



## MAKE IT YOUR NATURE

### Outdoor NC Leave No Trace Principles for Fishing

#### PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

If you are fishing on North Carolina's coasts or rivers, a fishing license is required for anyone 16 and older. Plan ahead and purchase a fishing license online prior to your outing.

#### LEAVE IT AS YOU FIND IT

Always be respectful of the lands and waters you are fishing on. Be aware of state and local regulations and follow any posted signage to protect fishing access for future visitors to enjoy.

#### CONTAIN YOUR CONTAINERS

Secure bait containers to prevent them from being blown into the ocean or rivers. Seal containers while not using them to protect your bait and prevent wildlife from gaining access to potentially unhealthy food sources.

#### MIND YOUR LINES

Monofilament fishing line can be lethal to wildlife if they become entangled or swallow it. Help protect birds, fish and other wildlife by learning the proper way to cut your line when caught on rocks, and disposing of all fishing line and hooks using monofilament tubes.

#### TRASH YOUR TRASH

Always pack up all gear, food scraps and other trash. Gear and litter left behind can be dangerous for wildlife and a safety hazard to other visitors.



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