Today’s Featured Activity: It’s National Go Fishing Day

The weather is perfect to find a pond or stream and cast some lines. This beginners guide from Outdoor Magazine outlines all the basics you need to know before heading out. If you’re heading to a Public Conservation Area, in addition to a NYS fishing license you will need a CLC fishing permit. Learn more about the native fish of New York with this handy guide you can print out.

If you don’t have the supplies to go fishing, you can still do some fishy activities:

- Take your nature journal out to a body of water and conduct a fish watch! Sit quietly and be patient. A pair of polarized sunglasses might help with the reflection from the water.
- When you’re out on a walk collect a variety of different leaves, cut them into various shapes and create a “fish tank” or a school of fish with these templates!
- Make a stained-glass fish ornament with wax paper and some crayons.
Using recycled paper towel rolls make these cute fishes, that can be used for play, or create a mobile, or a go fish game with paperclips and a magnet!

Create fishbowls or underwater scenes using recycled materials!

Here’s a few local places you can visit to help get you started on your fishing adventure!

- Shooter’s Sports, Valatie
- Ace Hardware, Chatham
- Flying Arrow Sports, East Greenbush
- River Basin Sports Shop, Catskill
- Hook Line & Sinker Bait Shop, Red Hook

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