



FREE FISHING DAY 2013

The Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) has designated Saturday, May 11th 2013, as a **"Free Fishing Day"** in Connecticut where no fishing license will be required. Anyone, residents and non-residents, can fish any fresh or marine public waters without having to have a fishing license. Please note that all other rules and regulations including any closed seasons, size and possession limits and gear restrictions still apply. Please visit our 2013 Angler's Guide for a summary of places to fish and key rules and regulations at www.ct.gov/DEEP/fishing.

THIS YEAR'S SPECIAL EVENTS



"Great Park Pursuit Spring Sprint" at Osborndale State Park (Derby) 10AM – 2PM. This event will run from 10 am to 2 pm, and there will be plenty of activities including fishing on Pickett's Pond (of course), fish sampling, fish stocking, a fish fry, games and prizes. The Family Fishing event is free and no registration is required. For more

information on "Family Fishing Day" email Rachael.sunny@ct.gov or call DEEP at 860-418-5981. More information on the "The Great Park Pursuit Spring Sprint" can be found at www.NoChildLeftInside.org.



Kent Falls State Park, Route 7, Kent CT, 10AM – 2PM. Northwestern CT Chapter of Trout Unlimited will provide fly fishing and fly fishing instructions, proper fish handling, and fly tying demonstrations. Please contact Jim Fedorich tel. # 860-482 4544 or cell # 860- 689-2735.



Merwin Meadows, Wilton CT, 10AM – 2PM, Mianus Chapter of Trout Unlimited. A free Fly Fishing Clinic is being offered by the Mianus Chapter of Trout Unlimited at Merwin Meadows Park in Wilton. Fly casting, knot tying, aquatic insect identification, and a late barbecue lunch are on the schedule here. More information can be found at www.mianustu.org. For reservations email jyates@mianustu.org or call 203-216-7078.



Chatfield Hollow State Park, Route 80, Killingworth, CT, 8:30AM – 1PM, Hammonasset Chapter Trout Unlimited. This is our 11th year of hosting the Hammonasset Chapter Trout Unlimited Youth Education Day event and many of the local youth throughout the area have participated in this exciting event in the past. It's a great event and kids rotate thru 3 different stations (Fly casting, Fly Tying, River Ecology) every hour on the hour and at noon we have lunch, prizes and fishing. Please RSVP via email RON GRAZIANI at rongraz70@sbcglobal.net



Mirror Lake, Hubbard Park, Meriden, CT, 10AM – 2PM, Meriden Rod and Gun Club & City of Meriden. A yearly children's fishing event with prizes in various age groups for biggest fish and most fish caught. Each child also gets a free hotdog and soft drink. Some of the top prizes include bicycles. This event is rain or shine. **A free talk and demonstration of carp fishing and tackle will be hosted by Saxon Tackle.** Youth carp fishing will be available. Everyone gets to take a turn with loaner tackle. There is a limited amount of tackle so plan on sharing so everyone has a chance to try carp fishing. It is suggested that all fish be released so they can be caught by another angler. Area experts will be available to help you try it out and to answer your questions. Contact Bill Gerrish at 860-424-FISH for questions.