

Introductory Guide to Kayak Fishing

This article will cover how to fish on a kayak as well as how to prepare before even heading out. If you have the right equipment and are well-prepared, you will have a great time. If you aren't well prepared you may give up on kayak fishing before you have a chance to fall in love with it. Continue reading below to find out how to fish on a kayak.



Getting Started

Before learning how to fish on a kayak, you have to get comfortable using a kayak. Decide how many people will be fishing on the kayak. Will you be by yourself or will a companion join you? Whatever the case, we recommend paddling out on your kayak without your pole or tackle and just get used to the kayak. Make sure you are strong enough and have the endurance to get to where you want to go and back. If you don't know your limitations, you could get stuck in the middle of a large body of water.

1 Know Where To Go

Decide where you will be kayak fishing before heading out. Taking the time to research different water sources in the area will increase your chances of success while fishing. Take note of local rules, launch points, hazards, and safety contact numbers. You can find out what species are most common in which bodies of water as well as what kind of tackle is recommended. This will cut back on the amount of bait and different kinds of lures you need to bring with you. The less tackle, the better since space is limited.



2 Have the Right Equipment

Before heading out fishing on a kayak, make sure you are prepared. Bring clothes and shoes that can handle getting wet and consider bringing a spare change of clothes. You can put these clothes, valuables, and electronics together in a dry bag to keep everything dry. If you are fishing in cooler weather or early in the morning, bring clothes to keep you warm. We recommend light layers that can be easily shed if the weather warms up.



3 Choosing a Kayak

Inflatable kayaks are a great option for those with limited space. They are lightweight, but still plenty durable. Easy to transport and easy to store; inflatable fishing kayaks allow you to kayak fishing at the drop of a hat. For more information, check out our Inflatable Fishing Kayak Buyers' Guide. Some optional add-ons include, rowing kits, Bixpy Kayak Motor, rod holders, and extra storage areas. These extras are by no means mandatory, but they are recommended.



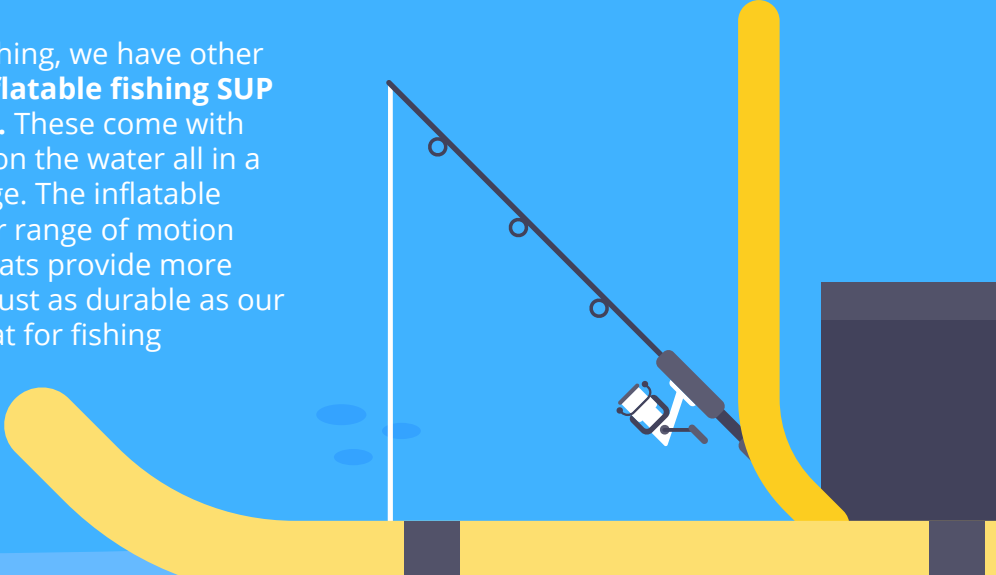
4 Choosing a Fishing Pole

The right pole makes for a better kayak fishing experience. **We recommend a pole that is no shorter than 6'6" long.** This size is good for being able to reach out to keep the line free from the kayak. You also want to make sure the pole is lightweight. It can be difficult to cast from a seated position, especially when you are so low in the water. A lightweight pole will make your casting experience better and keep you from getting tired too quickly.



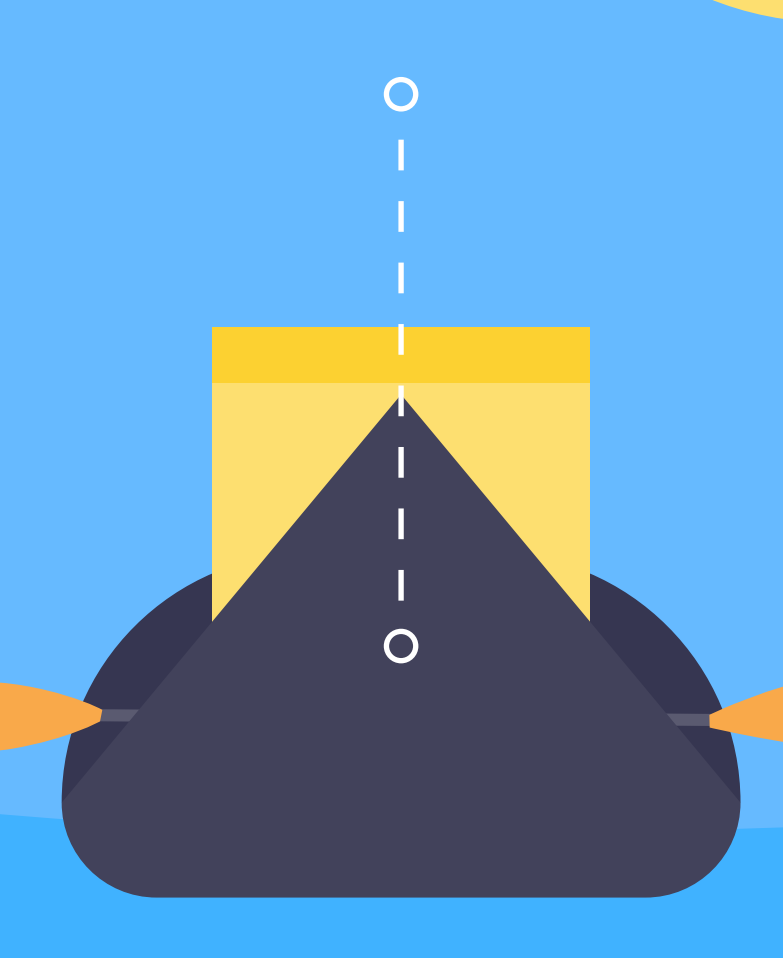
5 Kayak Alternatives

If you're not sold on kayak fishing, we have other great options such as an inflatable fishing SUP and inflatable fishing boats. These come with everything you'll need to get on the water all in a conveniently wrapped package. The inflatable fishing SUPs allow for a better range of motion while the inflatable fishing boats provide more space and stability. Both are just as durable as our inflatable kayaks and are great for fishing.



6 How to Fish On a Kayak

It's commonly said that your body will follow your head. This means you want to keep your head centered in the kayak as much as possible. Too much bending and other movements will cause you to capsize. **Balance is also important in regard to your equipment. Keep your heaviest pieces of equipment, such as your anchor and ice chest, toward the center of your kayak.**



7 Start Fishing

Once you've decided where you are going to fish and your kayak is well-balanced, start paddling. Keep your speed and strokes even. After reaching your destination, slowly drop your anchor into the water until it reaches the bottom. Tie off the nylon rope to your kayak so that it is taught to prevent drifting. When casting, you can stand or sit depending on your comfort level. **Make sure to stay as balanced as possible while casting so you don't capsize the boat or fall in.**



You're Ready to Go Fishing

Now that we've provided general tips on how to fish on a kayak and how to prepare for kayak fishing, you are ready to get going. Make sure you are familiar with your kayak, have the right equipment, and know what to do in case things go wrong. If you're well prepared, you only need to worry about how to cook all the fish you are going to catch!

