

FISHING IN THE PARKS – FISHING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Fishing Events

Mayor Daley's Fish`N Kids HQ

@ Northerly Island Visitor's Center, 1700 S. Lynn White Dr.

Saturdays, May – June and September – October, from 9am – 12pm

These classes are for those individual kids (ages 8 and up please) and parents, and small groups that are unable to fish with us in the Mayor Daley's Fish`N Kids summer program (see below). We supply the rods, reels, bait and fishing instructors. Instruction takes place at Burnham Harbor or indoors at the Northerly Island Visitor's Center if the weather is bad. There will even be a little fly fishing and fly tying instruction. Call Bob Long, Jr., "The Fishin' Guy!" at (312) 742-4969 or Carl Vizzone (312) 735-8997 to reserve a spot or for more information. Reservations are required.

General Fishing Programs

IDNR Urban Fishing Program

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Urban Fishing Program offers free, instructed fishing at Chicago Park lagoons. In addition they offer no-cost informative and fun fishing lessons and environmental and fishing conservation seminars for youth that can be conducted at any fishing site in Chicago or at your park or school. For more information contact Brenda J. McKinney, Urban Fishing Program Director at (847) 294-4134, (847) 294-4137 or (312) 771-9741, or Brenda.McKinney@Illinois.gov .

IDNR Fishing Equipment Loaner Program

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources also loans fishing rods with a small tackle packet to the public at no charge through select Chicago Public Library branches. All you need is a library card. Call the following library branches for more information:

Albany Park Branch, 5150 N. Kimball, (312) 744-1933

Blackstone Public Library, 4904 S. Lake Park, (312) 747-0511

Douglas Park Library, 3353 W. 13th St., (312) 747-3725

Humboldt Park Library, 1605 N. Troy, (312) 744-2244

McKinley Park Branch, 1915 W. 35th St., (312) 747-6082

Sherman Park Library, 5440 S. Racine, (312) 747-0477

Uptown Public Library, 929 W. Buena, (312) 744-8425

Vodak Public Library, 10542 S. Ewing, (312) 747-5500

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