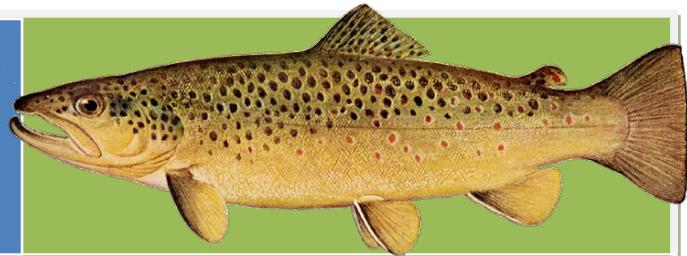


CT DEEP FALL TROUT STOCKING

2015



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The following areas were stocked the week of 9/21 – 9/24 (updated 9/24/2015)

*DEEP's fall trout stockings began this week. From now through mid-October, DEEP is releasing 29,000 "trophy" and "adult" sized trout into selected waters throughout the state. Approximately 5,000 are "trophy" size Brown Trout (all greater than 12 inches in length), 8,000 are "trophy" size Rainbow Trout, 1,000 are broodstock Brown and Brook Trout, and the remaining 15,000 "adults" are standard size (9-10 inch) Rainbow Trout. In addition to these fish, the Farmington River was stocked with 2,000 "trophy" size Brown Trout just before the Labor Day weekend. Additionally, 33,000 "yearling" trout (4-8 inch fish) will be stocked in a number of waters. These fish are intended to grow and holdover to provide late fall, winter and early spring fishing opportunities (or in several cases to enhance wild trout populations). **Note that stockings in a number of areas may be delayed or postponed due to environmental conditions (primarily low to very low flows in many streams, also possibly warmer than preferred water temperatures for trout in several ponds).***

RIVERS AND STREAMS:

In **western CT**, the **Housatonic River TMA** (1,000 Brown Trout, 5,000 9-10" Rainbow Trout). As an added bonus for anglers, **THIS WEEK THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION (MDC) IS STOCKING 1,100 LARGE BROWN TROUT** (12 inch and up fish) into the **West Branch Farmington River** from the Goodwin Dam to the gas pipeline downstream of the confluence with the Still River.

Additionally, "yearling" trout were stocked into the Housatonic River TMA (3,000 fish), the East Branch Salmon Brook (6,000 fish), the Hockanum River (5,000) and the Blackberry River (6,000). These are 4-8 inch fish, intended to grow and holdover to provide additional angling opportunities in late fall, winter and especially next spring; or (in several cases) to also enhance wild trout populations.

LAKES AND PONDS:

In **western CT**, **West Hill Pond** (500 brown trout).

TROUT PARKS:

The **Chatfield Hollow** (Schreeder Pond -400 Rainbow Trout), **Day Pond** (400 Rainbow Trout), **Mohegan Park Pond** (400 Rainbow Trout) and **Valley Falls Park Pond** (400 rainbow trout) Trout Parks in eastern CT and the **Black Rock Pond** (300 Brown Trout), **Great Hollow Pond** (300 Brown Trout) and **Wharton Brook Pond** (300 Brown Trout) Trout Parks in western CT.

The following areas were stocked on 9/3 *(updated 9/4/2015)*

RIVERS AND STREAMS:

In western CT, The **Farmington River** received its annual Labor Day stocking with DEEP releasing 2,000 fish just prior to the Labor Day weekend. These fish are all brown trout (12 inch and bigger fish), with 1,000 fish stocked from the lower end of the year-round catch-and-release area (Route 219 bridge) to the lower Collinsville Dam, 700 fish from the lower Collinsville Dam to the Route 177 bridge (Unionville) and 300 fish along the “Larry Kolp Garden Plot” in Farmington (the stretch just upstream of the confluence with the Pequabuck River).