

SUMMER FISHING AT PLANTATION ON CRYSTAL RIVER

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Imagine the early morning mist rising from the warm glassy water. A hazy fog surrounds the floating docks as you walk out to your boat. The sound of tiny birds chirping is broken by the noisy cry of the occasional seagull. A few cool drops of brackish water spray on your face as you untie the rope where your boat is docked. This is the perfect morning.

Thinking back about breakfast, you're glad you chose the crab cake benedict and a cup of coffee. There is a slight chill in the air when the breeze hits and you smile because the weather report said it's going to be a beautiful day. This is the type of morning that fishermen live for.

Pulling your boat out from The Plantation on Crystal River in Crystal River, FL fills the soul of any angler. It's only a matter of time before you will find where the beautiful fish decided to stack up that day. Besides finding snook, redfish, and trout in the Plantation's regular inshore spots, other fish are easily targeted when heading offshore as well.



Shallow water fishing is always fun and Crystal River lives up to the highest standard when it comes to spending a day inshore. Glowing turquoise water gently splatters across the bright white sand reflecting up from the bottom. Friendly manatees peacefully lumber by your boat as you peruse the seawalls and tree-filled shorelines.



Be careful not to accidentally snag a manatee on your hook, or run into one with your vessel. This is going to be a fishing day unlike any other.

If you decide to head out to your favorite snook spots, trout can also be targeted in similar areas. It's a great idea to open a can of Fish Bomb chum and wait for the fish to come to you. Also, trout are usually not very picky when it comes to Tsunami swim shads. These are perfect lures for trout and the results are incredible. Fighting these inshore fish is always a delight; because it's a special art to jig slowly and let the lure fall gradually back down to the bottom. This is a great technique because the lure stays in the strike zone longer than if you were using a top-water swimming lure. The best approach all depends on what you're targeting.



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