

# INLAND FISHING

## INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT — COVENTRY LAKE

Hydrilla, a highly invasive aquatic plant, was found in Coventry Lake in the fall of 2015. Fragments of this plant were found floating near the state boat launch, and a subsequent detailed survey discovered several small patches growing in the lake. This is the first documented occurrence of this plant in a public waterbody in Connecticut. **All lake users should take extra care to check and clean their boats (including canoes, kayaks and rowing sculls), trailers, and fishing equipment before leaving the boat launch, or leaving the lakeshore.**

## FISHWAYS AND FISHING

Fishing is prohibited in the area immediately downstream or upstream of a fishway, generally for a distance of 250 feet from the fishway. Note that at some fishways, this distance may vary from 250 feet.

At locations where the distance from the fishway does differ from 250 feet, the boundaries of the “no-fishing” area will be as posted by DEEP (look for signs and/or large rocks painted red marking the boundaries).

Anglers with questions about the “no-fishing” zones around any of the over 60 fishways in the state should contact DEEP’s Diadromous Fisheries Restoration Program (Inland Fisheries Division) at 860-434-6043.

## DO YOUR PART FOR WETLAND CONSERVATION — BUY A CONNECTICUT DUCK STAMP!

The Connecticut Duck Stamp Program provides the sole source of funding for many of the wetland projects that are conducted in the state. These projects benefit the approximately 274 fish, birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles of the state that rely upon clean, healthy wetlands. All waterfowl hunters are required to purchase a Duck Stamp, but those interested in wetland conservation also buy stamps. CT Duck Stamps may be purchased for \$13.00 wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold and at [www.ct.gov/deep/sportsmenslicensing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/sportsmenslicensing).



## BE A RESPONSIBLE ANGLER

Protecting both the resource and your access to the resource requires more than simply knowing and following the fishing regulations!

### Respect Private Property

- Do not cast onto docks or into permitted swim areas (when in doubt, cast elsewhere).
- Ask permission before fishing from shore, or wading on private property.



### Don't Litter, Don't Pollute

- Keep your boat and motor properly maintained.
- Retrieve all lures and gear.
- Don't release live bait.
- Leave your fishing area cleaner than you found it!

### Be A Safe Boater

- Obey boating regulations, and check your safety gear frequently!

### Be A Good Neighbor

- Treat fellow anglers, other recreational users and property owners with courtesy.
- Always be willing to share both the resource and your knowledge.

**And always use common sense and be courteous!**

# Inland District Statewide Species Regulations

## DETERMINING REGULATIONS

A summary of the *Statewide Species Open Seasons, Legal Methods and Length & Daily Creel Limits* is listed in the table on page 25. **The regulations on many water bodies differ from the statewide regulations.**

### Use this two-step process to determine regulations on a specific waterbody:

1. Check the table on page 25 for the general statewide regulations.
2. Refer to the specific waterbody in the alphabetical listings of *Lakes & Ponds* (pages 32–41) or *Rivers & Streams* (pages 44–52) for special site-specific regulations. If no site-specific

regulations are listed for a waterbody, statewide regulations apply for seasons, methods, and/or limits.

Unless otherwise indicated in the *Lakes & Ponds* and *Rivers & Streams* listings:

- Lakes and ponds are open year-round.
- Rivers & streams are open from 6:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April through the last day of February (Closed to all fishing from March 1<sup>st</sup> to 6:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April).

**The open seasons listed in this table do not apply in areas closed to all fishing during a period of the year.**

## Lower River/Tidal Waters

Designated rivers & streams with no closed season. These include the entire Connecticut and Thames Rivers, and downstream portions of the Coginchaug, Farmington, Housatonic, Mattabeset, Mystic, Naugatuck, Niantic, Quinnipiac, Salmon and Yantic rivers. Check individual waterbody listing for boundaries.

For more information on **Legal Methods & Gear, Length Limits, Creel & Possession Limits** and **Species**, refer to the definitions on pages 26–27.

**Note:** Regulations for several marine species found in the Inland District are subject to change.

SPECIES	NOTES	LEGAL METHODS	AREA	OPEN SEASON*	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Alewife/Blueback Herring	Daily creel limit is for both species in aggregate.	Taking of anadromous alewife & blueback herring from all Connecticut waters is prohibited. Emergency closure is in effect. See page 28 for more information. <b>Exception:</b> Landlocked alewife only may be taken from specific lakes. See page 28 for list of lakes. Methods, seasons & creel limits for these lakes are as follows:				
		Angling	Lakes & Ponds (see page 32)	Open year-round*	None	25
		Scoop Net	Lakes & Ponds (see page 32)	April 1 – June 15	None	25
American Eel	Spearing and bow and arrow use prohibited in streams or stream sections stocked with trout. Spearing prohibited in all lakes & ponds. The taking of elver eel, glass eel and silver eel is prohibited.	Angling, Icefishing, Bobbing, Bow and Arrow, Spearing	All areas	Open year-round*	9"	25
American Shad	Harvest of American shad allowed only in the Connecticut River system.	Angling	Connecticut River (including tributaries open year-round)	Open year-round	None	6
Atlantic Salmon	Taking of Atlantic Salmon is prohibited. <b>Exception:</b> Atlantic Salmon Broodstock Fisheries (see page 28)					
Largemouth Bass & Smallmouth Bass	Daily creel limit is for both species in aggregate.	Angling, Icefishing	Lakes & Ponds	Open year-round*	12"	6
			Rivers & Streams	Open year-round*	None	6
			Connecticut River	Open year-round	12"	6
Carp, Bowfin, Tench, Suckers & Lampreys	Spearing and bow and arrow use prohibited in streams or stream sections stocked with trout. Spearing prohibited in all lakes & ponds.	Angling, Icefishing, Bobbing, Bow and Arrow, Spearing	All areas	Open year-round*	None	None
Chain Pickerel	—	Angling, Icefishing	Lakes & Ponds	Open year-round*	15"	6
			Rivers & Streams	Open year-round*	None	None
Hickory Shad	Daily creel limit is in aggregate with American shad.	Angling, Icefishing, Scoop Net	All areas	Open year-round*	None	6
Kokanee	—	Angling, Icefishing	All areas	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April – last day in February	None	5
Northern Pike	—	Angling, Icefishing	All areas	Open year-round*	26"	2
Panfish**	Except White Perch, see below.	Angling, Icefishing, Bobbing	All areas	Open year-round*	None	None
Smelt	Taking of smelt in rivers & streams is prohibited.	Angling & Icefishing	Lakes & Ponds	Open year-round*	None	50
Striped Bass	—	Angling	All areas	Open year-round*	28"	1
Sturgeon, Burbot	Taking of sturgeon and burbot prohibited.					
Trout (Brook, Brown, Lake, Rainbow, Tiger & other hybrids)	—	Angling, Icefishing	Lakes & Ponds, Rivers & Streams	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April – last day in February	None	5
			Lower Rivers/Tidal Waters	Open year-round*	15"	2
White Perch	—	Angling, Icefishing, Bobbing	Connecticut River (including Coves & Tributaries) Tidally influenced Rivers & Streams	Open year-round*	7"	30
			Lakes & Ponds All other Rivers & Streams	Open year-round*	None	None
Walleye	—	Angling, Icefishing	All areas	Open year-round*	18"	2

\*Except in areas closed to all fishing during a period of the year.

\*\*Yellow Perch, White Perch, Calico Bass (Crappie), Rock Bass, bullheads, all species of catfish, and all species of sunfish.

# Inland Regulations & Definitions

The following provisions are taken from the inland district sport fishing regulations, and do not apply to taking fish from licensed commercial hatcheries, private waters legally registered with DEEP, or to commercial fishing in the inland district. Information on commercial fishing in the inland and marine districts is available on request.

**ANGLING** Fishing with hook and line, which must be personally attended. No more than three lines, with or without rods, may be used at one time, except in the designated Trout Management Areas, Wild Trout Management Areas, Trout Parks, Sea-run Trout Streams and Trophy Trout Streams where the maximum number of lines that can be used is two, with or without rods.

**BAIT** Any animal or vegetable, or their parts, living or dead, used with a hook for the purpose of attracting and catching fish. Any fish legally acquired, except largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, northern pike, trout, salmon, carp and goldfish may be used as bait.

**BAIT SPECIES** The following species of fish, amphibians, aquatic insects and crustaceans may be taken by sport fishermen for personal use (a recreational fishing license is required), but may only be sold if taken under an inland commercial bait license (Go to [www.ct.gov/deep/fishinglicense](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishinglicense) and use the "Open-Access License application" link).

- **Bait species:** Common shiner, golden shiner, fallfish, creek chub, spot-tail shiner, bridle shiner, blacknose dace, longnose dace, pearl dace, bluntnose minnow, fathead minnow, cutlips minnow, chub sucker, white sucker, killifish, mummichog, Atlantic & tidewater silverside, sand lance, frogs (except northern leopard frog), crayfish (except rusty crayfish), perch bugs, hellgrammites and mayfly nymphs.

- **The legal methods for taking the bait species listed above are as follows:**

- **Rivers & streams:** Bait species may be taken at any time with seines not over 15 ft. long and 4 ft. deep, bait traps not over 20 inches long and 15 inches in diameter, and umbrella nets not over 4 ft. by 4 ft.
- **Lakes & ponds:** Bait species may be taken at any time with bait traps not over 20 inches long and 15 inches in diameter and umbrella nets not over 4 ft. by 4 ft. Seines shall not be used in lakes and ponds except those designated by the DEEP as open to commercial taking of bait. Where posted, taking, use or possession of fish as bait is prohibited in lakes and ponds.
- **All inland waters:** During the open season for fishing, the species listed above may also be taken by hand, angling and scoop net.

**BARBLESS HOOK** A curved, pointed device, without a barb, used to catch fish. Barbless hooks may be single, double or treble, and each point must be without a barb. For the purposes of this regulation, hooks manufactured with a barb are considered barbless if the barb has been bent down to the hook, broken off or otherwise made ineffective.

**BOBBING** Fishing with a ball or mass of worms or other bait attached to a hookless line held in the hand or a line attached to a rod held in the hand.

**BOW AND ARROW FISHING** Common carp, bowfin, tench, white suckers, American eels and sea lampreys may be taken with a bow and arrow. These species may be taken by archery in streams and stream sections not stocked with trout, and in lakes and ponds, and only taken during the open season for fishing in those waters. Use of crossbows is prohibited. A fishing license is required.

**CAST NET** A net weighted at the edges which is cast out over bait to capture it in shallow water. The use of cast nets is prohibited in inland waters.

**CHILDREN'S FISHING AREA** Angling in such areas is restricted to children under sixteen years of age when posted as such.

**CLOSED SEASON** That period of time during which all fishing is prohibited in the area specified.

**DAILY CREEL LIMIT** The quantity or number of fish of a species or species group that can be taken by an individual angler during the period from 12:01 a.m. to midnight.

**DOWNRIGGER** A device, supplemental to a fishing line, used to deploy, via an electric or handpowered winch, reel or spool that projects over the side or stern of a boat and is used as a hoist, main line and terminal weight, one or more fishing lines to a desired depth in the water column.

**FISHHOOK or HOOK** A curved, pointed device, with or without barb, used to catch fish. Hooks may be single, double or treble and each point shall be considered as a single hook.

**FISHING OR SPORT FISHING** Taking or attempting to take fish. In the Inland District, fishing is limited to angling, bow and arrow fishing, bobbing, ice fishing, snagging or snatching, spearing, scoop netting, and taking or attempting to take fish by hand.

**FLOAT (BOBBER)** Any buoyant object attached to a fishing line. No floats may be used unless personally attended.

**FLY** A single or double hook dressed with hair, feathers, tinsel, thread, yarn or similar material to which no bait, spinner, spoon, plug or other device is added.

**FLY FISHING** Angling with the use of a fly reel, fly rod, fly line, leader and a fly or flies. Extra weight may be built into the fly in its construction, as in a weighted nymph, and additional weight may be attached to the leader or line. The use of strike indicators is permitted.

**GAFF** A spear or hook, with or without a handle, used for holding or lifting fish. The use of a gaff to land or assist in landing a fish is prohibited in the inland district.

**HAND-HELD JIG** A rod, jig stick or line held in the hand used for fishing through the ice.

**ICE FISHING** Not more than six tip-ups, floats (bobbers), similar devices, or hand-held jigs or any combination thereof not exceeding six in the aggregate may be used at one time. Not more than three baited hooks, with or without attractors, or three ice flies, or three artificial lures, or any combination thereof not exceeding three in the aggregate may be used with each tip-up, float (bobber), or similar device or hand-held jig. Devices must be personally attended. The name and address of the user must be legibly stamped on or attached to all devices.

**INLAND DISTRICT** Is the area inland of the demarcation lines as listed on page 54.

**LEADCORE LINE** A fishing line constructed with a metal core.

**MINIMUM LENGTH** Measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. No person shall possess any fish less than the lengths specified and any fish less than the minimum length, shall, without avoidable injury, be immediately returned to the water from which taken.

**PANFISH** Includes yellow perch, white perch, calico bass, rock bass, bullheads, all species of catfish, and all species of sunfish.

**POSSESSION LIMIT** The total number of fish of any species or species group that may be possessed by one person either on the person, on the waters of the state, the shores of these waters, or in any type of vehicle and may not exceed the creel limits for one day, as listed in this pamphlet. Fish so possessed shall be intact to the extent that neither the heads nor tails have been removed. Note that this does not restrict the number of legally acquired fish that may be kept in storage at home.

**SCOOP NET** A manually operated, flexible mesh net attached to a hoop which is attached to a handle. The hoop may not be over 36 inches across the widest point and the mesh bag may not be more than 36 inches in depth at its deepest point. The use of any such net constructed of metal mesh or stiff plastic mesh is prohibited.

**SEINE NET** A net weighted at the bottom, with top floats, that is used to encircle fish.

**SET LINE** A line with one or both ends secured to the shore, or to a fixed or buoyant object in the water which is used for fishing and is not personally attended. Use of set lines in the inland district is prohibited.

**SLOT LENGTHS** Length limits designated to reduce or increase the taking of fish by anglers.

- **Protected slot lengths:** Lengths between which fish may not be kept by anglers.
- **Open slot lengths:** Lengths between which fish may be kept by anglers.

**SNAGGING or SNATCHING** The taking of fish by foul hooking, that is hooking fish in any part of the body other than the mouth. Snagging is prohibited in all waters in the Inland District except that, in streams open to fishing throughout the year, menhaden, alewives and blueback (glut) herring may be taken by these methods. Anglers are reminded that there currently is an emergency ban on the taking of anadromous alewife and blueback herring (see page 28).

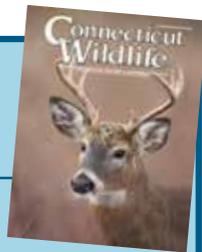
**SPEARING** The use of any pointed instrument, with or without barbs, propelled solely by hand. Common carp, bowfin, tench, American eels, white suckers and sea lampreys may be taken by spearing in streams or sections of streams not stocked with trout during the open seasons for fishing in such waters. Prohibited in lakes and ponds. Underwater spear fishing and the use of any type of spear gun is prohibited in all waters within the Inland District.

**STRIKE INDICATOR** Means a brightly colored, highly visible tab, sleeve or bead or similar material used in fly fishing. Such devices may be attached to the line or leader when used in areas restricted to fly fishing only.

**TAKE or TAKING** Killing, capturing or otherwise rendering into possession, any fish or bait species, or attempting to kill, capture or rendering into possession, or assisting in taking or attempting to take any fish or bait species.

**TROUT** Include brook (charr), brown, lake, and rainbow trout and their hybrids.

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## DISABLED ACCESS

These areas in the Inland District provide fishing access with primary use intended for persons with disabilities. Check the *Coastal Launch and Coastal State Park Sections* (pages 61–55) for areas in the Marine District.

- **Angus Park Pond, Glastonbury:** Off Manchester Road (Route 83) turn east on Fisher Road: Located on upper dike in Town Park.
- **Beachdale Pond, Voluntown:** Route 149 next to boat access area.
- **Beaver Brook Ponds, Windham:** Off Back Road at dam/access area.
- **Bigelow Pond, Union:** At boat launch in Bigelow Hollow SP.
- **Billings Lake, North Stonington:** At dam adjacent to boat access area.
- **Black Pond, Meriden-Middlefield:** Adjacent to boat ramp.
- **Bladens Brook, Seymour:** Access only by permission of Seymour Land Conservation Trust.
- **Connecticut River-Haddam Meadows State Park, Haddam:** Dock at the boat launch in Haddam Meadows State Park.
- **Connecticut River-Salmon River Cove, East Haddam:** Dock at state boat launch.
- **Coventry Lake (Wangumbaug Lake), Coventry:** At state boat launch.
- **Day Pond, Colchester:** Off Route 149 at dam in Day Pond SP.
- **Eagleville Lake, Coventry-Mansfield:** On dam off Route 275.
- **Eight Mile River, East Haddam:** Devil's Hopyard SP.
- **Farmington River—West Branch, Barkhamsted:** Off dirt road south of Route 318.
- **Farmington River, Unionville:** On Farmington Land Trust ([www.farmingtonlandtrust.org](http://www.farmingtonlandtrust.org)) property upstream from Route 177 (between River Road and Railroad Avenue, southerly side of river).
- **Gardner Lake, Salem-Montville-Bozrah:** On dam at Lake Road.
- **Higganum Reservoir, Haddam:** Off Route 81 on northeast shore.
- **Highland Lake, Winchester:** At state boat launch.
- **Holbrook Pond, Hebron:** On dam adjacent to access area.
- **Hopeville Pond, Griswold:** At end of State Park campground.
- **Lake Saltonstall, Branford:** At SCCRWA access area off Hosley Avenue.
- **Mansfield Training Center Pond, Mansfield:** Located just east of the junction of Routes 44 & 32.
- **Mashapaug Lake, Union:** Off the dock at boat launch in Bigelow Hollow SP.
- **Mill River, Hamden:** At Clark's Pond Dam.
- **Pattaconk Lake (Russell Jennings Pond), Chester:** Located between dam and beach in Pattaconk Recreation Area.
- **Salmon Brook (East Branch), Granby:** East side of river just above Route 20.
- **Salmon River Fly Area, Colchester:** 0.9 miles north of Route 16 on River Road.
- **Salmon River, East Hampton:** South end of picnic area off Gulf Road just south of Route 16.
- **Saugatuck Reservoir, Easton-Redding-Weston:** Parking area near dam.
- **Scoville Reservoir, Wolcott:** At town boat launch.
- **Southford Falls Pond, Oxford-Southbury:** In Southford Falls SP.
- **Squantz Pond, New Fairfield:** Near Squantz Pond SP boat launch.
- **Stratton Brook Park Pond, Simsbury:** In Stratton Brook SP.
- **Walkers Reservoir (East), Vernon:** Turn south near Route 31 and I-84 junction on Reservoir Road.

Note that many trout parks and other areas identified in the guide as "family friendly" may be suitable for some individuals with mobility challenges that don't need or want a formal structure such as those found at the sites listed above.

# Broodstock Atlantic Salmon & River Herring

## BROODSTOCK ATLANTIC SALMON:

Seasons, Creel Limits & Methods for the period from December 1, 2015–March 31, 2017

	OPEN SEASON	DAILY CREEL LIMIT	LEGAL METHODS (all seasons)
RIVERS	December 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016	One (1) salmon per day	Fishing for Atlantic Salmon is limited to use of a <b>single fly</b> or <b>artificial lure with a single free-swinging hook</b> . Additional weight may not be added to the line. <b>Snagging is strictly prohibited.</b>
	April 1, 2016 to 6:00 a.m., April 9, 2016	Salmon fishing closed	
	6:00 a.m., April 9, 2016 through August 31, 2016	One (1) salmon per day	
	September 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016	Catch and release only	
	December 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017	One (1) salmon per day	
LAKES	Seasons and Methods in lakes stocked with broodstock Atlantic salmon are the same as for trout in that water body except that the Daily Creel Limit is One (1) salmon per day. See specific water body listing in the Lakes & Ponds section.		

The regulations for broodstock Atlantic Salmon are different between lakes and rivers and also vary by date. If you have any questions about these regulations please contact DEEP fisheries staff at 860-424-FISH (3474) (Hartford), 860-295-9523 (Marlborough), or 860-485-0226 (Harwinton).

## ATLANTIC SALMON BROODSTOCK FISHING

While the Federal Government and other New England states have discontinued the restoration program, Connecticut has transitioned to a “Legacy Program” and will be maintaining enough Atlantic Salmon to preserve genetic integrity of the Connecticut River strain. As a result DEEP will continue stocking, in reduced numbers, fry and surplus broodstock each year. To support the unique broodstock Atlantic Salmon fisheries that have been established on the Naugatuck and Shetucket rivers, as well as selected lakes and ponds stocked at various times (Beach Pond, Crystal Lake, Mashapaug Lake and Mount Tom Pond), DEEP will also produce about 1,000–1,200 2–3 year old fish (average weight of 2–5 pounds) annually. These fish are being grown and stocked specifically for this recreational fishery and are stocked before they produce eggs.

**Fishing for broodstock Atlantic salmon in rivers is allowed only in the following areas:**

- **Naugatuck River:** From the confluence of the East and West Branches (Torrington) downstream to the Housatonic River.
- **Housatonic River:** Entire river downstream of the Derby Dam.
- **Shetucket River:** Downstream from the Scotland Dam (Windham) to the Water Street Bridge (Norwich).

**Salmon are Stocked Into Three Designated Broodstock Areas:**

- **Naugatuck River:**
  - From Route 118, Litchfield-Harwinton, downstream to the Thomaston Dam (Upper section).
  - From Prospect Street, Naugatuck, downstream to Pines Bridge Road, Beacon Falls (Lower section).
- **Shetucket River:** From the Scotland Dam, Scotland, downstream to the Occum Dam, Norwich.

## Designated Broodstock Area Fishing Restriction

From October 1 to March 31, angling for all species in the designated salmon broodstock areas on the Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers is restricted to fishing methods that are legal for Atlantic salmon (a single fly or a lure with a single free-swinging hook only). Additional weight may not be added to the line. Anglers are reminded that the season is closed from March 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April for all species other than broodstock Atlantic salmon except in the upper Naugatuck River Broodstock Area. This area is within the Naugatuck River TMA, which is open year-round for trout (catch-and-release only).



## Important Note

Adult Atlantic Salmon returning from saltwater to freshwater in the Connecticut River system are no longer being captured, removed, and held at a hatchery. There is a possibility that an angler could catch one of these large returning fish. These salmon are protected and it is illegal to fish for them and any fish accidentally captured must be released to the water immediately. Some of these fish may have a yellow tag present just behind the dorsal fin. We would appreciate the reporting of any such accidental captures to Steve Gephard at 860-447-4316.

## ALEWIFE & BLUEBACK HERRING

### Emergency Fishery Closure is in effect:

Taking of anadromous alewife and blueback herring is **prohibited** from all Connecticut waters including Long Island Sound.

Alewife and blueback herring (collectively termed “river herring”) runs have been declining. While the reasons for the decline are not fully understood, the DEEP believes it is mostly due to predation by increasingly abundant striped bass. Healthy river herring populations are needed to provide food for many species.

To restore herring runs, the DEEP is taking a number of actions including removing dams, building fishways, reintroducing pre-spawn adults into streams that had previously supported runs, and eliminating harvest. An immediate recovery is not expected. However, this closure may reduce the threat of further declines and enable river herring populations to recover more quickly in favorable years.

This emergency closure will be in place through at least March 2017 and will likely be extended. Check the DEEP website ([www.ct.gov/deep](http://www.ct.gov/deep)) or contact DEEP Inland Fisheries (860-424-3474) or Marine Fisheries (860-434-6043) for more information.

## Landlocked Alewife

Landlocked alewife populations are established in several Connecticut lakes and ponds. Landlocked alewife may be taken by angling or scoop net only from the following lakes:

- Amos Lake
- Ball Pond
- Beach Pond
- Candlewood Lake
- Crystal Lake (Ellington)
- Highland Lake
- Mount Tom Pond
- Quassapaug Lake
- Quonnipaug Lake
- Squantz Pond
- Uncas Lake
- Waramaug Lake



# CONNECTICUT'S STATE FISH HATCHERIES

*Growing Your Fish for 90 Years*



## **BURLINGTON STATE FISH HATCHERY**



**ADDRESS**  
34 Belden Rd  
Burlington, CT 06013

**HOURS**  
8:00 am to 3:30 pm

**TOURS**  
Self-guided or by reservation

**PHONE**  
860-673-2340

**FISH  
RAISED**  
Survivor Strain — brown trout  
Kokanee salmon fry  
Brook, Brown, Rainbow trout

## **QUINEBAUG VALLEY STATE TROUT HATCHERY**



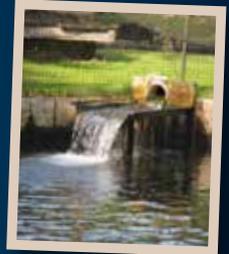
**ADDRESS**  
141 Trout Hatchery Rd  
Central Village, CT 06332

**HOURS**  
8:00 am to 3:30 pm

**TOURS**  
Self-guided

**PHONE**  
860-564-7542

**FISH  
RAISED**  
Brook, Brown,  
Rainbow trout  
Tiger trout (hybrid)  
Surplus broodstock trout



## **KENSINGTON STATE FISH HATCHERY**



**ADDRESS**  
120 Old Hatchery Rd  
Kensington, CT 06037

**PHONE**  
860-829-8518

**FISH  
RAISED**  
Seeforellen strain — brown trout  
Cortland strain — brown trout  
Atlantic salmon fry  
Atlantic salmon surplus broodstock  
Trout and salmon eggs to support  
the Trout-in-the-Classroom Program  
and the Salmon-in-Schools Program.



**>> Over 600,000 adult trout and 300,000 fry & fingerlings are produced for distribution in Connecticut's three state fish hatcheries each year.**



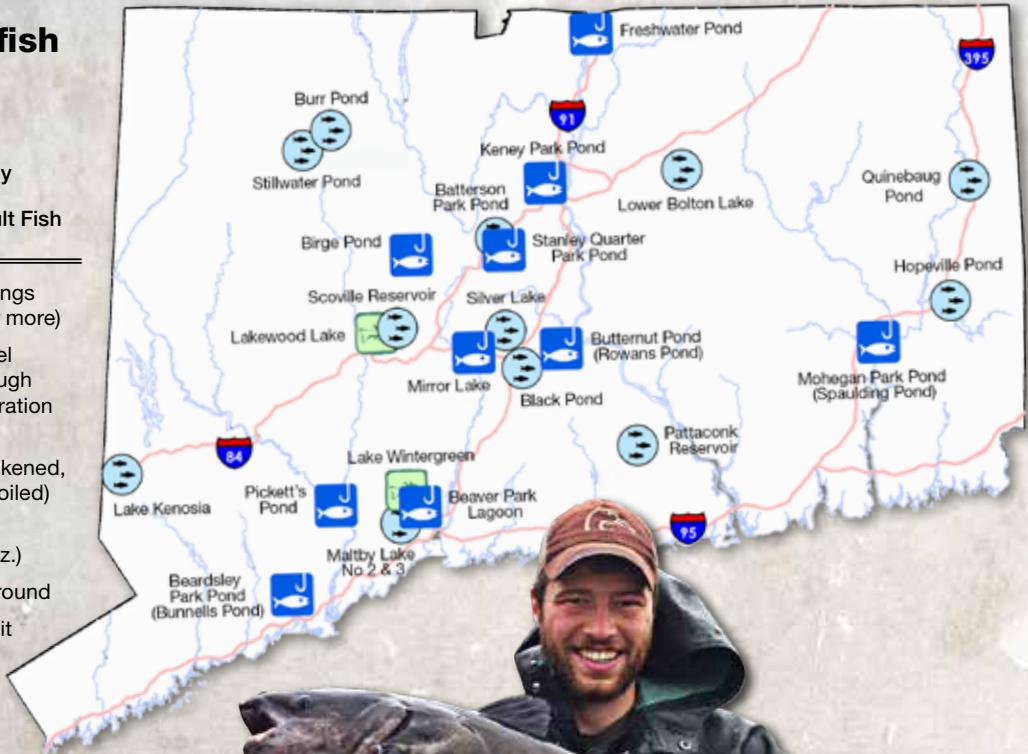
# Neighborhood Fishing Opportunities

## Channel Catfish:

### Channel Catfish Stocking

-  Adult Fish Only
-  Yearling Fish Only
-  Yearling and Adult Fish

- Stocked as either yearlings (6"– 8") or adults (14" or more)
- The purchase of channel catfish is provided through federal Sportfish Restoration program funding
- Excellent to eat try blackened, Cajun, deep fried, or broiled)
- Reach large size (CT record = 29 lbs. 6 oz.)
- Are easy to catch year round
- No size limit or daily limit (as of 2014)

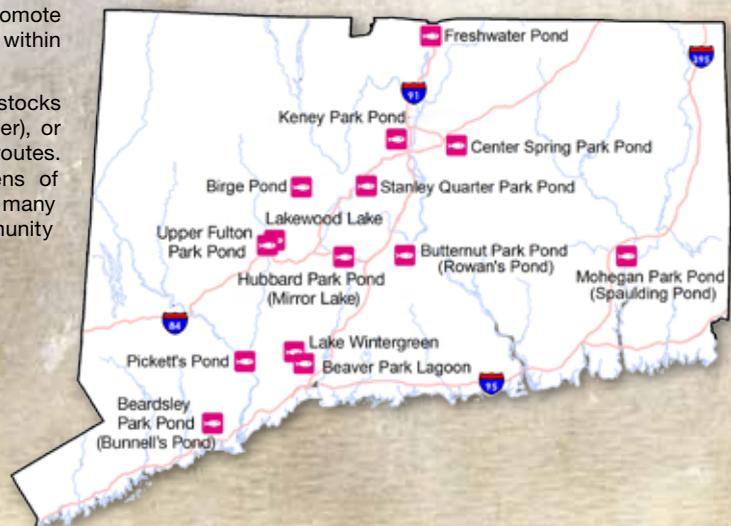


## Community Fishing Waters Program:

DEEP and local communities working together to promote natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities within urban neighborhoods.

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# Record Freshwater Fish

Red type signifies a new state record for 2015.

COMMON NAME	WEIGHT lbs. oz.		LOCATION CAUGHT	ANGLER	YEAR CAUGHT
American Eel	10	3	Shetucket River, Norwich	Charles J. Lobacz	1993
American Shad	9	4	Connecticut River, Windsor	Edward Cypus	1981
Bluegill	2	4	Private Pond, Madison	Daniel Gesner	1996
Brook Trout	9	3	Blackwells Brook, Brooklyn	David Andes	1998
Brown Bullhead	4	15	Prospect Pond, Southington	Robert Richey	1990
Brown Trout	19	0	West Hill Pond, Barkhamsted/New Hartford	James M. Lucas II	2014
Brown Trout (Sea-run)	10	8	Saugatuck River, Westport	Ronald J. Merly	2006
Calico Bass	4	0	Pataganset Lake, East Lyme	James M. Boos	1974
Chain Pickerel	8	9	West Twin Lake, Salisbury	Alden L. Foss	2005
Channel Catfish	29	6	Mashapaug Lake, Union	Appleton Barrows	2004
Common Carp	43	12	Connecticut River	Michael Hudak	2012
Fallfish	2	4	Farmington River, Simsbury	Chad Tessman	2012
Kokanee	2	14	East Twin Lake, Salisbury	Tom Pasko	2011
Lake Trout	29	13	Wononscopomuc Lake, Salisbury	Dr. Thompson	1918
Largemouth Bass	12	14	Mashapaug Lake, Union	Frank Domurat	1961
Northern Pike	29	0	Lake Lillinonah, Brookfield	Joseph Nett	1980
Pumpkinseed	1	3	Lake Marie, Windham	Robyn Rogers	1973
Rainbow Trout	14	10	Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Mansfield	Michael V. Ludlow	1998
Rock Bass (tie)	1	3	Colebrook Reservoir, Colebrook	Ernie Gonsalves	1989
			Shenipsit Lake, Tolland	James Bonan	1995
Smallmouth Bass	7	12	Shenipsit Lake, Tolland	Joseph Mankauskas, Jr.	1980
Tiger Trout	7	14	Quassapaug Lake	Jerry Barth	2011
Walleye	15	4	Beach Pond, Voluntown	Vincent Deledda	2015
White Catfish	12	12	Connecticut River, Middletown	John L. Shatas	1999
White Perch	2	15	Candlewood Lake, New Fairfield	Don Loftus, Jr.	1996
Yellow Perch	2	13	Black Pond, Woodstock	Miller B. Bassett	1973

## LOOKING TO GET THE LEAD OUT?

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Wildlife such as eagles, loons, and other waterfowl can be poisoned by lead they've consumed. Hooked fish can ingest or retain attached lead fishing tackle such as hooks and jigs, and become a potential pathway of lead exposure for predatory birds consuming fish containing such lead fishing gear. In addition, lost or discarded lead fishing weights and other lead fishing tackle of smaller sizes can be ingested by wildlife, particularly dabbling and diving water birds such as swans, ducks, geese and loons.

There are alternatives to lead, made from non-poisonous materials such as tin, bismuth, steel, tungsten and glass that are available at established sporting goods retailers and on the internet. These will be more expensive than lead, but will be more environmentally benign, and as demand continues to grow, prices are expected to drop.

Consider asking for non-lead alternatives when purchasing new tackle or replacing old.

Websites for more information on lead sinkers include:

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency: [www.pca.state.mn.us/sinkers](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/sinkers)
- US EPA: <http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/fishshellfish/animals.cfm>
- NY DEC: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7908.html>



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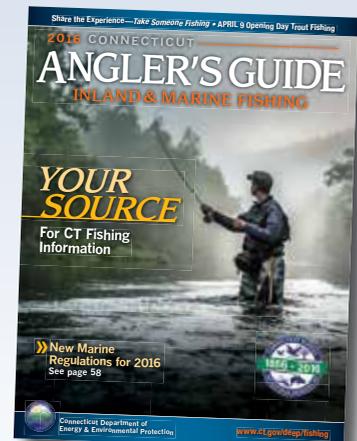
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# Lakes & Ponds

Statewide regulations for seasons, legal methods, and limits (page 25) apply unless a site-specific regulation is listed for a water body.

The following lakes and ponds are available for public fishing through the courtesy of the owners or state ownership.

Determining fishing regulations is a simple two-step process:

1. Check the regulation table (page 25) for general statewide Species, Legal Methods, and Limits regulations.
2. Look up the **waterbody** in the alphabetical list of lake and ponds to find any special regulations that apply. If no site-specific regulations are listed for a waterbody, statewide regulations apply.

## Lake and Pond Legend

-  Public boat launching area
-  Cartop boat launching area
-  Facilities for disabled
-  State campground
-  Shore fishing access
-  Family friendly fishing location
-  State picnic area

*Italics* Access/stocking information

(T SMB) Most common species (those in **bold type** should provide the best fishing) — see key to fish species abbreviations at right

## Key to Fish Species Abbreviations

American eel..... AE	rainbow smelt..... RA
brown bullhead..... BB	smallmouth bass..... SMB
common carp..... CA	sunfish..... S
calico bass..... CB	trout..... T
chain pickerel..... CP	walleye..... WA
channel catfish..... CC	white catfish..... WC
kokanee salmon..... K	white perch..... WP
largemouth bass..... LMB	yellow perch..... YP
northern pike..... NP	

**BASS**  
**TROUT**  
**KOKANEE**  
**NORTHERN PIKE**  
**WALLEYE**  
**CATFISH**  
**COMMUNITY FISHING**  
**WATERS**

Special Management Lakes are color-coded for major gamefish species

**ALLEN BROOK POND**, Wallingford, (see Wharton Pond)

**ALEXANDER LAKE**, Killingly (215 acres)

- **Note:** No public access.
- **Species:** (LMB SMB CP S BB WP YP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. Motor size limit—12 cu in (Approx. 10 hp).

**AMOS LAKE**, Preston (113 acres)

  
**TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE / BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**

- **Species:** (T CP LMB BB AE YP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 18" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 1 may be 18" or greater.
- **Trout:** From March 1–March 31, Daily creel limit—1, 16" minimum length.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit. See 2016 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

**ANDERSON POND** (Blue Lake), North Stonington (57 acres)

  
• **Species:** (LMB CP CB S BB YP)

**ANGUS PARK POND** (Eastbury Pond), Glastonbury (9.4 acres)

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- **Species:** (T CP LMB S BB YP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–October 31.
- **Other:** Boats and canoes prohibited.

**ASHLAND POND**, Griswold (89 acres)

• **Species:** (LMB CP YP S)

**ASPINOOK POND**, Lisbon/Griswold/Canterbury (301 acres)

*Informal boat access off Butts Bridge Road, no facilities. Commercial launch (fee charged) at private campground off Ross Hill Road.*

- **Species:** (LMB WP YP S CA CB)
- **Other:** Butts Bridge is the demarcation line between the pond and the Quinebaug River.

**AVERY POND**, Preston (36 acres)

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- **Species:** (CP LMB YP BB S)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**BABCOCK POND**, Colchester (119 acres)

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- **Species:** (LMB YP S CP BB)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**BACKWATER POND**, Thompson

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- **Season:** Open year-round.

**BALD MOUNTAIN POND**, Stafford (1 acre)

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- **Species:** (T BB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**BALDWIN'S POND**, Meriden (5.4 acres)

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- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**BALL POND**, New Fairfield (83 acres)

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- **Species:** (T LMB BB S YP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Vessels with motors attached prohibited.

**BANTAM LAKE**, Morris-Litchfield (947 acres)

**NORTHERN PIKE LAKE**

- **Species:** (NP SMB LMB WP CB YP S BB)
- **Northern Pike:**
  - » May 1–Nov. 30: Daily creel limit—2, 26" minimum length.
  - » Dec. 1–last day Feb.: Daily creel limit—1, 36" minimum length.
  - » March 1–April 30: Closed to northern pike fishing.
- **All Other Species:** Open year round, statewide regulations apply.
- **Other:** Motors prohibited 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Use of internal combustion motors prohibited on the Bantam River between Bantam Lake and the inlet to Little Pond.

**BARBER POND**, Bloomfield (9.4 acres)

- **Species:** (S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Boats and canoes prohibited except between May 16 and October 31. Use of all motors prohibited.

**BASHAN LAKE**, East Haddam (273 acres)

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- BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**
- **Species:** (T LMB SMB CP CB YP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** 35 mph speed limit days, 6 mph limit ½ hour after sunset to 8 a.m.

The boating laws and regulations provided in this guide are brief summaries of selected state boating safety statutes and regulations, and local ordinances. For complete boating regulations and additional information, please refer to the 2016 Connecticut Boater's Guide which can be obtained from the DEEP Boating Division (860-434-8638).

Lakes and Ponds open year-round (no closed season) unless otherwise stated.

**BATTERSON PARK POND,**

Farmington (140 acres)



**WALLEYE LAKE / CATFISH LAKE**

Channel catfish first stocked in 2013.

- **Species:** (CB YP WP S LMB WA)
- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**BAUMMER POND,** Naugatuck (2.7 acres)



- **Species:** (T BB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**BEACH POND,**

Voluntown – Rhode Island (372 acres)



**WALLEYE LAKE**

- **Species:** (T LMB SMB CP S YP WA)
- **Note:** Connecticut or Rhode Island fishing license legal on entire pond. Rhode Island regulations apply for bass and pickerel.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—5 bass, 12" minimum length.
- **Chain Pickerel:** Daily creel limit—5, 14" minimum length.
- **Broodstock Atlantic salmon have been stocked several times into this lake, first in 2007 and most recently in December, 2015. Regulations for salmon are the same as for trout except:** Daily creel limit—1 Atlantic salmon.
- **All Other Species:** CT Statewide regulations apply.
- **Other:** No more than six tip-ups may be used when ice-fishing.

**BEACHDALE POND,** Voluntown (46 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB T YP BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**BEACHLAND POND,** West Hartford (1.1 acres)

- **Species:** (S)
- **Season:** Open year-round.

**BEAVER BROOK PONDS,**

(Bibbins Ponds), Windham (20 acres)



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Boats and canoes prohibited except from May 16 to October 31. Motors prohibited.

**BEAVER PARK LAGOON,**

New Haven (8.5 acres)



**COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS**

Trout and Channel Catfish first stocked in 2014.

- **Species:** (CC T AE LMB CA S BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–October 31.

**BESECK LAKE,** Middlefield (116 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB YP CB S)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit. See 2016 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

**BESSE PARK POND,** Torrington (4.5 acres)



- **Species:** (S)
- **Season:** Open year-round.

**BICENTENNIAL POND** (Mansfield Town Pond), Mansfield (6 acres)



- **Species:** (T S LMB BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–October 31.

**BIGELOW POND,** Union (25 acres)



- **Species:** (T YP LMB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**BILLINGS LAKE,** North Stonington (97 acres)



**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**

- **Species:** (T LMB YP CP S CB BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April to last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.

**BIRGE POND,** Bristol (15.8 acres)



**COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS**

Trout and Channel Catfish first stocked in 2014.

- **Species:** (T, CC, S)
- **Trout:** Season open 2nd Saturday in April–last day February.
- **All Other Species:** Season open year round.

**BISHOP SWAMP** (Jurovaty Pond),

Andover (53 acres)

Informal cartop launch.

- **Species:** (LMB CB S BB)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**BLACK POND,** Meriden-Middlefield (76 acres)



**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / CATFISH LAKE**

Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.

- **Species:** (T LMB CP BB CB S CC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**BLACK POND,** Woodstock (74 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB SMB CP YP BB S CB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Motors limited to 5 hp.

**BLACK ROCK LAKE** (Branch Brook),

Watertown (21 acres)



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**BLACK ROCK POND,** Watertown (9.5 acres)



In Black Rock State Park.

**TROUT PARK**

- **Species:** (T LMB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.
- **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

**BLUE LAKE** (see Anderson Pond)

**BOLTON LAKES** (Lower, Middle, Upper),

Bolton-Coventry-Vernon (346 acres)



**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / CATFISH LAKE**

Channel catfish first stocked into Lower Bolton Lake in 2007.

- **Species:** (YP BB CP LMB SMB S CC)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** Motors limited to 6 hp.

**BOLTON NOTCH POND,** Bolton (17 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB S YP)

**BRANFORD SUPPLY PONDS,**

Branford (26 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB S CP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**BREAKNECK POND,**

Union-Massachusetts (92 acres)



- **Walk-in access (approximately 1.2 miles from north end of Bigelow Pond).**
- **Note:** Connecticut or Massachusetts license legal on entire pond.
- **Species:** (S YP CB CP LMB)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Motor vehicle access prohibited.

**BROAD BROOK MILLPOND,** East Windsor

(19 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB YP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Motors prohibited.

**BULL POND,** Harwinton (20 acres)

Informal cartop access.

- **Species:** (BB LMB BC)
- **Other:** Motors prohibited.

**BUNNELS POND** (Beardsley Park Pond),

Bridgeport (33 acres)



**COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS / CATFISH LAKE**

Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.

- **Species:** (S CC T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.
- **Other:** Ice fishing prohibited.

**BURR POND,** Torrington (85 acres)



**CATFISH LAKE**

Channel catfish first stocked in 2013.

- **Species:** (BB LMB S)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.
- **Season:** Open year-round.

**BUTTERNUT POND,** East Windsor (1.4 acres)

**BUTTERNUT PARK POND,** Middletown

(2.9 acres). (see Rowan's Pond)

# Lakes & Ponds

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**CANDLEWOOD LAKE**, Danbury-New Fairfield-Sherman-New Milford-Brookfield (5064 acres)



## TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (T LMB SMB YP WC WP CB BB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Trout:** From March 1–March 31; Daily creel limit—1, 16" minimum length.
- **Other:** 45 mph daytime speed limit, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

**CEDAR LAKE**, Chester (69 acres)



## WALLEYE LAKE

Walleye first stocked in 2012.

- **Species:** (T YP LMB CP BB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** 6 mph speed limit.

**CENTER SPRINGS PARK POND**, Manchester (11.8 acres)



## COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS

Trout and Channel Catfish first stocked in 2015.

- **Species:** (CC, T, S)
- **Trout:** Season open 2nd Saturday in April–last day February.
- **All Other Species:** Season open year round.

**CHATFIELD HOLLOW POND** (see Schreeder Pond)

**LAKE CHAMBERLAIN**, Bethany (107 acres)

## BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (LMB CP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit; Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Note:** Shore fishing only. Fishing by permit from South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority 203-562-4020.

**CHRISTENSEN'S POND**, Granby (1.5 acres)



- **Species:** (T S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**CITY HALL POND**, Milford

- **Species:** (S)
- **Season:** Open year-round.

**CLARKS POND** (Mill River), Hamden



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Boats and canoes prohibited.

**COLEBROOK RIVER LAKE**, Colebrook-Massachusetts (826 acres)



## BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Note:** Connecticut or Massachusetts fishing license legal on entire pond from demarcation posters downstream to the dam.
- **Species:** (T RA LMB SMB WC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit; Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** 20 mph speed limit. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

**COLONY POND** (Abe Stone Park Pond), Ansonia (3.6 acres)



## COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS

Trout first stocked in 2015.

- **Species:** (T, LMB, S)
- **Trout:** Season open 2nd Saturday in April–last day February.
- **All Other Species:** Season open year round.

**COMPENSATING RESERVOIR** (see Lake McDonough)

**CONGAMOND LAKES** (South Pond, Middle Pond, and North Pond), Suffield-Massachusetts (465 acres)



- **Note:** Connecticut or Massachusetts fishing license is legal on all three lakes.
- **Species:** (T LMB BB YP CP AE S) Massachusetts regulations apply as follows:
- **Season:** open year-round.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—3
- **Bass:** Daily creel limit—5, 12" minimum length.

- **Chain pickerel:** Daily creel limit—5, 15" minimum length.
- **Other:** Not more than two hooks may be used during periods of open water fishing and not more than five hooks may be used when ice fishing. Any sinker or weight made from lead that weighs less than 1 ounce, and any lead jig (meaning any lead-weighted hook) that weighs less than 1 ounce, is prohibited for use in all inland waters of the Commonwealth. The term lead sinker shall not include any other sinkers, weights, fishing lures or fishing tackle including, but not limited to, artificial lures, hooks, weighted flies, and lead-core or other weighted fishing lines.

**COVENTRY LAKE** (Wangumbaug Lake), Coventry (373 acres)



## BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE

- **Species:** (T YP LMB SMB WA S CB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. 6 mph speed limit from sunset to 1 hour after sunrise all days, and on Sundays noon to 4:00 p.m. from May 15 to September 15, and from noon to 2:00 p.m. on July 4. 40 mph limit all other times.

**CRESCENT LAKE**, Southington (51.2 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB S YP)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**CRYSTAL LAKE**, Ellington-Stafford (183 acres)



## TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (T YP CP SMB LMB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Trout:**
  - » From 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February, 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—5, only 1 may be 16" or greater.
  - » From March 1–March 31; Daily creel limit—1, 16" minimum length.
- **Broodstock Atlantic salmon have been stocked multiple times into this lake, first in 2007 and most recently in October, 2015. Regulations for salmon are the same as for trout except:** Daily creel limit—1 Atlantic salmon.
- **Other:** 6 mph speed limit from sunset to 9 a.m., and on Sundays from noon to 3:00 p.m. 45 mph speed limit at all other times.

**CRYSTAL LAKE**, Middletown (32 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB YP BB S)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**DAY POND**, Colchester (7.4 acres)



## TROUT PARK

- **Species:** (T S WC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.
- **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

**DODGE POND**, East Lyme (34 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB CB YP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of all motors prohibited.

**DOG POND**, Goshen (66 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB CP YP CB BB S)

**DOOLEY POND**, Middletown (19 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB YP S)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**EAGLEVILLE LAKE**, Coventry-Mansfield (77 acres)



Brigham Road Bridge (Plains Road) is the demarcation line between the lake and the Willimantic River.

- **Species:** (LMB SMB CP S YP BB)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**EASTBURY POND** (see Angus Park Pond)

**EAST TWIN LAKE** (Washing Lake), Salisbury (569 acres)



Commercial launching ramp, fee charged. Boat livery.

## TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE / KOKANEELAKE

- **Species:** (T LMB CP YP S BB CB K)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—5, except from March 1–March 31, 16" minimum length, Daily creel limit—1.
- **Trout & Kokanee combined:** Daily creel limit—8 for both species in aggregate, of which no more than 5 may be trout and no more than 5 may be kokanee salmon.

Remember, it's illegal to fish in or into a DEEP permitted swim area.

(RSCA §15-121-B12(c))

Lakes and Ponds open year-round (no closed season) unless otherwise stated.

- **Other:** 35 mph daytime speed limit, 6 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour after sunrise. Also 6 mph within 200 feet of vessel or dock. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. The use of radios by fishermen is prohibited from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

**EDGEWOOD PARK POND**, New Haven (3 acres)

- **Season:** Open year-round.

**FACTORY POND** (Norwalk River), Redding-Wilton (12 acres)

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**FACTORY POND** (Town Grove Pond), Salisbury (2 acres)

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.

**FARMILL (ISINGLASS) RESERVOIR**, Shelton (4 acres)

- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–December 31.
- **Species:** (LMB S)
- **Note:** Permit required to fish-contact Aquarian Water company at 203-452-3511.

**FERNRIDGE PARK POND**, West Hartford (0.7 acres)

- **Species:** (S)
- **Season:** Open year-round.

**FISHER MEADOWS POND** (Spring Lake), Avon (41 acres)

- **Within Fisher Meadows Park.**
- **Species:** (LMB CA S)
- **Other:** Ice fishing prohibited by town ordinance.

**FITCHVILLE POND**, Bozrah (59 acres)

- **Species:** (T LMB CP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**FOUNTAIN LAKE RESERVOIR**, Ansonia-Seymour (6 acres)

- **Species:** (T LMB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

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**FRESHWATER POND** (Freshwater Brook), Enfield (8 acres)

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**COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS**  
Catfish first stocked in 2012.

- **Species:** (T, CC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**GARDNER LAKE**, Salem-Montville-Bozrah (529 acres)

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**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE**  
• **Species:** (T SMB LMB YP CP CB S WA BB WC)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—2, 16" minimum length.
- **Other:** 6 mph speed limit from sunset to 8:00 a.m.

**GAY CITY POND**, Hebron (5.1 acres)

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• **Species:** (T CP BB YP)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.  
• **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

**GLASGO POND**, Griswold (168 acres)

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• **Species:** (LMB YP BB CB S)

**GORTON POND**, East Lyme (52 acres)

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• **Species:** (LMB CB YP BB S)  
• **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**GOULD MANOR POND**, Fairfield (2 acres)

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.

**GREAT HILL POND**, Portland (76 acres)

♿ Informal cartop/carry-in access only (30 yards).  
• **Species:** (LMB CP YP CB S BB WC)  
• **Other:** Motors limited to 6 hp or less. 12 mph speed limit.

**GREAT HOLLOW POND**, Monroe (15 acres)

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*Within Wolfe Park.*  
**TROUT PARK**  
• **Species:** (T)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.  
• **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2

**GREEN FALLS RESERVOIR** (Green Falls Pond), Voluntown (48 acres)

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• **Species:** (T LMB BB S)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–October 31.  
• **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**GRIGGS POND**, Woodstock (38 acres)

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*Walk in access from Route 198 (200 yards).*  
• **Species:** (LMB YP S BB)  
• **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**HALLS POND**, Eastford-Ashford (82 acres)

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**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**  
• **Species:** (LMB S YP CB CP)  
• **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.  
• **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**HALLVILLE POND** (Indiantown Brook), Preston (10 acres)

♿ Informal cartop access.  
• **Species:** (T)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**HAMILTON RESERVOIR**, Union-Massachusetts (412 acres)

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• **Species:** (T LMB SMB YP CB S BB)  
• **Note:** Connecticut or Massachusetts fishing license legal on entire pond. Massachusetts regulations apply as follows:  
• **Season:** Open year-round.  
• **Trout:** Daily creel limit—3  
• **Large & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—5 total, 12" minimum length.  
• **Chain pickerel:** Daily creel limit—5, 15" minimum length.  
• **Northern pike:** Daily creel limit—1, 28" minimum length.  
• **Other:** Not more than two hooks may be used during periods of open water fishing and not more than five hooks may be used when ice fishing. Any sinker or weight made from lead that weighs less than 1 ounce, and any lead jig (meaning any lead-weighted hook) that weighs less than 1 ounce, is prohibited for use in all inland waters of the Commonwealth. The term lead sinker shall not include any other sinkers, weights, fishing lures or fishing tackle including, but not limited to, artificial lures, hooks, weighted flies, and lead-core or other weighted fishing lines.

**HAMPTON RESERVOIR**, Hampton-Eastford (88 acres)

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• **Species:** (LMB YP CP S BB)  
• **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

# Lakes & Ponds

Statewide regulations for seasons, legal methods, and limits (page 25) apply unless a site-specific regulation is listed for a water body.

## HANCOCK BROOK LAKE, Plymouth (20 acres)



Open 8:00 a.m. to sunset (but no later than 8:00 pm). Walk-in access only after Labor Day weekend (September 5, 2016) until the weekend before Memorial Day weekend (May 21, 2016).

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

## HANOVER POND, Meriden (70 acres)

Town operated boat launch.

- **Species:** (LMB S)
- **Other:** Steerage speed only.

## HANOVER RESERVOIR, Canterbury-Sprague (21 acres)

Walk-in access (approximately 600 yards from Little River Road in Canterbury).

- **Species:** (T LMB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

## HATCH POND, Kent (72 acres)



- **Species:** (YP BB CP LMB CB S)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

## LAKE HAYWARD (Shaw Lake), East Haddam (174 acres)



### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (T LMB YP CP S CB BB AE)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## HELEN KELLER SCHOOL POND, Easton



- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.

## HEWITT FLYFISHING POND (Gallup Pond), North Stonington (2 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB YP S BB)
- **Methods:** Fly fishing only.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–October 31.
- **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

## HEWITT POND (Lower Hewitt Pond), North Stonington (2 acres)

- **Species:** (T S BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

- **Other:** All vessels prohibited. Operation of vessels with motors, except for electric motors, is prohibited.

## HIGGANUM RESERVOIR, Haddam (31 acres)



Public right-of-way, passable for cars.

- **Species:** (T S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

## HIGHLAND LAKE, Winchester (445 acres)



### TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE / BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (T LMB YP SMB CB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—2, 16" minimum length.
- **Trout:**
  - › From 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February, 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—5, only 1 may be 16" or greater.
  - › From March 1–March 31; Daily creel limit—1, 16" minimum length.
- **Other:** 6 mph speed limit from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise (and from 5 p.m. on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day). 45 mph speed limit on weekends and holidays.

## HODGE POND, Voluntown (10 acres)

Public right-of-way, carry-in access.

- **Species:** (LMB CP YP S BB)

## HOGBACK RESERVOIR

(see West Branch Reservoir)

## HOLBROOK POND, Hebron (83 acres)



Handicapped access at dam.

- **Species:** (LMB YP CB S)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

## HOP BROOK LAKE, Middlebury (26 acres)



Open 8:00 a.m. to sunset (but no later than 8:00 pm). Walk-in access only after Labor Day weekend (September 5, 2016) until the weekend before Memorial Day weekend (May 21, 2016).

- **Species:** (T) **Note:** Trout stocking discontinued due to limited spring recreational access.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Vessels with motors, except electric, prohibited. No ice fishing.

## HOPE LAKE (see Nells Rock Reservoir)

## HOPEVILLE POND, Griswold (137 acres)



### CATFISH LAKE

Channel catfish first stocked in 2012. Launch open from Opening Day to early October.

- **Species:** (LMB NP CP S WP YP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

## HOPEWELL POND/LAKE HOPEWELL

(see Huntington Pond)

## HORSE POND, Salem (13 acres)



- **Species:** (T S BB CP LMB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout:** Statewide daily creel limit (5) now applies.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## LAKE HOUSATONIC, Shelton-Derby-Monroe-Oxford-Seymour (328 acres)



From the Stevenson Dam to the Derby Dam. Boat launch at Indian Well State Park, opens for daytime (8:00 a.m. to sunset) use on April 1st (no other amenities until mid-May). Park officially closes September 30th. Note: boating/fishing access may continue past this date. Contact Park Manager (203-735-4311) for information concerning status of fall boating and fishing access.

### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (SMB LMB WC WP YP AE S CA)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—2, 16" minimum length.
- **Other:** Minimum steerage speed within 25 ft. of shore or dock. 45 mph speed limit daytime, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

## HOWELLS POND, Hartland (14 acres)



Public right-of-way, passable for cars.

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## HUNTINGTON POND (Starret Pond, Lake Hopewell, Huntington Park Pond), Redding (15 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## HURLBURT POND, Putnam (3 acres)



- **Season:** Open year-round.

## HYDE POND, Ledyard (5.4 acres)



- **Species:** (T)

## INDIAN LAKE (Indian Pond), Sharon-New York (196 acres)

- **Note:** Connecticut or New York fishing license legal on entire pond. New York regulations apply for large & small-mouth bass.
- **Species:** (LMB YP)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Season—Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.
- **All Other Species:** Season—Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Other:** Not more than five tip-ups and two hand-held jigs allowed for ice fishing.

## ISINGLASS RESERVOIR

(see Farmill Reservoir)

## KAATZ POND, Trumbull (2 acres)

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.

## KEACH POND

(see Peck Pond)

## KENEY PARK POND, Hartford (3 acres)



### COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS / CATFISH LAKE

- Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.
- **Species:** (T S CC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

## LAKE KENOSIA, Danbury (60 acres)



### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / CATFISH LAKE

- Channel catfish first stocked in 2012.
- **Species:** (LMB S BB YP)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** Operating a boat propelled by an internal combustion engine prohibited.

**Lakes and Ponds open year-round (no closed season) unless otherwise stated.**

**KILLINGLY POND**, Killingly-Rhode Island (122 acres)

- **Note:** Connecticut or Rhode Island fishing license legal on entire pond.
- **Species:** (LMB SMB S YP CP)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—5 bass, 12" minimum length.
- **Chain Pickerel:** Daily creel limit—5, 14" minimum length.
- **All Other Species:** CT Statewide regulations apply.
- **Other:** No more than six tip-ups may be used when ice-fishing. Motors limited to 12 cu in (approx. 10 hp).

**LAKE OF ISLES**, North Stonington (89 acres)

- **Species:** (LMB CP YP CB S BB)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**LAKEVILLE LAKE** (see Wononskopomuc Lake)

**LAKWOOD LAKE** (Great Brook Reservoir), Waterbury (73 acres)

- **COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS / CATFISH LAKE**  
Channel catfish first stocked in 2008.
- **Species:** (LMB S CC)

**LANTERN HILL POND**,

Ledyard-North Stonington (23 acres)

- **Species:** (T LMB CP CB YP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April—last day February.

**LEONARD POND**, Kent (20 acres)

- **Species:** (YP CB CP BB LMB)

**LAKE LILLINONAH**, Brookfield-Bridgewater-Newtown-Southbury-New Milford (1547 acres)

- **From Bleachery Dam to the Shepaug Dam.**
- **Species:** (LMB SMB WP CB WC NP S CA YP)
- **Other:** 45 mph speed limit daytime, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

**LILLY POND**, Thompson (7.4 acres)

- **Season:** Open year-round.

**LITTLE POND** (Little Bantam), Litchfield (15 acres)

- **Species:** (NP LMB YP S BB)
- **Northern Pike:**  
» May 1–Nov. 30: Daily creel limit—2, 26" minimum length.

» Dec. 1—last day Feb.: Daily creel limit—1, 36" minimum length.

» March 1—April 30: Closed to northern pike fishing.

- **All Other Species:** Open year round, statewide regulations apply.

**LITTLE POND** (Schoolhouse Pond), Thompson (65 acres)

- **Species:** (T LMB YP CP CB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April—last day February.

**LONG POND**, Ledyard-North Stonington (109 acres)

- **Species:** (T CP LMB CB YP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April—last day February.
- **Other:** 5 mph speed limit.

**LOWER FULTON PARK POND**, Waterbury (2.8 acres)

- **Species:** (S)
- **Season:** Open year-round.

**LOWER STORRS PUMPING POND**, Mansfield (2 acre)

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April—last day February.

**MAD RIVER FLOOD CONTROL IMPOUNDMENT**, Winchester (7.9 acres)

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April—last day February.
- **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

**MALTBY LAKES** (1,2,3), Orange-West Haven (19, 23 & 25 acres)

- **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / CATFISH LAKE**  
Channel catfish first stocked into Maltby Lakes 2 & 3 in 2007.
- **Species:** (T LMB S YP CC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Note:** Shore fishing only. Fishing by permit from South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority 203-562-4020.

**MANANASCO LAKE**, Ridgefield (89 acres)

- **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**
- **Species:** (LMB S YP BB CB)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**MANITOOK LAKE**, Granby (57 acres)

- **Species:** (LMB S)
- **Note:** Ice fishing permitted on weekends only.
- **Other:** 5 mph speed limit in restricted areas. Use of motors in excess of 7-½ hp prohibited on Saturdays.

**MANSFIELD HOLLOW RESERVOIR** (Naubesatuck Lake), Mansfield-Chaplin-Windham (460 acres)

- **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / NORTHERN PIKE LAKE**
- **Species:** (CP LMB NP T YP S CB)
- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit. Swimming prohibited.

**MANSFIELD TOWN POND** (see Bicentennial Pond)

**MANSFIELD TRAINING SCHOOL PONDS**, Mansfield (1.1 & 2.3 acres)

- **Species:** (T S BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April—last day February.

**MASHAUG LAKE**, Union (287 acres)

- **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE**
- **Species:** (T LMB SMB CP YP S WA)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April—last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Broodstock Atlantic salmon have been stocked several times into this lake, first in 2008 and most recently in October, 2009. Regulations for salmon are the same as for trout except:** Daily creel limit—1 Atlantic salmon.
- **Other:** 10 mph speed limit.

**LAKE McDONOUGH** (Compensating Reservoir), New Hartford-Barkhamsted (391 acres)

- **Species:** (T LMB SMB YP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.
- **Note:** 10 mph motorboat speed limit. Boat launch owned and operated by MDC (\$6.00 parking fee, \$6.00 launching fee). Launch area open from 2nd Saturday April through Labor Day. Boat launch hours: 10:00 a.m.–sunset weekdays, 8:00 a.m.–sunset weekends, except 6:00 a.m.–sunset on Opening Day. Boats must be off lake by 7:30 p.m. Reservoir shore fishing access from sunrise to 9:00 p.m. (except from 6:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. on Opening Day). Visit MDC at [www.themdc.com](http://www.themdc.com) or call (860-379-3036, 860-379-0916) for updated fees, hours and other information.

**McGOVERN POND**, West Hartford (1 acre)

- **Species:** (S, LMB)
- **Season:** Open year-round.

**McGRATH PARK POND** (Prospect Park Pond), Prospect (1 acre)

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–October 31.

**MESSERSCHMIDT POND**, Deep River-Westbrook (73 acres)

- **Species:** (LMB CP S BB YP AE)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**MILL POND**, Newington (2.7 acres)

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.

**MILL WOODS PARK POND**, Wethersfield (7.3 acres)

- **Season:** Open year-round.

**MILLERS POND**, Durham (33 acres)

- **Carry in boat access (300 yards).**
- **Species:** (LMB YP T S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April—last day February.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

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**MIRROR LAKE** (Hubbard Park Pond), Meriden (7.4 acres)



**COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS**

Trout and Channel Catfish first stocked in 2014.

- **Species:** (T, CC)
- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:** Season open 2nd Saturday in April–last day February.
- **All Other Species:** Season open year round.
- **Other:** Ice fishing prohibited by town ordinance.

**MITCHELL POND**, East Haddam (4 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB S)
- **Other:** Boats and canoes prohibited.

**MOHAWK POND**, Cornwall-Goshen (16 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of all motors prohibited.

**MOHEGAN LAKE**, Fairfield (15 acres)



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–October 31.

**MOHEGAN PARK POND** (Spaulding Pond), Norwich (14 acres)



**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / TROUT PARK / COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS / CATFISH LAKE**

Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.

- **Species:** (T S BB LMB CC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—2. 16" minimum length.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

**MONO POND**, Columbia (113 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB YP CP S)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**MOODUS RESERVOIR** (Upper, Lower), East Haddam (486 acres)



**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**

- **Species:** (LMB CP CB S YP)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 18" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 1 may be 18" or greater.
- **Other:** 35 mph speed limit days, 6 mph limit ½ hour after sunset to 8 a.m.

**MOOSUP POND**, Plainfield (96 acres)

- **Species:** (T S LMB YP BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**MOREY POND**, Union-Ashford (45 acres)



- **Species:** (BB CP LMB YP S)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**MOUNT TOM POND**,

Morris-Litchfield-Washington (56 acres)



**WALLEYE LAKE**

Walleye first stocked in 2012.

- **Species:** (T S LMB CB CP YP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Broodstock Atlantic salmon have been stocked multiple times into this lake, first in 2009 and most recently in December, 2015. Regulations for salmon are the same as for trout except:** Daily creel limit—1 Atlantic salmon.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**MUDDY POND**,

Woodstock-Massachusetts (38 acres)

- **Note:** No public access. Connecticut or Massachusetts fishing license legal on entire pond. Connecticut regulations apply.
- **Species:** (LMB CP YP S BB)
- **Other:** 5 hp limit.

**MUDGE POND** (Silver Lake),

Sharon (207 acres)



**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**

- **Species:** (LMB CP YP S BB)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 18" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 1 may be 18" or greater.
- **Other:** Motors limited to 7-½ hp. Speed limit 6 mph. Use of motors prohibited from ½ hour after sunset to sunrise and anytime within 200 feet of town beach.

**NAUBESATUCK LAKE**

(see Mansfield Hollow Reservoir)

**NELLS ROCK RESERVOIR** (Hope Lake),

Shelton (10.3 acres)



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**NORTH FARMS RESERVOIR**,

Wallingford (64 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB BB S CP CB)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**NORTH STREET POND**, Milford

- **Season:** Open year-round.

**NORTHFIELD BROOK LAKE**,

Litchfield (8 acres)



Open 8:00 a.m. to sunset. Walk-in access only after Columbus Day until the 2nd Saturday in April.

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**NORTHFIELD CUTLERY COMPANY POND**,

Litchfield

Public right-of-way, passable for cars.

- **Species:** (LMB S)

**NORWICH POND**, Lyme (30 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB S CP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Operation of motorboats prohibited.

**PACHAUG POND**, Griswold (841 acres)



**NORTHERN PIKE LAKE**

- **Species:** (LMB CP NP WP CB YP S BB)

**PAGE PARK LAGOON**, Bristol (1.5 acres)



- **Season:** Open year-round.

**PAINE POND**, Ashford (2 acres)



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**PAPERMILL POND** (see Southford Falls Pond),

Oxford-Southbury (2.4 acres)

**PARK POND**, Winchester (74.9 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB S YP BB CP CB)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**PASTURE POND**, Plainfield



- **At Quinebaug Valley State Hatchery**
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–September 30.

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**PATTACONK LAKE** (Russell Jennings Pond), Chester (56 acres)



Carry-in boat access only (75 yards).

**CATFISH LAKE**

Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.

- **Species:** (T LMB YP S CC CB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited during July and August.

**PATTAGANSETT LAKE**, East Lyme (128 acres)



**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**

- **Species:** (LMB CB S CP YP AE)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 18" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 1 may be 18" or greater.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit. See 2016 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

**PECK POND** (Keach Pond), Thompson-Putnam-Rhode Island (14 acres)



- **Note:** Connecticut or Rhode Island fishing license legal on entire pond. Rhode Island regulations apply as follows:
- **Species:** (T LMB SMB CP YP S BB CB)
- **Season:** 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—5 bass, 12" minimum length.
- **Chain Pickerel:** Daily creel limit—5, 14" minimum length.
- **Trout:** No minimum length. Daily creel limit—5 from 2nd Saturday in April to November 30th. Daily creel limit—2 from December 1st to last day February.

**PERRY POND**, Thompson-Massachusetts (4 acres)

- **Note:** Connecticut or Massachusetts fishing license legal on entire pond. Connecticut regulations apply.
- **Species:** (LMB CP YP S BB)

**PICKEREL LAKE**, Colchester-East Haddam (82 acres)



**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**

- **Species:** (LMB CB S CP)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit. See 2016 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

**PICKETT'S POND** (Osbornedale State Park), Derby (9 acres)



**COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS**

Channel Catfish first stocked in 2012.

- **Species:** (T, CC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**PIERREPONT POND** (Lake Naraneka), Ridgefield (38 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB S)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**PINE ACRES LAKE**, Hampton (190 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB S YP BB)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**PINE LAKE** (Shelton Reservoir #2), Shelton (7.3 acres)

- **Species:** (LMB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–December 31.

**LAKE POCOTOPAUG**, East Hampton (502 acres)

- **Note:** No public access.
- **Species:** (LMB SMB CP WA WP YP S)
- **Walleye:** Daily creel limit—2, 20" minimum length.

**POWERS LAKE**, East Lyme (144 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB CP S YP CB)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**QUADDICK RESERVOIR**, Thompson (408 acres)



Launch open 8 a.m. until sunset from April 9th through December 1st.

**NORTHERN PIKE LAKE**

- **Species:** (LMB NP CP CB YP BB S)

**LAKE QUASSAUG**, Woodbury-Middlebury (297 acres)

- **Note:** No public access, icefishing prohibited.
- **Species:** (T SMB S CB BB LMB YP CP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—1, 18" minimum length.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—1 total, 18" minimum length.

- **Other:** 6 mph speed limit, except 25 mph from Tuesday after Labor Day to 3rd Saturday in April. Use of motors prohibited 11 p.m.–6 a.m.

**QUILLINAN RESERVOIR**, Ansonia (12.2 acres)

No facilities, walk in access only.

- **Species:** (LMB S YP)

**QUINEBAUG LAKE** (Wauregan Reservoir), Killingly (88 acres)



**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / CATFISH LAKE**

Channel catfish first stocked in 2012.

- **Species:** (T LMB CP S CB YP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—2, 16" minimum length.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**QUONNIPAUG LAKE**, Guilford (99 acres)



Note: Icefishing prohibited.

**TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE**

- **Species:** (T LMB BB SMB CP S YP AE CC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Trout:** From March 1–March 31, Daily creel limit—1, 16" minimum length.
- **Other:** Motors limited to 6 hp. Operation of motorboats prohibited from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

**RAINBOW RESERVOIR**, Windsor (240 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB SMB S CP YP WP CB BB)
- **Other:** 35 mph speed limit.

**RED CEDAR LAKE**, Lebanon (127 acres)



No maintained/developed launch facilities, informal cartop access only.

- **Species:** (LMB YP S CB CP)

**ROGERS LAKE**, Lyme-Old Lyme (260 acres)



**TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE**

- **Species:** (T LMB CP CB YP BB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Trout:** From March 1–March 31, Daily creel limit—1, 16" minimum length.
- **Other:** Motors limited to 135 hp. 6 mph speed limit sunset to 10:00 a.m. See 2016 Boater's Guide for additional restrictions.

**ROSELAND LAKE**, Woodstock (96 acres)



Access courtesy of Roseland Park. Open sunrise to sunset (closed thanksgiving and Christmas), unimproved boat launch, fishing dock. Visit [www.roselandlake.org](http://www.roselandlake.org) for additional information on the park.

- **Species:** (LMB CA CP YP CB S T BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**ROSS POND**, Killingly (31 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB CP S)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**ROWAN'S POND** (Butternut Park Pond), Middletown (2.9 acres)



**COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS**

Trout and channel catfish first stocked in 2014.

- **Species:** (T, CC, LMB, S)
- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:** Season open 2nd Saturday in April–last day February.
- **All Other Species:** Season open year round.

**SAINT MARTHA'S POND**, Enfield



- **Species:** (T S BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**SALMON BROOK POND**, Glastonbury



- **Species:** (T S YP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**SALTERS POND**, Manchester (3 acres)



- **Species:** (S LMB CP)

**LAKE SALTONSTALL**, Branford-East Haven (422 acres)



**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE**

- **Species:** (T LMB S WA CB YP WP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—1 bass, 18" minimum length.
- **Other:** Use of live bait prohibited.
- **Note:** Fishing by permit from South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority 203-401-2654. Boat rentals available (no other vessels allowed).

# Lakes & Ponds

Statewide regulations for seasons, legal methods, and limits (page 25) apply unless a site-specific regulation is listed for a water body.

**SAUGATUCK RESERVOIR**, Easton-Redding-Weston (827 acres)



## WALLEYE LAKE

- **Species:** (T LMB SMB S WA)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–December 31.
- **Note:** Permit required to fish—contact Aquarion Water Company at 203-452-3511. Fishing permitted from west shore only.
- **Other:** The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. Boating, wading and flotation devices prohibited.

**SAVIN LAKE**, Lebanon (49 acres)



Carry-in boat access (30 yards).

- **Species:** (LMB YP WP S BB CP)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**SAWMILL PARK POND**, Ledyard



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**SCHREEDER POND** (Chatfield Hollow Pond), Killingworth (4 acres)



In Chatfield Hollow State Park. Walk-in access only during off-season.

## TROUT PARK

- **Species:** (T S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.
- **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

**SCOVILLE RESERVOIR**, Wolcott (121 acres)



## CATFISH LAKE

Channel catfish first stocked in 2013.

- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday of April–last day February.
- **Species:** (T LMB S YP CP CB)
- **Other:** Operation of vessels prohibited from sunset to sunrise. Use or possession of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**SEYMOUR RESERVOIRS** (1, 2, 3 & 4), Oxford (4.4, 35, 11.5 & 37.4 acres)

No facilities, walk-in access only.

- **Species:** (LMB S YP)

**SHAW LAKE** (see Lake Hayward)

**SHELTON RESERVOIR #2** (see Pine Lake)

**SHENIPSIT LAKE**, Ellington-Tolland-Vernon (532 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB CB SMB WP YP T CP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–October 31.
- **Note:** Use of boats restricted to those stored on site. Contact the Shenipsit Lake Boat Storage Facility (860-875-1850) for additional information concerning fishing access and to check boat storage space availability.
- **Other:** The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

**SILVER LAKE** (Peat Works Pond), Berlin-Meriden (146 acres)



## CATFISH LAKE

Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.

- **Species:** (CB LMB S BB CP CC)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit. See 2016 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

**SIMSBURY TOWN PARK PONDS**, Simsbury

- **Species:** (S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–June 15.

**SOCHRIN POND**, Seymour

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.

**SOMERSVILLE MILL POND** (Scantic River), Somers (41 acres)



Unimproved town launch.

- **Species:** (T LMB S CP CB YP BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** 6 mph speed limit.

**SOUTHFORD FALLS POND** (Papermill Pond), Oxford-Southbury (2.4 acres)



In Southford Falls State Park.

## TROUT PARK

- **Species:** (T S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

**SOUTH SPECTACLE POND**, Kent (85 acres)

Public right-of-way, not passable for cars.

- **Species:** (LMB YP S)

**SPALDING POND** (see Mohegan Park Pond)

**SQUANTZ POND**, New Fairfield, Sherman (270 acres)



## TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE

- **Species:** (CA WA T LMB SMB YP S WP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Trout:** From March 1–March 31, 16" minimum length, Daily creel limit—1.
- **Other:** Motors on boats launched at Squantz Pond State Park launch ramp limited to 25 hp. 45 mph daytime speed limit, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. Fishing from shore prohibited behind fence along shore in State Park from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

**STANLEY QUARTER POND**, New Britain (6.4 acres)



## COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS

Trout and channel catfish first stocked in 2014.

- **Species:** (S, T, CC, LMB)
- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:** Season open 2nd Saturday in April–last day February.
- **All Other Species:** Season open year round.

**STARRET POND** (see Huntington Pond)

**STATE LINE POND**, Stafford (75 acres)



Next to Route 32.

- **Species:** (YP S BB CP)

**LAKE STIBBS** (Southbury Training School Pond), Southbury (5 acres)



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**STILLWATER POND**, Torrington (94 acres)



## CATFISH LAKE

Channel catfish first stocked in 2012.

- **Species:** (T LMB YP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**STRATTON BROOK PARK POND**, Simsbury (2.3 acres)



## TROUT PARK

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2

**STROH PARK POND**, Windsor (1.4 acres)

- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.

**TAFTVILLE RESERVOIR**, Norwich (25 acres)



Access through Raymond Ouellet Park.

## BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (LMB T S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—2, 16" minimum length.

**TAFTVILLE POND**, Lisbon (117 acres)



Small town boat launch (ramp open April 1 to November 30).

- **Species:** (LMB, SMB CB S YP CA)

**TANKERHOUSE LAKES**, Vernon (10 acres)

- **Species:** (T LMB CP S YP BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**TETREAULT POND**, Killingly (39 acres)

- **Species:** (CP S YP)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**TOLLGATE POND**, Greenwich (7 acres)

- **Species:** (LMB S BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–October 31.

**TWIN BROOKS PARK POND**, Trumbull (4 acres)

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Note:** Ice fishing prohibited by town ordinance.

**TYLER POND**, Goshen (187 acres)



- **Species:** (T YP LMB CB CP BB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**UNCAS LAKE** (Hog Pond), Lyme (69 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB AE CP YP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Operation of motorboats prohibited.

Lakes and Ponds open year-round (no closed season) unless otherwise stated.

**UPPER FULTON PARK POND,**

Waterbury (2.1 acres)



**COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS**

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**VALLEY FALLS POND,** Vernon (4.1 acres)



**TROUT PARK**

- **Species:** (T S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2

**WALKERS RESERVOIR** (East), Vernon

(5.1 acres)



- **Species:** (T YP S BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–October 31.
- **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

**WANGUMBAUG LAKE**

(see Coventry Lake), Coventry

**LAKE WARAMAUG,** Kent-Warren-Washington

(656 acres)



Carry-in boat access in Lake Waramaug State Park (approximately 100 foot carry to water). Boating access is also available to the general public at the town boat launch (annual launch permit fee and daily inspection fee) in Washington. Required inspection of boat and trailer for invasive plants. Boats and trailers failing inspection will not be allowed to use launch. Days and hours of operation vary seasonally, contact the Washington Park and Recreation Department (860-868-1519) for more information.

- **Species:** (LMB SMB CP YP BB S)

**WARDS MILLPOND** (Branford River),

Branford (7.3 acres)



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**WARNER POND** (Kazan's Pond),

Newtown. (11.7 acres)

No facilities, walk in access only.

- **Species:** (LMB S YP)

**WASHINGTON PARK POND,** Windsor

- **Season:** Open year-round.

**WAUREGAN RESERVOIR**

(see Quinebaug Lake)

**WEST BRANCH (Hogback) RESERVOIR,**

Hartland-Colebrook (201 acres)



- **Species:** (T YP S SMB RA)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

**WEST HILL POND,** New Hartford-Barkhamsted

(261 acres)



**TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE / KOKANEE LAKE**

- **Species:** (T K SMB YP S LMB RA)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Trout:** from March 1–March 31, 16" minimum length, Daily creel limit—1.
- **Trout & Kokanee combined:** Daily creel limit—8 for both species in aggregate, of which no more than 5 may be trout and no more than 5 may be kokanee salmon.
- **Other:** The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. 15 mph speed limit except 6 mph between sunset and sunrise. From Memorial Day through September 15th motors limited to 8 hp.

**WEST PEQUONNOCK RESERVOIR,**

Monroe (1.4 acres)

- **Species:** (LMB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–December 31.
- **Note:** Permit required to fish—contact Aquarion Water Company at 203-452-3511.

**WEST SIDE POND,** Goshen (42 acres)



**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**

- **Species:** (T LMB YP S BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.

**WEST THOMPSON LAKE,**

Thompson (239 acres)



**WALLEYE LAKE**

Walleye first stocked in 2012.

- **Species:** (LMB SMB CP CB WP S YP CA)
- **Other:** Speed limit 5 mph.

**WEST TWIN LAKE** (Washinee Lake),

Salisbury (290 acres)

- **Species:** (CP LMB S CB YP)
- **Other:** 35 mph daytime speed limit, 6 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour after sunrise. Also 6 mph within 200 feet of vessel or dock. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

**WHARTON POND** (Allen Brook

Pond), Wallingford (5 acres)



In Wharton Brook State Park.

**TROUT PARK**

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.
- **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

**WHITNEY FLOOD CONTROL POND** (Patten Brook),

Stafford (2 acres)



- **Species:** (S BB CP)

**WILLIAMS POND** (Lake Williams),

Lebanon (272 acres)



Informal cartop access from dam on Route 207.

- **Species:** (LMB CP YP S BB CB)

**WINCHESTER LAKE,** Winchester (246 acres)



**NORTHERN PIKE LAKE**

- **Species:** (LMB CP YP S NP CB BB)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**LAKE WINFIELD** (see Zeiner Pond), Plymouth

**LAKE WINNEMAUG,** Watertown (113 acres)

- **Species:** (LMB S CB WP BB YP)
- **Other:** 7 mph speed limit. Vessels with internal combustion engines attached are prohibited.

**LAKE WINTERGREEN,** Hamden (44 acres)



**COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS /**

**CATFISH LAKE**

Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.

West Rock Ridge State Park — Public right-of-way not passable to cars.

- **Species:** (S LMB YP T CC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**WONONSKOPMUC LAKE** (Lakeville Lake),

Salisbury (348 acres)



**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**

- **Species:** (T LMB CP YP S BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–October 31.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. Motors restricted to 12 cu in. Town operated boat launch-fee charged. Launch open daily 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. from 2nd Saturday in April to Labor Day. From Labor Day through October 31st launch open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, and from 7 a.m. to 12 noon on weekends. Boat livery.

**WOOD CREEK POND,** Norfolk (148 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB BB YP CP)

**WYASSUP LAKE,** North Stonington (99 acres)



**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**

- **Species:** (CP YP T LMB BB AE)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—2, 16" minimum length.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit. See 2016 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

**ZEINER POND** (Lake Winfield),

Plymouth (16 acres)



- No longer stocked with trout.
- **Season:** Open year-round.

**ZEMKO POND,** Salem (8 acres)

Walk-in access from Round Hill Road (300 yards).

- **Species:** (LMB S)

**LAKE ZOAR,** Monroe-Oxford-

Newton-Southbury (909 acres)



**WALLEYE LAKE**

Walleye first stocked in 2011.

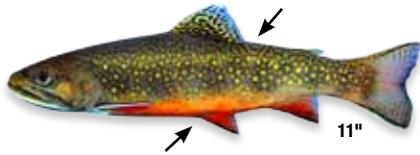
From the Shepaug Dam to the Stevenson Dam.

- **Species:** (SMB WP LMB CB WC S YP WA)
- **Other:** 45 mph speed limit daytime, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

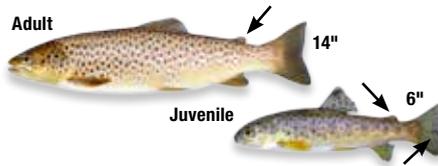
# A Guide to Catchable Freshwater Fish in Connecticut

Not sure about your catch? Subtle differences between fish include the shape of the body—long vs. round, whiskers, shape of the mouth, and if there is a small fleshy lobe-like fin on the back near the tail. Determine which of these traits match your fish, then look to the photos and specific details to make a positive identification. If you would like a professional opinion, email a clear photo of the entire fish to [deep.inland.fisheries@ct.gov](mailto:deep.inland.fisheries@ct.gov).

## Trout



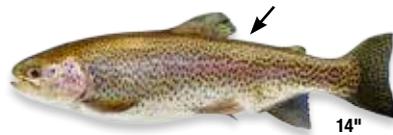
**Brook Trout** have a dark body with light spots and a worm-like pattern on back, head, and sides. The lower fins are typically red-orange with a white leading edge. Stocked Brook Trout are typically less colorful than wild Brook Trout.



**Brown Trout** have a light body with dark spots. The lower fins are typically brown, tan, or nearly colorless and may have a white leading edge. Wild Brown Trout may have bright red and orange spots and an orange adipose fin. The tail is more rounded than forked. Brown Trout and Atlantic Salmon look very similar.



**Tiger Trout** (hybrid) have worm-like markings covering the entire body. They usually do not have spots. Tiger Trout are a sterile cross between a male Brook Trout and a female Brown Trout.



**Rainbow Trout** have a light body with dark spots on the head and the tail. There is usually a pink band along each side.

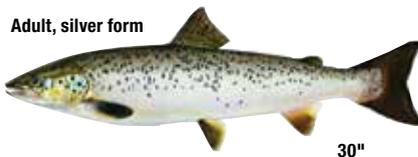
## Salmon



**Kokanee Salmon** are silver without spots until spawning season when they undergo significant changes in shape and color, turning red. Males often develop a large hooked jaw (kype). Kokanee Salmon die after they spawn.



**Atlantic Salmon** have a light body with dark spots. The adipose fin is brown or dark brown. The lower fins are brown with no color on the leading edge. There may be spots on the head and tail. Wild Atlantic Salmon recently entering freshwater typically are silver, turning brown after being in freshwater for a while. Small Atlantic Salmon will have a deeply-forked tail. Atlantic Salmon are stocked as fry into many tributaries of the Connecticut River. All Atlantic Salmon must be immediately released, unless it is from one of the areas the Inland Fisheries Division stocks with surplus adult Atlantic Salmon (see page 28).



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## Bass, Perch & Walleye



**Largemouth Bass** have a dark stripe along the side of the body. The end of the jaw typically reaches past the eye.



**Smallmouth Bass** may have vertical stripes on the side of the body. The end of the jaw typically reaches to the center of the eye.



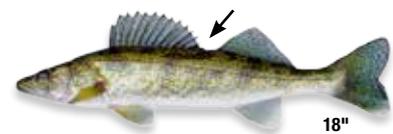
**Striped Bass** have a light body, somewhat silver in color with a series of horizontal black bands along the side.



**White Perch** have a silver body and lack any spots or bands.



**Yellow Perch** have a yellow body with dark vertical bands and orange lower fins.



**Walleye** generally have a greenish or brownish back fading to a white belly. They may have irregular dark green blotches on the body. They have very large and sharp teeth.

The number indicated near each fish represents the length of the individual fish shown in the photo. It is not a minimum size regulation or average fish length.

## Sunfish & Bass



**Pumpkinseeds** have turquoise markings on the face and have a red dot on the gill cover.



**Bluegills** do not have turquoise markings on the face and do not have a red spot on the gill cover.



**Redbreast sunfish** have some turquoise markings on the face. The gill cover has a long oval dark "ear". The belly is usually a bright orange-red.

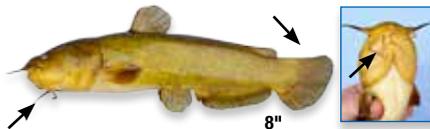


**Rock Bass** have a very large red-colored eye. The pattern on the side of the body resembles camouflage print.

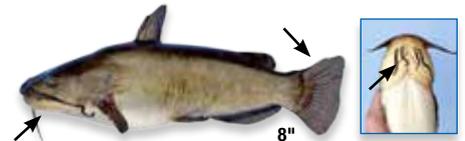


**Calico Bass** (crappie) have a distinct curved profile from the head to the dorsal fin. The body is silvery or brass colored with dark spots, and very thin when viewed looking from head on.

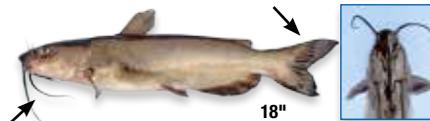
## Bullhead & Catfish



**Yellow Bullhead** have a rounded tail and the chin whiskers are light colored. Both the belly and chin are usually yellow.



**Brown Bullhead** have a rounded tail and the chin whiskers are dark colored. Both the belly and chin are light colored and usually white.



**Channel Catfish** have a forked tail (pointed tips), very long whiskers on the side of the mouth, and dark chin whiskers. Compared to the white catfish, the channel catfish has a narrow head.



**White Catfish** have a forked tail (rounded tips), very long whiskers on the side of the mouth, and light chin whiskers. Compared to the channel catfish the white catfish has a broad head. The eyes may have a light blue band around the iris.

## Pike & Pickerel



**Northern Pike** have a dark colored body with light spots. The entire cheek and only 1/2 of the gill cover is covered in scales. The mouth has large and sharp teeth.



**Chain Pickerel** have a yellow colored body with a dark "chain-like" pattern. Both the cheek and gill cover are completely covered with scales. Typically there is a dark vertical band below the eye. The mouth has large and sharp teeth.

## Carp & Sucker



**White Sucker** has a streamlined body with a round mouth. The body is usually dark brown on top and bronze color on the side.



**Common Carp** can be a very large fish (up to 40 pounds) and have large scales. Carp have a small whisker on each side of the mouth.

This guide intended to provide some general descriptive information and a photo typical of each species featured. These represent fish that are most often caught in freshwaters of CT. The approximate size of the pictured fish is listed. For more detailed information please refer to the "A Pictorial Guide to Freshwater Fishes of Connecticut" by Robert P. Jacobs and Eileen B. O'Donnell. Available at the DEEP store [www.ct.gov/DEEP/Store](http://www.ct.gov/DEEP/Store).

For questions about fish or fishing in Connecticut, please contact the Inland Fisheries Division at 860-424-Fish or email: [deep.inland.fisheries@ct.gov](mailto:deep.inland.fisheries@ct.gov) or visit our web page at [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing).

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# Rivers & Streams

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The following rivers and streams or sections thereof are available for public fishing through the courtesy of the landowner, or where indicated by posters, through cooperative agreement, lease, or state ownership.

## Determining fishing regulations is a simple two-step process:

1. Check the regulation table (page 25) for general statewide Species, Legal Methods, and Limits regulations.
2. Look up the **waterbody** in the alphabetical list of lake and ponds to find any **special regulations** that apply. **If no site-specific regulations are listed for a waterbody, statewide regulations apply.**

**Special Management Areas For Trout** (alternative regulations such as extended seasons, minimum lengths & reduced creel limits):

- **Trout Management Areas (TMA):** High quality fisheries offering year-round opportunities.
- **Trout Parks:** Easy to fish, frequently stocked areas.
- **Trophy Trout Streams:** Stocked with a higher proportion of larger fish.
- **Sea-run Trout Streams:** Areas where DEEP is working to establish populations of anadromous brown trout.
- **Wild Trout Management Areas (WTMA):** There are three classes of WTMA's:
  - Class 1: Abundant wild trout, not stocked.
  - Class 2: Wild trout and some stocked fry & fingerlings.
  - Class 3: Some wild trout, most also stocked with catchable size & fingerling size trout.

## Lower River/Tidal Waters

Designated rivers & streams with no closed season including the entire Connecticut and Thames rivers, and downstream portions of the Coginchaug, Farmington, Housatonic, Mattabesset, Mystic, Naugatuck, Niantic, Quinnipiac, Salmon, and Yantic rivers.

## Public Access to Fishing Waters

Public access to fishing waters is restricted to rights-of-way designated by poster or by permission of landowner. On state-leased streams, fishermen must wade or stay near the stream bank as indicated by signs.

## Rivers and Streams Legend

-  Public boat launching area
-  Facilities for disabled
-  State campground
-  Family friendly fishing location
-  State picnic area

*Italics* Access/stocking location information

(T BN) Indicates degree of stocking and/or presence of wild trout:

- T Light/moderately stocked
- T Heavily stocked
- BK Wild brook trout
- BN Wild brown trout

Other fish species are listed for several rivers, see Key to Fish Species Abbreviations in Lakes and Ponds section (page 32).

**BASS** ————  
**TROUT** ————  
**BROODSTOCK SALMON** ————

Special Management Areas are color-coded for major gamefish species

### ALLYNS BROOK, Durham (T)

*Intermittent sections from Route 17 downstream to the Coginchaug River.*

### ANGUILLA BROOK, Stonington (T)

*Intermittent sections from Route 184 downstream to Route 1.*

### ASPETUCK RIVER, Easton-Weston (T)

*Intermittent sections from Route 58 along Route 136 to the Saugatuck River.*

### BANTAM RIVER (West Branch), Litchfield (T)

*Intermittent sections from the Goshen-Litchfield town line at Brooks Road through Route 63 to the confluence with the Bantam River Inlet near Route 202.*

### BANTAM RIVER (inlet to Bantam Lake), Litchfield (T)

*Intermittent sections from Route 202 to approximately one half mile upstream of confluence with Bantam Lake.*

### BANTAM RIVER (outlet from Bantam Lake), Litchfield (T)

*Downstream of Bantam Lake from Bantam to Smokey Hollow Road in West Morris.*

- **Methods:** Fly fishing only where indicated by posters.

### BARTLETT BROOK, Lebanon (T)

*Intermittent sections from Brewster Pond downstream to Yantic River.*

### BEACON HILL BROOK, Bethany-Naugatuck-Beacon Falls (T BK BN)

*From Route 63 crossing in Bethany to confluence with Naugatuck River.*

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

*From Route 63 crossing in Naugatuck downstream to confluence with Naugatuck River:*

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

### BEAVER BROOK, Barkhamsted (TBK)

*Intermittent sections from along Park Road (1/2 mile north of Day Road) to Route 318.*

### BEAVER BROOK (includes Fire Ponds), Franklin-Sprague (T BN)

*Intermittent sections along Route 207 to the Shetucket River.*

### BEAVER BROOK, Windham-Scotland (BK BN)

### MERRICK BROOK WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

*In Talbot Wildlife Management Area from Route 14 to Merrick Brook:*

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

### BELCHER BROOK, Berlin (T)

*Intermittent sections from Four Rod Road to Lower Lane.*

### BIBLE ROCK BROOK, Haddam-Middletown (T)

*Intermittent sections along Route 154.*

### BIGELOW BROOK, Eastford-Union (T)

*Intermittent sections from Mashapaug Lake to Natchaug River.*

### BIRDSEYE BROOK, Cornwall (T)

*Within the Mohawk Ski Area.*

### BLACKBERRY RIVER, Norfolk-Canaan (T BN)

*From 1/2 mile west of Route 272 along Route 44 and Lower River Road to confluence with Housatonic River.*

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

*From Whiting River to confluence with Housatonic River.*

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

### BLACKLEDGE RIVER, Bolton-Hebron-Marlborough (T)

*Intermittent state-owned sections from Gay City State Park to the Salmon River.*

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length — Downstream of Route 94, Glastonbury, to the Salmon River.

### BLACKWELL BROOK, Brooklyn-Canterbury (T)

*Intermittent sections from Woodward Road to the Quinebaug River.*

### BLADENS RIVER, Woodbridge-Seymour (T BK)

*From 1/4 mile below Bethmour Road along Route 67 to 1/4 mile below Chatfield Street, includes tributary (Hopp Brook) along Miller Road.*

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**BRANCH BROOK**, Watertown (T)



**TROUT PARK**

Within Black Rock State Park:  
 • **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

**BRANFORD RIVER**, Branford-North Branford (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 22 to I-95.

**BROAD BROOK**, Ellington (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections along Muddy Brook Road, and from Broad Brook Mill Pond to Scantic River.

**BROAD BROOK**, Preston (T)

Intermittent sections from Swantown Road to Old Jewett City Road.

**BUCK BROOK**, Portland (T)

In Meshomasic State Forest.

**BUCKHORN BROOK**, Enfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Town Farm Road downstream to the Scantic River.

**BUNGEE BROOK**, Eastford-Woodstock (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 171 downstream to the Still River.

**BUNNELL BROOK** (Burlington Brook), Burlington (T)

From Covey Road, then along Route 4 to confluence with Farmington River:  
 • **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Covey Road.

**BUTTERNUT BROOK**, Litchfield (T)

Upstream of Route 202 to confluence with the Bantam River.

**BUTTONBALL BROOK**, Chaplin (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 6 downstream to the Natchaug River.

**BYRAM RIVER**, Greenwich (T)

Includes East Branch. From Merritt Parkway to Glenville Road (Glen Ridge Road).

**CANDLEWOOD HILL BROOK**, Haddam (T)

Intermittent sections along Candlewood Hill Road.

**CARR BROOK** (Cox Brook), Portland (T)

Intermittent sections from South Road downstream to Penfield Hill Road.

**CARSE BROOK**, Sharon (T)

Smith Hill Road to Housatonic River.

**CEDAR SWAMP BROOK**, Stafford (T BK)

Nipmuck State Forest from Crooked Road downstream to Roaring Brook.

**CEDAR SWAMP BROOK**, Sterling (BK)

Intermittent sections from Portertown Road to the Moosup River.

**CHATFIELD HOLLOW BROOK**, Killingworth (T)



**TROUT PARK**

In Chatfield Hollow State Park:  
 • **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

**CHERRY BROOK**, Canton (T BN BK)

From Routes 179 and 309, along Route 179 through Canton Center.  
 • **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Route 179.

**CHOATE BROOK**, Preston (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 165 to the Quinebaug River.

**COGINCHAUG RIVER**, Durham-Middlefield-Middletown (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 17 in Durham through Wadsworth Falls State Park.

**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

Downstream from Route 3 bridge to confluence with Mattabesset River.  
 • **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**CONNECTICUT RIVER**, Enfield to Old Lyme



**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

Includes entire river in Connecticut  
 • **Species:** (AE CA CB LMB NP SMB S WA WC WP YP)  
 • **Large & smallmouth bass:** 12" minimum length.  
 • **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.  
 • **Northern pike:** 24" minimum length.  
 • **Alewives/Blueback Herring:** Special closures may be in effect (see page 28).

**COPPERMINE BROOK**, Burlington-Bristol (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from South Main Street to Stevens Street.

**PEQUABUCK RIVER TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**

In Bristol from Artisan Street downstream to confluence with Pequabuck River.  
 • **Season:** Open year-round.  
 • **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

**COPPS BROOK**, Stonington (BK)

Access from Route 184.

**CORY BROOK**, Canterbury (T)

Intermittent sections from Gooseneck Hill Road downstream to Aspinook Pond.

**CRYSTAL LAKE BROOK**, Stafford (T)

Intermittent sections along Route 30.

**DEEP BROOK**, Newtown (BK BN)

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)**

From Wasserman Way to confluence with Pootatuck River:  
 • **Season:** Open year-round.  
 • **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.  
 • **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.  
 • **Note:** Wild Trout Management Area includes a portion of the Pootatuck River upstream and downstream of the confluence as posted by DEEP.

**DEEP RIVER**, Deep River (T)

Intermittent sections from Hoopole Hill Road downstream to Pratt Read Reservoir.

**DELPHI BROOK**, Stafford (BK BN)

Intermittent sections along Route 19.

**DENISON BROOK**, Voluntown (BK)

In Pachaug State Forest, south of Route 138.

**DICKENSON CREEK**, Marlborough (T)

Salmon River State Forest.  
 • **Trout:** 9" minimum length-Downstream of Route 66 to the Salmon River.

**EAST ASPETUCK RIVER**, New Milford-New Preston (T BN)

Intermittent sections accessible from Routes 45 and 202 to Wells Road.

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

From Lake Waramaug to confluence with Housatonic River.  
 • **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

**EAST RIVER**, Guilford (T)

Intermittent sections from Guilford Lakes downstream to Route 1.

**EAST SWAMP BROOK**, Bethel (T)

Intermittent sections from Meckaur Municipal Park through Plumtrees Road to Route 302 (includes unnamed flow-through pond in Meckauer/Bennet Memorial Park).

**EIGHT MILE BROOK**, Middlebury-Oxford (T)



Intermittent sections from Judd Hill, through Larkin Trail State Park and Southford Falls State Park to Route 188, then to Barry Road.

**TROUT PARK**

Within Southford Falls State Park:  
 • **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.



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## **EIGHTMILE RIVER**, East Haddam-Lyme (T)



Devils Hopyard State Park and intermittent sections below the park to Hamburg Cove.

- **Trot:** 9" Minimum length — From Foxtown Road to the dam at Mt. Archer Road.

### **SEA RUN TROUT STREAM**

Downstream of dam at Mt. Archer Road:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trot:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" Minimum length.

## **EIGHTMILE RIVER** (East Branch), Salem-East Haddam-Lyme (T)

Intermittent sections along Darling Road and Salem Road.

- **Trot:** 9" Minimum length — Downstream of Witch Meadow Road, Salem to the Eightmile River.

## **EIGHTMILE RIVER**, Southington (BN)

### **WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)**

- Entire river in Southington:
- **Season:** Open year-round.
  - **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
  - **Trot:** Catch and Release Only.

## **EKONK BROOK**, Plainfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 14A downstream to the Moosup River.

## **EXETER BROOK**, Lebanon (BK)

In Bartlett Brook Wildlife Management Area.

## **FALLS RIVER**, Essex-Westbrook (T)

Intermittent sections along Witchhazel Road downstream to Mares Hill Road.

## **FARM RIVER**, Branford-East Haven-North Branford (T BN)

Intermittent sections from Northford to I-95.

### **WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

From Mill Road (downstream of Pages Millpond) in North Branford to I-95 bridge (East Haven):

- **Trot:** 9" minimum length.

### **SEA RUN TROUT STREAM**

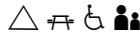
Downstream of I-95 bridge:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trot:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

## **FARMILL RIVER**, Monroe-Shelton-Stratford (T)

Intermittent sections from Moose Hill Road (Monroe) to Route 110 just above Housatonic River.

## **FARMINGTON RIVER** (West Branch and Mainstem), Hartland-Barkhamsted-New Hartford-Canton-Burlington-Farmington-Avon-Simsbury-Bloomfield-East Granby-Windsor (T)



Intermittent sections from Goodwin Dam to RT 4 (Farmington Center). Then from Tariffville Memorial Park (Simsbury) through the Tariffville Gorge (Bloomfield). Then from mouth of tailrace canal below Rainbow Dam to confluence with Connecticut River.

### **FARMINGTON RIVER TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**

From Goodwin dam (Hartland) downstream to the old footbridge abutments approximately 1.4 miles downstream of the confluence with the Still River (Barkhamsted).

- **Season:** Open year-round.

#### • **Trot:**

» Catch and Release Only from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April.

» Daily creel limit—2, 12" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April to August 31.

From the old footbridge abutments (Barkhamsted) downstream to the Route 219 bridge (New Hartford). This area includes all of the former West Branch Farmington River Trout Management Area:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless hooks only
- **Trot:** Catch and Release Only.

From the Route 219 bridge (New Hartford) downstream to the route 177 Bridge (Unionville):

- **Season:** Open year-round.

#### • **Trot:**

» Catch and Release Only from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April.

» Daily creel limit—2, 12" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April to August 31.

### **LOWER FARMINGTON RIVER**

Farmington to Windsor; From Route 177 bridge in Unionville Center downstream to Rainbow Reservoir.

- **Trot:** Daily creel limit—5, 9" Minimum length.

### **LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

Windsor; From mouth of tailrace canal below Rainbow Dam to confluence with Connecticut River.

- **Trot:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

- **Note:** All fishing prohibited in tailrace canal and from mouth of tailrace upstream to Rainbow Dam.

## **FAWN BROOK**, Hebron-Marlborough (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 85 to Route 66 (Salmon River State Forest).

- **Trot:** 9" minimum length downstream of Slocum Road.

## **FAWN BROOK** (West Branch), Marlborough-Hebron (T)

Intermittent sections from Martin Road to Route 66.

- **Trot:** 9" minimum length downstream of Slocum Road.

## **FENTON RIVER**, Mansfield-Willington (T BN)

Intermittent sections from Moose Meadow Road to Mansfield Hollow Reservoir.

### **WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

Entire stream in Mansfield and Willington:

- **Trot:** 9" Minimum length.

## **FIVEMILE RIVER**,

Thompson-Putnam-Killingly (T)



Intermittent sections from New Road to the Quinebaug River.

## **FLAT BROOK**, East Hampton (T BK)

Intermittent sections along Route 16 downstream to the Salmon River.

## **FRENCH RIVER**, Thompson (T)

Intermittent sections from North Grosvenordale Pond to Blain Road.

## **FRESHWATER BROOK**, Enfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 220 downstream to the Connecticut River.

## **FURNACE BROOK**, Cornwall Bridge (BN)



From the bridge on Route 4 upstream approximately 1½ miles, as posted.

### **HEATHER REAVES WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 2)**

Upstream from Housatonic River as posted.

- **Trot:** Daily creel limit—2, 12" minimum length.

## **FURNACE BROOK**, Stafford (T)

Intermittent sections from Staffordville Lake along Route 19 and Furnace Brook Road to Glenville Pond.

## **GARDNER BROOK**, Bozrah (T)

Intermittent sections from Gardner Lake to Fitchville Pond.

## **GIFFORD BROOK**, Columbia (T)

At Route 87.

## **GILLETTE BROOK**, Somers (BK)

Intermittent sections from Battle Street downstream to the Scantic River.

## **GREAT BROOK**, Chester (T)

Intermittent sections along Wig Hill Road.

## **GREAT MEADOW BROOK**, Voluntown (T)

Access in Pachaug State Forest.

## **GREEN FALLS RIVER**,

North Stonington-Voluntown (T)

Intermittent sections from Green Falls Dam to Rhode Island.

## **GULF STREAM**, Somers (T BK)

Intermittent sections from Gulf Road Marsh downstream to the Scantic River.

## **HALEYS BROOK**, Groton (BK)

Intermittent sections along Route 184.

## **HALL MEADOW BROOK**,

Goshen-Torrington (T BK)

Along Route 272 from Hall Meadow Cemetery to the Hall Meadow Brook Reservoir Dam (John Minetto State Park).

## **HAMMONASSET RIVER**,

Clinton-Killingworth-Madison (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 80 to Route 1.

### **TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**

From Lake Hammonasset Dam to Chestnut Hill Road:

- **Season:** Open year-round.

#### • **Trot:**

» Catch and Release Only from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April.

» Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April to August 31.

### **SEA RUN TROUT STREAM**

- From Chestnut Hill Road to the breached dam located 300 feet upstream of River Road:

» **Season:** Open from 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April-last day February.

» **Trot:** Daily creel limit—2, 9" Minimum length.

- Downstream of the breached dam located 300 feet upstream of River Road:

» **Season:** Open year-round.

» **Trot:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" Minimum length.

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**HAWLEYS BROOK**, Easton-Weston (BK)

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)**

Within the Trout Brook Valley Property (publicly owned):

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

**HOCKANUM RIVER**, Vernon-Ellington-Manchester-East Hartford (T)

Intermittent sections from Rockville to the Connecticut River.

**TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**

From I-84 in Vernon downstream to crossing under I-84 at Laurel Marsh on the Manchester/East Hartford line:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

**HOP BROOK**, Middlebury-Waterbury (T)

From Route 64 to Hop Brook Flood Control Impoundment.

**HOP RIVER** (includes Johnsons Pond), Bolton-Coventry (T)

Intermittent sections along Route 6 to the Willimantic River.

**HORSE BROOK**, Plainfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Pickett Road downstream to Packerville Road.

**HOUSATONIC RIVER** (includes all impoundments from Bleachery Dam to the Massachusetts line), Salisbury-Canaan-Sharon-Cornwall-Kent-Sherman-New Milford (T SMB NP CA)

For Housatonic River Flows at Falls Village: 1-888-417-4837.

- **Thermal refuges:** Areas within one hundred feet of signs indicating such closure posted by DEEP at or near the mouths of Kent Falls Brook and Macedonia Brook are closed to all fishing from June 15 to September 15.

**HOUSATONIC RIVER TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**



From bridge crossing at Routes 112 and 7 (Salisbury/Canaan) to bridge at Routes 4 and 7 (Cornwall/Sharon):

- **Season:** Open year-round except in areas within 100 feet of signs indicating such closure posted by DEEP at or near the mouths of tributaries that are closed to all fishing from June 15 to September 15.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**
- **Methods:** Fly fishing only in the 3 mile section upstream from Route 4 bridge, as posted.

**BASS MANAGEMENT AREA (STANLEY TRACT AREA)**



From Dawn Hill Road (Sharon) to Skiff Mountain Road in Kent (approximately 6 miles):

- **Area managed for smallmouth, statewide regulations apply.**

**BULL'S BRIDGE TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA / BASS MANAGEMENT AREA**

From Bull's Bridge Impoundment Dam (Kent) to Gaylordsville Bridge (Route 7) in New Milford, includes Ten Mile River from NY border to confluence with Housatonic River:

- **Season:** Open year-round except in areas within 100 feet of tributaries that are closed to all fishing from June 15 to September 15, as posted.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**
- **Large & Smallmouth bass: Catch and Release Only.**

**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

Derby, Orange, Shelton, Milford, Stratford Downstream from dam on Lake Housatonic (Derby). Walk-in access at Derby Dam off Route 34 (Derby) and Canal Street (Shelton).

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**HOWELLS POND BROOK**, Hartland (T)

From Howell's Pond in Tunxis State Forest to Mill Street, approximately 1½ miles above West Branch Reservoir.

**HUNTS BROOK**, Montville-Waterford (T)

Intermittent sections from Miller's Pond to Smith Cove.

**INDIAN HOLE BROOK**, Shelton (T)



From falls in Indian Well State Park downstream to railroad bridge:

**INDIAN RIVER**, Killingworth-Clinton (T)

Intermittent sections from Stevens Road downstream to Upper Millpond.

**INDIANTOWN BROOK**, Ledyard-Preston (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 2 to Poquetanuck Cove. Includes Shewville Brook, Gates and Hallville Ponds, and Poquetanuck Brook.

**JEREMY RIVER**, Hebron-Colchester (T)

Intermittent Sections from Route 66 to the Blackledge River.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length — Downstream of Grayville Road to the Salmon River.

**JOE CLARK BROOK**, Ledyard (BK)

Intermittent sections from Church Hill Road downstream to Poquetanuck Cove.

**JORDAN BROOK**, Waterford (BK)

Intermittent sections along entire length.

**JUDD BROOK**, Colchester-Hebron

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Old Colchester Road to Jeremy River.

**KENT FALLS BROOK**, Kent (T BK BN)



Below base of falls.

**TROUT PARK**

Within Kent Falls State Park:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2

**KETTLETOWN BROOK**, Southbury (T BK BN)

Through Kettle town State Park to Lake Zoar.

**KITT BROOK**, Canterbury (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 14 to the Quinebaug River.

**LAKE WARAMAUG BROOK**, Warren (T)

At Town Hill Road, then along Route 45 from Curtiss Road downstream to North Shore Road.

**LATHROP BROOK**, Plainfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Dow Road downstream to Mill Brook.

**LATIMER BROOK**, East Lyme-Waterford (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections along Route 161 from Silver Falls to Niantic River.

**SEA RUN TROUT STREAM**

Downstream of I-95 bridge:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" Minimum length.

**LAUREL BROOK**, Middletown (T)

From Anderson Road (Laurel Brook Road) through Wadsworth Falls State Park.

**LEADMINE BROOK**, Harwinton-Thomaston (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 4 in Harwinton through Roraback Wildlife Management Area to confluence with Naugatuck River (Thomaston Flood Control Area).

**LITTLE RIVER**, Canterbury-Hampton (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 97 to Paper Mill Pond.

**GOOD FISHING DEPENDS ON CLEAN WATER**

Many of our rivers, lakes, and coastal areas are experiencing algae blooms that cover our favorite fishing spots with green slime and cause fish kills and "dead zones" where no aquatic life can survive. The cause is usually nitrogen and phosphorus pollution that comes from farm and lawn fertilizers, septic systems, animal waste, and sewage treatment plants. Everyone can do their part for clean water by reducing fertilizer use, preserving plants along shorelines, and picking up pet waste. Supporting water quality protection supports great fishing!



Learn more at: [www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution](http://www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution)

**HOW'S MY WATERWAY** (accessible at [www.epa.gov/mywaterway](http://www.epa.gov/mywaterway)) helps users quickly find information on the condition of their local waters using a smart phone, tablet, or desktop computer. This tool provides results within seconds using EPA's water quality assessment data. Check out the condition of your local waterbody today!

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## LITTLE RIVER, Putnam (T)

Intermittent sections from Roseland Lake downstream to the Quinebaug River.

## LITTLE RIVER, Oxford-Seymour (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections along Route 67 from 1 mile above Hogback Road to Hoadley's Pond (Seymour).

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

From Towner Lane downstream to Park Road:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

## LONG MEADOW POND BROOK, Middlebury-Naugatuck (T)

Intermittent sections from Long Meadow Pond through Guntown Road, along Rubber Avenue to ½ mile above the Naugatuck River.

## LONG SWAMP BROOK, Middlebury (T)

Within Bristol Park, along Route 64 through Steinmann Park to Route 188.

## LOWDEN BROOK, Voluntown (BK)

In Pachaug State Forest.

## MACEDONIA BROOK, Kent (T BK BN)



### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

Within Macedonia Brook State Park:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

From confluence with Bog Hollow Brook to Route 341:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

## MAD RIVER, Norfolk-Winchester (T)

From Rugg Brook Road through Mad River Flood Control Impoundment to Route 263 crossing.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Grantville Road.

## MARSHEPAUG RIVER, Litchfield (T)

From Shearshop Road downstream through Milton to the East Branch of the Shepaug River.

## MARY BROWN BROOK, Putnam (BK)

Intermittent sections from East Putnam Road downstream to the Five Mile River.

## MASHAMOQUET BROOK, Pomfret (T)



Intermittent sections from Taft Pond through Mashamoquet State Park to Quinebaug River.

## MATTABESSET RIVER,

Berlin-Middletown (NP CA LMB T)

Intermittent sections in Berlin from Brook Street to Lower Lane.

### LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season:

Downstream from Route 372 bridge to confluence with Connecticut River.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

## MEADOW BROOK, Colchester

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Route 16.

## MENUNKETESUCK RIVER, Killingworth (T)

Intermittent sections from Reservoir Road to Pleasant Valley Road.

## MERRICK BROOK, Scotland (BK BN)

### MERRICK BROOK WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

Within Talbot Wildlife Management Area (WMA), and also extending upstream of the WMA as posted.

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.
- **Note:** Wild Trout Management Area includes Beaver Brook within the Talbot WMA.

## MIANUS RIVER, Greenwich-Stamford (T)

Intermittent sections accessible ¼ mile upstream of June Road to Palmer's Hill Road (just above Mianus Pond).

### SEA RUN TROUT STREAM

- **Entire river upstream of Mianus Pond Dam (just above Boston Post Road):**

» **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 9" Minimum length.

- **Downstream of Mianus Pond Dam:**

» **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" Minimum length.

### EXCEPT IN:

#### TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

From Merrybrook Road upstream approximately 1 mile to dam as indicated by signs:

- **Season:** Open year-round.

- **Trout:**

» **Catch and Release Only** from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April. Single hook flies and artificial lures only from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April.

» Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April to August 31.

## MIDDLE RIVER, Stafford (T)

Intermittent sections from Edson Brook to Willimantic River.

## MILL BROOK, Cornwall (T BK BN)

From the Housatonic River upstream along Route 128 for approximately 1 mile.

## MILL RIVER, Easton-Fairfield (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from confluence with Canoe Brook, as posted by DEEP, to Mohegan Park Pond, then from base of Samp Mortar Reservoir dam to Sturges Road in Fairfield.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

From confluence of Canoe Brook, as posted by DEEP, to downstream of third bridge (South Park Avenue) below Easton Reservoir as posted:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

### TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

From Merritt Parkway bridge downstream to Mohegan Park Pond.

- **Season:** Open year-round.

- **Trout:**

» **Catch and Release Only** from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April.

» Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April to August 31.

## MILL RIVER (includes Axle Shop, Clark's and Woodruff's Ponds), Hamden (T)



Intermittent sections from River Road through Sleeping Giant State Park to Skiff Street. Boats and canoes prohibited, including Axle Shop, Clarks, and Woodruffs Ponds.

### TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

Within Sleeping Giant State Park:

- **Season:** Open year-round.

- **Trout:**

» **Catch and Release Only** from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April.

» Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April to August 31.

## MINE BROOK, Portland (BK)

Along Gadpouch Road in Meshomasic State Forest.

## MOOSUP RIVER, Plainfield-Sterling (T)

Intermittent sections from the Rhode Island line to the Quinebaug River.

### TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

From Route 14 bridge to confluence with Quinebaug River:

- **Season:** Open year-round.

- **Methods:** Fly fishing only in lower half of section, as posted.

- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

## MORGAN BROOK, Barkhamsted (T BN)

Intermittent sections accessible from East West Hill Road to the West Branch-Farmington River.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

Entire stream:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

## MORRISSEY BROOK

(NAROMIYOCKNOWHUSUNKATANKSHUNK BROOK), New Milford-Sherman (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Route 39 to Cedar Hill Road, New Milford.

## MOUNT HOPE RIVER, Ashford-Mansfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 44 to Mansfield Hollow Reservoir.

## MOUNT MISERY BROOK, Voluntown (T)

Intermittent sections from Hell Hollow Road to the Pachaug River.

## MUDDY RIVER, North Haven-Wallingford (T)

Intermittent sections from Northford Road below McKenzie Reservoir (Wallingford), along Tyler Mill Road, Route 150, to Spring Street, North Haven.

Catch and Release improves fishing for future generations.



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**MYRON KINNEY BROOK**, Voluntown (T BK)  
Within Pachaug State Forest to Glasgo Pond.

**MYSTIC RIVER**, Groton-Stonington

**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

Downstream of confluence of Haleys Brook and Whitford Brook.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**NATCHAUG RIVER**, Eastford-Chaplin-Mansfield-Windham (T)



Intermittent sections along Route 198 to Shetucket River.

**TROPHY TROUT STREAM**

Entire River in Eastford-Chaplin-Mansfield-Windham:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

**TROUT PARK**

Within Natchaug State Forest (Eastford):

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

**NAUGATUCK RIVER** (East Branch), Torrington (TBK BN)

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

From Newfield Road downstream to the confluence with the West Branch Naugatuck:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

**NAUGATUCK RIVER** (Mainstem), Torrington-Litchfield-Harwinton-Thomaston-Waterbury-Waterbury-Naugatuck-Beacon Falls-Seymour-Derby (T)

From the confluence of the East and West Branches in Torrington to the Thomaston Flood Control Dam. Intermittent sections from Thomaston to Waterbury. Platts Mill Road and Route 8 overpass area in Waterbury, through the Naugatuck State Forest to the Route 42 bridge (Pines Bridge Road) in Beacon Falls.

**TROPHY TROUT STREAM**

From the confluence of the East and West Branches to Route 118 (Harwinton-Litchfield) & from the Thomaston Dam to the Kinneytown Dam (Seymour):

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2
- **Thermal refuges:** Areas within 100 feet of signs indicating such closure posted by DEEP at or near the mouths of tributaries are closed to all fishing from June 15 to September 15.

**BROODSTOCK SALMON AREAS (SEE PAGE 28 FOR DETAILS)**

From Route 118 (Litchfield/Harwinton) to the Thomaston Dam & from Prospect Street (Naugatuck) downstream to Pines Bridge Road (Route 42 bridge, Beacon Falls):

- **Methods (all species):** From October 1 through March 31, single fly or lure with a single free-swinging hook only. Additional weight may not be added to the line. Anglers are reminded that the season is closed from March 1 to 6:00 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday in April for all species except broodstock Atlantic salmon (see Trout Management Area below for year-round catch-and-release fishing for trout).

**NAUGATUCK RIVER TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**

Litchfield-Harwinton-Thomaston; From Route 118 (Litchfield/Harwinton) to the Thomaston Dam:

- **Season:** Open year-round except in areas within 100 feet of signs indicating such closure posted by DEEP at or near the mouths of tributaries that are closed to all fishing from June 15 to September 15.
- **Methods (all species):** From October 1 through March 31, single fly or lure with a single free-swinging hook only. Additional weight may not be added to the line.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

From Kinneytown Dam (Seymour) to confluence with Housatonic River (Derby):

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**NAUGATUCK RIVER** (West Branch), Torrington (T)

Intermittent sections from Stillwater Pond to Route 4.

**NECK RIVER**, Madison (T)

Intermittent sections from Bradley Corners Road downstream to I-95.

**NEGRO HILL BROOK**, Burlington (BK BN)

**SESSION WOODS WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

Upstream of Route 69 (through Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area):

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

**NEPAUG RIVER**, New Hartford (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Niles Road to the Route 202 bridge immediately upstream from Nepaug Reservoir.

**NIANTIC RIVER**, East Lyme-Waterford

**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

Downstream of confluence with Latimer Brook:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**NEWAUG RIVER**, Woodbury (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Old Town Farm Road to Route 47.

**NORTHFIELD BROOK**, Litchfield-Thomaston (T)

From Northfield Cutlery Pond to Northfield Flood Control Dam.

**NORWALK RIVER** (includes Factory and Millers Ponds), Ridgefield-Redding-Wilton-Norwalk (T BN)

Intermittent sections from Haviland Road (Ridgefield) to Riverside Avenue (Norwalk).

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

Entire stream in Wilton and Ridgefield upstream of Wolf Pit Road:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

**OIL MILL BROOK**, Waterford-East Lyme (BK BN)

**SEA RUN TROUT STREAM**

Downstream of I-95 bridge:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**OXOBOXO BROOK**, Montville (T)

Intermittent sections from Oxoboxo Lake downstream to Route 32.

**PACHAUG RIVER**, Griswold-Voluntown (T)

Intermittent sections from Beach Pond to the Quinebaug River. The demarcation line between the Pachaug River and Beachdale Pond is the west side of the bridge on Route 49.

**PARMALEE BROOK**, Durham (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 17 downstream to the Coginchaug River.

**PATTAONK BROOK**, Chester (T)

Intermittent sections along Route 148.

**PEASE BROOK**, Lebanon-Franklin (T BN BK)

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

In Pease Brook Wildlife Management Area:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

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## PENDLETON HILL BROOK, North Stonington (T)

Intermittent sections along Route 49 downstream to the Green Falls River.

## PEQUABUCK RIVER, Plymouth-Bristol-Plainville (T BN)

Through Rockwell Municipal Park in Bristol downstream to Route 177 in Plainville.

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length downstream of Canal Street in Plymouth.

### TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

From King Street (Routes 229 and 72) in Bristol to Route 177 in Plainville. Includes the section of Coppermine Brook from the confluence with the Pequabuck River to Artisan Street.

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

## PEQUONNOCK RIVER (includes Tungsten Mine Park Pond), Bridgeport-Trumbull (T)

Intermittent sections from West Pequonnock Reservoir (Monroe) along Route 25, then through Old Mine Municipal Park, Pequonnock Valley Wildlife Area, Twin Brooks Municipal Park, Unity Municipal Park, and Beardsley State Park in Bridgeport.

### TRPHY TROUT STREAM

In Trumbull, from the Whitney Avenue bridge through Trumbull Basin State Park to the Daniels Farm Road bridge:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2

## PINE BROOK, East Hampton-Haddam (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 16 to Salmon River.

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length downstream of Sexton Road.

## PODUNK RIVER, South Windsor (T)

Intermittent sections from Ellington Road to Route 5.

## POMPERAUG RIVER, Southbury-Woodbury (T)

Intermittent sections from the junction of the Nonnewaug and Weekepeemee Rivers near Route 47 in Woodbury to ¼ mile below Route 172 in Southbury.

### TRPHY TROUT STREAM

Entire river in Woodbury and Southbury (from near Route 47 to the confluence with Lake Zoar):

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

## POND BROOK, Newtown (T)

Intermittent sections from Routes 6 and 25 to Hanover Road just above Lake Lillinonah.

## PONSET BROOK, Haddam (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 9 downstream to Higganum Reservoir.

## POOTATUCK RIVER, Newtown (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Route 25 to Turkey Hill Road, and from Sandy Hook through Rocky Glenn State Park to Walnut Tree Hill Road, just above Lake Zoar.

### DEEP BROOK WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

Approximately 1 mile (as posted) of Pootatuck River, ½ mile upstream and ½ mile downstream of confluence with Deep Brook.

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

## POQUETANUCK BROOK, Preston (T)

Intermittent sections from Hallville Pond to Poquetanuck Cove.

## QUANDUCK BROOK, Killingly-Sterling (T BN)

Intermittent sections from Rhode Island to Moosup River.

## QUINEBAUG RIVER, Thompson to Norwich (T SMB S CB WP)

Intermittent sections from the Massachusetts line to the Shetucket River.

## QUINNIPIAC RIVER, Southington-Cheshire-Meriden-Wallingford (T BN)

From ¼ mile below Cheshire Road, Cheshire to Route 150, Wallingford.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

Entire river in Southington, and in Cheshire upstream from Cheshire Street.

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

### LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season

North Haven-New Haven: Downstream from Route 5 bridge in North Haven to junction with New Haven Harbor.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" Minimum length.

## RACE BROOK, Woodbridge-Orange (T)

From Route 114 (Woodbridge) to Lambert Road (Orange).

## RAYMOND BROOK, Hebron (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 207 to Jeremy River.

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length downstream of Old Colchester Road.

## RESERVOIR BROOK, Portland (T)

Intermittent sections from Portland Reservoir to Connecticut River.

## RIPPOWAM RIVER, Stamford (T)

Intermittent sections from ¼ mile upstream of Route 137 to Cold Spring Road near downtown Stamford.

## ROARING BROOK, Glastonbury (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Route 94 to Connecticut River.

### ERIC C. SCHLUNTZ WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

From Route 94 to Connecticut River:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

## ROARING BROOK, Haddam (BK)

Intermittent sections along Ruth Hill Road.

## ROARING BROOK, Lyme (T)

Along Route 82.

## ROARING BROOK, Stafford-Willington (T BN)

Intermittent sections through Nipmuck State Forest to the Willimantic River.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

From Route 190 (Stafford) to Willimantic River (Willington):

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

## SAFSTROM BROOK, East Hampton (T)

Intermittent sections along Wopowog Road in Salmon River State Forest.

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length downstream of Tartia Road.

## SALMON BROOK, Glastonbury (BK BN)

Intermittent sections from headwaters to Keeney Cove.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 2)

Entire brook in Glastonbury downstream of Addison Pond:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 12" minimum length.

## SALMON BROOK (East Branch) and

## SALMON BROOK (Mainstem), Granby-East Granby (T BK BN)



From East Street below the gorge in North Granby, along Route 189, crossing Routes 202 and 20, and through Granbrook Town Park to the Farmington River.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length-entire river from Massachusetts border downstream to the Farmington River.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

From Route 20 (Granby) to confluence with Farmington River (East Granby).

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

## SALMON BROOK (West Branch), Hartland-Granby (T BK BN)

From the Granby-Hartland line, along Route 20 through Simsbury Road. Then Salmon Brook Municipal Park and Route 10, below McCleans Game Refuge.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Route 179 (Hartland) to confluence with East Branch.

## SALMON RIVER, Colchester-East Haddam-East Hampton-Haddam (T)



Intermittent sections from the junction of the Blackledge and Jeremy Rivers to the Leesville Dam.

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length-entire river downstream to the Route 151 Bridge.

### TRPHY TROUT STREAM

Entire river in Colchester, East Haddam and East Hampton:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

### EXCEPT IN:

#### TRPHY TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

From confluence of Blackledge and Jeremy Rivers downstream to Route 16 bridge:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Fly fishing only in midsection of area, as posted.
- **Trout:**
  - » **Catch and Release Only** from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday in April.
  - » Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday in April to August 31.

#### LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—

##### no closed season

Downstream of Route 151 Bridge to junction with Connecticut River.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.
- **Thermal refuge:** Area within 100 feet of signs indicating such closure posted by DEEP at or near the spring along at Sunrise Resort State Park is closed to all fishing from June 15 to September 15.

## SANDY BROOK, Barkhamsted-Colebrook-Norfolk (T)

Intermittent sections beginning ¼ mile from the Massachusetts line, along Route 183, through Algonquin State Forest to the confluence with the Still River above Riverton.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length-entire stream downstream from Massachusetts state line.

## SAUGATUCK RIVER (includes Cobbs Mill Pond), Danbury-Redding-Weston-Westport (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 7 in Danbury through West Redding along Route 53 to the Mark Twain Library Dam (1 mile above Saugatuck Reservoir). Then intermittent sections from 100 feet below the Saugatuck Reservoir Dam tailrace (as posted) through Lyons Plain to Dorr's Mill Dam and ending at the Merritt Parkway.

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**WILLIAM "DOC" SKERLICK TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**

In Westport from Dorr's Mill Dam to the Merritt Parkway:

- **Methods:** Fly fishing only.
- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:**
  - » **Catch and Release Only** from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday in April.
  - » Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. on 2nd Saturday in April to August 31.

**SEA RUN TROUT STREAM**

Tidal area downstream of Wood Dam (Westport):

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**SAUGATUCK RIVER** (West Branch), Weston-Westport (T)

*Intermittent sections from intersection of Routes 53 and 57 (north of Weston Center) to the Saugatuck River.*

**SAWMILL BROOK**, Sherman (T BK BN)

*From the intersection of Routes 39 and 37 in Sherman Center to Candlewood Lake.*

**SCANTIC RIVER**,

East Windsor-Enfield-Somers (T)

*Intermittent sections from Massachusetts state line to Connecticut River.*

**SETH WILLIAMS BROOK**, Ledyard (BK)

*Intermittent sections from headwaters to Whitfords Brook.*

**SHEPAUG RIVER**, Roxbury (T)

*Intermittent sections along Route 67 from Hodge Park downstream to the Route 67 bridge.*

**SHETUCKET RIVER**,

Windham to Norwich (T SMB NP S)



*Intermittent sections from Willimantic to Greenville Dam.*

**TROPHY TROUT STREAM**

Entire river in Windham, Scotland, Sprague, and Norwich:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.
- **Thermal refuges:** Open year-round except in areas within 100 feet of signs indicating such closure posted by DEEP at or near the mouths of tributaries that are closed to all fishing from June 15 to September 15.

**BROODSTOCK SALMON AREA**

(SEE PAGE 28 FOR DETAILS)

From the Scotland Dam (Scotland) downstream to the Occum Dam (Norwich):

- **Methods (all species):** From October 1 through March 31, single fly or lure with a single free-swinging hook only. Additional weight may not be added to the line. Anglers are reminded that the season is closed from March 1 to 6:00 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday in April for all species except broodstock Atlantic salmon.

**SHEWVILLE BROOK**, Preston (T)

*Intermittent sections from Indiantown Brook to Hallville Pond.*

**SHUNOCK RIVER**, North Stonington (T BK BN)

*Intermittent sections from Hewitts Fly Pond to the Pawcatuck River.*

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

Entire stream in North Stonington:

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length.

**SILVERMINE RIVER** (includes Blanchard and Silvermine Ponds), New Canaan-Norwalk (T)

*From Route 106 in New Canaan to the Merritt Parkway.*

**SKUNGAMAUG RIVER**, Coventry-Tolland (T)

*Intermittent sections from Route 74 to Hop River.*

**SNAKE MEADOW BROOK**,

Plainfield-Sterling (T)

*Intermittent sections from its source to the Moosup River.*

**SPRAIN BROOK**, Woodbury (T BN)

*Intermittent sections from Painter Hill Road, Route 47 to Paper Mill Road.*

**STILL RIVER**,

Winsted-Colebrook-Barkhamsted (T)

*Intermittent sections in Winsted and from Sandy Brook to Farmington River.*

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length downstream of confluence with the Mad River.

**STILL RIVER**, Eastford-Woodstock (T)

*Intermittent sections from Route 171 to the Natchaug River.*

**STILL RIVER**, Danbury (T)

*From Eagle Street downstream through the town linear park.*

**STONY BROOK**, Montville (T BK BN)

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

Entire stream in Montville:

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length.

**STONY BROOK**, Suffield (T)

*Intermittent sections from South Grand Street to Guild Pond, includes the lower 1/2 mile of Muddy Brook.*

**STRATTON BROOK**, Simsbury (T)



*Stratton Brook State Park through Mas-sacoe State Forest.*

**TROUT PARK**

Within Stratton Brook State Park:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

**SUGAR BROOK**, Plainfield (BK)

*Within Sugar Brook Wildlife Management Area.*

**SUMNER BROOK**, Middletown (T BK)

*Intermittent sections from Millbrook Road downstream to Route 155.*

**SUSQUETONSCUT BROOK**,

Bozrah-Lebanon (T)

*Intermittent sections from Route 207 to the Yantic River.*

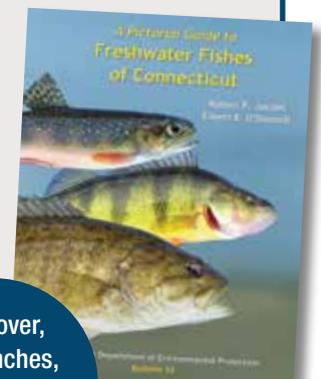
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**TANKERHOUSEN RIVER**, Vernon (T BK BN)  
Intermittent sections from Valley Falls Road to Hockanum River.

**BELDING-TANKERHOUSEN WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)**

The river and its tributaries (as posted) within Belding WMA and the Tankerhoosen WMA:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

**TAYLOR BROOK**, Woodstock (T)  
Intermittent sections from County Road downstream to Mill Brook.

**TENMILE RIVER**, Cheshire (T)  
From Route 70 (Cheshire) to Route 322 in Milldale.

**TENMILE RIVER**, Lebanon-Columbia (T)  
Intermittent sections from Route 87 to the Willimantic River.

**TENMILE RIVER**, Sherman-Kent (T SMB)  
**BULL'S BRIDGE TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA / BASS MANAGEMENT AREA**  
From the New York line to confluence with the Housatonic River:  
• **Season:** Open year-round.  
• **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.  
• **Large & smallmouth bass:** Catch and Release Only.

**THAMES RIVER**, Norwich to New London (WP YP)  
**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**  
Downstream from Greenville Dam, includes coves.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**WACHOCASTINOOK (RIGA) BROOK**, Salisbury (BK BN)

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)**  
Downstream of South Pond within Mt. Riga Corporation property as posted:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

**WAPPOQUIA BROOK** (Quaker Meeting House Brook), Pomfret (BK)  
Intermittent sections from Route 97 downstream to Mashomquet Brook.

**WEEKEEPEEMEE RIVER**, Woodbury (T BK BN)  
Intermittent sections from Route 132, Peter Road to the confluence with the Nonnewaug River.

**WEPAWAUG RIVER** (includes Clarktown Pond), Orange-Milford (T)  
Intermittent sections from Route 34, along Grassy Hill Road to ½ mile above I-95.

**WEST RIVER**, Guilford (T)  
Intermittent sections from Quonnipaug Lake to Route 1.

**WHETSTONE BROOK**, Killingly (T)  
Intermittent sections from East Killingly downstream to the Fivemile River.

**WHITFORD BROOK**, Groton-Ledyard-Stonington (T)  
Intermittent sections from Long Pond to the Mystic River.

**SEA RUN TROUT STREAM**  
Downstream of Route 184 bridge:  
• **Season:** Open year-round.  
• **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**WHITING RIVER**, North Canaan (T)  
Intermittent sections from the Massachusetts state line to confluence with Blackberry River.

**WILLIMANTIC RIVER**, Stafford to Windham (T)  
  
Intermittent sections from Stafford Springs to confluence with Natchaug River.

**COLE WILDE TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**  
In Tolland and Willington from mouth of Roaring Brook downstream to Route 74 bridge:  
• **Season:** Open year-round.  
• **Methods:** Fly fishing only.  
• **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

**WILLOW BROOK**, Cheshire (T BK BN)  
Along the bike path beginning at Lock 12 at Route 42 downstream to Mount Sanford Road.

**WOOD RIVER**, Voluntown (T)  
Intermittent sections from Porter Pond to Hazard Pond.

**WYASSUP BROOK**, North Stonington (BK)  
Intermittent sections from Wyassup Lake downstream to Spalding Pond.

**YANTIC RIVER**, Bozrah-Norwich (T)  
Intermittent sections from Camp Moween Road to Thames River.

**TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**  
From Barstow Road (Lebanon) downstream to bridge crossing at intersection of Fitchville and Schwartz Roads:  
• **Methods:** Fly fishing only in sections at the upper and lower boundaries of TMA, as posted.  
• **Season:** Open year-round.  
• **Trout:**  
» **Catch and Release Only** from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday in April.  
» Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday in April–August 31.

**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**  
Downstream from just below the falls at Indian leap in Norwich.  
• **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

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