

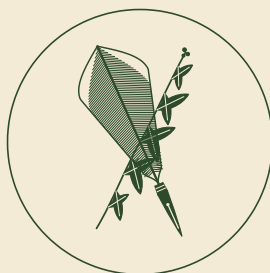


A SILAS WHITFIELD FIELD CARD

Best Days to Fish

The three signs my granddaddy taught me
— what they mean and how they line up —
on one page you can keep in the tackle box.

THE MOON • THE BAROMETER • THE WATER
THE ONE RULE THAT TIES THEM TOGETHER



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Three Signs Worth Trusting

My granddaddy could tell you a good fishing day before he ever left the porch. Wasn't luck. Wasn't guessing. It was three plain signs, old as the almanac itself — and I still use them on my own pond.

THE THREE SIGNS

THE SIGN	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	WHAT IT MEANS	HOW FAR AHEAD
The moon	New moon or full moon — what the old folks called the solunar tables	Fish feed heaviest around the new and the full. Just the moon pulling the water, and the fish along with it.	1-2 days around new/full
The barometer	Pressure starting to fall — a front moving in	Fish feed hard before it hits. Once the storm's sitting on top of you, they shut clean down.	Within the day
The water	Water temperature past 60°F — check it with a plain thermometer	Bluegill and bream turn on once it crosses that line. Get there too early and you're just admiring the view.	Right now

HOW TO USE IT

No single sign is a promise. Watch for two or three to agree — a falling barometer *and* a moon coming full *and* water past sixty is the water telling you the same thing three ways. That's the day to get your poles.



The One Rule

Line the three signs up together, and there's really just one rule:

Barometer falling.
Moon coming full.
Water past sixty.

Get all three, and I'll tell my grandkids the same thing my daddy told me — **get your poles**. Miss all three, and you can stand on that bank all day admiring your own patience.

READING THEM TOGETHER

WHAT YOU'VE GOT	WHAT TO DO
All three signs agree	The best day you'll get. Get to the water early and stay through the change of light.
Barometer falling, water still cool	Worth a try — fish shallow, sunny water where it warms first.
Water's right, but the moon's dead in the middle	Still a fine day. Fish the shade — a dock, a laydown, the far bank where the willows lean over.
Clear sky, steady pressure, no front coming	A quiet day. Fine for teaching a grandchild to fish a cane pole — nobody's in a hurry.

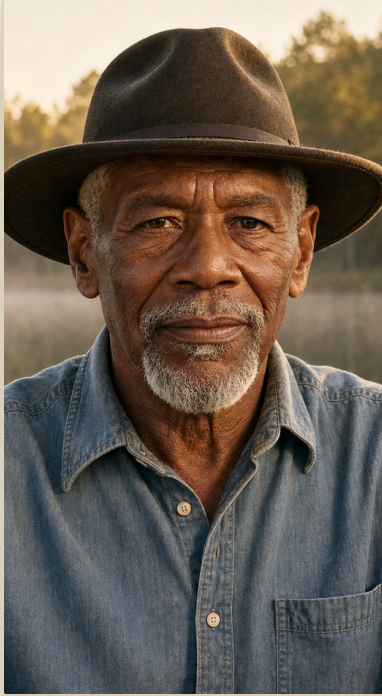
THE HONEST BOTTOM LINE

These signs won't promise you a fish. They'll promise you the water's ready — the rest is patience, and a cricket a foot under a little bobber.



KEEP GOING

When You're Ready for More



MEET THE KEEPER

Silas Whitfield

The Almanac House's newest keeper

Silas fishes his own pond in rural Eastern North Carolina, cooks what he catches, and passes down what his daddy and granddaddy taught him about reading the water. His first book and the full Best Days planner are coming — follow along for release day.

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