



FAMILY FISHING TRIPS

These family trips are all about putting smiles on faces, and memories in the hearts of everyone who joins us. We custom plan these trips for each specific group of people to give them the most amazing experience possible. These trips can accommodate fishermen of all ages, from tiny anglers to seasoned veterans. Here are some of our most commonly asked questions:

Who do these trips work best for?

We can plan trips for fishermen of any age. For younger kids, we can design trips that are exciting, with lots of good-sized fish, and even pizza right in the boat. For more experienced anglers, we can pursue some of the largest fish that swim in our waters. No matter what your age or experience level is, we have the perfect trip for you.



Where do you take these groups?

Most of our trips are on the Grand River, or Spring Lake. We also spend some time on Lake Michigan in the fall, and even lead special fly-fishing trips on area rivers. We also have the ability to plan special trips to northern Michigan, and even up into Canada if desired.

What do you fish for?

One unique aspect of our fishing trips is that we target whatever species is providing the most action at that particular time of the year. In the spring, we're fishing for bass and also for massive catfish. Summer finds us trolling in Spring Lake for a variety of fish, including smallmouth, largemouth, white bass, walleye, sheephead, and even large pike. In the fall, the salmon run keeps us busy for the months of September and October. To finish the year, we take advantage of the late-season bite for bass, pike, and a special few weeks for whitefish. No matter what time of the year, we know where to find the most active fishing experiences.



What does a typical trip look like?

Usually I meet families at 5pm and we hit the water. We usually fish until 9pm, with a break to eat dinner. Our trips, however, can be customized to whatever you're looking for, from morning trips to all-day adventures and even weekends.



How many people can you take?

For boat trips, we can accommodate up to 4 fishermen, plus myself. We can also arrange shoreline trips to area ponds, the Grand River, and even the Grand Haven Pier.

What is the cost?

Freewater Experience is an outdoor ministry, so we work on a "donation" basis. For families who can afford to make a donation, we suggest \$20/hour, or approximately \$60-80 for a 3-4 hour trip. For families who cannot make a donation, we still try to work it out so that we can spend time with you on the water. Our desire is to have an amazing fishing experience available to everyone.



What do families who have done these trips say?

"We had a great time. Got some pizza at coops, caught some fish (big fish too!) and enjoyed the experience spending time with my kids in the outdoors. Looking forward to doing it again. "

"Fantastic experience! Incredible father/son time and insane fishing! So much fun! Watching my 7 yr old reel in a 3 ft pike was the best! He hasn't stopped talking about it! You have to try out the Freewater! It will leave you with an unforgettable Experience! I went not as a fisherman but now I'm hooked"

"The best part of the trip wasn't the monster sheephead or soaking up all the great tips on trolling, it was hearing my son say his cheeks hurt from smiling so much! We all had a great time! There is nothing like being able to introduce my kids to the outdoor playground that God created for us. Russ was a great guide and super interactive with the whole family. My kids are constantly showing our friends and family pics from the trip!"

How do I set up a trip?

A simple phone call or email gets the ball rolling. We can often accommodate groups with a few days notice, but prefer a call two weeks or more in advance. Here's our contact information:

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