

ANGLER BADGE



How to earn your badge...

1. Learn the water safety rules and the proper precautions to take when fishing from the bank, shore line, or from a boat.
2. Learn the basic hygiene precautions to take when fishing.
3. Understand how the Countryside code should be followed by anglers, and where and how to fish legally.
4. Learn about invasive species and make sure to check, clean, and dry your equipment to stop them spreading.
5. Go fishing at least four times in two different places.
Make a note of:
 - the number of fish you caught
 - species and size of your fish
 - your method, tackle and bait used
 - the weather and water conditions.
6. Choose the correct equipment and method for where you plan to fish.
You should be able to:
 - Assemble a rod, reel or pole.
 - Choose the right form of bait, lure or fly for your planned fishing activity.
 - Tie at least three different knots for your chosen method of fishing.
7. Show you can cast correctly and accurately into a target area a suitable distance away, depending on the equipment you are using.
8. Show how to correctly handle a fish, unhook it and return it into the water.
9. Explain how different species of fish have different habitats.
Talk about how this, and weather conditions, can affect your method of fishing.