



POA Ponds Committee *'Pond Views'*

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Let's Go Fishing!

Fall is a great time of year for fishing. In St. James we have about 230 ponds. The POA Ponds Committee maintains about 150 with some of those stocked specifically for residents and their guests to try their luck fishing.

One question we often get is, "Where can I fish in St. James?" Residents and their guests can fish on any pond if you fish from POA common property. Property owners and their guests can also fish from their own property, including the golf course ponds managed by Troon. A NC fishing license is required for those age 16 and older.

Maybe a better question is, "Where can't I fish in St. James?"

- On golf courses property or on other residents developed and undeveloped lots without the property owner's permission.
- Within construction zones or areas restricted by the St James POA, Town, Developer or their representatives.
- From wetlands and areas with sensitive or protected plant life.



From the dock at Potter's Seafood:

"Guys, I'm pretty pooped flying and fishing the waves all day. Any chance for a free sample?"

Good news! Almost all ponds in St. James have fish. Most have been stocked by Mother Nature. In addition, the Ponds Committee has stocked fish and placed habitat in 14 accessible ponds across our community. To find our stocked ponds, [click here for our Ponds Fishing Guidelines](#). A photo and directions to the stocked ponds are shown

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Guidelines also address the following.

- Rules for fishing in SJP ponds, such as **catch-and-release only fishing**.
- Tips on how to handle a live fish.
- Guidance on protecting the environment.
- Information on how to fish in these ponds.
- Reminders of angling ethics to make fishing a pleasant experience for everyone.

Excited and want to learn more? We have an active St. James Fishing Club involved with both salt water and freshwater fishing. [Click here](#) to check out their website.

Now armed with all this information, enjoy your fishing and the fresh fall air!

The Ponds Committee

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