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In more cases than not, it is better to ask. There are a few landowners who are ok with you fishing and would rather not be bothered with people knocking on their door to ask, but they are a minority. Also, there's a simple solution for that. "Fishing permitted" signs.

I know in the NC part of the state, it was fairly common to see "No hunting, fishing permitted" signs. Ambiguous, ain't it? Is that no hunting OR fishing? Or is it no hunting, but fishing is permitted? Signage is supposed to clear things up! But it actually means the latter, the landowner does not allow hunting, but does allow fishing.

Another common one is "no parking" by a pull off or yard. I often don't ask in that situation. Seems clear that the landowner doesn't care if you hunt or fish, else it'd be "no trespassing". But they were having problems with hunters and fishermen parking where they shouldn't, such as yards, blocking an access gate, etc. So park smarter, and walk a little longer if necessary.