



First Catch Center Workshops

Hackettstown State Fish Hatchery

23 Reese Ave., Hackettstown, NJ 07840



NJ Fish & Wildlife's First Catch Center at Hackettstown State Fish Hatchery is excited to offer three workshops this fall! These workshops will provide everything you'll need for beginners interested in learning to fish, targeting new fish species, or the first opportunity to fish with your family. These workshops are introductory and will cover fish biology; how to set up equipment; safety practices; bait and tackle choices; how to cast; and fishing regulations. Participants will put their new skills to practice with a fishing experience. **All bait, tackle and equipment will be provided.**

Workshop Fee: FREE

To Register: Complete the online registration form, links below. Registration is limited.

You must have a Conservation ID# (CID#) to apply. [Instructions for creating an online profile and CID#.](#)

Notes:

- Registration is limited.
- Anglers 16 and older are required to have a valid 2023 NJ Freshwater Fishing license to participate in the workshop.
- NJ Residents, under 16 and 70 and older do not need a fishing license, but can create a CID# or retrieve an existing CID# for free by following the instructions above.

Questions: Contact Karen at karen.byrne@dep.nj.gov.

September 22, 2023 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.	<p><u>Fishing for Catfish</u></p> <p>New Jersey has fantastic catfish fishing opportunities throughout the state in various freshwater lakes and ponds. Participants 18 years and older new to fishing or anglers looking to target catfish, this workshop is for you!</p> <p><u>REGISTER HERE</u></p>
October 9, 2023 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<p><u>Family Fishing Program</u></p> <p>Participants will learn basic fishing skills and put to practice those skills while fishing during the program. The program is open to ages 8 and older. Those under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.</p> <p><u>REGISTER HERE</u></p>
November 3, 2023 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	<p><u>Women's Introduction to Fishing</u></p> <p>This program is designed for women, 18 years and older, interested in learning the basics of freshwater fishing in New Jersey. It is the perfect opportunity to learn to fish and meet other women interested in fishing.</p> <p><u>REGISTER HERE</u></p>