

Ministry of Rural Development, Environment and Agriculture of the Federal State of Brandenburg



General Information about Fishing in Brandenburg

Information for our visitors from other German states



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Welcome. The federated state of Brandenburg is known for its great number of waters and its many fishing opportunities. But those planning on doing some fishing have to keep a few things in mind. The following information should help.

Documents

Fishing is permitted in the state of Brandenburg from the age of 8 and above. Only those with a *valid fisheries fee stamp (Fischereiagbabemarke)* and a *fishing pass (Angelkarte)* for that water are permitted to fish. These two documents together allow *fishing of non-predatory fish with a hand rod*.

The fisheries fee stamp can be purchased in the lower fisheries office of the county or the non-country city, in fishing businesses and stores. It is valid for 1 calendar year (01.01 to 31.12). The price is 12 € for adults and 2.50 € for children and youth from the ages of 8 to 18. Fishing passes for the specific water are available in fishing stores, fishing clubs, tourist information etc. There are day passes, week passes, monthly passes and year passes.

Those who want to catch predatory fish must also have a valid fishing license, which requires passing a fishing test. The lower fisheries office can provide information about how to take the test and get the license.

Distinguishing features of a non-predatory fish hand rod

A non-predatory fish hand rod consists of a rod with or without a reel and a hook with one shank using plant or animal bait. Imitation bait can also be used. Baits such as dough, cereal, grubs and worms are characteristic of non-predatory fishing. Bait fish, other vertebrate bait, or parts or imitations of such are not allowed as bait.

Particularly important rules

Fishing without the necessary documentation is against the law and will be met with significant punishment by the authorities. Fishing without a fishing pass is a criminal offence.

The closed seasons and minimum sizes of the various types of fish must be observed. A maximum of two hand rods may be used. The rods cast must be continually observed. A minimum distance of 50 meters from the fishing devices of professional fishing operations must be maintained. Further essential fishing regulations are found in the fishing law of the state of Brandenburg and the fishing regulations of the state of Brandenburg.

The work of fishing inspectors

A fishing inspector and a police officer oversee the observance of the fishing regulations. The authority of the fishing inspectors will be clearly recognizable in their identifying documentation, which may be viewed. We ask you to support the work of the fishing inspectors and follow the instructions of those authorized persons in order to allow inspections to proceed without complications.

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