



In-Shore River Fishing

Although good year 'round, fishing along this area's countless miles of creeks and rivers is at its best September through the winter months and into early Spring. Trout, redfish (spot tail bass), flounder, sheepshead, whiting—the varieties are as numerous as the good fishing spots. Float-fishing

with live shrimp or minnows, or bottom fishing with dead shrimp helps ensure a satisfying catch.

The rivers in this area are tidal with as much as a seven-foot change between full-high and dead-low tides. While fishing can be good at any tidal stage—depending on weather conditions, season, the type of fish, etc.—tide times should be watched closely to avoid being stranded on river banks and sand bars. Tide tables are available from many local retailers at no charge.

Fish size and catch restrictions are strictly enforced. In-shore charter services with expert captain/guides are available at most area marinas and include all the necessary equipment.

Fishing Tournaments

For the serious sport fishing enthusiast, Brunswick & The Golden Isles host several annual fishing tournaments. Each summer, the Golden Isles Kingfish Classic draws hundreds of anglers from all around the southeast. Golden Isles Marina, next to the St. Simons Island Causeway, is home to the IFA Georgia Redfish Open tournament in June and the Red Trout Celebrity Classic in October. The Two-Way Fish Camp holds its annual Rodeo in June, and a trout fishing event in the fall. All tournaments offer generous prizes, including some significant cash awards. Check with area marinas for specific details on dates and entry requirements.



Brunswick and The Golden Isles are just a one hour drive north of Jacksonville, FL and a one hour drive south of Savannah, GA. Brunswick Golden Isles Airport in Brunswick is served by ASA/The Delta Connection, with daily round-trip regional jet flights to Atlanta. Private pilots may use Brunswick Golden Isles Airport, McKinnon St. Simons Island Airport or Jekyll Island Airport. Jacksonville and Savannah airports also serve this area.

Easy access by automobile is afforded by I-95, GA 520 and US Highways 17 and 341. For boaters, Brunswick and The Golden Isles are on the Intracoastal Waterway, and there are numerous full-service marinas located in the area.

Brunswick & The Golden Isles are an excellent vantage point from which to enjoy all of Georgia's coast.

An hour north is Savannah, Georgia, known for its historic downtown squares and the shops and restaurants along its waterfront district. An hour west is Okefenokee Swamp Park, with guided tours of a vast and mysterious wilderness the Native Americans called "land of trembling earth." Between Darien and Brunswick is Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation, offering a glimpse into the rice plantation culture that flourished along Georgia's coast in the early 1800s. Just south lies the port of St. Marys, Georgia, departure point for excursions to Cumberland Island, a national seashore famous for its abundant wildlife and untouched natural beauty. Plus, numerous festivals, fairs, and special events, unique to the people and culture of the coast, that can be enjoyed year 'round.

For information about Brunswick & The Golden Isles please write or call:



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Bait your hook!
The fishing's great here!

No matter what type of fishing you and your family enjoy, few places can match the variety of fishing found in the waters that shape and surround Brunswick and the Golden Isles of Georgia. Our vast coastal ecosystem of salt marshes, tidal creeks, winding rivers, sounds and the Atlantic Ocean is unspoiled, healthy, and brimming with fish of all types.

Off-Shore and Sport Fishing

The vast expanse of the ocean is an irresistible lure for those who seek the excitement and challenge of deep sea and offshore angling. Minutes by boat and up to 45 miles from the coast of the Golden Isles are bars, buoys, natural and man-made reefs and holes. Trolling with live bait can mean strikes by king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, cobia, grouper, snapper, amberjack and others, especially from May to September. And within a few miles from shore, shark and tarpon can usually be hooked with the best times for these sport fish being mid-summer through September.

A license is required for all fishing, seining, castnetting, crabbing, surf casting and other fishing activities in fresh and salt waters. Kids under 16 fish free. Special licensing is available to those who are blind and for Georgia residents age 65 or older. Passengers on charter fishing vessels often are covered by the license purchased by the captain.



Hook up with one of the area's expert charter captains who know these waters so well. Most charters include all the gear, bait and tackle you'll need.

Other Ways to Wet Your Hook

A boat's not required to enjoy great fishing in the Golden Isles. Try your luck at these other spots:

Surf Casting:

Stretches of beach on St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island are good spots for surf fishing, crabbing, and seining.

Piers: The St. Simons Island Pier (in the Village area) and the Jekyll Island Pier (located at the Island's north end in the Clam Creek picnic area) are popular spots with local and visiting anglers. Both float-fishing and bottom fishing, with the appropriate bait selections, work well. The piers are good spots for crabbing, too.



Other Water Activities

Fishing is just one way to enjoy the pleasures of the waters around the Golden Isles while you are here. Sample these other recreational options:

- Birding Tours
- Off-Shore SCUBA Diving
- Shrimp Boat Excursions
- Dolphin Watches
- Sailboat & Jet Ski Rentals
- Snorkeling
- Kayaking
- Marsh Tours
- Waterway Tours

Bridges: Area causeway bridges can be good places to catch fish, particularly trout in the fall. Depending on the location, you can fish either directly from the bridge span or from nearby structures. (Be sure to carefully note any bridge fishing restrictions and always exercise extreme care when on foot along any traffic bridge.)

Lake Fishing: Freshwater lake fishing is available at the Blythe Island Regional Park on Blythe Island near Brunswick. For information, call 912-279-2812.



For a list of most area fishing charter operations, marinas, fishing licenses, bait and tackle suppliers and water sports outlets, refer to the Fishing & Other Water Activities Guide, available at area Visitors Centers.

To learn more about fishing in and around Brunswick and the Golden Isles, call the local office of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources at (912) 264-7218.

For information on boating regulations and water safety, contact the Brunswick station of the United States Coast Guard at (912) 267-7999.

