

Harvest Moon: A Wonderful Life Fishing Guide/FAQ

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1. History [1HIS]
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4/18/04 Came back, answered e-mails.

4/6/04 Went on Vacation

4/5/04 After not making any breakthroughs, got 2 e-mails and added tips/credits.

4/1/04 Yamame info added.

3/31/04 Added middle river info, added more sites to allow list

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3/27/04 Got almost the entire guide done

3/26/04 Writing information/Basic Info

3/25/04 Started Format

3/24/04 Started gathering info  
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2. Introduction [2INT]
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After playing HM:AWL for the Gamecube I realized many fishing questions and not many answers. So I took upon myself to make a guide about one of the best

aspects of HM:AWL,

Fish. Many of you may know me on the boards, as Master Cube 10, and remember this is only my second guide I have ever done, so bare with me.

\*Please keep in mind this is under construction every day\*

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3. Fish [3FSH]  
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In HM:AWL fishing can be very important or obsolete in your game depending on your style. Even though this is true, fishing plays an important role in

the game. If you give Daryl a fish a day for a few days, he will give you the seed maker for free. Also fish can be used to eat, cook, give gifts, and sell to Van. During mid winter of Chapter one your cow will stop producing milk, and you will have to live off of fish/eggs/crops for a while, which don't give much profit other than fish.

3A How to [3HWT]

First off, you need a pole. To get the pole simply buy it from Van. On the 3rd and 8th Van sets up shop near the Inner Inn, and also sets up shop randomly each month on other days. The pole is the second item you should buy from him, first is the brush.

To fish, first equip the pole using "X" and searching in your tools. After that, go up to a water area (River, Swamp, or Spring) and hit "A." This will cast your line out into the water. Wait until your bobber starts going under a bit and you hear a slight noise, as the fish will do this a few times before taking the bait. The fish eventually takes the bait under water, and you see/hear a large splash. As someone mentioned on the message board hit another button slowly (Like L/R) before hitting the "A" button to reel in the fish. The delay works good to help your timing. After you hit "A" and begin reeling the fish in, you have to do no additional work. The fish is caught and put in your rucksack. Equip the pole again and repeat, if you wish so.

3B Types [3TYP]

There are many types of fish compared to most HM games that are just sorted by 3 sizes or legendary fish. The more expensive the fish, obviously, the more rare that fish is.

*L=Lower river P=Pond/Spring W=Waterfall/Upper river
M=Middle River S=Swamp

|Fish |Selling price|Location*|
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|Arna | 400g |S P |
|Colombo | 20g |S P L M |
|Snelt | 30g |S P L M |
|Nyameme | 60g |S P W|
|Rainbob | 80g |S L |
|Huchep | 90g | W|
|Yameme | 500g | W|
|Sharshark | 600g | L M |
|Big Arna** | 800g |S P |
|Big Colombo | 40g |S P L M |
|Big Snelt | 60g |S P L M |
|Big Nyameme | 130g | W|
|Big Rainbob | 150g |S L |
|Big Huchep | 170g | W|
|Big Yameme | 1000g |S P W|
|Big Sharshark| 1200g | L M |

Garbage?

This sells for nothing, and I have never gotten it, but I have been told there is garbage in this game. Unconfirmed.

There are 5 fishing spots to fish at, the River areas being the best.

Lower River

This is an okay spot to fish at, if you fish by the bridge you can get the best fish in the game, (Though rare) also there is a wide variety of fish here. The bad part, though, on bad horoscope days you catch hardly anything, if anything at all, and if you do, they are pretty cruddy. The lower river is the spot closest to the ocean.

Fish

Snelt/Big
Colombo/Big
Sharshark/Big
Rainbob/Big

Middle River

The middle river is almost like the lower river, except I have caught no rainbobs where I believe the boundary is. I am trying to figure out where the middle and lower river meet, but I haven't so far. So for now I am saying no rainbobs. Which means you have a more chance of getting the Sharshark, but also usually get snelt or colombos. I have not fully explored this area, so more to come.

Fish

Colombo/Big
Snelt/Big
Sharshark/Big

Upper River/Waterfall

This is also a very good spot to fish. The best thing is that the worst fish here is 60g and there aren't any bad fish, as well as the fact that the second best set of fish are here. Another thing is, the huchep which sells for 90G is a pretty common fish here. The bad things are the waterfall is noisy, the trees can block view even though it doesn't affect the fishing, and it takes generally a longer time to hook a fish than other spots with a higher failure rate. This is the area next to Carter's Tent and the part of the river closest to the Sprite's house.

Fish

Huchep/Big
Yamame/Big
Nyamame/Big

Spring

The spring is an average spot to fish at, with it's only benefits are it has 2 rare fish. This area has too many crap fish such as snelt and colombo that you catch around 10 of before ever seeing another fish. This is the area right next to the Harvest Sprite's house.

Fish

Arna/Big
Colombo/Big
Snelt/Big
Rainbob/Big
Yamame/Big

Turtle Swamp

Like the spring the swamp has too many colombo and snelt, but some people say Arna and Yameme are common, and I would like to thank them.

I, myself, have fished here a lot and never caught another fish except snelt and colombo families. For 6 hours I fished and only got 120g worth of fish, though. The swamp is behind the Inn/Bar and next to Daryl's house near the Ocean.

Fish

Colombo/Big

Snelt/Big

Arna/Big

Yameme/Big

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4. Hints/Tips [4HNT]

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Even though most people fish in the same way, there are ways to enhance the fish you catch and some nifty tips/facts to help you out.

1. Fishing is a good way to spend time when you have no farm work.
2. Fish are very good to cook, restore energy by eating, and give as gifts.
3. NEVER eat a colombo, they can make you sick.
4. If you give a fish (Colombo he doesn't take, snelt is the best to give) and an egg to Daryl (The scientist) every day for around 10 days he will give you the seedmaker. Instead of paying 6000 for the maker and getting it in chapter 2, you can get it in year 1 spring for nothing! Also you can give him more than one of these a day usually.
5. Check your horoscope, on bad days fishing will be frustrating as you get the crap fish. Good days will give you much better fish.
6. This hasn't been confirmed yet, but I find fishing in snow/rain and dawn/dusk gives you a better chance of landing more and better fish (Like in real life)
7. The best place to fish is the waterfall, the 90G huchep is very common here and there are no bad fish.
8. To get the Fishing ROD (Not pole) you must complete the grave task Galen gives you in chapter 2, then give him gifts. The rod is supposed to not take as much energy out of you, but nothing has been confirmed. You can befriend Galen in chapter 1 and take the easy way out if you want. Also, Galen leaves his house at 6:31 on EVEN numbered days (2, 4, etc) and returns at 7. It's between this time that you need to talk to him about Nina's grave.
9. After making some (Around 20?) recipes, the Hors d'oeuvres will be on your cooking list, making shashimi. Any fish used this way will sell for 150g (Even colombo)
10. I got an e-mail telling me how to get a Yamame. He told me that if you fish at the waterfall and get a bite, ignore it. Then the line will stay against the "left wall" (Not sure what he meant by this) and you could get a Yamame easier.

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5. FAQ [5FAQ]

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Q: Where and how do I get the fishing pole?
A: You can buy it from Van, starting in Chapter 1.

Q: Where can I get the fishing ROD?
A: You must befriend Galen and he will give it to you.

Q: What's the difference between the rod and the pole?
A: Right now, nobody knows the difference, except I think the rod looks cool. Most say it doesn't take away any energy.

Q: Galen won't accept my gifts! What do I do!?

A: Don't panic, in Chapter 2 he will ask you to clean the gravestone in front of his house, if he says "Wonderful!", he might accept gifts, sometimes it takes a while.

Q: The fish keeps biting and I press A but I just pull in the rod without a fish!

A: Just feel and ignore the tiny little nibbles, they are just telling you a fish is coming. Once you hear, see, or feel a big bite, reel it in, I suggest slowly pressing a button before hitting A

Q: I press A at the big bites but I'm still pulling in my rod without a fish....

A: You're probably pressing A too early, remember, press it AFTER the big bite.

Q: Mash potatoes!

A: and gravy!

Q: Fishing is hard, this is stupid.

A: It's not that hard once you get the hang of it, I can fish with my eyes closed. Practice and patience is key.

Q: I caught my first fishy! It's cute!

A: Good job, keep at it!

Q: What's the best fish to catch?

A: It depends, I'd have to say the Huchep, because it is worth 90g, and it is one of the most common fish in the game.

Q: Where can I get the Hucheps?

A: By the waterfall.

Q: What's your favorite spot to fish?

A: Right on the waterfall, the opposite side from Carter's dig, as far up as possible.

Q: What's the most money you've gotten from fishing in between Van's trips to town?

A: Hmmm, I'd say about around 6k. And I only fished for 3 out of 5 days.

Q: How does horoscope affect fishing?

A: Said it 2 times. But I'll say it again. If you have a bad horoscope, then you will hardly catch anything, and if you do, the fish are not worth much. On normal days, the fishing is completely random. On good days, you will catch a lot of rare and better fish.

Q: Why/When fish?

A: Fish to get money, give gifts, or get food. The best times are rainy/snowy days early in morning or late at night. Just remember to eat, the "Guu~" cuts out fishing. Also remember to do farm work first.

Q: Should I fish?

A: YES! It is a great part of the game, but always make sure not to neglect your animals crops and other farm work as I said.

Q: You never mentioned the Ocean in the FAQ, what fish are in there?

A: Sharks, Barracuda, Dolphins, Sailfish, etc. BUT YOU CAN'T FISH IN THE OCEAN! The ocean is strictly not a fishing area in the game for some reason.

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6. Contact [6CON]

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7. Legal Info/Thanks [7LIT]

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