

Scouts Angler Activity Badge



The Scouts Angler Activity Badge requirements have recently been updated, and these requirements should be used from now on. However, if you're already working towards the badge or have activities already planned, you can continue using the current requirements until April 2025.

Previous requirements:

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. Go fishing at least four times in two different places.

Make a note of:

- a. the number of fish you caught
- b. species and size of your fish
- c. your method, tackle and bait used
- d. the weather and water conditions.

4. Choose the correct equipment and method for where you plan to fish.
5. Learn to assemble a rod, reel or pole.
6. Choose the right form of bait, lure or fly for your planned fishing activity.
7. Show you can cast correctly and accurately into a target area a suitable distance away, depending on the equipment you are using.
8. Tie at least three different knots for your chosen method of fishing.
9. Show how to correctly handle a fish, unhook it and return it into the water.
10. Explain how different species of fish have different habitats.

Talk about how this, and weather conditions, can affect your method of fishing.

New requirements:

We've updated the requirements to create a more educational and environmentally friendly and sustainable badge. We also combined some requirements to make them easier to follow. In addition to this, we added more tips to help you fish safely and legally. As part of the review, we worked with The Angling Trust, who endorse this badge.

You can find the new requirements on the Scouts website.