INLAND FISHING

DETERMINING REGULATIONS

A summary of the Statewide Species Open Seasons, Legal Methods and Length & Daily Creel Limits is listed in the table on page 21. 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 21 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 2nd Saturday in April through the last day of February (Closed to all fishing from March 1st to 6:00 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday in April).

The statewide open seasons listed in this table do not apply in areas closed to all fishing during a period of the year (If a waterbody has a closed season, all fishing there is prohibited, regardless of the statewide season for a particular fish species).

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT—COVENTRY LAKE & CONNECTICUT RIVER

In 2016, DEEP began funding (in collaboration with the Town of Coventry) management efforts (including a series of surveys and a herbicide treatment) with the goal of eradication hydrilla in Coventry Lake. It is expected that this management (surveys, herbicide treatments) will be ongoing for several more years. Unfortunately, also in 2016, hydrilla was found in the Connecticut River. First in a difficult to access portion of Keeney Cove in June, and then in September DEEP staff observed several patches of hydrilla mixed in among the aquatic plants growing in the mainstem river at Glastonbury’s Riverfront Park and Boathouse. It appears that hydrilla has been in the river for a couple of years and it has since dispersed throughout the river in Connecticut. As a result, eradication is likely not practical. All resource 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 (Fisheries Division) at 860-434-6043.

INFORMACIÓN DISPONIBLE EN ESPAÑOL RELACIONADA CON LA PESCA EN CONNECTICUT — WWW.CT.GOV/DEEP/CARE

Los folletos de la pesca en aguas dulces y aguas saladas fueron traducidos al español para la distribución a la comunidad hispana residente en Connecticut. El objetivo de los folletos de pesca en español es para ayudar a fomentar, aumentar, y promover la participación hispana en esta actividad.

Somos afortunados en Connecticut por el gran abastecimiento de peces. La población de Connecticut tiene la oportunidad a pescar a no más de 5 millas de su residencia. Las aguas dulces de Connecticut le ofrece pescar peces tales como la Trucha, la Lobina, el Lucio Norteamericano, y el Panfish. Si su preferencia es pez de agua salada, las aguas de Connecticut le ofrece pesca peces tales como la Lobina Rayada, Summer Flounder, Anjona, y Porgy. ¡Vamonos a Pescar!

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, Mattabesett, Mystic, Naufraguck, 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.
# Inland District Statewide Species Regulations

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

** Yellow Perch, White Perch, Calico Bass (Crapie), Rock Bass, and all species of sunfish.

*** Trout & salmon stamp required to keep fish.
Trout fishing has a long and storied history in Connecticut. As one of the most popular fish, the majority of trout fishing is supported through production at one of our three state fish hatcheries. Each year over 100 lakes and ponds and 150 rivers and streams are stocked with trout. Due to their popularity, DEEP has implemented several strategies to provide high quality trout fishing to the greatest number of anglers.

TROUT MANAGEMENT AREAS
In an effort to improve trout fishing, several sections of rivers and streams have special regulations on season, creel limits, and size limits that vary from the statewide regulations. These regulations vary and can be found in this guide. These waters are also stocked with more and/or larger trout. Trout management regulations are designed to improve as they optimize fishing quality under heavy fishing pressure. Trout Management Areas (rivers/streams) are open to fishing year round. A Trout & salmon stamp is required to fish in a Trout Management Area.

WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT
Wild trout (self-sustaining populations) are important renewable resource that add quality and diversity to Connecticut’s trout stream fisheries. Wild trout are often more colorful, feisty, and flavorful than stocked trout and are conserved through special regulations identified by Wild Trout Management Class. A Trout & salmon stamp is required to fish in a wild Trout Management Area.

Class 1 = Catch and release only, open year-round, use of a single-hook artificial lures or flies only.

Class 2 = Two (2) trout per angler per day limit, trout must be 12” or larger to keep from opening day to last day of February.

Class 3 = Five (5) fish per angler per day limit, trout must be 9” or larger to keep from opening day to last day of February.

Classes of Wild Trout Management Areas
1 = Dependent entirely upon good natural reproduction
2 = Partially supported with fry stocking
3 = Supported with fry and adult stocking
**TROUT PARKS**

Trout Parks are located in easily accessible areas to enhance trout fishing opportunities for young anglers and novice anglers as well as for those with mobility challenges. The frequent stockings, generally between Opening Day and Memorial Day, will greatly increase an angler’s chance of catching a fish, making it a more attractive “fishing hole”, particularly to children and families. The daily creel limit in trout parks is two (2) fish per person per day. A Trout & salmon stamp is required to fish a Trout Park.

**TROPHY TROUT**

Places where a majority of the fish are stocked at a larger size, 12 inches or larger. Creel limits are also reduced from five (5) fish per day to two (2) fish per day.

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**BASS MANAGEMENT WATERS**

Bass fishing is very popular in Connecticut and Largemouth or Smallmouth can be found in almost every lake or pond. In most waters, bass are managed through statewide regulations (a standard 12-inch minimum length limit, 6-fish possession limit). However, in some “Bass Management Lakes” special length and creel limits designed to improve fishing by restricting harvest and allowing more bass to reach a memorable size have been put into place.

Slot limits are designed to protect larger, more desirable fish from harvest, while allowing anglers to harvest smaller fish that are often overabundant. Harvesting surplus small bass reduces competition for food and allows the remaining bass to grow faster and larger.

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**WALLEYE AND NORTHERN PIKE**

Walleye and Northern Pike Fisheries offer a unique opportunity to catch a very large predatory fish. Stocked as juveniles to help control over-abundant forage fish, Walleye and Pike take a few years to grow to impressive size. Over the years, anglers have enjoyed catching quality size fish, especially through the ice.
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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, spottail 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.

**BUBBLE FLOAT** A type of float that is attached to a fishing line or leader and can be filled with water to adjust its buoyancy.

**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 CREEEL 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 spoon that projects over the side or stern of a boat and is used as a host, 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, spearng, 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. “Tenkara” fishing is considered to be fly-fishing. 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 55.

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

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

**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.
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).

SMOOTH-HAULING
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 spearfishing 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.

TENKARA FISHING
Angling with the use of a tenkara rod, tenkara line and a fly or flies, without the use of a reel of any type.

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 spearfishing 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.

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 58 & 59) 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 Pond, 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-Salmon River Cove, East Haddam: Dock at state boat launch.

• Coventry Lake (Wangum Tauk 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) property upstream from Route 177 (between River Road and Railroad Avenue, southerly side of river).

• Gardner Lake, Salem-Montville-Bazrah: On dam at Lake Road.

• Higman 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.

• Mianus River, Stamford: Meriebrook Lane, ADA accessible trail and fishing platform.

• 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), Grantly: 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:
### Seasons, Creel Limits & Methods for the period from December 1, 2018 – March 31, 2020

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### LAKE | 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). *A Trout & salmon stamp is required to keep a broodstock Atlantic Salmon.

## 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 (Torringon) 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 Thompson 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 September 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. Don't forget, if you are fishing for, or catch and plan to keep an Atlantic salmon, even if outside one of the Broodstock Areas, you must be using the legal gear for Atlantic salmon. Anglers are reminded that the season is closed from March 1st to the 2nd 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). A Trout & salmon stamp is required to fish the designated Broodstock Areas.

### 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 caught 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 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 2020 and will likely be extended. Check the DEEP website (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:

- Ames 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

**Alewife © Joseph Tomelleri**

**Blueback Herring © Joseph Tomelleri**
Over 500,000 adult trout and 300,000 fry & fingerlings are produced for distribution in Connecticut’s three state fish hatcheries each year.
Community Fishing Waters Program:

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

As part of the community fishing waters program DEEP stocks trout (spring), channel catfish (late spring/early summer), or both, into waters on or close to public transportation routes. Stocking these waters within close proximity to tens of thousands brings a high quality fishing experience to many CT residents. Be sure to cast a line into one of our Community Fishing Waters today!

Scan the code for more information about the Community Fishing Waters Program:
LOOKING TO GET THE LEAD OUT?

Lead is a metal which, in sufficient quantities, can negatively affect the nervous and reproductive systems of animals and humans. Most fishing jigs and sinkers have historically been made with lead. 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](http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/fishshellfish/animals.cfm)

Red type signifies a new record set in 2018.

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Key to Fish Species Abbreviations

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### Lakes & Ponds

#### 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
- Fishing Line Recycling Receptacle

#### 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.

#### Special Management Lakes
- BASS
- TROUT
- KOKANE
- NORTHERN PIKE
- WALLEYE
- CATFISH
- COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS
- TROPHY CARP WATERS

### Allen Brook Pond, Wallingford

- **Species:** (LMB CP CB S BB BP)
- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion motors prohibited.

### Alexander Lake, Killingly (215 acres)

- **Note:** No public access.
- **Species:** (LMB SMB CB S BB WP YP)
- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Other:** Boats and canoes prohibited.

### Angus Park Pond, Eastbury Pond, Glastonbury (9.4 acres)

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

### Ashland Pond, Griswold (89 acres)

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

### Backwater Pond, Thompson

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

### Baldwins Pond, Meriden (5.4 acres)

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

### Barbers Pond, Bloomfield (9.4 acres)

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

### Bashan Lake, East Haddam (273 acres)

- **Species:** (T LMB SMB 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.

### Batters Park Pond, Farmington (140 acres)

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

### Bantam Lake, Morris-Litchfield (947 acres)

- **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.

### Bawleye Lake / Catfish Lake / Trophy Carp Waters

Channel catfish first stocked in 2013.
- **Species:** (CB YP WP S SMB WA)
- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Carp:** Daily creel limit—1, 26" maximum length.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### Balberon Park Pond, Preston (97 acres)

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

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 2019 Connecticut Boater’s Guide which can be obtained from the DEEP Boating Division (860-434-8636).
Lakes and Ponds open year-round (no closed season) unless otherwise stated.

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)

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, (Bibbons Pond), 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.
- Channel catfish & white catfish: Daily creel limit–3 catfish.

BESECK LAKE, Middlefield (116 acres)
- Species: (LMB YP CB S)

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.

BOLton LAKE (Lower, Middle, Upper), Bolton-Coventry-Vernon (348 acres)
- Species: (T, CC, S)
- Channel catfish & white catfish: Daily creel limit–3 catfish.
- Trout: Season open 2nd Saturday in April–last day February.
- All Other Species: Season open year round.

BIRGE POND, Bristol (15.8 acres)

BISEck LAKE, Middlefield (116 acres)
- Species: (LMB YP CB S)

BLuE LAKE (see Anderson Pond)

BOLTON NOTCH POND, Bolton (17 acres)
- Informal cartop launch.
- Species: (LMB S YP)

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 CB)
- Other: Motors prohibited.

BUNNELLS 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–last day February.
- Trout: Daily creel limit—2. Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.
- Other: All vessels prohibited.

CATFISH LAKE Channel catfish first stocked in 2013.
- Species: (BB LMB S)
- Other: 8 mph speed limit.
- Season: Open year-round.

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

www.ct.gov/deep/fishing
Statewide regulations for seasons, legal methods, and limits (page 21) apply unless a site-specific regulation is listed for a water body.

CELEBROOK RIVER LAKE, Colebrook-Massachusetts (826 acres)

**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**
- **Note:** Connecticut or Massachusetts fishing license legal on entire pond from demarcation postars downstream to the dam.
- **Species:** (T YP LMB CP AE S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

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

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

CREESELAKE, Southington (51.2 acres)

**COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS**
- **Trout Catfish first stocked in 2015.**
- **Species:** (T, LMB, S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

CROSSWATER LAKE, Essex (21 acres)

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

CLINTON LAKE, Clinton (5.2 acres)

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

COPLEY LAKE, Farmington (1.2 acres)

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

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

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

COVENTRY LAKE, Coventry (373 acres)

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

CRAWSH LAKE, Southington (51.2 acres)

**COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS**
- **Trout Catfish first stocked in 2015.**
- **Species:** (T, LMB, S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

CRESTWOOD LAKE, Southport (2 acres)

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

CRYSblas LAKE, Ellington-Stafford (183 acres)

**TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE**
- **Species:** (T YP LMB BB 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, 2016. Regulations for salmon are the same as for trout except: Daily creel limit—1 Atlantic salmon.

CRYSblas LAKE, Middletown (32 acres)

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

DAY POND, Colchester (7.4 acres)

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

DOUGHERTY LAKE, East Lyme (34 acres)

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

DOLOU LAKE, Middletown (19 acres)

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

DOUGHERTY LAKE, East Lyme (34 acres)

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

DOUGHERTY LAKE, East Lyme (34 acres)

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

DOUGHERTY LAKE, East Lyme (34 acres)

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

DOUGHERTY LAKE, East Lyme (34 acres)

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

DOUGHERTY LAKE, East Lyme (34 acres)

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

DOUGHERTY LAKE, East Lyme (34 acres)

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

DOUGHERTY LAKE, East Lyme (34 acres)

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

DOUGHERTY LAKE, East Lyme (34 acres)

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

DOUGHERTY LAKE, East Lyme (34 acres)

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

DOUGHERTY LAKE, East Lyme (34 acres)

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

DOUGHERTY LAKE, East Lyme (34 acres)

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

DOUGHERTY LAKE, East Lyme (34 acres)

**BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**
- **Species:** (T LMB CB YP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of all motors prohibited.
Lakes and Ponds open year-round (no closed season) unless otherwise stated.

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.

FARNILL (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 Aquarion 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.

FITCVILLE 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.

FRESHWATER POND (Freshwater Brook), Enfield (8 acres)
- Community Fishing Waters: Catfish first stocked in 2012.
  - Species: (T, CC)
  - Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
  - Channel catfish & white catfish: Daily creel limit—3 catfish.

GARDNER LAKE, Salem-Montville-Bozrah (229 acres)
- 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.

GAY CITY POND, Hebron (5.1 acres)
- 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)
- Species: (LMB YP CB S)
- Other: No fishing allowed from the golf course grounds.

GOODWIN PARK PONDS, Hartford (4 acres)
- Species: (S)
- Other: No fishing allowed from the golf course grounds.

GORTON POND, East Lyme (52 acres)
- 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)
- Species: (LMB CP BB WC)
- Other: Motors limited to 6 hp or less, 12 mph speed limit.

GREAT HOLLOW POND, Monroe (15 acres)
- Species: (T)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.
- Trout: Daily creel limit—2
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

GREEN FALLS RESERVOIR (Green Falls Pond), Voluntown (48 acres)
- Species: (T LMB BB S)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- Other: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

GRIGGS POND, Woodstock (38 acres)
- Walk in access from Route 196 (200 yards).

HALLVILLE POND, Salem (8 acres)
- Bass Management Lake
  - Species: (LMB CP BB S)
  - Other: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

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)
- 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 (meaning any lead-weighted hook) that weighs less than 1 ounce, is prohibited for use in any 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.

HAMPION RESERVOIR, Hampton-Eastford (88 acres)
- Species: (LMB YP CB S BB)
- Other: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

HAMPTON RESERVOIR, Hampton-Eastford (88 acres)
- Species: (LMB CP CB S)
- Other: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

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 2, 2019) until the weekend before Memorial Day weekend (May 18, 2019).
- Species: (T)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

CANDLEWOOD LAKE DEPTH MAP

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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)

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 (6) now applies.
- Other: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

HOP BROOK LAKE, Middlebury (26 acres)
- Species: (LMB YP CB S)
  - Other: 8 mph speed limit.

HOPE LAKE (see Nells Rock Reservoir)

HOPE POINTE POND, Glastonbury (137 acres)

HOPEWELL POND/LAKE HOPEWELL (see Huntington Pond)

HORSE 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.

KAINES RESERVOIR (see Farmill Reservoir)

KAATZ POND, Killingly–Rhode Island (122 acres)
- Note: Connecticut or Rhode Island fishing license legal on entire pond.
  - Species: (LMB SBB 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.

KEACH POND (see Peck Pond)

KNEY PARK POND, Hartford (3 acres)

COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS / CATFISH LAKE
Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.
- Species: (T S CB)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- Channel catfish & white catfish: Daily creel limit- 3 catfish.

LAKE KENOSIA, Danbury (60 acres)

BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / CATFISH LAKE
Channel catfish first stocked in 2012.
- Species: (LMB SBB 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.

KILLINGLY POND, Killingly-Rhode Island (122 acres)
- Note: Connecticut or Rhode Island fishing license legal on entire pond.
  - Species: (LMB SBB 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).

HOBBACK RESERVOIR (see West Branch Reservoir)

HOLBROOK POND, Hebron (83 acres)
- Handicapped access at dam.
  - Species: (LMB YP CB S)
  - Other: 8 mph speed limit.

HORSE LAKE, Middletown (26 acres)

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HOP BROOK LAKE, Middlebury (26 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 (Starred Pond, Lake Hopewell, Huntington Pond Pond), Redding (15 acres)
- Species: (T LMB S)
  - Other: 8 mph speed limit.

HYDE POND, South Windsor (5.4 acres)

HYS MOUTH POND, East Windsor (67 acres)

HYDER POND, Putnam (3 acres)
- Species: (T)
  - Other: 8 mph speed limit.

HYDER POND, Putnam (3 acres)
- Species: (T)
  - Other: 8 mph speed limit.

LAKES & PONDS

Statewide regulations for seasons, legal methods, and limits (page 21) apply unless a site-specific regulation is listed for a water body.
Lakes and Ponds open year-round (no closed season) unless otherwise stated.

**LAKE OF ISLES**, North Stonington (89 acres)
- **Species**: (LMB CP YP CB S BB)
- **Other**: 8 mph speed limit.

**LAKEVILLE LAKE** (see Wononskopomuc Lake)

**LAKEWOOD LAKE** (Great Brook Reservoir), Waterbury (73 acres)
- **Community Fishing Waters / Catfish Lake**: Channel catfish first stocked in 2008.
- **Species**: (LMB S CC)
- **Channel catfish & white catfish**: Daily creel limit - 3 catfish.

**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 LILLONAHAK**, Brookfield-Bridgewater-Newtown-Southbury-New Milford (1547 acres)
- From Bleachery Dam to the Shepaug Dam.
- **Species**: (LMB SMB WP CB WC NP 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)
- **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)
- **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.

**MAMANASCO LAKE**, Ridgefield (89 acres)
- **Bass Management Lake**:
  - **Species**: (LMB 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.

**MAINLOOK LAKE**, Granby (57 acres)
- **Species**: (LMB S)
- **Note**: Ice fishing permitted on week-ends only.
- **Other**: 5 mph speed limit in restricted areas. Use of motors in excess of 7-1/2 hp prohibited on Saturdays.

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

**MANSFIELD TRAINING SCHOOL PONDS**, Mansfield (1.1 & 2.3 acres)
- **Species**: (T LMB SMB WP)
- **Season**: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other**: All vessels prohibited.

**MANISTEE 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.themdcd.com](http://www.themdcd.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.

**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.
- **Channel catfish & white catfish**: Daily creel limit - 3 catfish.
- **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.

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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 BB LMB CC)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.
- Channel catfish & white catfish: Daily creel limit - 3 catfish.
- Largemouth & smallmouth bass: Daily creel limit—2, 16” minimum length.
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

MONO POND, Columbia (113 acres)

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

MOODUS RESERVOIR (Upper, Lower), East Haddam (486 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 WA 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 October, 2016. 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.

MOSUP 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.

MOUTH ROAD POND, Westford (3 acres)

- Species: (LMB YP S BB)
- Other: 5 hp limit.

MOUTH ROAD POND, Westford (3 acres)

- Species: (LMB YP S BB)
- Other: 5 hp limit.

MUDGE POND, Plainfield (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 1½ hour after sunset to sunrise and anytime within 200 feet of town beach.

NAUBESATUCK LAKE

(see Mansfield Hollow Reservoir)

NELL'S Rock Reservoir, 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: 6 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)

- 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 1½ hour after sunset to sunrise and anytime within 200 feet of town beach.

PAINE POND, Ashford (2 acres)

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

PAPER MILL 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

- TROUT PArk

At Quinebaug Valley State Hatchery
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–September 30.
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

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.

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.

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

- **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 2019 Boater’s Guide for summer exemption.

**PICKETT’S POND** (Osborndale State Park), Derby (9 acres)
- **Species**: (LMB S)
- **Other**: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**PIERREPONT POND** (Lake Naraneka), Ridgefield (38 acres)
- **Species**: (LMB S CB)
- **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.

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

Launch open 6 a.m. until sunset from April 15th through November 1st.

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

**LAKE QUASSAPUG**, Woodbury-Middlebury (297 acres)
- **Note**: No public access, ice fishing prohibited.
- **Species**: (T SMB S BB LMB CP YP)

**QUEILIAN 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**
- **Species**: (T LMB CP S CB YP)
- **Season**: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout**: Daily creel limit—1, 16” minimum length.
- **Large mouth & smallmouth bass**: Daily creel limit—1, 16” minimum length.
- **Other**: 8 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.

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

**ROGERS LAKE**, Lyme-Old Lyme (280 acres)

**ROGERS PARK POND**, Danbury

**COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS**
Channel catfish and Trout expected to be stocked in 2019.
- **Species**: (CC T S)
- **Trout**: Season open 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **All other species**: Season open year-round.

**SL Z LAKE SALTONSTALL, ROGERS LAKE, ROWAN’S POND**, Easton-Redding-Weston (827 acres)
- **Species**: (T S MB S CP T BB)
- **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 2019 Boater’s Guide for additional restrictions.

**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**: (LMB CP BB)

**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).

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

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

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**SCHOFIELD POND**, Montville (20 acres)
- **Species**: (T S)

**SCHREEDER POND** (Chatfield Hollow Pond), Killingworth (4 acres)
- In Chatfield Hollow State Park. Walk-in access only during off-season.

**TROUT PARK** (Chatfield Hollow Pond), Killingworth (4 acres)
- **Species**: (T S)
- **Season**: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Tout**: Daily creel limit—2.
- **Tout & salmon stamp required to fish.**
- **Other**: All vessels prohibited.

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

**CATFISH LAKE**
- Channel catfish first stocked in 2013.
- **Season**: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday 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)
- **Species**: (LMB S YP)
- **Note**: No facilities, walk-in access only.

**SHAW LAKE** (see Lake Hayward)

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

**SHEPISIT 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 2019 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 S)
- **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.
- **Tout**: Daily creel limit—2.
- **Tout & salmon stamp required to fish.**

**SOUTH SPECTACLE POND**, Kent (85 acres)
- Public right-of-way, not passable for cars.
- **Species**: (LMB YP YP)

**SPOULDING POND** (see Mohagen Park Pond)

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

**TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE / VALLEY LAKE / TROPHY CARP WATERS**
- **Species**: (CA WA T LMB SMB YP S WP)
- **Season**: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Carp**: Daily creel limit—1, 26" maximum length.
- **Tout**: From March 1–March 31, 16" minimum length, Daily creel limit—1.

**STANTON 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.
- **Channel catfish & white catfish**: Daily creel limit—3 catfish.
- **Tout**: Season open 2nd Saturday in April–last day February.
- **All Other Species**: Season open year round.

**STARKET 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.
- **Tout**: Daily creel limit—2.
- **Tout & salmon stamp required to fish.**

**STROH PARK POND**, Windsor (1.4 acres)
- **Season**: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–November 30.

**TAFIVILLE 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.

**TAFIVILLE POND**, Lisbon (117 acres)
- Small town boat launch (ramp open April 1 to November 30).
- **Species**: (LMB, SMB CB S YP CA)

**TANKERHOSEN LAKES**, Vernon (10 acres)
- **Season**: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.

**TETREAUT 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 LMB CP S YP BB)
- **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.

**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.
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**VALLEY FALLS POND**, Vernon (4.1 acres)
- **TROUT PARK**
  - Species: (T BB)
  - Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
  - Trout: Daily creel limit—2
  - Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

**WALKERS RESERVOIR** (East), Vernon (6.1 acres)
- **Species**: (T YP BB)
- **Other**: All vessels prohibited.

**WANGUMBAUG LAKE** (see Coventry Lake), Coventry (656 acres)
- Carry-in boat access in Lake Wangumaug 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 (860-888-1519) for more information.
- **Species**: (LMB S YP T)

**LAKE WARAMAUG**, Kent-Warren-Washington (869 acres)
- Open year-round.
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- Trout: Daily creel limit—2
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.
- Other: All vessels prohibited.

**WEST BRANCH** (Hogback) RESERVOIR, Hartland-Coolebuck (201 acres)
- Species: (T YP S SMB RA)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–last day February.
- Trout: Daily creel limit—2
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

**WEST HILL POND**, New Hartford-Barkhamsted (261 acres)
- Species: (T YP)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–first day May.
- Trout: Daily creel limit—2
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.
- Other: All vessels prohibited.

**WONONSKOPOMUC LAKE** (Lakeville Lake), Salisbury (348 acres)
- **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**
  - Species: (T LMB CP YP SB 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 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 CP YP)

**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.

**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-Newtown-Southbury (909 acres)
- **TROPHY CARP WATERS**
  - Species: (LMB SMB CP CB WP S YP CA)
  - Carp: Daily creel limit—1, 25” maximum length.
  - Other: Speed limit 5 mph.

**WALLEYE LAKE** Walleye first stocked in 2011. From the Shepaug Dam to the Steven-son Dam.
- **Species**: (SMB WP LMB CB WC YP WA)
- Other: 45 mph speed limit daytime, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

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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.

**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).

**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.
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.

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

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

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.

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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.

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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.
Statewide regulations for seasons, legal methods, and limits (page 21) apply unless a site-specific regulation is listed for a waterbody. 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 21) 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:
  - Class 1: Catch and release only, open year-round, use of barbless single-hook artificial lures and barbless single hook flies only.
  - Class 2: Two (2) trout per angler per day limit, trout must be 12” or larger to keep from opening day to last day of February.
  - Class 3: Five (5) fish per angler per day limit, trout must be 9” or larger to keep from opening day to last day of February.

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, Quinipiuc, 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 those with disabilities
- State campground
- Family friendly fishing location
- State picnic area
- Fishing Line Recycling Receptacle
- Trout & Salmon Stamp needed to fish in this area.

Italics: Access/stocking location information
(T) Indicates degree of stocking and/or presence of wild trout:
  - T Light/moderately stocked
  - H 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
TROPHY CARP WATERS

WHAT ARE “THERMAL REFUGES”? 
During the hot summer months, heat stressed fish in major rivers, particularly trout, often seek cool water refuge by congregating at the mouths of tributary streams where cooler water is entering. A number of these cool water refuges on the Housatonic River, Naugatuck River, and Salmon River have been identified and under current regulations are closed to all fishing from June 15 through September 15, inclusive. These closures are intended to protect fish from any additional stress during periods of very warm water temperatures. In 2016 due to high water temperatures and low river flows, DEEP issued emergency declarations temporarily closing eight locations on the West Branch and mainstream Farmington Rivers and extending the closure at one location on the Housatonic River. The closed areas are delineated by signs posted by DEEP.

BARTLETT BROOK, Lebanon (T)
Intermittent sections from Brewster Pond downstream to Yantic River.

BEACON HILL BROOK, Bethany-Naugatuck-Beacon Falls (T BN)
From Route 63 crossing in Bethany to confluence with Naugatuck River.

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.
Rivers & streams open season is from 6:00 am on the 2nd Saturday in April to the last day of February unless otherwise stated.

BLACKBERRY RIVER, Norfolk-Canaan (T BN)  
From ½ 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.  
• Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

BLACKLEDGE RIVER, Bolton-Hebron-Marlborough (T)  
Intermittent state-owned sections from Gay City State Park to the Salmon River.  
• Trout: 9” minimum length.  
• Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

BLADEN S RIVER, Woodbridge-Seymour (T BK)  
From ¼ mile below Bethmour Road along Route 67 to ¼ mile below Chaffield Street, includes tributary (Hopp Brook) along Miller Road.

BRANCH BROOK, Watertown (T)  
Carp:

TROUT PARK  
Within Black Rock State Park:  
• Trout: Daily creel limit—2.  
• Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

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.

BUCKEYE BROOK, Eastford-Woodstock (T)  
Intermittent sections from Route 171 downstream to the Still River.

BUCKLEW 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.

CANDY BROWN, 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)  
Jnorpuck 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)  
Carp:

TROUT PARK  
In Chatfield Hollow State Park:  
• Trout: Daily creel limit—2.  
• Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

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-Middletown-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 Mattabesett 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

TROPHY CARP WATERS  
• Species: (AE CA CB LMB NP SMB SWA WC WP YP)  
• Carp: Daily creel limit-1, 26” maximum length.  
• 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).  
• Note: Several of the boat launches may flood during periods of high water.

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 & salmon stamp required to fish.  
• 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.  
• Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

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- **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.

**DICKINSON 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)**

- **Trout**: 9” minimum length-Downstream of Route 66 to the Salmon River.

**EAST RIVER**, Guilford (T)  
Intermittent sections from Guilford Lakes downstream to Route 1.

**EAST SWAMP BROOK**, Bethel (T)  
Intermittent sections from Meckauer Municipal Park through Plumtrees Road to Route 302 (includes unnamed flow-through pond in Meckauer/Bennett 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.  
- **Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.**

**EIGHT MILE RIVER**, East Haddam-Lyme (T)  
Intermittent sections below the park to Hamburg Cove.

**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 45 (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 intersection of Hogback Road and Route 20 in Hartland, as indicated by signs posted by DEEP.
  - **Season**: Open year-round.
  - **Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.**
  - **Methods**: Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
  - **Trout**: Catch and Release Only.

**FARMS RIVER**, Branford-East Haven-North Branford (T BN)  
Intermittent sections from Northford to I-95.  
**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

- **Trout**: Catch and Release Only from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. last day of March.

**FAYNE RIVER**, Essex-Westbrook (T)  
Intermittent sections along Witch Hazel Road downstream to Mares Hill Road.

**FLAT BROOK**, East Hampton (TB)  
Intermittent sections along Route 16 downstream to the Salmon River.

**FRESHWATER BROOK**, Enfield (T)  
Intermittent sections from Route 220 downstream to the Connecticut River.
Rivers & streams open season is from 6:00 am on the 2nd Saturday in April to the last day of February unless otherwise stated.

**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.
- Trout: Daily creel limit—2, 12” minimum length.
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

**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.

**GILLETT 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 (TBK)

- 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 (TBK)

- 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.
  - Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.
  - 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.

**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 to last day of February.
  - Trout: Daily creel limit—2, 9” minimum length.
  - Downstream of the breached dam located 300 feet upstream of River Road:
    - Season: Open year-round.
    - Trout: Daily creel limit—2, 15” minimum length.

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

- WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

  - Within the Trout Brook Valley Property (publicly owned):
    - Season: Open year-round.
    - Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.
    - Methods: Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
    - Trout: Catch and Release Only.

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

- Intermittent sections from Rockville to the Connecticut River.

**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: 1-888-414-4347

  - 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 Macedon 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 & salmon stamp required to fish.
  - Trout: Catch and Release Only.
  - Methods: Fly fishing only in the 3 mile section upstream from Route 4 bridge, as posted.

**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 Packerill Road.

**HUSKETT BROOK**, North Killingworth (T)

- Intermittent sections from Route 80 to Route 21.

**IF YOU QUALIFY**

- For your next state income tax return you may itemize such a deduction.

**INCOME TAX DEDUCTION**

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**BUL’S BRIDGE TROUT 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 & salmon stamp required to fish.
  - Trout: Catch and Release Only.
  - Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

**LOWE RIVER/TIDAL WATERS**

- 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 Milford.

**SAVE ON YOUR TAXES!**

- Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

- Use your state income tax refund to help save Connecticut’s wildlife and plants. Their future is on the line — the “Endangered Species/Wildlife” Fund line on your tax return. Just check the box to make a donation and show your support. Your gift may be deductible from next year’s federal income tax. Please consult your tax advisor or the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) about whether you qualify for such a deduction.

**HOW’S MY WATERWAY**

- (accessible at 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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**Rivers & Streams**

**INDIANTOWN BROOK**, Ledyard-Preston (T)
Intermittent sections from Route 2 to Poquetanuck Cove. Includes Shevville 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
- **Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.**

**KETTLETON BROOK**, Southbury (T BK BN)
Through Kettleton 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.

**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).

**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 Granville Road.

**MARSHPEAUG 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.
- **Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.**
- **Methods**: Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout**: Catch and Release Only.

**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.
- **Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.**
- **Methods**: Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout**: Catch and Release Only.

**MIAUS 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, 15” Minimum length.
- **Downstream of Mianus Pond Dam:**
  - **Trout**: Daily creel limit — 2, 15” Minimum length.

**EXCEPT IN:**

**TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**
From Merriebrook Road upstream approximately 1 mile to dam as indicated by signs:
- **Season**: Open year-round.
- **Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.**
- **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 Lake, 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 the Merritt Parkway:
- **Season**: Open year-round.
- **Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.**
- **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 & salmon stamp required to fish.**
- **Trout**: Catch and release only.

**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 Woodruff’s Ponds.

**TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**
Within Sleeping Giant State Park:
- **Season**: Open year-round.
- **Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.**
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**MINE BROOK, Portland (BK)**
Along Gading 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.
- **Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.**
- **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 Route 44 (downstream of Route 44 in American Legion State Forest) to the West Branch-Farmington River.

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**
Entire stream:
- **Trout:** 9” minimum length.
- **Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.**

**MORRISSEY BROOK (NAROMIYOKNOWHUSUNKATANKSHUNK BROOK), New Milford-Sherman (T BK BN)**
Intermittent sections from Route 39 to Cedar Hill Road, New Milford.

**MOUNT HOPE RIVER, Ashford-Mansefield (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.

**MYRON KINNEY BROOK, Voluntown (T BK)**
Within Pachaug State Forest to Glasgo Pond.
Statewide regulations for seasons, legal methods, and limits (page 21) apply unless a site-specific regulation is listed for a water body.

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

NONEWAUG RIVER, Woodbury (T BK BN)
Intermittent sections from Old Town Farm Road to Route 47.

NORTHEAST RIVER, 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.
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

OIL MILL BROOK, Waterford-East Lyme (BK BN)
SEA RUN TROUT STREAM
Downstream of I-95 bridge:
- Trout: Daily creel limit—9”, 25” 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 of this boundary is located near the west side of Route 49.

PARMALEE BROOK, Durham (T)
Intermittent sections from Route 17 downstream to the Congauchaug River.

PATTACONK BROOK, Chester (T)
Intermittent sections along Route 148.

PEASE BROOK, Lebanon-Franklin (T BK)
WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)
In Pease Brook Wildlife Management Area:
- Trout: 9” minimum length.
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

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 & salmon stamp required to fish.
- Trout: Catch and Release Only.

PEQUINNOCO RIVER (includes Tungsten Mine 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.

TROPHY 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
- Other: A parking permit (fee for nonresidents) must be obtained from the Town of Trumbull to park in one of the town’s parks. A free “Fishing Parking Permit” is available to individuals with a valid fishing license and can be obtained through the Trumbull Parks and Recreation Department.

PINE BROOK, East Hampton-Haddam
No longer stocked by DEEP.
- 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 Nnouseaug and Workeepeemee Rivers near Route 47 in Woodbury to ½ mile below Route 172 in Southbury.

TROPHY TROUT STREAM
Entire river in Woodbury and Southbury (from near Route 47 to the confluence with Lake Zoar):

POND BROOK, Newtown (T)
Intermittent sections from Routes 6 and 25 to Hanover Road just above Lake Lillinnah.

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.
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.
- Methods: Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- Trout: Catch and Release Only.

POQUETANUCK BROOK, Preston (T)
Intermittent sections from Hallville Pond to Poquettanuck Cove.

QUANDUCK BROOK, Killingly-Sterling (T)
Intermittent sections from Rhode Island to Moosup River.

QUINNIPIAC RIVER, Southington-Cheshire-Meriden-Wallingford (T BN)
From ¾ 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.
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.
- 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 confluence 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.

RIFFPWAM RIVER, Stamford (T)
Intermittent sections from ½ 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.
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

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.
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

SAFSTROM BROOK, East Hampton
No longer stocked by DEEP.
- 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.
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

SALMON BROOK (East Branch) and SALMON BROOK (Mainstem), Granby-East Grangby (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.
Rivers & streams open season is from 6:00 am on the 2nd Saturday in April to the last day of February unless otherwise stated.

WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

From Route 20 (Granby) to confluence with Farmington River (East Granby).
- Trout: 9” minimum length.
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

SALMON BROOK (West Branch), Hartford-Granby (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.

TROPHY TROUT STREAM
Entire river in Colchester, East Haddam and East Hampton:
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TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA
From confluence of Blackledge and Jeremy Rivers downstream to Route 16 bridge.
- Season: Open year-round.
- Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.
- 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.

SEA RUN TROUT STREAM
Tidal area downstream of Wood Dam (Westport):
- 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.

SCANTIC RIVER, East Windsor-Enfield-Somers (T)
Intermittent sections from Massachusetts state line to Connecticut River.

SETHER 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.

SHETUCK 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:
- Thermal refuge: 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
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**RIVERS & STREAMS**

**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 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.

**STEELE BROOK**, Watertown (T)
Intermittent sections from Woolson Street, Watertown downstream to Huntington Avenue (Oakville section).

**STONY BROOK**, Montville (T BK BN)
**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**
Entire stream in Montville:
  • Trout: 9” Minimum length.
  • Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

**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 Massacoe State Forest.

**TROUT PARK**
Within Stratton Brook State Park:
  • Trout: Daily creel limit—2.
  • Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.

**SUGAR BROOK**, Plainfield (BK)
Within Sugar Brook Wildlife Management Area.

**SUMMER 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.

**TANKERHOSEN RIVER**, Vernon (T BK BN)
Intermittent sections from Valley Falls Road to Hockanum River.

**BELDING -TANKERHOSEN WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)**
The river and its tributaries (as posted) within Belvid WMA and the Tankerhoosen WMA:
  • Season: Open year-round.
  • Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.
  • 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 Milford.

**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 & salmon stamp required to fish.
  • 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 confluence with the Mystic River.

**WHITFORD BROOK**, Griswold-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.
  • Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.
  • 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 Spaulding Pond.

**WEEKEEPEEMEE RIVER**, Woodbury (T BK BN)
Intermittent sections from Route 132, Peter Road to the confluence with the Nonnewaug River.

**WEPAWAUG RIVER** (includes Clarksport 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.

**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:
  • Trout & salmon stamp required to fish.
  • 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.