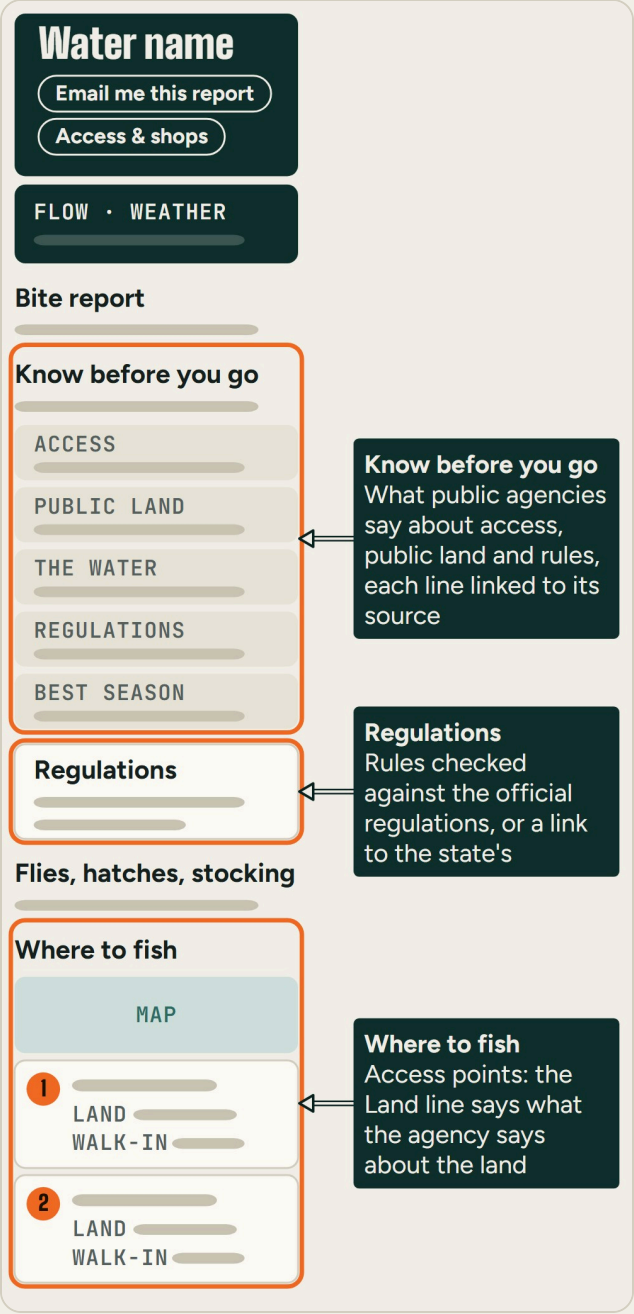
DO I NEED A LICENSE, AND WHERE AM I ALLOWED TO FISH?

Plan on buying a fishing license from the state you fish in. Where you may fish depends on the rules for each water and on who owns the land beside it. Your state page on Fly Findr links the agency's license store and rules where Fly Findr has them. Each water page shows what agencies say about its rules and access. Rules change: check the agency's current rules before you fish.



Where the rules and access blocks sit on a Fly Findr water page, as a phone stacks them, as on November 21, 2026. Blocks appear only where Fly Findr holds data. Diagram: Fly Findr

BEFORE EVERY TRIP

License	Open your state from Browse by state and tap the Fishing license card. No card? Fly Findr holds no license details for that state (23 of 50 state pages had one on November 21, 2026): go to the state's fish and wildlife agency.
Rules for the water	On the water page, read Know before you go and Regulations. Find the section you will fish, then whether it is open, what may be kept and the gear rule. Then open the agency's link.
Whose bank	Read what Know before you go and the access points under Where to fish say about the land. Stay inside posted boundaries. Fly Findr holds no stream access law: ask the state agency.
Boots and gear	Felt soles are banned in some states and parks: Do I need waders? lists where. In Idaho the gear cleaning guide says: “Anyone with a watercraft or conveyance must stop. Conveyances include waders and fishing tackle.” (checked November 13, 2026).
Check again	Rules change. Follow the link to the official regulations and check the current version. No link? Search for your state's fish and wildlife agency. This sheet is not legal advice.

What Fly Findr doesn't hold. Stream access law for any state: ask the agency. Checked rules for most waters: on November 21, 2026, rules checked line by line existed for 3 Idaho waters. Elsewhere the Regulations block links the state's official regulations where Fly Findr has the link (37 of 50 states); otherwise the block is absent. License details for 27 states, every license exception, and license prices.