**MENTORED YOUTH**

...become angling adults

**Mentored Youth Trout Day 2024**

**March 30, 8a.m. - 7:30p.m.**

The day set aside for youth to fish [Stocked Trout Waters](https://www.fishandboat.com/Fishing/Regulations/Documents/SummaryBook.pdf#page=25)​ listed for the Opening Day of Trout Season [Refer To 2024 Fishing Summary – Page 25]

Be a part of making a young person a lifelong angler and lover of our natural resources. Get them started on Mentored Youth Trout Day. On this special day, youth get a jump start on fishing in PA's stocked trout waters. And buy a voluntary youth license and support youth programs all year long.​

**Eligible Anglers**

Youth anglers need a Mentored Youth Permit OR a Voluntary Youth Fishing License from the Commission and to be accompanied by an licensed adult angler to participate. With their License OR Permit, they can take a total of two trout (combined species) with a minimum length of 7 inches. Adult anglers are prohibited from possessing trout.

Anglers 16 years of age or older are adult anglers and need a valid Pennsylvania Fishing License and a current Trout Permit. To participate on MYTD, anglers over 16 must be accompanied by an eligible holder of a Mentored Youth Fishing Permit OR a Voluntary Youth Fishing License from the Commission.

**Guidance for mentors**

* Youth should be capable of fishing on their own, with limited assistance from mentor.
* Mentor should be fishing within a reasonable distance of actively fishing youth.
* This day is for mentors and their MY, and not designed for large groups of youth fishing, with minimal adult supervision.

[Commonwealth Inland Water regulations](https://www.fishandboat.com/Fishing/Regulations/Documents/2023SummaryBook.pdf#page=10) apply. Special regulation areas are not included in the program. It is unlawful to fish in waters designated as part of the Mentored Youth Fishing Day Program except when participating in the program. [Refer To 2024 Summary Of Regulations – Page 10]

Cost to fish on MYTD:

The Mentored Youth Permit is free. OR  
The Voluntary Youth License is $2.97 ($1 cost + $1 issuing agent fee + $0.97 PALS transaction fee).  
(Adult Anglers need an annual fishing license and current trout/salmon permit)  
Get the youth permit/ buy the youth voluntary license at [HuntFishPA](https://huntfish.pa.gov/) or at a [licensing agent](https://www.fishandboat.com/Fishing/Buy-License/Pages/Fishing-License-Agents.aspx).

**Voluntary Youth Licenses support youth programs**

While both the permit and the Voluntary Youth License provide the opportunity for youth to fish on Mentored Youth Fishing Days, the Voluntary Youth License provides an extended return for both Pennsylvania’s youth and the Commission, the Commission encourages anglers to purchase either a Voluntary Youth License or a Voluntary Youth License Voucher—for the future of fishing!

Think about your youth and the youth of tomorrow. Make an investment in the future of fishing!