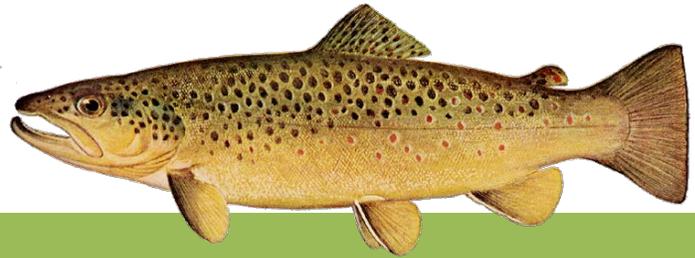


**CT DEEP** **2014**  
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**8/28/2014**



Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*)



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**LARGEMOUTH BASS** fishing is reported has been fair to good. Places to try include Lake Lillinonah, Congamond Lakes (pm), Rainbow Reservoir, Twin Brooks Park Pond, Stillwater Pond, Billings Lake, Gardner Lake, Tyler Lake, Burr Pond, Lake Saltonstall, Shenipsit Lake, East Twin Lake, Candlewood Lake, Hatch Pond, Bantam Lake, Mudge Pond, Highland Lake, Lake Wononskopomuc, Winchester Lake, Coventry Lake, Pachaug Pond, Lake McDonough, Ball Pond, Cedar Lake, Dog Pond and Park Pond. **Tournament angler** reports are from Long Pond (fair fishing at best, with a 4.0 lb lunger), Quaddick Lake (fair action, with a 4.41 lb lunger), Candlewood Lake (fair to good action in the day with 5.78 lb and 4.9 lb lunkers, but mediocre action at night with a 3.92 lb lunger), Lake Lillinonah (“decent” fishing for one club with a 5.08 lb lunger, a club later in the week had much less action), Rainbow Reservoir (not many largemouth netted) and Lake Zoar (OK action, 4.28 lb lunger).

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

**ANNUAL FARMINGTON RIVER LABOR DAY STOCKING.**

**There should be plenty of trout in the West Branch and main stem Farmington River for the Labor Day weekend with 2,000 brown trout (12 inch and bigger fish) this week (more information can be found in the Farmington River section on page 2)**

**SMALLMOUTH BASS** are providing some action at Candlewood Lake, Lake Housatonic, Rainbow Reservoir, Lake McDonough, Highland Lake, Bantam Lake and Coventry Lake. River smallmouth action is fair to good on the upper Housatonic River. **Tournament angler** reports are from Candlewood Lake (slow to fair, but with a 4.56 lb lunger), Lake lillinonah (fair to good fishing, with 3.88 and 2.15 lb lunkers), Rainbow Reservoir (some action, but definitely nothing to write home about) and Lake Zoar (slow to fair for smallmouth).

A nice **ATLANTIC SALMON** was caught at Crystal Lake.

Early morning **KOKANEE SALMON** catches are reported from East Twin Lake (15-16 inch fish) and West Hill Pond (target 30-35 feet).

**NORTHERN PIKE** fishing reported to be good in Winchester Lake, Lake Housatonic and Bantam Lake.

**WALLEYE**- few reports for walleye last week, but one catch was reported from Lake Zoar.

Several **CARP** were reported from West Thompson Reservoir.

**CHAIN PICKEREL** are being caught at Wononskopomuc Lake and Tyler Lake.



**PANFISH** are providing excellent late summer action throughout the state. Use worms, grubs, jigs or small poppers for them. Areas to try include Amos Lake, Kenosia Lake, Ball Pond, Halls Pond, Winchester Lake, Wood Creek Pond, Roseland Lake, Red Cedar Lake, Black Pond (Woodstock), Griggs Pond, Rogers Lake, Billings Lake, Bashan Lake, Hayward Lake and Bishop Pond. Don't forget your local small pond.

**TROUT-LAKES & PONDS** - Anglers have been enjoying some good late summer trout action. Places to try include Crystal Lake (Ellington; 7-8 colors), Beach Pond (blue/silver), West Hill Pond (south end), East Twin Lake (riggers at 20-25 feet), Lake McDonough and Mashapaug Lake.

**TROUT- RIVERS & STREAMS** - Summer trout fishing has been getting better and better as August comes to an end. The generally cool weather and very moderate water temperatures have made for good fishing in a number of areas. Conditions this weekend should be very good (especially earlier in the weekend as warmer more uncomfortable weather is forecast to move in beginning on Sunday) although flows this year in eastern CT continue to be lower than typical for the summer (see stream flow graphic on page 4). This time of the year terrestrial fly patterns are very important.

**The thermal refuge areas on the Housatonic, Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers will reopen on Monday (September 1). Until then, remember that there's no fishing within 100 feet of the mouths of posted tributaries to these rivers.**

**Farmington River** - Trout fishing has been very good and anglers can look forward to even more fish in the river as this week **DEEP STOCKED 2,000 TROUT FOR THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND. These fish are all brown trout (12 inch and bigger fish)** with 500 fish stocked from the Goodwin Dam down to the upper boundary of the year-round catch-and-release area, 1,000 fish stocked from the lower end of the year-round catch-and-release area to the lower Collinsville Dam, and 500 fish from the lower Collinsville Dam to the Route 177 bridge (Unionville).

Water temperatures are in the mid 60's °F (West Branch TMA, rising some during the day, and higher downstream). Flows are clear and moderate, currently 385 cfs at Riverton, with the Still River providing another 38 cfs below Riverton. An 8.5 foot 4 weight fly rod with a 12 foot leader and 6X tippet is recommended for this flow.

**Hatches/patterns** include the Trico (*Trycorythodes stygiatus*, #22-26, morning from 6:00 am – 10:00 am; spinner mainly), *Ephemerella needhami* (#16-20, early morning to early afternoon), Leadwing Coachman (*Isonychia bicolor*, #12-14, fast water, afternoon/evening in the Riverton area), Blue Wing Olives (*Drunella* sps. & *Baetis* sps.; #18, 20-24, mid-late afternoon), Caddis (tan #16-18, all day; green #22-26, evening; summer pupa #18-20 morning), Midges (#22-32, morning), Cahills/Summer (*Stenonema ithaca*, #12-14, evenings), Black Ants (#12-18, mid day in fast water), Black Beetles (#12-14, mid day), Flying Ants (#18-22, mid day, when windy/humid, day after rains), Stone Hopper (#8-12, mid day) and Golden Drake (*Anthopotamus distinctus*, #8-14, late evening).

**ZEBRA MUSSELS REMINDER**

**Zebra mussels are now found in a number of locations scattered throughout the Housatonic River and its impoundments including Lake Lillinonah (since 2010), Lake Zoar (since 2010) and Lake Housatonic (since 2011).**

Prior to their discovery in Lakes Lillinonah and Zoar in 2010, zebra mussels had been found (1998) in CT only in East Twin Lake and West Twin Lake (Salisbury). Anglers fishing in any of these waters and western Connecticut in general **should use extra care to avoid transporting water, aquatic vegetation, and possibly zebra mussels to new locations.** Information

For more information including precautions that should be taken to prevent the spread of zebra mussels to additional waters, visit [www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies](http://www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies) or the Aquatic Invasive species section of the 2014 CT angler's Guide( [www.ct.gov/deep/anglersguide](http://www.ct.gov/deep/anglersguide)).

**Housatonic River** – Fishing has been very good and conditions for this weekend should be good, as cool temperatures prevail until Sunday and flows continue to be clear, moderate and very good for fishing (currently 474 cfs at Falls Village and 876 cfs at Gaylordsville). A 9 foot 4 weight fly rod with a 9 foot leader and 7X tippet is recommended for this flow. Morning water temperatures have been in the upper 60's°F.

**Hatches/patterns.** The Leadwing Coachman (#10-12, main evening hatch), Light Cahill (#12-14, evening), and Black caddis (#14-18, early morning & evening) have been working. Midges (#20-24) and stoneflies are located at the mouths of streams. Golden stonefly nymphs hatch at first light and adults egg-lay after dark. Try Ants (#14-18, mid-day in fast water), Black Beetles (#14-16, midday), Stone Hopper (#8-10, midday) and Flying Ants (#18-22, midday, when windy/humid, day after rains). Don't forget streamers (morning & evening). Typical patterns include White Woolly Buggers, Muddlers, Micky Finn and Grey or Black Ghosts (#4-10).

## CONNECTICUT RIVER

Flows are comfortable for fishing and still a bit higher than typical late August levels, but still sufficiently low to make accessing some back areas and coves difficult. **CARP** have come to the net in the Middletown to Haddam Meadows area. **LARGEMOUTH BASS** are on the bite in Wethersfield Cove. **SMALLMOUTH BASS** (although action has been slower this year) are reported in the Enfield (Kings Island) area. Although size was fairly good (fish averaged out a 1.8 lbs each, lunkers included 4.63 lb largemouth and 2.85 lb smallmouth), **tournament anglers** on the river had to work really hard for their bass (both largemouth & smallmouth). **NORTHERN PIKE** (fish to 37 inches) are being caught in the Hartford to Cromwell area. Also give Wethersfield Cove a try. **BLUEFISH** are being reported in the mouth of the river. Anglers reported success in 30-50 feet of water. Night fishing for **CATFISH** in the Hartford-Middletown area has been good. Fishing with live sunfish is producing some nice fish. They are coming in from the deep holes and outside bends in the river.

### REMINDER TO ANGLERS-

**FISHING IN OR CASTING INTO PERMITTED SWIM AREAS IS PROHIBITED.**

State regulations prohibit fishing in or into a swim area that's been permitted by DEEP. Additionally, vessels cannot be operated within a permitted swim area, and there's a 100 foot "no-wake" zone around the perimeter. Swim areas that have been permitted by DEEP will be marked by white buoys with orange markings, and there should be a permit number posted on the buoys. They may or may not have small orange barrier floats to further demarcate the area. Should questions arise concerning the validity of the swim area (*no permit numbers or the area appears to have been changed/enlarged or keeps moving*), please contact DEEP's Boating Division at 860-434-8638.



### LAKE & POND BATHYMETRIC MAPS

Bathymetric maps of many of Connecticut's public access lakes and ponds can be found online at:

[www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/fishing/general\\_information/lakebathymetrymaps.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/fishing/general_information/lakebathymetrymaps.pdf)

Both plain line maps and maps overlaying an aerial photo available.



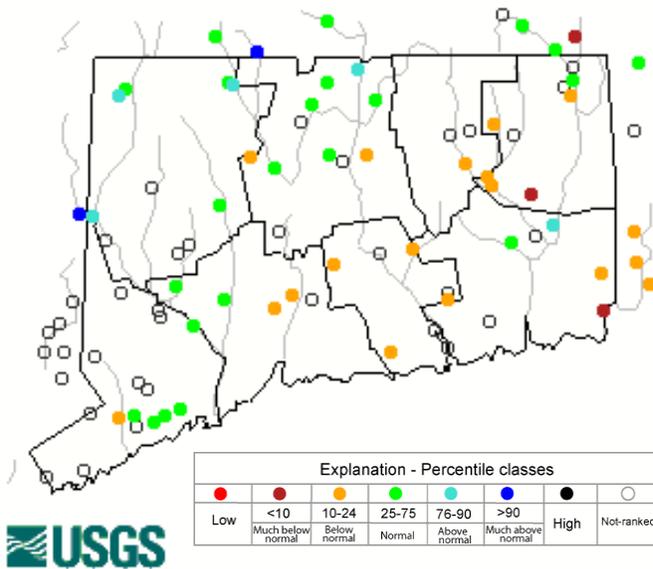
**NOTES & NOTICES:**

**BASHAN LAKE** A sailboat race is scheduled for Sunday, August 31 from 1 pm – 3 pm in the southeast area of the lake (in front of the state launch). Use extra caution in this area during the event.

**BESECK LAKE** A 13 foot drawdown to facilitate dam repairs continues.

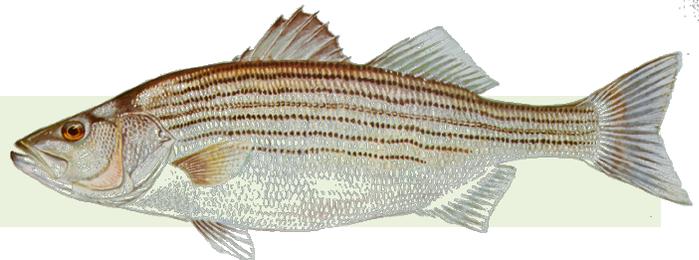
**Stream flow conditions as of 8/28/2014**

Thursday, August 28, 2014 19:30ET



Data in the state graphic to the left are generated by the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) and are available on line at: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ct/nwis/rt> A percentile is a value on a scale of one hundred that indicates the percent of data in the data set equal to or below it. For example streamflow greater than the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile means only ¼ of the streamflow values were above the value and thus would be considered “above normal”. Stream flow between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> are considered to be “normal flows” and those 25<sup>th</sup> or less are considered to be “below normal”.

**MARINE FISHING REPORT**



Surface water temperatures in Long Island Sound (LIS) remain in the high 60’s to low 70’s °F. Check out the following web sites for more detailed water temperatures and marine boating conditions:

<http://www.mysound.uconn.edu/stationstat.html>

[http://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat\\_data/?nothumbs=1](http://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat_data/?nothumbs=1)

<http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/>

<http://www.wunderground.com/MAR/AN/330.html>

**STRIPED BASS** fishing has improved on the local reefs and rip areas with fish measuring (length in inches) in the high 40’s being reported. Live lining bunker (Atlantic menhaden) or scup is a good way to score on “cow” stripers. Also, don’t overlook fishing the rivers at night. Large stripers have been ascending the tidal

rivers to feast on bunker. Striper spots include the usual spots: Watch Hill reefs, Ram Island Reef in Fishers Island Sound, lower Mystic and Thames River, the Race, Sluiceway, Plum Gut, Pigeon Rip, outer Bartlett Reef, Black Point, the "humps" south of Hatchett Reef, lower Connecticut River, Long Sand Shoal, Cornfield Point, Southwest Reef (outer), Sixmile Reef, Falkner Island area, the reefs off Branford, New Haven Harbor and the upper reaches, Charles Island area, lower Housatonic River, buoys 18 and 20 off Stratford Point, Stratford Shoal/Middle Ground, Penfield Reef, around the Norwalk Islands, and Cable and Anchor Reef.

**BLUEFISH** fishing is still not consistent for this time of year but is slowly getting there. There is a mixed bag of sizes with most fish ranging from 4 lbs to the lower teens. Bluefish fishing spots include the reefs off Watch Hill, the Race, Thames River, Sluiceway, Plum Gut, Pigeon Rip, lower Connecticut River, Long Sand Shoal, Sixmile Reef, Falkner Island area, New Haven Harbor and upper reaches, lower Housatonic River, buoys 18 and 20 off Stratford Point, Stratford Shoal/Middleground, Penfield Reef, and Cable and Anchor Reef. **SNAPPER** fishing has picked up with fish measuring about 3-5 inches in length. Any of the tidal creeks and rivers during the flood tide will do.

**SUMMER FLOUNDER** (fluke) fishing is fair to good especially in deeper (50+ ft) water. Flukin' spots include the south shore of Fishers Island (Isabella Beach, Wilderness Point), Napatree Point and along the beach, off the Stonington breakwater, mouth of the Mystic River over to Groton Long Point, Twotree Island Channel, Black Point/Niantic Bay including the Bloody Grounds, Sound View Beach, Long Sand Shoal, Falkner Island area, New Haven Harbor, off the mouth of the Housatonic River during the flood tide, and around the Norwalk Islands.

**SCUP** (porgy) fishing continues to improve on the local reefs.

**BLACK SEA BASS** fishing is also good on the major reefs and wrecks. The reefs from Madison over to Branford reefs have been consistent fishing areas.

**HICKORY SHAD** fishing remains good in the Black Hall River and the lower Connecticut River (DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier).

**BLUE CRABBING** continues to improve in the tidal creeks as the season progresses.

#### **SPECIAL NOTES & REMINDERS**

***Don't forget about the BONUS STRIPED BASS FISHING PROGRAM, for more information go to: [www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing).***

***To find a saltwater shore fishing spot close to where you live, go to the following website: <http://www.lisrc.uconn.edu/coastalaccess/>.***

***In addition, Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing sites and other fishing information including a site map go to the following website <http://www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/saltwaterfish/map.htm>.***

***Please refer to page 60 of the 2014 CT Angler's Guide for [Connecticut Tides](#).***

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