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JEB Little Creek-Fort Story

# Fishing Information



## 2013



Hunting, fishing & archery range utilization are open to anyone with base access privileges. Members of the general public that would like to recreate on base must have a qualified sponsor. Sponsors can be active or retired military or government civilians with current base access identification. Contact the Natural Resource Center (NRC) at 757-433-2151 or stop by the NRC, Building 78, to ensure you have all appropriate access documentation.

You may also visit the Natural Resources Website at:  
[www.cnic.navy.mil/Oceana/About/Departments/NaturalResources](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Oceana/About/Departments/NaturalResources)

In case of an emergency, call 757-462-4444 or 422-7141.

# Questions & Answers

Q: *Where can I fish on base?*

A: **Authorized fishing areas:**

**JEB Little Creek**

- (1) Freshwater fishing areas:  
Lake Bradford, Chubb Lake, Bigelow Hall Lake and Lake Varian.
- (2) Saltwater fishing areas:  
E Beach and pier located behind USO, building 604

**JEB Fort Story**

- (1) Fresh water fishing areas include:  
East Gate Lake and Hospital Lake
- (2) Salt Water fishing areas:  
Harbor Master Wooden Dock, Building 704, Training Beaches, Atlantic Ocean, Inchon Beach from East Gate (Gate 8) to Cape Henry House (Building 734)

Q: *Are there size or possession limits for freshwater fishing?*

A: **The following size/possession limits are imposed for freshwater fishing at JEB Little Creek Lake Bradford, Chubb Lake, Bigelow Hall Lake and Lake Varian:**

**Largemouth Bass**

- Can only keep between June 16 and February 28
- 9 to 11" total length: 2/day/person
- 15" and longer: 1/day/person
- All other sizes are catch and release.

**Walleye**

- 2/day/person

**Catfish**

- 10" and longer: 3/day/person

**Pan Fish**

- Virginia limits apply. All other sizes are catch and release.

**JEB Fort Story - East Gate Lake and Hospital Lake**

- All species are catch and release only.

Q: *Are there size or possession limits for saltwater fishing?*

A: All current Virginia and Federal regulations apply on JEB Little Creek-Fort Story

Q: *Can I use a boat?*

A: Boats are only authorized for use only in Lake Bradford at JEB Little Creek.

Q: *Are there any special requirements for using a boat?*

A: Boats must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Cannot have a gasoline engine that is larger than 10-hp and/or may be equipped with an electric motor.
- (2) If boats have an engine or motor greater than 10-hp they are not allowed to be on the lake.
- (3) Boat and trailer shall be cleaned and motor's cooling system thoroughly flushed with fresh water.
- (4) Boat, equipment, live wells and other areas that hold water shall dry for five days in a sunny location before use.
- (5) "No Wake" limitations are in effect over all lakes.

Q: *With what gear can I freshwater fish?*

A: **At JEB Little Creek:**

- (1) Fishing shall be conducted only by angling with a hook and line or rod and reel, held in hand. No more than two treble hooks are permitted on any fishing lure. In catch and-release waters, barbed hooks are discouraged and treble hooks are prohibited. A hand held landing net may also be used to remove legally hooked fish.

(2) **At JEB Fort Story:**

Only BARBLESS hooks may be used. Treble hooks are prohibited. All other rules above apply.

Q: *With what gear can I saltwater fish?*

A: Fishing shall be conducted only by angling with a hook and line or rod and reel, held in hand. No more than two treble hooks are permitted on any fishing lure. Incatch-and-release waters, barbed hooks are discouraged and treble hooks are prohibited. A hand-held landing net may also be used to remove legally hooked fish.

Q: *What kind of bait can I use to fish?*

A: All bait used must adhere to Virginia regulations.

**\*\*\*Live bait fish is prohibited in freshwater areas.\*\*\***

Q: *Which permits are needed to fish and where can they be purchased?*

A: Authorized patrons and guests age of 16 and older must obtain, as appropriate, Virginia (state or county) freshwater fishing licenses and base fishing permits. Eligible family members age 16 and younger must be directly supervised by an adult, age 18 or older, who holds a valid fishing license and base fishing permit.

Virginia Saltwater fishing licenses are required for patrons and guests between the ages of 16 and 64. Anyone over age 65 is not required to have a saltwater fishing license, however, they are required to register annually with the VMRC via website [www.mrc.virginia.gov/fip](http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/fip) or by calling 1-800-723-2728. Base fishing permits are required for anyone saltwater fishing.

Permits are sold at **JEB Little Creek MWR ITT office, (757) 462-7665** and **JEB Fort Story Sandpiper Recreation Center, (757) 422-7472**. For a complete list of authorized locations, refer to COMNAVREGMIDLANTINST 11015.1 series, and can be accessed from the Natural Resources website:

[www.cnic.navy.mil/Oceana/About/Departments/NaturalResources](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Oceana/About/Departments/NaturalResources)

Permits are currently \$8 for a full calendar year, but the cost is subject to change.

Q: *When can I fish?*

A: Fishing is only authorized during state sanctioned seasons. Fishing is from sunrise to sunset (dawn to dusk), unless otherwise stipulated in the Base Fishing Instruction.

Q: *Where can I find more information about fishing on base?*

A: Visit the Natural Resources Website and view the JEBLCFS Fishing Instruction. Contact the NRC for the most current information.

➤ [www.cnic.navy.mil/Oceana/About/Departments/NaturalResources](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Oceana/About/Departments/NaturalResources)

**State Regulations:**

➤ [www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations)

➤ [www.mrc.virginia.gov/regulations/swrefishingrules.shtm](http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/regulations/swrefishingrules.shtm)

**Please bring a valid Virginia State Fishing license to obtain a base fishing permit.**

**JEB Little Creek  
ITT Office  
757-462-7665**

**Fort Story Sandpiper  
Recreation Center  
757-422-7472**

## WARNINGS:

- Off-road or 4-wheel driving is unauthorized.
- Be aware that there are venomous snakes and poisonous plants on the premises.
- It is unlawful and strictly PROHIBITED to harm, disturb, or collect plants and animals.
- The release of fish or other aquatic wildlife not caught on the premises is PROHIBITED.
- The release of any animals or the planting of any plants without the written approval of the Base's Natural Resources Manager is PROHIBITED.
- It is recommended that individuals fishing on site use insect repellent.
- It is required to provide, when requested, appropriate identification, permits and passes to Base Security and Conservation Law Enforcement Officers.



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