

# Frequently Asked Questions

Have a question? We've got answers! Below you'll find common questions about fishing at TopCats. If you don't see what you're looking for, feel free to contact us directly!

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## General Information

**Are you open every day?** While we are generally open daily, during the low season, we may close one day a week (usually Saturday or Sunday). We also occasionally close for essential lake maintenance, exclusive bookings, or dedicated fishing days. Please check our website or contact us for the most up-to-date availability.

**What are your fishing times?** We are open daily from **8 AM to 8 PM**.

- **Half-day sessions (6 hours)** are available starting at 8 AM (early bird) or 2 PM (predator session).
- **4-hour sessions** are available by arrangement only, starting at 8 AM, 10 AM, or 2 PM. Please note: 4-hour sessions are not highly recommended as they may not provide enough time to fully experience the lake.
- The **latest start time for any session is 2 PM**.
- Last cast is 10 minutes before your session ends. Any fish hooked before this time can be landed, even if it extends past your finish time.

**Where can I find your prices?** Our prices are always kept up-to-date on our official website. Please be aware that some older flyers or brochures at travel agencies and hotel receptions may contain outdated pricing information.

**Do I need to book in advance?** While walk-in fishing may sometimes be available, we highly recommend booking at least **24 hours in advance**. This allows us to prepare your bait and ensure availability, as we limit spaces for the comfort of our customers and the safety of our fish.

**How do I book?** You can easily book through our:

- **Website:** Visit our "Contact Us" page.
- **Email:** Send us a message.
- **WhatsApp:** Use the WhatsApp button on our site.
- **Social Media:** Contact us via private or direct message on our main social media platforms.

**Can I fish without booking accommodation?** Yes! We offer various day pass options, including half-day, full-day, and Arapaima-specific sessions.

**Are transfers included in the price?** Transfers are included when you book a stay of 3 days or more. For day passes, transfers are not included, but please ask us for a price when booking.

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## Fishing Equipment & Bait

**Do you supply all the fishing tackle?** Yes, everything is included! Each angler is provided with a 2-rod setup.

**Can I use my own tackle?** While we prefer you use our supplied tackle, you may use your own if it is first inspected and approved by our management or fishing guides.

**Is bait included?** Yes, a bait pack is supplied, which includes 1kg of boilies and 1kg of deadbait. For anglers fishing a full day, we recommend purchasing at least 1kg extra boilies and an additional bait pack for optimal results.

**Can I bring my own bait?** You are welcome to bring your own pop-ups, wafers, and glugs. Natural baits such as worms and sweetcorn (not maize) are also allowed. Exotic baits can be used, but only as hook bait and must not be thrown into the lake.

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## On-Site Experience

**Do I get a fishing guide?** Yes, every angler receives a fully trained Thai guide. They will assist as much or as little as you need, depending on your angling ability. They **must** assist with landing and unhooking all fish for safety and fish welfare.

**Can I weigh my fish?** For the safety and well-being of our fish, they are **never removed from the lake**. Handling and moving large fish can be stressful and dangerous for them. Your guide will provide an estimated weight.

**Will I catch a fish?** While it's called "fishing" not "catching," we fully expect every angler to catch at least one fish during any session. Typically, anglers catch around 8 fish per day. We are so confident that if you book a full 12-hour day ticket and don't catch, you'll receive your money back!

**Can I take a picture with the fish?** Absolutely! We encourage photos. However, always give the fish time to recover, and please listen carefully to your guide during the photographic process to ensure the fish's safety and well-being.

**Is there a bar and restaurant?** Yes, there is a full bar and restaurant service with waitress service to your fishing sala. Only food and drink purchased at TopCats to be consumed whilst on site

**Can I smoke?** Yes, please use the ashtrays provided and do not disturb other customers

**Are Drones allowed?** Please check the laws of Thailand regarding the flying of drones in the first instance. If legal, then they can be used with permission and without disturbing other customers

**Will I appear on TopCats' Web pages and Social Media?** Yes, it is possible. Please let our staff know if you do not wish to feature on our pages.