

Anglers Please Plan Ahead!



Trout stocking is well underway in anticipation for Opening Day on April 8, 2017 and we are all looking forward to an enjoyable season.

The Connecticut DEEP will be stocking **over 530,000** catchable size trout (average size of 12 inches) into Connecticut's lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams this spring (before opening day and until mid-May).

This number is about **90,000 less** fish than the number stocked last year, which will bring some changes to our stocking program in order to minimize the impact on anglers and make the most efficient use of the trout we have available.

The reduced fish production is the result of three key factors:

- A reduction in production capacity at Kensington Fish Hatchery to achieve budgetary savings;
- Critical maintenance of several production ponds at Quinebaug Trout Hatchery, which required them to be taken out of service and drained of water while repairs were made;
- Moderate to severe statewide drought in 2015 and 2016 (ongoing) resulting in less flow of water to fill ponds, raceways and supply flow at all three hatcheries.

With the reduced number of trout, changes to our stocking program mean that the Fisheries Division will not be stocking some waters or sections of some waters, and is reducing total number of trout stocked in others. The reason for eliminating previous stocking locations varies but in many instances is due to one of the following reasons;

- Low documented usage by anglers;
- Reduced public access;
- Locations are currently stocked with brown trout fry or fingerlings;
- To eliminate stocking on top of wild trout populations.

The Fisheries Division regrets the inconvenience this may cause to some anglers, and we advise all to be aware that the following waters or sections of waters will not be stocked during 2017 is found on the next page. Get realtime stocking information on our Facebook Page at

www.facebook.com/ctfishandwildlife

Waterbody (section)	Town(s)
Allyns Brook	Durham
Anguilla Brook	Stonington
Bantam River, Fly Area	Litchfield, Morris
Beaver Brook	Barkhamsted
Belcher Brook	Berlin
Birdseye Brook (Mohawk Ski Area)	Cornwall
Bladens Brook	Seymour
Buck Brook	Portland
Burlington Brook	Burlington
Candlewood Hill Brook	Haddam
Carse Brook	Sharon
Coppermine Brook (upstream of TMA)	Bristol
Cory Brook	Canterbury
Cox (Carr) Brook	Portland
Crystal Lake Brook	Stafford
Deep River	Deep River
Dodge Pond	East Lyme
East River	Guilford
Ekonk Brook	Plainfield
Fawn Brook (E.&W.Branch)	Hebron
Flat Brook, East Hampton	East Hampton
Gardner Brook	Bozrah
Giffords Brook	Columbia
Great Brook	Chester
Great Meadow Brook	Voluntown
Gulf Stream	Somers
Horse Brook	Plainfield
Howells Pond Brook	Hartland
Hyde Mill Pond	Ledyard, Stonington
Indian Hole Brook	Shelton
Indian River	Clinton
Keach Pond	Thompson
Lake Waramaug Brook	Warren
Lantern Hill Pond	Ledyard, North Stonington

Lathrop Brook	Plainfield
Little Pond	Thompson
Little River	Putnam
Long Meadow Pond Brook	Naugatuck
Long Swamp Brook	Middlebury
Lower Storrs Pumping Station Pond	Mansfield
Marshepaug River	Goshen
Mattabeset River	Berlin
McIntrye Brook	Stafford
Mill Brook	Cornwall
Mohawk Brook	Cornwall
Neck River	Madison, Guilford
Norwich Pond	Lyme
Paine Pond	Ashford
Pattaconk Brook	Chester
Pease Brook (above WMA)	Lebanon
Pendleton Hill Brook	North Stonington
Pine Brook	East Hampton
Pootatuck River (upper section)	Monroe
Race Brook	Orange
Raymond Brook	Hebron
Roaring Brook	Lyme
Roseland Lake	Woodstock
Safstrom Brook	East Hampton
Saw Mill Pond	Ledyard
Shaw Lake (Hayward)	East Haddam
Silvermine Brook	Norwalk, New Canaan
Sprain Brook	Washington, Woodbury
Stratton Brook, (Above State Park)	Simsbury
Taftville Reservoir	Norwich
Ten Mile River	Cheshire, Southington
Willow Brook	Cheshire
Wood River	Voluntown