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Make time to fish this spring!

We're been stuck inside too long. Get your family, your [fishing license](#), and head outdoors for fun that can't be beat.

Here's some great resources to get you started.

- [Online license sale site](#) - buy your fishing license and download it right away
 - [Interactive Fishing Atlas](#) - quickly zoom in on the lake of your choice to find fish structure locations, lake amenities, and road maps
 - ["How to fish for..."](#) webpages - everything you need to know to catch [bluegill](#), [crappie](#), [catfish](#) and more
 - [11 Things You Need in Your Tackle Box Right Now](#) - pack these basic necessities for a fun and successful spring fishing trip
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It's all about the invitation! Snag a new angler this spring—invite a child, friend, family member, co-worker or neighbor to go fishing.

Get out and have fun. Iowa waters teem with unprecedented numbers of fish—west to east from big river to big river—and the lakes, rivers and streams in-between.

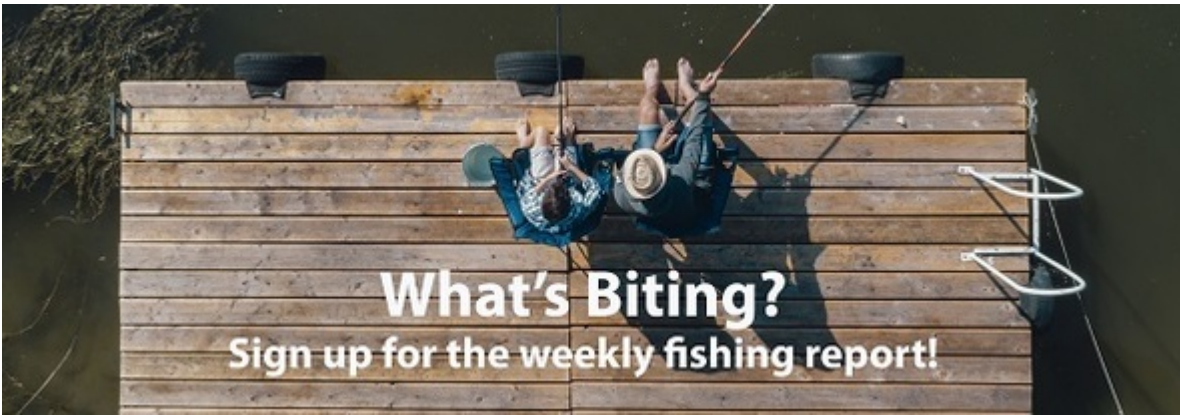
99 counties full of fish to tackle with new buddies

Experience the thrill - catch a trout!

Spring brings lots of opportunities to try trout fishing close to home or in northeast Iowa.

- [Spring Community Trout Stockings](#) start March 29 – most locations have a family-friendly event to help you get started and be successful.
- The popular [trout stream stocking schedule](#) is set – add trout stream stockings to your Google calendar so you will always know where and when trout are being stocked.

Buy your trout fee



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