

Fish Found in Community Fishing Waters

- Early morning and late afternoon or evening are good times to fish.
- Try a variety of lures like spoons, minnow imitations, and plastic jigs.
- If you prefer still fishing; night crawlers, meal worms, live shiners or scented baits are worth a try.



Trout: Limit of 5 per angler per day (any size). *EXCEPT, Mohegan Park (2 per angler)*



Channel Catfish: No limit on number or size but, please take only what you intend to use.



Largemouth Bass: Limit of 6 per angler per day limit and each fish must be **12** inches or larger. *EXCEPT, Mohegan Park Pond- see rules with the map.*



Carp: No limit on number or size but, please take only what you intend to use.



Sunfish: No limit on number or size but, please take only what you intend to use.



Please help to keep this park clean & green!!

Be sure not to leave behind any fishing line, bait packages, or other items you have brought to the park today.

Good Eats!

Blackened Catfish

2 tablespoons paprika
2 ½ teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons lemon pepper
1 ½ teaspoons of garlic powder
1 ½ teaspoons of ground pepper
1 ½ teaspoons of dried basil
1 teaspoon of onion powder
1 teaspoon thyme
2 teaspoons of cayenne pepper
6 catfish fillets
1 cup unsalted butter, melted



Heat a large cast iron skillet or heavy aluminum skillet over high heat for 10 minutes. Mix the spices together in a bowl. Dip catfish into the melted butter and coat each side of the fillet with 1 tablespoon of the spice mixture. Place fillets into hot skillet. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon of remaining melted butter. Cook 2-3 minutes per side until fish is white and flakes easily.

Pan Fried Trout

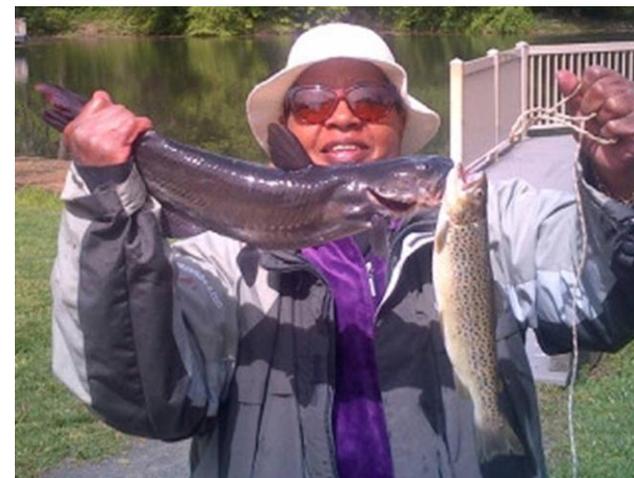
2-4 whole trout (cleaned)
½ stick of butter
1 tsp. lemon or lime juice



(note – 2-3 short vertical slices along the back will help prevent the fish from curling during cooking).

Place the butter into a frying pan, heat over medium high until the butter starts to sizzle. Place each trout into the pan and heated butter. Cook 3-4 minutes until flesh becomes white and skin is crispy. Flip once and repeat. Serve immediately with your favorite sides.

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Community Fishing Waters Information (Listed Alphabetically by Waterbody Name)

Beaver Park Lagoons, Fournier and Crescent Street, New Haven.

Season: Open 6:00 am 2nd Saturday April to October 31st. **Amenities:** Walking trail. **CT Transit Bus Line D or B1.**

Birge Pond, Ambler Road, Bristol. **Season:** No closed season however, anglers are reminded that statewide regulations for trout including seasons apply at this pond. **Amenities:** Car top boat launch, access for disabled, picnic tables, and hiking trails.

Bunnells Pond (Beardsley Park Pond), 1875 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport. **Season:** Open 6:00 am 2nd Saturday April to November 30th. **Amenities:** picnic tables, playgrounds, athletic fields, and walking trails. Ice fishing is not allowed. **Greater Bridgeport Transit Route #9 Stop #5.**

Butternut Park Pond (Rowans Pond), Butternut Street, Middletown. **Season:** No closed season however, anglers are reminded that statewide regulations for trout including seasons apply at this pond. **Amenities:** Playground and picnic tables. Ice fishing is not allowed.

Center Springs Park Pond, Lodge Drive, Manchester. **Season:** No closed season however, anglers are reminded that statewide regulations for trout including seasons apply at this pond. **Amenities:** access for disabled, picnic tables, and walking trail. **CT Transit Bus Line: # 83.**

Freshwater Pond, North Main and Church Street, Enfield. **Season:** Open 6:00 am 2nd Saturday April to the last day of February. **Amenities:** access for disabled, picnic tables, fishing pier. **CT Transit Bus Line: # 5.**

Keney Park Pond, Edgewood Street and Keney Terrace, Hartford. **Season:** Open 6:00 am 2nd Saturday April to the last day of February. **Amenities:** access for disabled, picnic tables, nature center, and hiking trails. **CT Transit Bus Lines: # 50-54, # 40-42, and Line # 46.**

Lakewood Lake, Farmwood Road, Waterbury. **Season:** No closed season. **Amenities:** Car top boat accessible, swimming beach, picnic tables, playground, and athletic courts. **CT Transit Bus Line: #15/16.** *Note: catfish stocked only.*

Mirror Lake (Hubbard Park Pond), 999 West Main Street, Meriden. **Season:** No closed season however, anglers are reminded that statewide regulations for trout including seasons apply at this pond. **Amenities:** Playground, swimming pool, picnic tables, playground, athletic courts, hiking trails. Ice fishing is not allowed.

Mohegan Park Pond (Spaulding Pond), Mohegan Park Road, Norwich.

Season: Open 6:00 am 2nd Saturday April to November 30th. **Amenities:** picnic tables, swimming beach, playgrounds, athletic fields, and walking trails. Ice fishing is not allowed. *NOTE: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass must be 16" or greater and the daily limit is 2 bass. Trout have a daily limit of 2 (any size).* **Southeast Area Transportation Bus Line**

Picketts Pond, Chatfield Street, Derby (within Osbornedale State Park).

Season: Open 6:00 am 2nd Saturday April to the last day of February. **Amenities:** picnic tables, playgrounds, athletic fields, and walking trails.

Lake Wintergreen, 45 Main Street, Hamden. **Season:** Open 6:00 am 2nd Saturday April to the last day of February. **Amenities:** Car top boat launch, picnic tables and walking trails. Use of an internal combustion engine is not allowed.

Stanley Quarter Park Pond, Stanley Street and North Street, New Britain.

Season: No closed season however, anglers are reminded that statewide regulations for trout including seasons apply at this pond. **Amenities:** picnic tables, playgrounds, athletic fields, and walking trails. Ice fishing is not allowed. **New Britain Transportation Line O and Line S, CT Transit line # 69**

Upper Fulton Park Pond, Cook Street and Earl Street, Waterbury.

Season: Open 6:00 am 2nd Saturday April to the last day of February. **Amenities:** picnic tables, athletic courts, and walking trails. **CT Transit Bus Line: # 13.** *Note: trout stocked only.*

Community Fishing Waters are stocked by CT DEEP with Trout (10-14 inches) in April, Channel Catfish (12-18 inches) in late May, or both.

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