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 IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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*Fishing has been a critical
part of cultures across the
globe for generations.*

Waterways have always drawn people to their shores.

Part subsistence and part recreation, people have been fishing in South Carolina for thousands of years. The fishing methods and tools used today are similar in many ways to those of the past. Terminal tackle – hooks, lines, and weights; nets and traps; spears and bows; boats and other watercrafts all have their place within the history of fishing. Some of these items can be found within the state's archaeological record and illuminate a deeper understanding of past subsistence strategies, recreation practices, and fisheries management.

Would you like to join the next generation of anglers?

Visit the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) Aquatic Education website to learn more about Family Fishing Clinics, Fishing Rodeos, the Fishing Tackle Loaner Program, and to gather more information about fishing in South Carolina.

www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed



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