



Your Guide to Taking a Friend Fishing

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SAFETY COMES FIRST.

Before getting out on the water, be sure to pack properly fitting PFDs, check the weather, buy your fishing license and review safety instructions.

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HAVE FUN.

Regardless of if the fish are biting or not, maintain your enthusiasm and enjoy spending time with your friend. Your attitude is contagious.

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STAY CLOSE TO HOME.

When teaching beginners how to fish, head to a fishing spot that's close to home. They can see how accessible fishing can be and won't get tired on a long drive or boat ride.

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STICK TO THE BASICS.

Think along the lines of "fishing 101" and stick to simple beginner tips. Too much information can feel like overload and overwhelm a new angler.

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PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT.

Be sure you're not only teaching by correction. Provide tips with a positive tone and be sure to praise your friend when they try a new skill.

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BRING SNACKS & KEEP HYDRATED.

It's hard for newcomers to learn and stay focused if they're hungry! Be sure to pack snacks and plenty of water.

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INSTILL A CONSERVATION MINDSET.

Ethical fishing practices are vital to the protection of our aquatic resources. Be sure you follow local regulations and explain why it's important to follow these rules to your friend.