

# Family Fishing Vacation Checklist

## Before You Go

- Book lodging that fits your family's needs
- Reserve rental boats, pontoons, or other equipment
- Purchase fishing licenses (check the Minnesota DNR website)
- Research lake regulations and fish species
- Check weather forecasts for your travel dates
- Create an itinerary with backup rainy-day activities

## Fishing Gear

- Rods and reels for each angler
- Tackle box with lures, hooks, sinkers, bobbers
- Live bait or bait alternatives
- Fishing line and extra spools
- Cooler for fish or snacks
- Bucket or stringer for catches
- Fish cleaning supplies (knife, gloves, cutting board)
- Measuring tape or fish ruler
- Valid fishing license (print or digital copy)

## Family & Personal Items

- Comfortable clothes for various weather (layers!)
- Rain gear and waterproof shoes
- Swimsuits and towels
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- First aid kit
- Hats, sunglasses, and water bottles
- Games or books for downtime

## Lodging & Camp Supplies (if needed)

- Sleeping bags or linens
- Cooking gear or camping stove
- Food, drinks, and snacks
- Firewood or charcoal (check local rules)
- Lanterns or flashlights

