and channel catfish, will keep you busy catching fish and the areas will make you feel safe and comfortable.

Bowling Lake in Northwest Lincoln was restored in 2010 and now includes a wheelchair accessible fishing dock, improve fishing access and boat ramp. Bass and bluegill are very abundant, with catfish also present. Rainbow trout are annually stocked in October. For a similar yet more remote experience, **Wildwood Lake** is 15 miles further northwest near Agnew, and includes a trophy catch and release catfish population.

Holmes Park Lake located in central-southeast Lincoln is the perfect location to take kids fishing. The shoreline includes multiple types of fishing habitat, including; wheelchair accessible fishing pier, fishing jetties, sand beaches and more remote ungroomed areas. A hiking trail circles the lake and connects to the Lincoln trail system. Holmes Lake fishing is most notable for abundant bluegill. Rainbow trout are stocked annually in October and March. **Stagecoach State Recreation Area** southeast of Lincoln near Hickman offers a similar yet more remote experience and includes overnight camping facilities.

Conestoga State Recreation Area just west of Lincoln offers a larger more natural lake experience but includes amenities that make it comfortable. This lake was restored in 2018 and now includes and improved boat ramp, overnight camping, kayak launching areas, wheelchair fishing piers and platforms and mowed shorelines. New hiking trails can lead you to more remote and natural shoreline fishing. This lake includes crappie, bluegill, rock bass, channel catfish and largemouth bass.

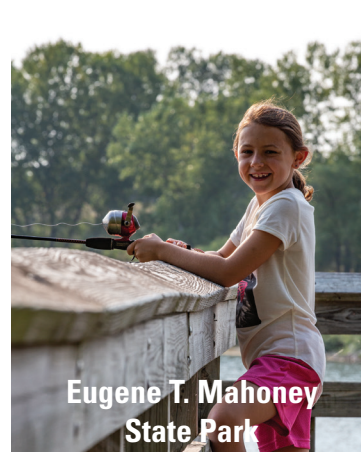
Eugene T. Mahoney State Park is a short drive northeast of Lincoln on Interstate 80. CenturyLink 10-acre lake offers a great location to fish for bluegill, largemouth bass, channel catfish and rainbow trout. There are two fishing docks; the dock nearest the parking area is Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessible and reached by a short-paved path. Bass, bluegill and channel catfish are popular species during the summer. In mid-October, rainbow trout are stocked and become very popular throughout the fall, winter and spring. Fish from either dock or the shoreline using corn or dough bait with a bobber or with a weight on the bottom.



Bowling Lake



Holmes Lake

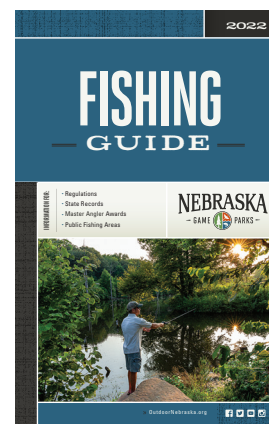


Eugene T. Mahoney State Park



Conestoga State Recreation Area

Use the Fishing Guide as your resource for hundreds of fishing opportunities.



For a complete listing of local and statewide fishing opportunities see the Nebraska Game and Parks Fishing Guide. Available online or paper.



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