

Kids' Fishing Pond

Guidelines

Use of the fishing pond is free and available for kids 12 years old and younger. Please follow the simple rules below to maximize the enjoyment of the fishing pond for everyone:

- **All children must be supervised by an adult**
- **No swimming in the fishing pond**
- **No dogs allowed in the fishing pond**
- **Pond is “Catch and Keep” or “Catch and Release”**

Catch and Release Guidelines:

- **Use barbless hooks or flatten hooks with pliers**
- **Treble hooks are not recommended for catch and release**
- **Set the hook immediately (as soon as bobber moves) in order to reduce the risk of the fish swallowing the bait**
- **Land the fish as quickly as possible to prevent the fish from exhausting itself**
- **Wet hands thoroughly before handling the fish. This includes curious children or spectators**
- **Minimize contact with the fish and try to remove the hook as safely and as quickly as possible**
- **Keep any fish that have been lethally wounded (i.e. exhausted beyond revival, swallowed hooks, bleeding gills, etc.) or killed. Place unwanted fish in a trash receptacle**
- **Once the hook is removed, gently place fish in the water without letting go of the fish. Move the fish back and forth until it can swim away on its own power**
- **NEVER toss or throw fish into the water**
- **Do not leave fish cleaning waste in or around the pond. Place in a trash receptacle**