



2025

A Summary of Regulations and Definitions for Recreational Freshwater Fishing in Connecticut

February 18, 2025



**Connecticut Department of Energy
and Environmental Protection**

Bureau of Natural Resources | Fisheries Division

<https://portal.ct.gov/deep/fishing/ct-fishing>

Purpose of this Document: To provide a concise, easy to read, summary of the freshwater (inland) sport fishing regulations and definitions. Please note that this document may not be current as laws and regulations may have changed since printing. Every effort has been made to ensure the information provided here is accurate, however, for legal purposes the official regulations/definitions are found on the web page of the Connecticut Secretary of State at <https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/>



We encourage the use of the [digital versions of the fishing guide](#), freshwater and saltwater, found on the DEEP Fisheries Division web page as web-based content can be modified or updated immediately as required.



CT's fishing regulations are also available in the FREE version of the FishBrain App. The regulations are geo-referenced by waterbody. **Be respectful of waters that are closed to the public or that are on private property.**

Table of Contents

| | |
|---|----|
| What is New for 2025..... | 2 |
| Fishing License Information..... | 2 |
| Default Species Regulations for Waters of the Inland District | 3 |
| Lakes and Ponds..... | 6 |
| Lakes and Ponds with Public Access that Follow Default Regulations..... | 9 |
| Lakes/Ponds with Special Fishing Regulations | 11 |
| Rivers and Streams..... | 31 |
| Rivers and Streams that Follow Default Fishing Regulations..... | 31 |
| Rivers and Streams with Special Fishing Regulations..... | 34 |
| Definitions and Regulatory Terms..... | 45 |
| Helpful QR Codes..... | 48 |
| State Record Freshwater Fish - Harvest | 49 |
| State Record Freshwater Fish - Catch and Release..... | 50 |

Contact Us

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Law Enforcement Dispatch 24/7: | 860-424-3333 |
| Freshwater Fishing: | 860-424-3474 |
| Saltwater Fishing: | 860-434-6148 |
| Boating: | 860-434-8638 |
| Fishing License Issues: | 860-424-3105 |



Connecticut
Department of Energy &
Environmental Protection

"The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you are seeking a communication aid or service, have limited proficiency in English, wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint, or require some other accommodation, including equipment to facilitate virtual participation, please contact the DEEP Office of Diversity and Equity at 860-418-5910 or by email at deep.accommodations@ct.gov. Any person needing an accommodation for hearing impairment may call the State of Connecticut relay number - 711. In order to facilitate efforts to provide an accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as possible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program or event."

What is New for 2025

Freshwater (inland) regulations have not changed. The regulations are the same as they were in 2023 and 2024. The next round of changes is expected to take effect on January 1, 2026.

Marine (Saltwater) Regulations will be printed separately in brochure format once the regulations are finalized by the various regulatory agencies. This process is typically completed by March.

Fishing License/Stamp Information

Fishing fuels conservation! 100% of your investment in a fishing license comes to DEEP's Bureau of Natural Resources. These funds are used to support programs that feed your passion. Examples include; trout rearing and stocking, purchase and stocking of pike, walleye, and channel catfish, land acquisition for conservation and fishing access, maintenance of boat ramps, restoration of migratory fish species, monitoring of resident fish populations (marine and freshwater), and education. Thank you for your continued support.

Fishing licenses are:

- Required for all persons age 16 or older,
- Issued on a calendar year basis and expire on December 31st,
- Can be purchased on-line 24/7 at <https://portal.ct.gov/CTOutdoorLicenses>,
- Discounted by 50% for Connecticut residents who are age 16 or 17,
- Free for Connecticut residents age 65 or older.

The Trout and Salmon Stamp is required for all persons age 16 and older when:

A. **Taking** (keeping) any trout or salmon OR

B. **Fishing for any species, including catch and release**, in any water designated as a [Trout Management Area](#) (Rivers), [Trout Park](#), [Wild Trout Management Area](#) Class 1, 2, 3, or an [Atlantic Salmon Management Area](#).

Licenses or stamps are available online anytime via <https://portal.ct.gov/CTOutdoorLicenses> or can be purchased at most bait and tackle shops, town clerk offices, or DEEP field offices. Please note that while the table below includes some of the most popular license options, other licenses, including combination hunting/fishing licenses, are available. **For help with or questions about your license call 860-424-3105.**

| License/Stamp Name | Fee | Notes |
|--|------------------|---|
| All Waters | \$16; \$32; \$63 | CT age 16/17; CT resident; Nonresident |
| Inland Waters Only | \$14; \$28; \$55 | CT age 16/17; CT resident; Nonresident |
| Trout and Salmon Stamp | \$3/\$5 | CT age 16/17; CT resident and Nonresident |
| Marine Waters Only | \$5; \$10; \$15 | CT age 16/17; CT resident; Nonresident |
| 3 Day Inland (nonresident only) | \$22 | Nonresident only |
| 3 Day Marine (nonresident only) | \$8 | Nonresident only |
| 65+ Inland (CT resident only) | Free | Annual renewal is required |
| 65+ Marine (CT resident only) | Free | Annual renewal is required |
| Blind or Intellectual Disability | Free | Certificate from a licensed physician or a licensed advanced practice registered nurse required to validate the definition in Public Act 11-16. |
| Physical Disability (Loss of one or more limbs, permanent loss of the use of one or more limbs). | Free | Any resident or a nonresident where the state reciprocates the opportunity who provides a certificate from a licensed physician or a licensed advanced practice registered nurse. |

Fish for FREE - The DEEP offers three opportunities to fish for free (all other rules remain in effect).

1. **Saturday, May 10, 2025:** No fishing license is required.
2. **Sunday June 15, 2025 and Saturday, August 9, 2025.** Obtain your free fishing 1-day license (starting 3 weeks prior to each date) at <https://portal.ct.gov/CTOutdoorLicenses>

Default Species Regulations for Waters of the Inland District

The following are the regulations that are in effect for all waters that do not have a special regulation. For waterbody-specific fishing regulations, please review lakes and ponds section (page 6 to 30) or rivers and streams section (page 31 to 44).

Alewife/Blueback Herring



Min. Length: None
Daily Limit: 25*
Methods: Angling or Scoop net
Season: Varies*

***The taking of anadromous alewife and blueback herring from all CT waters is currently prohibited.**

Landlocked Alewife may be taken only from:
Amos Lake, Ball Pond, Beach Pond, Candlewood Lake, Crystal Lake (Ellington), Highland Lake, MT Tom Pond, Quassapaug Lake, Quonnipaug Lake, Squantz Pond, Uncas Lake, and Waramaug Lake.

* Angling = Year Round; Scoop Net = April 1 to June 15

American Eel



Min. Length: 9 inches
Daily Limit: 25
Methods: Angling, Ice Fishing, Spearing, Bobbing, Bow and Arrow*
Season: Year-round

*Spearing and bow and arrow use prohibited in streams or stream sections stocked with trout. Spearing prohibited in all lakes and ponds. The taking of elver eel, glass eel, and silver eel is prohibited.

American Shad



Min. Length: None
Daily Limit: 6*
Methods: Angling
Season: Year-round in CT River System only

*Harvesting American Shad is only allowed in the Connecticut River and its tributaries. Daily limit is in aggregate with Hickory Shad.

Atlantic Salmon



Scan for salmon regulations



Lakes/Ponds Stocked By DEEP: Please refer to the [Commissioner's Declaration](#)

Naugatuck River, Shetucket River, Housatonic River (Derby Dam to Merritt Parkway Bridge)
Min. Length: None
Daily Limit: 1 from Dec. 16 to Aug. 31*
Methods: Angling**
Season: Year-round

* September 1 to December 15 catch and release fishing only. A Trout and Salmon stamp is required to keep salmon or to fish within the [Atlantic Salmon Management Areas](#) on the Naugatuck River or Shetucket River. Snagging is prohibited.

**Angling (Use of a single fly or artificial lure with a single free-swinging hook only. Additional weight may not be added to the line).

Bait Species

Min. Length: None
Daily Limit: None
Methods*: Bait Traps, Bait Seines, Cast Net, Umbrella Nets, Angling, Ice Fishing, Hand (***see p.45, definitions, for rules and specifications**).
Season: Year-round

Bait may be taken by sport fishermen for personal use (a recreational fishing license is required). A [commercial bait dealer license](#) is required to collect bait to sell. Fish that are legally acquired may be used as bait except for black bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth), Chain Pickerel, Northern Pike, trout, salmon, carp and Goldfish. Legal bait species include; Common Shiner, Golden Shiner, Fallfish, Creek Chub, Spottail Shiner, Blacknose Dace, Longnose Dace, Pearl Dace, Bluntnose Minnow, Fathead Minnow, Cutlips Minnow, Creek Chub Sucker, White Sucker, killifish, Mummichog, Atlantic/Tidewater Silversides, sand lance, frogs (except northern leopard frog), crayfish (except rusty crayfish), perch bugs, hellgrammites and mayfly nymphs. Invasive species are not legal to use for bait.

**Black Bass
(Largemouth and Smallmouth)**



Min. Length:
Lakes/Ponds/CT River: 12 inches
Rivers/Streams: None
Daily Limit: 6*
Methods: Angling, Ice Fishing
Season: Year-round

*In aggregate. Regulations for minimum length and daily limit are different in Bass Management Lakes (p.6) and the Bulls Bridge Bass Management Area.

Bowfin, Lamprey, Tench, Sucker



Min. Length: None
Daily Limit: None
Methods: Angling, Ice Fishing, Spearing, Bow and Arrow*
Season: Year-round

*Spearing and bow and arrow use prohibited in streams or stream sections stocked with trout. Spearing prohibited in all lakes and ponds.

Bullhead (Brown and Yellow)



Min. Length: None
Daily Limit: None
Methods: Angling, Bobbing, Ice Fishing, Hand
Season: Year-round

Burbot

The taking of Burbot in all waters is prohibited.

Catfish (Channel and White)



Min. Length: None
Daily Limit: 6*
Methods: Angling, Bobbing, Ice Fishing, Hand
Season: Year-round

*Daily limit is in aggregate. The daily creel limit is 3 catfish in aggregate at Community Fishing Waters (p.7).

Chain Pickerel



Min. Length:
Lakes/Ponds: 15 inches
Rivers/Streams: None
Daily Limit:
Lakes/Ponds 6
Rivers/Streams None
Methods: Angling, Ice Fishing
Season: Year-round

Common Carp (includes mirror, leather, ghost, and fantail variations)



Min. Length: None
Daily Limit: 5 fish only 1 may be greater than 30 inches*
Methods: Angling, Ice Fishing, Spearing, Bow and Arrow**
Season: Year-round

*Different daily creel and size regulations apply for bow and arrow fishing in some waters and in Trophy Carp Waters (p. 7 and p. 33)

**Spearing and Bow and Arrow use prohibited in stream sections stocked with trout. Spearing is prohibited in all lakes and ponds.

Kokanee Salmon



Min. Length: None
Daily Limit: 5*
Methods: Angling, Ice Fishing
Season: 6:00 AM on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.*

*Catch and Release fishing only from March 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April.

Northern Pike and Tiger Muskie



Min. Length: 26 inches
Daily Limit: 2
Methods: Angling Ice Fishing
Season: Year-round

*Special regulations for: Bantam Lake and Little Pond (p. 7), Lake Lillionah (p.21), and the CT River (p.35)

Panfish (Yellow Perch, Calico Bass/Black Crappie, Rock Bass, Pumpkinseed, Bluegill)



Min. Length: None
Daily Limit: None
Methods: Angling, Ice Fishing
Season: Year-round

Smelt



Min. Length: None
Daily Limit: 50*
Methods: Angling
Season: Year-round

*Taking of smelt from rivers/streams is prohibited.

Striped Bass



Slot Length: 28-31 inches*
Daily Limit: 1
Methods: Angling
Season: Year-round

REGULATIONS FOR STRIPED BASS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES AND AS SUCH ANGLERS SHOULD CHECK THE DEEP WEB PAGE FOR [CURRENT REGULATIONS](#).

*Any Striped Bass less than 28 inches or greater than 31 inches (measured from the snout to the tip of the tail) must be immediately released.

No spearing or gaffing. However, Striped Bass that are legally taken by spearing in another state may be landed in CT.

An in-line circle hook is required when fishing for Striped Bass and using bait (whole, cut, or live natural bait). This does not apply when fishing with artificial lures tipped with bait (tube and worm, bucktail jig, etc.)

No person shall land or possess on the waters of this state or on any parcel of land, structure, or portion of a roadway abutting tidal waters of this state any Striped Bass from which the head or tail has been removed or otherwise rendered unidentifiable as a Striped Bass or unable to be measured.

Sturgeon

The taking of Sturgeon in all waters is prohibited.

Trout (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Tiger)



Min. Length: None
Daily Limit: 5
Methods: Angling, Ice Fishing
Season: Year-round*

*Catch and Release only from March 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April.

A Trout and Salmon Stamp is required to keep trout or salmon.

Different regulations apply in many waters including: *Trout management Areas, Trout Management Lakes, Trophy Trout Areas, Trout Parks, Wild Trout Management Areas, Sea- Run Trout Streams, Tidal Waters and Tributaries, and in the Marine District.*

Lake Trout



Min. Length: 20 inches
Daily Limit: 5
Methods: Angling, Ice Fishing
Season: Year-round*

*Catch and Release only from March 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April.

Lake Trout are occasionally donated to Connecticut by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and stocked into selected lakes for an immediate fishery. Lake Trout are not produced by the CT Fisheries Division, nor is there a program to manage this species.

White Perch



Min. Length: None*
Daily Limit: None*
Methods: Angling, Ice Fishing
Season: Year-round

*If fishing in the Marine District, Minimum length is 7 inches and the daily limit is 30 fish.

Walleye



Min. Length: 18 inches
Daily Limit: 2
Methods: Angling, Ice fishing
Season: Year-round

Fishing in these areas is prohibited:

- 1. Swim Areas:** Casting or fishing in swim areas permitted by the DEEP. There is a no wake zone 100 feet around the perimeter.
- 2. Fishways and Fish Ladders:** Fishing is prohibited 250 feet upstream and downstream of most fishways. Some fishways differ and the no fishing zone is marked by signage posted by DEEP or by large rocks painted red. Questions should be directed to the Diadromous Fish Program 860-434-6043.



Got a Boat? Fishing and boating can go hand in hand. While this guide does have some boating regulations, please refer to the boating guide at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Connecticut-Boaters-Guide>

Contact the Boating Division by phone at (860) 434-8638 or by e-mail at deep.boating@ct.gov.

Lakes and Ponds











Summary of Fisheries Management Categories and Associated Waters

The Fisheries Division makes use of a variety of tools to optimize some of the more popular game fish species. These tools (regulations) can be daily creel limits, minimum or maximum size limits, or limits on the type of gear that can be used. These regulations can, and do, vary by waterbody. This section of the fishing guide details waters that have special fishing regulations, access limitations, or boating rules.

| MANAGEMENT CATEGORY/ REGULATIONS | WATERS |
|--|---|
| <u>Bass Management Lakes</u> | |
| <p>12-16 inch protective slot: All bass that are greater than 12 inches and less than 16 inches must be released without avoidable harm. Daily limit of 6 bass, only 2 may be equal to 16 inches or larger.</p> | <p>Bashan Lake, Billings Lake, Black Pond (Middlefield), Bolton Lakes, Colebrook River Lake, Coventry Lake, Halls Pond, Lake Chamberlain, Lake Hayward, Lake Kenosia, Maltby Lakes, Mamasasco Lake, Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Mashapaug Lake, Pickerel Lake, West Side Pond, Wononskopomuc Lake</p> |
| <p>12-18 inch protective slot: All bass that are greater than 12 inches and less than 18 inches must be released without avoidable harm. Daily limit of 6 bass, only one may be equal to 18 inches or larger.</p> | <p>Amos Lake, Moodus Reservoir, Mudge Pond, Pattagansett Lake</p> |
| <p>16 inch minimum length. Daily limit of 2.</p> | <p>Gardner Lake, Highland Lake, Lake Housatonic, Mohegan Park Pond, Quinebaug Lake, Taftville Reservoir, Wyassup Lake</p> |
| <p>18 inch minimum length. Daily limit of 1.</p> | <p>Lake Saltonstall</p> |
| <u>Trout Management Lakes</u> | |
| <p>Standard Regulation: Five fish per day from 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.</p> <p>One fish per day from March 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. 16-inch minimum length. A trout and salmon stamp is required to keep trout or salmon.</p> | <p>Amos Lake, Candlewood Lake, Long Pond, Quonnapaug Lake, Rogers Lake, Squantz Pond, West Hill Pond</p> |
| <p>12-16 inch protective slot: All trout that are greater than 12 inches and less than 16 inches must be released without avoidable harm.</p> <p>Five fish per day from 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February only 1 of which may be greater than 16 inches.</p> <p>One fish per day from March 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. A trout and salmon stamp is required to keep trout or salmon.</p> | <p>Crystal Lake (Ellington), Highland Lake</p> |
| <p>Brook Trout Lakes: Five trout per day from 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Only 1 of which may be a Brook Trout that is greater than 14 inches.</p> <p>One trout per day from March 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. Minimum length of 14 inches. A trout and salmon stamp is required to keep trout or salmon.</p> | <p>Black Pond (Woodstock) and Mohawk Pond</p> |

| MANAGEMENT CATEGORY/REGULATIONS | WATERS |
|--|--|
| <p>Brown Trout Focus: Five trout per day from 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Not more than 1 of which may be a Brown Trout. The minimum length for brown trout is 22 inches.</p> <p>One fish per day from March 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. Minimum length 22 inches.</p> <p>Two device limit in aggregate when ice fishing (tips ups, jigging rods, lines, etc.).</p> <p>A trout and salmon stamp is required to keep trout or salmon.</p> | <p>East Twin Lake and Lake Wononskopomuc</p> |
| <p>Trout Parks: Daily limit of 2 trout with no minimum length. Harvest is allowed from 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Catch and release only March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. The Trout and Salmon Stamp is required to fish here regardless if harvesting or not.</p> | <p>Black Rock Pond, Day Pond, Great Hollow Pond, McGovern Pond, Mohegan Park Pond, Pasture Pond, Schreeder Pond, Southford Falls Pond, Stratton Brook Park Pond, Valley Falls Park Pond, Wharton Brook Park Pond</p> |
| <p>Community Fishing Waters: <i>Channel Catfish:</i> Daily limit of 3, no minimum size, harvest allowed year-round. <i>Trout:</i> Daily limit 5 trout with no minimum length. Harvest is allowed from 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Catch and release only March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. A trout and salmon stamp is required to keep trout or salmon.</p> | <p>Beaver Park Lagoon, Birge Pond, Bunnells Pond, Center Springs Park Pond, Colony Pond, Crescent Lake, Freshwater Pond, Keney Park Pond, Lakewood Lake, Mirror Lake, Mohegan Park Pond, Pickett's Pond, Rogers Park Pond, Stanley Quarter Park Pond, Upper Fulton Park Pond, Lake Wintergreen</p> |
| <p>Northern Pike: May 1 to November 30 the daily creel limit is 2, minimum length is 26 inches. December 1 to the last day of February the daily creel limit is 1, minimum length is 36 inches. March 1 to April 30 Northern Pike fishing is closed.</p> | <p>Bantam Lake, Little Pond</p> |
| <p>Northern Pike: Minimum length 24 inches</p> | <p>Connecticut River</p> |
| <p>Northern Pike and Tiger Muskie: Daily creel limit of 1 fish in aggregate (either species but not both). Minimum length 38 inches.</p> | <p>Lake Lillinonah</p> |
| <p>Trophy Common Carp Waters: Daily limit of 1 and MAXIMUM size limit of 26 inches.</p> | <p>Batterson Park Pond and Squantz Pond.</p> |
| <p>Common Carp Enhanced Bow and Arrow Fishing Waters: The daily creel limit is 12 carp with not more than 3 of the 12 carp greater than 30 inches.</p> | <p>West Thompson Reservoir</p> |
| <p>Boundary Waters: Waters that have some portion in two states and a fishing license from each state is valid. CT regulations apply unless otherwise noted. A trout and salmon stamp is required to keep trout or salmon.</p> | <p>MA: Breakneck Pond, Colebrook River Lake, Congamond Lakes, Hamilton Reservoir, Muddy Pond (no public access), Perry Pond NY: Indian Pond (no public access) RI: Beach Pond, Hazard Pond, Killingly Pond, Peck Pond</p> |
| <p>Children's Fishing Area: Fishing is limited to people under the age of 16.</p> | <p>Factory Pond (Salisbury), Gould Manor Pond, Helen Keller Pond, Kaatz Pond, Mill Pond (Newington), Sochrin Pond.</p> |

The icons listed below are used within the Lake and Pond section to help identify waters with specific amenities that may be appropriate for your fishing trip.

| AMENITY ICONS | |
|--|---|
| Icon | Description |
|  | Shore based fishing opportunity |
|  | Accessible for persons with disabilities |
|  | The Trout and Salmon Stamp is required to fish here regardless if harvesting or not. A trout and salmon stamp is required to harvest (keep) trout or salmon from any/all public waters. |
|  | Launch suitable for a trailed boat or car-top boat |
|  | Launch suitable for car-top boat only |
|  | Area is adequate for picnicking |
|  | Child friendly fishing |
|  | Camping on-site or nearby |
|  | Fishing line recycling container on site |
|  | Stocked with adult trout, adult catfish, or both |

The abbreviations listed below are used within the Lake and Pond section to indicate fish that are likely present.

| FISH ABBREVIATION CODES | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----|---|
| AS | Atlantic Salmon | RA | Smelt |
| BB | Brown Bullhead | S | Sunfish |
| CA | Common Carp | SM | Smallmouth Bass |
| CB | Calico Bass | T | Trout (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, or Tiger) |
| CC | Channel Catfish | TM | Tiger Musky |
| CP | Chain Pickerel | WA | Walleye |
| K | Kokanee Salmon | WC | White Catfish |
| LM | Largemouth Bass | WP | White Perch |
| NP | Northern Pike | YP | Yellow Perch |

DISCARDING FISHING LINE AND OTHER TRASH



Anglers are reminded that any person who intentionally discards fishing line or other litter in the waters of the state, on public property of the state, or on private property not owned by such person is subject to a fine under section 22a-250 of the general statutes.

Carelessly discarded fishing line can seriously harm or kill wildlife. Animals can become entangled in or ingest the line, which can cause starvation, strangulation, and/or deep wounding. Birds are especially susceptible to entanglement as line is an attractive material to add to nests.

Receptacles to dispose of fishing line when fishing have been installed in dozens of locations around the state. To find a list of such receptacles please visit the DEEP web page and search for "[fishing line recycling](#)".

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD





















CT has a number of aquatic invasive species, like Hydrilla, Milfoil, Curly Leaf Pond Weed, Zebra Mussels, Rock Snot, and others. These species are easily transported to new waterbodies by hitch-hiking on boats, trailers, waders, and any way possible.

Please be sure to **CLEAN, DRAIN, AND DRY** your equipment after leaving every waterbody. A bit of time invested can help prevent establishment of invasive species into new waters. Failure to properly remove and dispose of any vegetation or invasive species may result in a \$95 fine per violation.

Lakes/Ponds with Public Access that Follow Statewide Default Regulations

This section of the fishing guide provides information about fishing and boating regulations for many lakes and ponds with public access. There may be additional waters located in municipal parks, on land trust property, or other properties accessible to the public that are not listed here. Please be sure to note any signage on site indicating allowable use, access, or other rules. A trout and salmon stamp is required to keep trout or salmon.

| Waterbody |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| Anderson Pond (Blue Lake), North Stonington | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashland Pond, Griswold | | | | | | | | | |
| Backwater Pond, Thompson | | | | | | | | | |
| Baldwins Pond, Meriden | | | | | | | | | |
| Baummer Pond, Naugatuck | | | | | | | | | |
| Beachland Pond, West Hartford | | | | | | | | | |
| Besse Park Pond, Torrington | | | | | | | | | |
| Black Rock Lake, Thomaston | | | | | | | | | |
| Branford Supply Ponds, Branford | | | | | | | | | |
| Bull Pond, Harwinton | | | | | | | | | |
| Butternut Pond, East Windsor | | | | | | | | | |
| Christensen's Pond, Granby | | | | | | | | | |
| City Hall Pond, Milford | | | | | | | | | |
| Dog Pond, Goshen | | | | | | | | | |
| Edgewater Park Pond, New Haven | | | | | | | | | |
| Factory Pond, Redding | | | | | | | | | |
| Fernridge Park Pond, West Hartford | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitchville Pond, Bozrah | | | | | | | | | |
| Fountain Lake Reservoir, Ansonia | | | | | | | | | |
| Glasgo Pond, Griswold | | | | | | | | | |
| Hurlburt Pond, Putnam | | | | | | | | | |
| Hyde Pond, Ledyard | | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Stibbs, Southbury | | | | | | | | | |
| Lantern Hill Pond, North Stonington | | | | | | | | | |
| Leonard Pond, Kent | | | | | | | | | |
| Lilly Pond, Thompson | | | | | | | | | |
| Little Pond, Thompson | | | | | | | | | |

| Waterbody |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| Lower Fulton Park Pond, Waterbury | | | | | | | | | |
| Lower Storrs Pumping Station Pond, Mansfield | | | | | | | | | |
| Malone's Pond, Bristol | | | | | | | | | |
| Mansfield Training School Ponds, Mansfield | | | | | | | | | |
| McGrath Park Pond (Prospect Park Pond), Prospect | | | | | | | | | |
| Mill Woods Park Pond, Wethersfield | | | | | | | | | |
| Mohegan Lake, Fairfield | | | | | | | | | |
| Moosup Pond, Plainfield | | | | | | | | | |
| Nells Rock Reservoir (Hope Lake), Shelton | | | | | | | | | |
| North Street Pond, Milford | | | | | | | | | |
| Pachaug Pond, Griswold | | | | | | | | | |
| Page Park Lagoon, Bristol | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Lake (Shelton Reservoir #2), Shelton | | | | | | | | | |
| Quillian Reservoir, Ansonia | | | | | | | | | |
| Salmon Brook Pond, Glastonbury | | | | | | | | | |
| Salters Pond, Manchester | | | | | | | | | |
| Sawmill Pond, Ledyard | | | | | | | | | |
| Simsbury Town Park Ponds, Simsbury | | | | | | | | | |
| Stateline Pond, Stafford | | | | | | | | | |
| Stroh Park Pond, Windsor | | | | | | | | | |
| Taftville Pond, Lisbon | | | | | | | | | |
| Tankerhoosen Lake, Vernon | | | | | | | | | |
| Tollgate Pond, Greenwich | | | | | | | | | |
| Tyler Pond, Goshen | | | | | | | | | |
| Upper Fulton Park Pond, Waterbury | | | | | | | | | |
| Wards Millpond, Branford | | | | | | | | | |
| Washington Park Pond, Windsor | | | | | | | | | |
| Whitney Flood Control Pond (Patten Brook), Stafford | | | | | | | | | |
| Wood Creek Pond, Norfolk | | | | | | | | | |
| Zeiner Pond (Lake Winfield), Plymouth | | | | | | | | | |
| Zemko Pond, Salem | | | | | | | | | |

Lakes and Ponds With Special Fishing Regulations

This section of the fishing guide provides information about fishing and boating regulations for many lakes and ponds with public access. There may be additional waters located in municipal parks, on land trust property, or other properties accessible to the public that are not listed here. Please be sure to note any signage on site indicating allowable use, access, or other rules. A trout and salmon stamp is required to keep trout or salmon.

Allen Brook Pond, Wallingford, See Wharton Pond

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Alexander Lake, Killingly | |
| Size: 215 acres Species: LM, SM, CP, S, BB, WP, YP | No Public Access |

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
No public access. The possession and use of any live Alewives, Blueback (glut or river) Herring, Gizzard, Hickory or Threadfin Shad as bait is prohibited. Motor limited to 12 cubic inches (Approx. 10 horsepower).

Amos Lake, Preston

Size: 113 acres
Species: T, LM, BB, CP, S, YP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Management Lake: From March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, daily limit 1; 16 inch minimum length. The rest of the year follows the statewide default regulations.
Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12 inch to 18 inch protected slot. Daily limit 6 bass; only 1 may be 18 inches or greater. 8 MPH speed limit. See CT DEEP Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

Angus Park Pond (Eastbury Pond), Glastonbury

Size: 9 Acres
Species: LM, CP, T, S, BB, YP




Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Follows default regulations for all species. Access courtesy of the Town of Glastonbury. Fishing allowed 6:00 a.m. on the second Saturday April to October 31. Boats and canoes prohibited.

Aspinook Pond, Griswold

Size: 301 acres
Species: LM, WP, YP, S, CA, CB




Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Informal boat access off Butts Bridge Road, no facilities. Butts Bridge is the demarcation line between the pond and the Quinebaug River.

Avery Pond, Preston

Size: 36 acres
Species: CP, LM, YP, BB, S 




Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Babcock Pond, Colchester

Size: 119 acres
Species: CP, LM, YP, BB, S   

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

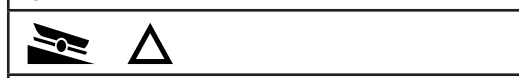
Ball Pond, New Fairfield

Size: 83 acres
Species: T, LM, YP, BB, S   

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Vessels with motors attached are prohibited. Includes electric motors.

Bantam Lake, Morris-Litchfield

Size: 947 acres
Species: NP, CP, LM, SM, CB, WP, YP, BB, S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Northern Pike: May 1 to November 30 the daily limit is 2 and minimum length is 26 inches. From December 1 to last day of February the daily limit is 1 and minimum length is 36 inches. From March 1 to April 30 **closed** to Northern Pike fishing. Motors are prohibited 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Use of internal combustion motors prohibited on the Bantam River between Bantam Lake and the inlet to Little Pond. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Barber Pond, Bloomfield

Size: 9 acres

Species: S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Boat and canoes prohibited except between May 16 and October 31. Use of all motors prohibited.

Bashan Lake, East Haddam

Size: 273 acres

Species: T, CP, SM, LM, CB YP, BB, S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily creel limit 6 bass; only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. 35 MPH speed limit days. 6 MPH limit 1/2 hour after sunset until 8:00 am.

Batterson Park Pond, Farmington

Size: 140 acres

Species: LM, YP, BB, S, WA, CC, CA, CB, WP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Trophy Common Carp Water: Daily creel limit 1. Maximum length 26 inches. All Common Carp over 26 inches must be released without avoidable injury. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Beach Pond, Voluntown / Rhode Island

Size: 372 acres

Species: CP, LM, YP, BB, S, K, WA, T, SM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Boundary Water: CT or RI fishing license legal on entire pond. Rhode Island regulations apply for bass and pickerel (as below). No more than 6 tip ups may be used while ice fishing. **Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth):** Daily creel limit 5 bass (in aggregate), 12 inch minimum length. **Chain Pickerel:** Daily creel limit 5, 14 inch minimum length. **All other species:** Connecticut statewide regulations apply.

Beachdale Pond, Voluntown

Size: 46 acres

Species: T, LM, BB, S, YP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. 5 MPH speed limit.

Beaver Brook Ponds (Bibbins Ponds), Windham

Size: 20 acres

Species: T, BB, S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Boat and canoes prohibited except between May 16 and October 31. Motors prohibited. Default regulations apply for all species.

Beaver Brook Lagoon, New Haven

Size: 20 acres

Species: T, BB, S, CC, CA, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Beseck Lake, Middlefield

Size: 116 acres

Species: YP, CB, BB, S, LM, NP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

8 MPH speed limit. Please refer to the CT DEEP Boater's Guide for summer exemption. Default regulations apply for all species.

Bigelow Pond, Union

Size: 25 acres

Species: T, YP, BB, S, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Default regulations apply for all species.

Billings Lake, North Stonington

Size: 97 acres

Species: YP, CB, S, LM, SM, T, CP




Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Birge Pond, Bristol


Size: 16 acres
Species: T, BB, S, CC, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.


Black Rock Park Pond, Watertown

Size: 10 acres
Species: LM, T, S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Park: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. All vessels prohibited. Default regulations apply for all other species.


Bishop Swamp (Jurovaty Pond), Andover

Size: 53 acres
Species: CB, BB, S, LM 

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules: Informal car-top launch. Use of all internal combustion engines prohibited. Default regulations apply for all species.

Bolton Lakes Upper, Middle, Lower Bolton-Vernon-Coventry


Size: 346 acres
Species: LM, S, CC, SM, YP, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. Motors limited to 6 horsepower.


Black Pond, Middlefield

Size: 76 acres
Species: YP, CB, S, LM, T, CP, CC



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species.


Bolton Notch Pond, Bolton

Size: 17 acres
Species: LM, S, YP, CP 

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules: Informal car-top launch. Default regulations apply for all species.


Black Pond, Woodstock

Size: 74 acres
Species: YP, CB, S, LM, SM, T, CP





Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Management Lake: From March 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, daily creel limit 1 trout, 14 inch minimum length. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 5 trout, not more than 1 of which, may be a brook trout that is 14 inches or greater. Motors limited to 5 horsepower. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Breakneck Pond, Union / Massachusetts

Size: 92 acres
Species: LM, S, CB, YP, CP 

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Boundary Water: CT or MA fishing license legal on entire pond. CT regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Motor vehicle access prohibited. Walk-in access approximately 1.2 miles from the north end of Bigelow Pond.

Broad Brook Millpond, East Windsor

Size: 19 acres
Species: LM, S, T, YP  

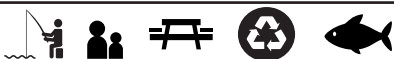
Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules: Default regulations apply for all species. Use of all motors prohibited.



Largemouth Bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)

Bunnells Pond (Beardsley Park Pond), Bridgeport

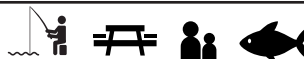
Size: 33 acres
Species: LM, S, T, CC



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Ice fishing prohibited. Fee may be required to access the park at certain times of the year.
Catfish: Daily creel limit 3. No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Center Springs Park Pond, Manchester

Size: 12 acres
Species: T, S, CC, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Chatfield Hollow Park Pond, See Schreeder Pond

Burr Pond, Torrington

Size: 33 acres
Species: LM, S, CC, CB, CP, YP, BB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Lake Chamberlain, Bethany

Size: 107 acres
Species: LM, S, CC, SM, YP, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. Shore fishing only. Ice fishing prohibited. Fishing by permit from the South Central Regional Water Authority. 203-562-4020.

Butternut Park Pond, See Rowans Pond

Candlewood Lake, New Milford- Danbury-Sherman-New Fairfield

Size: 5,064 acres
Species: LM, SM, WP, CB, T, S, CA, WC, BB, YP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Management Lake: From March 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, daily limit 1 trout, 16 inch minimum length. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, daily creel limit 5 trout, no minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species. 45 MPH daytime speed limit. 25 MPH speed limit from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.

Clarks Pond, Hamden

Size: 2 acres
Species: T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Boats and canoes are prohibited. Ice fishing prohibited. Pond is on South Central Regional Water Authority property. 203-562-4020.

Colebrook River Lake, Colebrook / Massachusetts

Size: 826 acres
Species: LM, S, RA, SM, YP, CP, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Boundary Water: CT or MA fishing license legal on entire lake from demarcation posters at inlet. CT regulations apply for all species. 20 MPH speed limit. The possession and use of any live Alewife, Blueback (glut or river) Herring, Gizzard, Hickory, or Threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. **Bass Management Lake:** Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Cedar Lake, Chester

Size: 69 acres
Species: LM, S, CP, YP, BB, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. 6 MPH speed limit.

**Colony Park Pond
(Abe Stone Park Pond), Ansonia**

Size: 4 acres
Species: T, S, CC, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.

**Compensating Reservoir,
See Lake McDonough**

**Congamond Lakes,
Suffield / Massachusetts**

Size: 465 acres
Species: LM, S, SM, YP, CP, T, WP, WC, BB, CA



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Boundary Water: CT or MA fishing license is legal on entire lake. 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 one ounce, and any lead jig (meaning any lead weighted hook) that weighs less than one ounce, is prohibited for use in all 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. **MA regulations apply as follows:** **Trout:** daily creel limit 3 in aggregate. **Bass:** daily creel limit 5 in aggregate, 12 inch minimum length. **Chain Pickerel:** daily creel limit 5, 15 inch minimum length.

**Coventry Lake
(Wangumbaug Lake), Coventry**

Size: 373 acres
Species: LM, S, SM, YP, CP, T, WA, WC, BB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. The possession and use of any live Alewife, Blueback (glut or river) Herring, Gizzard, Hickory, or Threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. 6 MPH speed limit from sunset to 1 hour after sunrise all days and on Sundays noon to 4:00 pm from May 15 to September 15 and noon to 2:00 pm on July 4. 40 MPH speed limit all other times.

Cream Hill Lake, Cornwall

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Ice fishing prohibited. No public access.

Crescent Lake, Southington

Size: 4 acres
Species: S, CB, CP, CC, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all species.

Crystal Lake, Ellington-Stafford

Size: 183 acres
Species: T, S, YP, CP, SM, LM, WP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Management Lake: From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, 12 inch to 16 inch protective slot limit. Daily limit 5 trout in aggregate, Only 1 may be 16 inches or greater. From March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, daily limit 1, 16 inch minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species. 6 MPH speed limit from sunset to 9:00 am and on Sundays from noon to 3:00 pm. 45 MPH speed limit all other times.

Crystal Lake, Middletown

Size: 32 acres
Species: S, LM, BB, YP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Day Pond, Colchester

Size: 7 acres
Species: S, LM, BB, YP, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Park: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. 2 fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. All vessels prohibited. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Dodge Pond, East Lyme


Size: 34 acres
Species: S, LM, BB, YP, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Use of all motors prohibited.

Dooley Pond, Middletown


Size: 19 acres
Species: LM, S, CP, YP, BB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Factory Pond (Town Grove Pond), Salisbury


Size: 2 acres
Species: LM, S, BB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Children's Fishing Area: Fishing is restricted to those under 16. Ice fishing is prohibited. Default regulations apply for all species.

Eagleville Lake, Mansfield-Coventry


Size: 77 acres
Species: LM, S, SM, YP, CP, BB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit. Brigham Road Bridge (Plains Road) is the demarcation line between the lake and the Willimantic River.

Farmill Reservoir (Isinglass Reservoir), Shelton

Size: 4 acres
Species: LM, S, BB




Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 Default regulations apply for all species. Permit required to fish, contact Aquarion Water Company at 203-452-3511. Ice fishing prohibited.

Eastbury Pond, See Angus Park Pond

Fisher Meadows Pond (Spring Lake), Avon


Size: 41 acres
Species: LM, S, BB, YP, CA



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 Default regulations apply for all species. Ice fishing prohibited.

East Twin Lake (Washing Lake), Salisbury

Size: 569 acres
Species: LM, S, SM, YP, CP, T, BB, K



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Management Lake: During the period from 6:00 a.m. on the second Saturday in April through the last day of February the daily creel limit for trout shall be five, not more than one of which may be a Brown Trout, and the minimum length for Brown Trout shall be 22 inches. During the period from March first through 6:00 a.m. on the second Saturday in April, inclusive, the daily creel limit for trout shall be one and the minimum length limit shall be 22 inches.

Not more than two tip-ups, bobbers or floats, similar devices or hand-held jiggings rods in any combination may be used at any one time when ice fishing.


Default regulations apply for all other species.

35 MPH daytime speed limit. 6 MPH from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour after sunrise. Also 6 MPH within 200 feet of vessel or dock.

The possession and use of any live Alewife, Blueback (glut or river) Herring, Gizzard, Hickory, or Threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

Freshwater Pond, Enfield


Size: 4 acres
Species: S, T, CC, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Gardner Lake, Salem-Montville-Bozrah

Size: 529 acres
Species: LM, SM, T, YP, CA, WA, WC, CC, CB, S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: Daily creel limit 2 bass, 16 inch minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species. 6 MPH speed limit from sunset to 8:00 am.



Brown Bullhead (*Ameiurus nebulosus*)

Gay City Pond, Hebron

Size: 5 acres

Species: S, LM, BB, YP, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. All vessels prohibited.

Goodwin Park Pond, Hartford

Size: 4 acres

Species: S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
No fishing allowed from the golf course grounds. Default regulations apply for all species.

Gorton Pond, East Lyme

Size: 52 acres

Species: LM, S, CB, YP, BB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Gould Manor Pond, Fairfield

Size: 2 acres

Species: S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Children's Fishing Area: Fishing is restricted to those under 16. Default regulations apply for all species.

Great Hill Pond, Portland

Size: 76 acres

Species: LM, S, BB, YP, CP, CB, WC



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Informal car-top/carry in access only. Motors limited to 6 HP or less. 12 MPH speed limit.

Great Hollow Pond, Monroe

Size: 15 acres

Species: S, LM, BB, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Park: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. 2 fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Ice fishing is prohibited. Proof of a fishing license may be required to enter Wolfe Park during some time of the year. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Green Falls Reservoir, Voluntown

Size: 48 acres

Species: S, LM, BB, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Griggs Pond, Woodstock

Size: 38 acres

Species: S, LM, BB, YP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Access is walk in from Route 198.

Halls Pond, Eastford-Ashford

Size: 82 acres

Species: LM, S, YP, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Hallville Pond (Indiantown Brook), Preston

Size: 10 acres

Species: LM, S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Informal car-top/carry in access only. Motors limited to 6 HP or less. 12 MPH speed limit.

Caught a Big One?

1. Check the trophy fish or state record criteria on our web page at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/General-Information/Trophy-Fish-Award-Program>
2. Submit your catch through the online portal.
3. Print your custom certificate

Hamilton Reservoir, Union / Massachusetts

Size: 412 acres

Species: LM, S, SM, YP, CP, T, CB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Boundary Water: CT or MA fishing license is legal on entire lake. 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 one ounce, and any lead jig (meaning any lead weighted hook) that weighs less than one ounce, is prohibited for use in all 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. **MA regulations apply as follows:** **Trout:** daily creel limit 3 in aggregate. **Bass:** daily creel limit 5 in aggregate, 12 inch minimum length. **Chain Pickerel:** daily creel limit 5, 15 inch minimum length.

Hatch Pond, Kent

Size: 72 acres

Species: LM, S, CB, YP, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Lake Hayward (Shaw Lake), East Haddam

Size: 82 acres

Species: LM, S, YP, CP, CB, BB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited

Hampton Reservoir, Hampton/Eastford

Size: 88 acres

Species: S, LM, BB, YP, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Hazard Pond, Voluntown / Rhode Island

Size: 15 acres

Species: LM, S, YP, T

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Boundary Water: CT or RI fishing license is legal on entire lake. RI regulations apply as follows. **Bass** (Largemouth and Smallmouth): Daily creel limit 5 (in aggregate), 12 inch minimum length. **Chain Pickerel:** Daily creel limit 5, 14 inch minimum length. **Trout:** 8 inch minimum length. Daily creel limit 5 from second Saturday in April until November 30. Daily creel limit 2 from December 1 until the last day of February. No more than 6 tip ups per angler when ice fishing.

Hancock Brook Lake, Plymouth

Size: 20 acres

Species: S, LM, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Open 8:00 am to sunset (but no later than 8:00 pm). Walk-in access only after Labor Day weekend until Memorial Day weekend. Access courtesy of the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Helen Keller School Pond, Easton

Size: 1 acre

Species: S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Children's Fishing Area: Fishing is restricted to those under 16. Ice fishing is prohibited. Default regulations apply for all species.

Hanover Pond, Meriden

Size: 70 acres

Species: S, LM, CA



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Steerage speed only. Town operated launch.

Hewitt Fly Pond (Gallup Pond), North Stonington

Size: 2 acres

Species: S, LM, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Fly fishing only. Default regulations apply for all species. All vessels prohibited.

Hanover Reservoir, Canterbury-Sprague

Size: 21 acres

Species: S, LM, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Access is walk-in only off of Little River Road, Canterbury.

Hewitt Pond (Lower Hewitt Pond), North Stonington

Size: 2 acres
Species: S, LM, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Operation of vessels with motors prohibited, except electric motors are allowed.

Higganum Reservoir, Haddam

Size: 31 acres
Species: S, LM, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Public right of way is passable for cars. 8 MPH speed limit.

Highland Lake, Winchester

Size: 445 acres
Species: S, LM, T, CP, YP, SM, WP, CB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: Daily creel limit 2 bass in aggregate, 16 inch minimum length. **Trout Management Lake:** from 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, 12 inch to 16 inch protective slot limit. Daily limit 5 trout in aggregate, only 1 may be 16 inch or greater. From March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, daily limit 1, 16 inch minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species. 6 MPH speed limit from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise and from 5:00 pm on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. 45 MPH speed limit on weekends and holidays.

Hodge Pond, Voluntown

Size: 10 acres
Species: LM, S, YP, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Public right-of-way, carry in access only.

Hogback Reservoir, See West Branch Reservoir

Holbrook Pond, Hebron

Size: 83 acres
Species: LM, S, CB, YP, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Hop Brook Lake, Middlebury

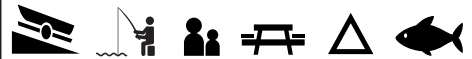
Size: 26 acres
Species: S, LM, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Open 8:00 am to sunset (but no later than 8:00 pm). Walk-in access only after Labor Day weekend until Memorial Day weekend. Only electric motors are allowed. Ice fishing prohibited. Access courtesy of the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Hopeville Pond, Griswold

Size: 137 acres
Species: LM, S, CB, YP, BB, CP, WC, CC, NP, T, WP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit. State operated launch is open from the second Saturday of April until early October.

Hopewell Lake, See Huntington Pond

Horse Pond, Salem

Size: 13 acres
Species: S, LM, BB, YP, CP, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.



Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*)

Lake Housatonic, Shelton-Derby-Monroe

Size: 328 acres
Species: LM, SM, CB, YP, BB, CP, WC, CC, NP, T, WP, CA, S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: Daily creel limit 2 bass in aggregate, 16 inch minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species. From the Stevenson Dam to the Derby Dam. Boat launch at Indian Well State Park, opens for daytime (8:00 am to sunset) use on April 1. Park officially closes on September 30th. Boating and Fishing access may continue past this date. Contact Park Manager at 203-735-4311 for fall boating and fishing access. Minimum steering speed within 25 feet of shore or dock. 45 MPH speed limit daytime, 25 MPH from 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise.

Howells Pond, Hartland

Size: 14 acres
Species: S, LM, BB, YP, CP, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 Default regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Huntington Park Pond (Starret Pond/ Hopewell Lake), Redding

Size: 15 acres
Species: S, LM, BB, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 Default regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Indian Pond, Sharon/New York

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Size: 196 acres Species: LM, CP, S, BB, YP | No Public Access |
|---|-------------------------|

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 No public access. **Boundary Water:** CT or NY fishing license legal on entire lake. NY regulations apply for taking bass as follows: Season opens 6:00 am second Saturday of April and closes November 30. Daily limit of 6 bass minimum length 12 inches. Not more than 5 tip ups and 2 handheld jigging rods allowed when ice fishing.

Isinglass Reservoir, See Farmill Reservoir

Kaatz Pond, Trumbull

Size: 2 acres
Species: S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Children's Fishing Area: Fishing is restricted to those under 16. Ice fishing is prohibited. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Keach Pond, See Peck Pond

Keney Park Pond, Hartford

Size: 3 acres
Species: S, T, CC, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Lake Kenosia, Danbury

Size: 60 acres
Species: LM, S, YP, CC, BB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Killingly Pond, Killingly / Rhode Island

Size: 122 acres
Species: LM, SM, S, YP, T, CP

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Boundary Water: CT or RI fishing license is legal on entire lake. RI regulations apply as follows. **Bass** (Largemouth and Smallmouth): Daily creel limit 5 (in aggregate), 12 inch minimum length. **Chain Pickerel:** Daily creel limit 5, 14 inch minimum length. **Trout:** 8 inch minimum length. Daily creel limit 5 from second Saturday in April until November 30. Daily creel limit 2 from December 1 until the last day of February. No more than 6 tip ups per angler when ice fishing. Motors are limited to 12 cubic inches (approximately 10 HP).

Lake of Isles, North Stonington

Size: 89 acres

Species: LM, S, CB, YP, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Lakeville Lake, See Wononskopomuc Lake

Lakewood Lake (Great Brook Reservoir), Waterbury

Size: 73 acres

Species: S, CC, LM, YP, WP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Lake Lillinonah, Brookfield-Bridgewater-Southbury

Size: 328 acres

Species: LM, SM, CB, YP, BB, CP, WC, CC, NP, T, WP, CA, S, NP, TM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Northern Pike AND Tiger Muskie: Daily creel limit 1 of either species (not both), 38 inch minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species. From Bleachery Dam to the Shepaug Dam; 45 MPH speed limit daytime, 25 MPH from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.

Little Pond, Litchfield

Size: 15 acres

Species: S, LM, YP, WP, NP, BB

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Northern Pike: May 1 to November 30 the daily creel limit is 2 and minimum length is 26 inches. From December 1 to last day of February the daily limit is 1 and minimum length is 36 inches. From March 1 to April 30 **closed** to Northern Pike fishing. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Long Pond, Ledyard-North Stonington

Size: 109 acres

Species: S, LM, YP, T, WA, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Trout Management Lake: From March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, Daily creel limit 1; 16 inch minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species. 5 MPH speed limit.

Mad River Flood Control, Winchester

Size: 8 acres

Species: S, LM, BB, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. All vessels prohibited.

Malones Pond (Pine Lake), Bristol

Size: 18 acres

Species: S, LM, C, YP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Ice fishing is prohibited. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Maltby Lakes (1,2,3), West Haven

Size: 19-23-25 acres

Species: LM, S, YP, CC, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. Shore fishing only. Fishing by permit from the South Central CT Regional Water Authority (203) 562-4020. Ice fishing prohibited.

Mamasco Lake, Ridgefield

Size: 89 acres

Species: LM, S, YP, CB, BB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Manitook Lake, Granby

Size: 57 acres

Species: S, LM, YP, BB

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. 5 MPH speed limit in restricted areas. Use of motors in excess of 7.5 HP prohibited on Saturdays. Ice fishing is permitted on Saturday and Sunday only.

Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Mansfield

Size: 460 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, CB, BB, NP, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Mashapaug Lake, Union

Size: 287 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, CB, BB, WA, CP, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. 10 MPH speed limit.

Lake McDonough, (Compensating Reservoir), Barkhamsted-New Hartford

Size: 391 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, CB, BB, SM, CP, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. 10 MPH speed limit. Boat launch owned and operated by MDC who charges parking and launch fees. Check the MDC web page or call 860-379-3036 for dates and hours of operation. Shore-based fishing allowed from sunrise to 9:00 pm along Route 219 year-round (when there is open water) where indicated by signage. Ice fishing prohibited.

McGovern Park Pond, West Hartford

Size: 1 acre

Species: S, LM, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Trout Park: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Messerschmidt Pond, Westbrook-Essex

Size: 73 acres

Species: S, LM, BB, CP, YP, CB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Operation of vessels with motors prohibited, except electric motors are allowed.

Mill Pond, Newington

Size: 3 acres

Species: S, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Children's Fishing Area: Fishing is restricted to those under 16. Ice fishing is prohibited. Default regulations apply for all species.

Millers Pond, Durham

Size: 33 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, BB, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Carry in boat access (300 yards).

Mirror Lake (Hubbard Park Pond), Meriden

Size: 8 acres

Species: S, CC, T, CA



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Ice fishing is prohibited. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Mitchell Pond, East Haddam

Size: 4 acres

Species: S, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Boats and canoes are prohibited.

Mohawk Pond, Cornwall-Goshen

Size: 16 acres

Species: YP, CB, S, LM, SM, T, CP



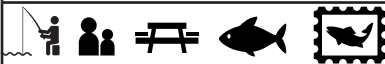
Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Trout Management Lake: From March 1 until 6:00 am second Saturday of April, daily limit 1 trout, 14 inch minimum length. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily limit 5 trout, not more than 1 of which, shall be a Brook Trout that is 14 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. Use of all motors prohibited.

Mohegan Park Pond (Spaulding Pond), Norwich

Size: 14 acres

Species: S, LM, T, CC



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Bass Management Lake: Daily limit 2 bass 16 inch minimum length. **Catfish:** Daily limit 3 catfish, no minimum length. **Trout Park:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Default regulations apply for all other species. Ice fishing prohibited per town ordinance.

Mono Pond, Columbia

Size: 113 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Moodus Reservoir, East Haddam

Size: 486 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, CB, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 18 inch protective slot. Daily limit 6 bass, only 1 may be 18 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. 35 MPH speed limit days, 6 MPH speed limit from 1/2 hour after sunset until 8:00 am.

Morey Pond, Union-Ashford

Size: 45 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Mount Tom Pond, Washington-Morris-Litchfield

Size: 56 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, BB, T, AS, WA, CB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Atlantic salmon: Daily limit 1. No minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to keep salmon. Default regulations apply for all other species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Muddy Pond, Woodstock / Massachusetts

Size: 38 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, BB, T

No Public Access

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. CT or MA fishing license valid on entire pond. CT regulations apply. 5 HP limit.

Mudge Pond (Silver Lake), Sharon

Size: 207 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, CB, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 18 inch protective slot. Daily limit 6 bass, only 1 may be 18 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. Motors limited to 7.5 HP. 6 MPH speed limit. Use of motors prohibited from 1/2 hour after sunset until sunrise and at any time within 200 feet of the town beach.

Naubesatuck Lake, See Mansfield Hollow Reservoir

North Farms Reservoir, Wallingford

Size: 64 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Northfield Brook Lake, Litchfield

Size: 8 acres

Species: S, LM, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Walk-in access only after Columbus Day until the second Saturday of April. Open 8:00 am until sunset. Access courtesy of the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Northfield Cutlery Company Pond, Litchfield

Size: 5 acres
Species: S, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Public right of way passable for cars.

Norwich Pond, Lyme

Size: 30 acres
Species: S, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Operation of motor boats prohibited.

Papermill Pond, See Southford Falls Pond

Park Pond, Winchester

Size: 75 acres
Species: LM, S,YP, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Pasture Pond, Plainfield

Size: 1 acre
Species: T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Park: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Pattaconk Lake (Russel Jennings Pond), Chester

Size: 56 acres
Species: S, LM, BB, T, YP, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Carry in boat access (75 yards). 8 MPH speed limit. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited during July and August.

Pattagansett Lake, East Lyme

Size: 128 acres
Species: LM, S,YP, CC, CB, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 18 inch protective slot. Daily limit 6 bass, only 1 may be 18 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. 8 MPH speed limit. See CT DEEP Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

Peck Pond (Keach Pond), Thompson / Rhode Island

Size: 14 acres

Species: LM, SM, CP, CB, BB, S, YP, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Boundary Water: CT or RI fishing license is legal on entire lake. RI regulations apply as follows. **Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth):** Daily creel limit 5 (in aggregate), 12 inch minimum length. **Chain Pickerel:** Daily creel limit 5, 14 inch minimum length. **Trout:** 8 inch minimum length. Daily creel limit 5 from second Saturday in April until November 30. Daily creel limit 2 from December 1 until the last day of February. No more than 6 tip ups per angler when ice fishing.

Perry Pond, Thompson / Massachusetts

Size: 4 acres
Species: LM, S,YP, BB, CP

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
CT or MA fishing license valid on entire pond. CT regulations apply for all species.

Pickrel Lake, Colchester-East Hampton

Size: 82 acres
Species: LM, S,YP, CB, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: 12 inch to 16 inch protected slot limit. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. 8 MPH speed limit. See DEEP Boater's Guide for summer exemption.


Picketts Pond, Derby

Size: 9 acres
Species: S, CC, T, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Pierrepoint Pond, Ridgefield

Size: 38 acres
Species: S, LM, BB 




Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 Default regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Pine Lake, Shelton

Size: 7 acres
Species: S, LM, BB

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 Default regulations apply for all species. Ice fishing prohibited.

Pine Acres Lake, Hampton

Size: 190 acres
Species: S, LM, BB, CP, YP   

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 Default regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.


Lake Pocotopaug, East Hampton

Size: 502 acres
Species: S, LM, BB, CP, YP, WA, CB, WP, SM

No Public Access

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 No public access. **Walleye:** Daily creel limit 2, 20 inch minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species. The possession and use of any live Alewife, Blueback (glut or river) Herring, Gizzard, Hickory, or Threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.





Powers Lake, East Lyme

Size: 144 acres
Species: LM, S,YP, BB, CP 

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Quaddick Reservoir, Thompson

Size: 408 acres
Species: LM, S,YP, BB, CP, CB

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 Default regulations apply for all species. Launch open 8:00 am until sunset from April 13 through the last weekend before October 31.

Lake Quassapaug, Middlebury-Woodbury




Size: 297 acres
Species: LM, S,YP, BB, CP, CB

No Public Access

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout: Daily limit 1, 18 inch minimum length. **Bass:** Daily limit 1 (in aggregate), 18 inch minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species. Ice fishing prohibited. 6 MPH speed limit, except 25 MPH from Tuesday after Labor Day to 3rd Saturday of April. Use of motors prohibited 11:00 pm to 6:00 am.

Quinebaug Lake (Wauregan Reservoir), Killingly





Size: 88 acres
Species: LM, SM, S,YP, CB, BB, CP, CC, T

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: Daily creel limit 2 bass, 16 inch minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.


Quonnipaug Lake, Guilford

Size: 99 acres
Species: YP, CB, S, LM, SM, T, CP, CC

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Management Lake: From March 1 until 6:00 am second Saturday of April, daily limit 1 trout, 16 inch minimum length. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 5. Default regulations apply for all other species. Motors limited to 6 HP. Operation of motorboats prohibited from 9:00 pm to 6:00 am. Ice fishing is prohibited.

Rainbow Reservoir, Windsor Locks-Windsor

Size: 240 acres
Species: LM, SM, S,YP, CB, BB, CP, WP 

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 Default regulations apply for all species. 35 MPH speed limit. Upper boundary of the reservoir is the Route 187 bridge.

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING - CALL 860-424-3333.
 CT DEEP Law Enforcement Dispatch is open 24/7 365 days.**

Red Cedar Lake, Lebanon

Size: 127 acres

Species: LM, S, YP, BB, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Informal car-top launch only, not maintained.

Rogers Lake, Lyme

Size: 260 acres

Species: YP, CB, S, LM, SM, T, CP, CC



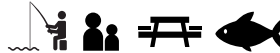
Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Trout Management Lake: From March 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, daily limit 1 trout, 16 inch minimum length. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 5. Default regulations apply for all other species. Motors limited to 135 HP. 6 MPH speed limit sunset to 10:00 am. See CT DEEP Boater's Guide for additional regulations.

Rogers Park Pond, Danbury

Size: 2 acres

Species: S, CC, T, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Roseland Lake, Woodstock

Size: 96 acres

Species: YP, CB, S, LM, T, CP, CA



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Access courtesy of Roseland Park. Open sunrise to sunset (closed Thanksgiving and Christmas), unimproved boat launch and fishing dock. Visit Roseland Park web page for additional information about the park.

Ross Pond, Killingly

Size: 31 acres

Species: S, LM, BB, CP



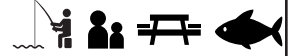
Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Rowans Pond (Butternut Park Pond), Middletown

Size: 3 acres

Species: S, CC, T, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Saint Martha's Pond, Enfield

Size: 31 acres

Species: S, LM, BB, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Access courtesy of the property owner fishing is allowed April 1 until August 31.

Lake Saltonstall, East Haven-Branford

Size: 422 acres

Species: YP, CB, S, LM, T, CC, WA
SM, WP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Bass Management Lake: Daily limit 1 bass, 18 inch minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species. Use of live bait prohibited. Fishing by permit from South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority 203-401-2654. Boat rental available. No outside vessels allowed. Ice fishing prohibited.

Saugatuck Reservoir, Easton-Redding-Weston

Size: 827 acres

Species: YP, CB, S, LM, SM, T, WA



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Permit required to fish from Aquarion Water Company 203-452-3511. Fishing permitted from west shoreline only. Boating, wading, or flotation devices are prohibited. The possession and use of any live Alewife, Blueback (glut or river) Herring, Gizzard, Hickory, or Threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. Ice fishing prohibited.

Savin Lake, Lebanon

Size: 49 acres

Species: S, LM, BB, CP, YP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING - CALL 860-424-3333.
CT DEEP Law Enforcement Dispatch is open 24/7 365 days.**

Shreeder Pond (Chatfield Hollow Park Pond), Killingworth

Size: 4 acre

Species: S, LM, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Trout Park: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Default regulations apply for all other species. Walk-in access only during the off season.

Scoville Reservoir (Woodtick Reservoir), Wolcott

Size: 121 acres

Species: YP, CB, S, LM, T, CP, CC



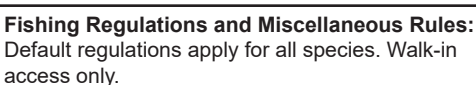
Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Shore fishing is allowed within designated fishing areas. Fishing within the conservation zone is prohibited. Operation of vessels prohibited from sunset to sunrise. Use or possession of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Seymour Reservoirs (1-2-3-4), Seymour

Size: 5-35-12-37 acres

Species: YP, CB, S, LM, CP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Walk-in access only.

Shaw Lake, See Lake Hayward

Shelton Reservoir 2, See Pine Lake

Shenipsit Lake, Ellington-Tolland-Vernon

Size: 532 acres

Species: YP, CB, S, LM, T, CP, CC, CA, WP, SM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Use of boats restricted to those stored on site. Contact the Shenipsit Lake boat storage facility 860-875-1850 for additional information. The possession and use of any live Alewife, Blueback (glut or river) Herring, Gizzard, Hickory, or Threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. Ice fishing prohibited.

Silver Lake, Berlin

Size: 146 acres

Species: LM, S, YP, BB, CP, CC, CB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit. See CT DEEP Boater's Guide for exemptions.

Sochrin Pond, Seymour

Size: 3 acres

Species: S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Children's Fishing Area: Fishing is restricted to those under 16. Ice fishing is prohibited. Default regulations apply for all species.

Somersville Mill Pond, Somers

Size: 41 acres

Species: LM, S, YP, BB, CP, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. 6 MPH speed limit. Unimproved town launch.

Southford Falls Pond (Papermill Pond), Oxford-Southbury

Size: 3 acres

Species: S, LM, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Trout Park: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Default regulations apply for all other species. Walk-in access only during the off season.

South Spectacle Pond, Kent

Size: 85 acres

Species: LM, S, YP, BB, CP, CB

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Walk-in access only. Public right of way is NOT passable for cars.

Spaulding Pond, See Mohegan Park Pond

Squantz Pond, New Fairfield-Sherman

Size: 270 acres
Species: YP, CB, S, LM, T, CP, CC, CA, WP, SM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Management Lake: From March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, daily limit 1; 16 inch minimum length. **Trophy Carp Water:** Daily limit 1, 26 inch **maximum** length. All Common Carp over 26 inches must be released without avoidable injury. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Motors on boats launched from Squantz Pond State Park are limited to 25 HP. 45 MPH daytime speed limit, 25 MPH from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise. Fishing from shore prohibited behind fence along the shoreline within the State Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Stanley Quarter Park Pond, New Britain

Size: 7 acres
Species: S, CC, T, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Starret Pond, See Huntington Pond

Stillwater Pond, Torrington

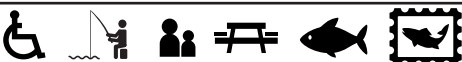
Size: 94 acres
Species: S, LM, BB, CP, YP, CC, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.


Stratton Brook Park Pond, Simsbury

Size: 2 acres
Species: S, LM, T




Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Park: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Default regulations apply for all other species. Walk-in access only during the off season.

Taftville Reservoir, Norwich

Size: 25 acres
Species: S, LM, BB 

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Access through Raymond Ouellet Park. **Bass Management Lake:** Daily limit 2 bass only 2 bass, 16 inch minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Tetraul Pond, Killingly

Size: 39 acres
Species: LM, S, YP, BB, CP 

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Twin Brooks Park Pond, Trumbull

Size: 4 acres
Species: S, T    

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Ice fishing prohibited by town ordinance. *NOTE: A permit maybe required to access the park. This pass may be acquired free by anglers wishing to fish the waters by visiting the Trumbull Parks and Recreation Department.*

Uncas Lake (Hog Pond), Lyme

Size: 69 acres
Species: LM, S, YP, BB, CP, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Operation of motorboats prohibited.

Valley Falls Pond, Vernon

Size: 4 acres
Species: S, LM, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Park: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Walkers Reservoir (East), Vernon

Size: 5 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, BB, CP, T



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. All vessels prohibited.

Wangumbaug Lake, See Coventry Lake

Lake Waramaug, Kent-Warren-Washington

Size: 656 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, BB, CP, T, WC, SM, CB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Carry in access in Lake Waramaug State Park. Boating access is also available to the public at the town boat launch in Washington (fee and inspection required). Boats and trailers failing inspection for aquatic invasive species will not be allowed to use the launch. Days and hours vary seasonally, contact the Washington Parks and Recreation Department at 860-868-1519 for more information.

Warner Pond (Kazan's Pond), Newtown

Size: 12 acres

Species: LM, S,YP, BB



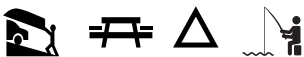
Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. Walk-in access only.

Wauregan Reservoir, See Quinebaug Lake

West Branch Reservoir (Hogback), Colebrook-Hartland

Size: 201 acres

Species: S, T, LM, RA, YP, SM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all species. The possession and use of any live Alewife, Blueback (glut or river) Herring, Gizzard, Hickory, or Threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

West Hill Pond, Barkhamsted-New Hartford

Size: 261 acres

Species: S, T, LM, RA, YP, SM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Trout Management Lake: From March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, Daily limit 1; 16 inch minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species. The possession and use of any live Alewife, Blueback (glut or river) Herring, Gizzard, Hickory, or Threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

15 MPH speed limit except 6 MPH between sunset and sunrise. 8 HP motor limit from Memorial Day through September 15.

West Pequonnock Reservoir, Monroe

Size: 2 acres

Species: S, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Default regulations apply for all other species. Permit required to fish contact Aquarion Water Company at 203-452-3511. Ice fishing prohibited.

West Side Pond, Goshen

Size: 42 acres

Species: S, T, LM, BB, YP

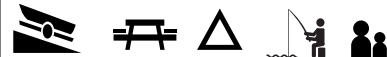


Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Bass Management Lake: 12 inch to 16 inch protective slot. Daily limit 6 bass, only 2 bass may be 16 inches or greater. Default regulations apply for all other species. 8 MPH speed limit. See CT DEEP Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

West Thompson Lake, Thompson

Size: 239 acres

Species: S, LM, BB, YP, CB, CA, WP, SM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
Common Carp: When fishing with bow and arrow; Daily Creel limit of 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30 inches. Default regulations apply for all other species.

West Twin Lake (Washinee Lake), Salisbury

Size: 290 acres

Species: S, LM, BB, YP, CB, CP

Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. 35 MPH daytime speed limit except 6 MPH from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour after sunrise and when within 200 feet of any vessel or dock. The possession and use of any live Alewife, Blueback (glut or river) Herring, Gizzard, Hickory, or Threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

Wharton Pond (Allen Brook Pond), Wallingford-North Haven

Size: 5 acres

Species: S, LM, T, CC



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Trout Park: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Williams Pond (Lake Williams), Lebanon

Size: 7 acres

Species: LM, S, YP, BB, CP, CB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. Informal car-top access from dam on Route 207.

Winchester Lake, Winchester

Size: 246 acres

Species: LM, S, YP, BB, CP, CB, NP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. 8 MPH speed limit.

Lake Winnemau, Watertown

Size: 113 acres

Species: LM, S, YP, BB, CP, CB, WP



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Default regulations apply for all species. 7 MPH speed limit. Vessels with internal combustion engines attached prohibited.

Lake Wintergreen, Hamden

Size: 44 acres

Species: S, CC, T, LM



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Catfish: Daily limit 3, No minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Lake Wononskopomuc (Lakeville Lake), Salisbury

Size: 348 acres

Species: LM, S, YP, BB, CP, CB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Bass Management Lake: 12 inch to 16 inch protective slot. Daily limit 6 bass only 2 bass may be 16 inches or greater. **Trout Management Lake:** During the period from 6:00 a.m. on the second Saturday in April through the last day of February the daily creel limit for trout shall be 5, not more than 1 of which may be a Brown Trout, and the minimum length for Brown Trout shall be 22 inches. During the period from March first through 6:00 a.m. on the second Saturday in April, inclusive, the daily creel limit for trout shall be 1 and the minimum length limit shall be 22 inches. Default regulations apply for all other species.

Not more than 2 tip-ups, bobbers or floats, similar devices or hand-held jigging rods in any combination may be used at any one time when ice fishing.

Per the Town of Salisbury, boating is limited to use of town rentals only, no external vessels are allowed. Call 860-435-5185 for current info.

Open daily from 7:00 am to 8:00 PM from second Saturday in April through Labor Day. From Labor Day through October 31 launch open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm weekdays and from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon weekends. Motors restricted to 112 cubic inches (approximately 10 HP).

The possession and use of any live Alewife, Blueback (glut or river) Herring, Gizzard, Hickory, or Threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

Wyassup Lake, North Stonington

Size: 99 acres

Species: S, T, LM, SM, CP, BB



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:

Bass Management Lake: Daily limit 2 bass, 16 inch minimum length. Default regulations apply for all other species. 8 MPH speed limit, see CT DEEP Boaters Guide for summer exemption.

**Lake Zoar,
Oxford-Monroe-NewtownSouthbury**

Size: 909 acres
Species: LM, SM, YP, BB, CP, CB, WP, CA, WC, WA, S



Fishing Regulations and Miscellaneous Rules:
 Default regulations apply for all species. 45 MPH daytime speed limit, 25 MPH from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.



Black Crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*)

Rivers and Streams

This section of the fishing guide provides information about fishing regulations for many rivers and streams, portions of which, have public access. There may be additional waters located in municipal parks, on land trust property, or other properties accessible to the public that are not listed here. Please be sure to note any signage on site indicating allowable use, access, or other rules. Always request permission prior to fishing on private property.

Rivers/Streams that Follow Default (Statewide) Fishing Regulations

Bold indicates portions are stocked with trout by CT DEEP

A [trout and salmon stamp](#) is required to keep trout or salmon.

Aspetuck River, Easton-Weston
Bartlett Brook, Lebanon
 Beaver Brook, Barkhamsted
Beaver Brook, Franklin-Sprague
Bible Rock Brook, Haddam
Bigelow Brook, Eastford-Union
Blackwell Brook, Brooklyn
 Bladens River, Woodbridge-Seymour
Branford River, Branford
Broad Brook, Ellington
Bungee Brook, Woodstock
Butternut Brook, Litchfield
Byram River, Greenwich
 Candlewood Hill Brook, Haddam
 Cedar Swamp Brook, Stafford
 Cedar Swamp Brook, Sterling
Choate Brook, Preston
 Copsps Brook, Stonington
 Delphi Brook, Stafford
 Denison Brook, Voluntown
East Swamp Brook, Bethel
 Exeter Brook, Lebanon
Falls River, Essex-Westbrook
Farmill River, Monroe-Stratford
Fivemile River, Thompson-Killingly
 Flat Brook, East Hampton
French River, Thompson
 Freshwater Brook, Enfield
Furnace Brook, Stafford
 Gillette Brook, Somers
Green Falls River, N. Stonington-Voluntown
 Gulf Stream, Somers
 Haleys Brook, Groton
Hall Meadow Brook, Goshen-Torrington
Hop Brook, Middlebury-Waterbury
Hop River, Bolton-Coventry
Hunts Brook, Montville-Watertown
Indiantown Brook, Ledyard-Preston

Joe Clark Brook, Ledyard
Kettletown Brook, Southbury
Kitt Brook, Canterbury
 Laurel Brook, Middletown
Leadmine Brook, Harwinton
Little River, Canterbury-Hampton
 Lowden Brook, Voluntown
 Mary Brown Brook, Putnam
Mashamoquet Brook, Pomfret
Middle River, Stafford
 Mill Brook, Cornwall
Mill Brook, Woodstock
 Mine Brook, Portland
Morrissey Brook, Sherman
Mount Hope River, Ashford-Mansfield
Mount Misery Brook, Voluntown
Muddy River, North Haven
Myron Kinnie Brook, Voluntown
Nepaug River, New Hartford
Nonewaug River, Woodbury
Northfield Brook, Litchfield-Thomaston
Oxoboxo Brook, Montville
Pachaug River, Voluntown
 Parmalee Brook, Durham
Pattaconk Brook, Chester
Pond Brook, Newtown
Ponset Brook, Haddam
 Poquetanuck Brook, Preston
Quanduck Brook, Killingly-Sterling
Quinebaug River, Putnam-Norwich
Reservoir Brook, Portland
Rippowam River, Stamford
Roaring Brook, Haddam
West Branch Saugatuck River, Weston-Westport
Sawmill Brook, Sherman
Scantic River, East Windsor-Enfield-Somers
 Seth Williams Brook, Ledyard


Shepaug River, Roxbury
 Shewville Brook, Preston
 Skungamaug River, Coventry
 Snake Meadow Brook, Plainfield-Sterling
 Sprain Brook, Woodbury
 Still River, Eastford-Woodstock
 Still River, Danbury
 Stony Brook, Suffield
 Sugar Brook, Plainfield
 Sumner Brook, Middletown
 Susquetonscut Brook, Bozrah-Lebanon

Taylor Brook, Woodstock
 Tenmile River, Cheshire
 Tenmile River, Lebanon-Columbia
 Wappoquia Brook, Pomfret
 Weekepeemee River, Woodbury
 Wepawaug River, Orange-Milford
 West River, Guilford
 Whetsone Brook, Killingly
 Whiting River, North Canaan
 Willow Brook, Cheshire
 Wyassup Brook, North Stonington














Summary of Fisheries Management Categories and Associated Waters

The Fisheries Division makes use of a variety of tools to optimize some of the more popular game fish species. These tools (regulations) can be daily creel limits, minimum or maximum size limits, or limits on the type of gear that can be used. These regulations can, and do, vary by waterbody. This section of the fishing guide details waters that have special fishing regulations.








| MANAGEMENT/REGULATIONS | WATERS OR PORTIONS OF WITH SPECIAL REGULATIONS |
|---|--|
| <u>Trout Management Areas (TMA)</u> | |
| Year-round catch and release fishing only: * Indicates some or all of the TMA is limited to fly fishing gear only. A trout and salmon stamp is required to fish in these waters. | Coppermine Brook, Farmington River, Hockanum River, Housatonic River*, Mill River (Fairfield), Moosup River*, Naugatuck River, Pequabuck River, Tenmile River (Kent), Willimantic River* |
| Seasonal Harvest: Catch and release fishing only from September 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. Harvest allowed from 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until August 31. A trout and salmon stamp is required to fish in these waters. * Indicates some or all of the TMA is limited to fly fishing gear only. | Farmington River, Hammonasset River, Mianus River, Mill River (Hamden), Salmon River*, Saugatuck River*, Yantic River* |
| <u>Wild Trout Management Areas (WTMA)</u> | |
| Class 1: Year-round catch and release fishing only and requires the use of a single barbless hook on an artificial lure or fly. A trout and salmon stamp is required to fish in these waters. | Beaver Brook (Scotland), Deep Brook, Eightmile River (Southington), Freeman Hill Brook, Hawleys Brook, Macedonia Brook, Merrick Brook, Mill River (Fairfield), Pootatuck River, Quinnipiac River, Tankerhoosen River, Wachocastinook Brook. |
| Class 2: Daily limit of 2 trout with minimum length of 12 inches. Harvest is allowed from 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Catch and release only March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. A trout and salmon stamp is required to fish in these waters. | Furnace Brook (Cornwall), Salmon Brook (Glastonbury) |
| Class 3: Daily limit of 5 trout with minimum length of 9 inches. Harvest is allowed from 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Catch and release only March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. A trout and salmon stamp is required to fish in these waters. | Beacon Hill Brook, Blackberry River, East Aspetuck River, East Branch Naugatuck River, Farm River, Fenton River, Little River (Oxford), Macedonia Brook, Morgan Brook, Norwalk River, Pease Brook, Roaring Brook (Glastonbury), Roaring Brook (Willington), Salmon Brook (Granby), Shunock River, Stony Brook (Montville). |
| <u>Trout Parks:</u> Daily limit of 2 trout with no minimum length. Harvest is allowed from 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Catch and release only March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. A trout and salmon stamp is required to fish in these waters. | Branch Brook, Chatfield Hollow Brook, Eightmile Brook (Oxford), Kent Falls Brook, Natchaug River, Stratton Brook |

| MANAGEMENT/REGULATIONS | WATERS OR PORTIONS OF WITH SPECIAL REGULATIONS |
|---|---|
| <p>Trophy Trout Areas: Daily limit of 2 trout with no minimum length. Harvest is allowed from 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Catch and release only March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. A trout and salmon stamp is required to keep trout or salmon.</p> | <p>Natchaug River, Naugatuck River, Pequonnock River, Pomperaug River, Salmon River, Shetucket River</p> |
| <p>Sea-Run Trout Streams: Daily limit is 2 fish with a 15 inch minimum length. Harvest is allowed year-round. A trout and salmon stamp is required to keep trout.</p> | <p>Eightmile River (Lyme), Farm River, Hammonasset River, Latimer Brook, Mianus River, Oil Mill Brook, Saugatuck River, Whitford Brook</p> |
| <p>Nine Inch Minimum Length: Minimum length for trout is nine inches in portions of the water or its entirety. A trout and salmon stamp is required to keep trout.</p> | <p>Belden Brook, Blackledge River, Bunnell Brook (Burlington Brook), Center Brook (Colebrook), Cherry Brook, Colebrook Brook, Dickinson Creek, East Branch Salmon Brook, East Branch Eightmile River (Salem), East Branch Farmington River, Eightmile River (Salem), Farmington River (Avon/Windsor), Fawn Brook, Indian Meadow Brook, Jeremy River, Judd Brook, Mad River (Winsted), Meadow Brook, Morgan Brook, Mountain Brook (Granby), Pequabuck River, Pine Brook, Ratlum Brook, Raymond Brook, Safstrom Brook, Salmon River, Salmon Brook (Granby) Sandy Brook, Still River (Barkhamsted), West Branch Fawn Brook, West Branch Salmon Brook (Granby).</p> |
| <p>Atlantic Salmon Management Areas: Gear is limited to the use of a fly or an artificial lure with a single free-swinging hook. A trout and salmon stamp is required to fish in these waters.</p> <p>Catch and release fishing only from September 1 to December 15 inclusive.</p> <p>One fish per angler per day from December 16 until August 31.</p> | <p>Naugatuck River, Shetucket River</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p>Scan to view the Commissioner's Declaration</p> </div> |
| <p>Bass Management Areas: Catch and release fishing only. All bass must be returned immediately without avoidable injury.</p> | <p>Housatonic River, Tenmile River (Sherman).</p> |
| <p>Trophy Carp Waters: These waters have a daily limit of 1 and MAXIMUM size limit of 26 inches. Some sections have different rules for Bow and arrow fishing.</p> | <p>Coginchaug River, Connecticut River and its coves, Farmington River, Mattebesset River, Salmon River</p> |
| <p>Common Carp Enhanced Bow and Arrow Fishing Waters: portions of these waters where the daily creel limit is 12 fish with not more than 3 of the 12 fish are greater than 30 inches.</p> | <p>Coginchaug River, Connecticut River and its coves downstream of the Arrigoni Bridge, Mattebesset River, Quinnipiac River, Salmon River, Shetucket River, Thames River, Yantic River</p> |
| <p>Tidal Waters and Tributaries: Harvest is allowed year-round. Special rules apply to for some species in these sections.</p> | <p>Coginchaug River, Connecticut River, Farmington River, Housatonic River, Mattebesset River, Mystic River, Naugatuck River, Niantic River, Quinnipiac River, Salmon River, Shetucket River, Thames River, Yantic River</p> |

AMENITY ICONS

| Icon | Description |
|---|---|
|  | Accessible for persons with disabilities |
|  | The Trout and Salmon Stamp is required to fish here regardless if harvesting or not. A trout and salmon stamp is required to harvest (keep) trout or salmon from any/all public waters. |
|  | Wild Trout Management Area and Class (1, 2, or 3)   |
|  | Area is adequate for picnicking |
|  | Child friendly fishing |
|  | Camping on-site or nearby |
|  | Fishing line recycling container at some access locations |
|  | Fly fishing only section |
|  | Canoe/kayak access in sections |
|  | Boat launch in sections |
|  | Stocked with adult trout |
| ATS | Stocked with adult Atlantic Salmon |

Rivers and Streams With Special Fishing Regulations

| | |
|--|--|
| <i>Bantam River, Litchfield</i> | <i>Beaver Brook, Scotland</i> |
|   |   |
| A Fly Fishing only section is downstream of the upper West Morris Road crossing as indicated by posters. | Wild Trout Management Area Class 1: Within the Talbot Wildlife Management Area. |
| Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. 5 fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. | Trout: Catch and Release year-round. Gear limited to an artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook. |
| <i>Beacon Hill Brook, Beacon Falls</i> | <i>Belden Brook, Hartland-Granby</i> |
|    | Downstream of Fuller Road in Hartland. Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February |
| Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: From the Route 63 crossing to the Naugatuck River. | |
| Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. | |

Blackberry River, Canaan



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: From the confluence with the Whiting River downstream to the Housatonic River.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Blackledge River, Glastonbury-Marlborough



From the Route 94 crossing downstream to the Salmon River. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Branch Brook, Watertown-Thomaston



Trout Park: Within Black Rock State Park

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Bunnell Brook (Burlington Brook), Burlington

From Covey Road downstream to the Farmington River. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Center Brook, Colebrook

Downstream from Route 183. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Chatfield Hollow Brook, Killingworth



Trout Park: Within Chatfield Hollow State Park

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Coginchaug River, Middletown



Tidal Water and Tributary and Trophy Common Carp Water: Route 3 crossing to the Connecticut River.

Trout: Daily limit of 2 / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Common Carp: Daily creel limit 1 fish, 26 inch maximum length except when fishing with a bow and arrow, then the daily limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30 inches.

Colebrook Brook, Colebrook

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Connecticut River and coves, Enfield-Old Saybrook



Tidal Water and Tributary and Trophy Common Carp Water: Entire river in CT

Trout: Daily limit of 2 / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Common Carp: Daily limit 1 fish, 26 inch maximum length except when fishing downstream of the Arrigoni Bridge (Middletown) with a bow and arrow, then the daily limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30 inches. **Northern Pike:** Daily limit of 2 / 24 inch minimum length. **Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass:** Daily limit 6 / 12 inch minimum length. **Alewife and Blueback Herring:** closed to all fishing/taking.

Coppermine Brook, Bristol



Year-Round Catch and Release Trout Management Area: From Artisan Street to the Pequabuck River.

Trout: Catch and Release year-round.

Deep Brook, Newtown



Wild Trout Management Area Class 1: From Wasserman Way to the Pootatuck River. Includes a portion of the Pootatuck River above and below the confluence as posted with signs by the CT DEEP.

Trout: Catch and Release year-round. Gear limited to an artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.

Dickinson Creek, Marlborough



Downstream from Route 66. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

East Aspetuck River, Washington-New Milford



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: From Lake Waramaug to the Housatonic River.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

East Branch Eightmile River, Lyme



Downstream of Witch Meadow Road. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

East Branch Farmington River, New Hartford

Downstream from Route 219. Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

East Branch Salmon Brook, Granby



CT state boundary downstream to Route 20. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. **Wild Trout Management Areas Class 3:** Route 20 downstream to the Farmington River **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

East Branch Naugatuck River, Torrington



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: From Newfield Road downstream to the West Branch Naugatuck River.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Eightmile Brook, Southbury-Oxford



Trout Park: Within Southford Falls State Park

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Eightmile River, Salem-Lyme



From Foxtown Road to the dam at Mount Archer Road. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Sea-Run Trout Stream: Downstream of the dam at Mount Archer Road. **Trout:** Daily creel limit 2 / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Eightmile River, Southington



Wild Trout Management Area Class 1: The entire river in Southington.

Trout: Catch and Release year-round. Gear limited to an artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.

Farm River, North Branford-East Haven



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: From Mill Road to Route 95. **Sea-Run Trout Stream:** Downstream of Route 95.

Wild Trout Management Area Class 3 section Trout: Catch and release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February **Sea-Run Trout Stream:** Downstream of Route 95. **Trout:** Daily creel limit 2 / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

**Farmington River/West Branch
Farmington River, Hartland-Windsor**



Seasonal Catch and Release Trout

Management Area: From Hogback Dam (Hartland) to old abutments (Barkhamsted).

Trout: Catch and Release from September 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit / 12 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until August 31.

Year-Round Catch and Release Trout

Management Area: From old abutments (Barkhamsted) to Route 219 (New Hartford).

Trout: Catch and release year-round. Use of barbless hooks required.

Seasonal Catch and Release Trout

Management Area: From Route 219 (New Hartford) to Route 177 (Farmington). **Trout:** Catch and Release from September 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit / 12 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until August 31.

From Route 177 (Farmington) to Rainbow Reservoir (Windsor Locks). **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Tidal Waters and Tributaries: From the confluence with Rainbow Brook (confluence of the tail race canal and the spillway channel) downstream to the CT River. **Trout:** Daily limit of 2 / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round. *Note: All fishing is prohibited from the confluence with Rainbow Brook UPSTREAM to the Rainbow Dam in either the tail race canal and the spillway channel.*

Trophy Common Carp Water: Daily creel limit 1 fish, 26 inch maximum length.

Fawn Brook and West Branch Fawn Brook, Marlborough

Downstream of Slocum Road. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Fenton River, Willington-Mansfield



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: Entire river in Willington and Mansfield.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Freeman Hill Brook, Burlington

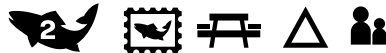


Wild Trout Management Area Class 1: Upstream of Route 69 crossing through Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area.

Trout: Catch and Release year-round. Gear limited to an artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.

Furnace Brook, Cornwall

Heather Reeves Wild Trout Management Area



Wild Trout Management Area Class 2: Entire waterbody upstream of the Housatonic River as posted with signs by CT DEEP.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit / 12 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Hammonasset River, Madison



Seasonal Catch and Release Trout Management Area: From Lake Hammonasset dam to Chestnut Hill Road (Madison). **Trout:** Catch and Release from September 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until August 31.

Sea-Run Trout Stream: From Chestnut Hill Road to breached dam above River Road (Madison): **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. 2 fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Downstream of the breached dam above River Road. **Trout:** 2 fish daily limit / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Hockanum River, Vernon-Manchester



Year-Round Catch and Release Trout

Management Area: From Route 84 crossing in Vernon downstream to the 1-84 crossing in Laurel Marsh.

Trout: Catch and Release year-round.

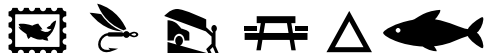
Howleys Brook, Easton-Weston



Wild Trout Management Area Class 1: Within Trout Brook Valley Property.

Trout: Catch and Release year-round. Gear limited to an artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.

Housatonic River, Salisbury-Milford



Year-Round Catch and Release Trout

Management Area: From Route 112 (Sharon) to Route 4/Route 7 crossing (Cornwall). **Trout:** Catch and Release year-round. Gear restricted to fly fishing only, regardless of species fished for, within the 3-mile section upstream of the Routes 4/7 bridge as posted with signs by CT DEEP. From June 15 to September 15 fishing prohibited within 100 feet of thermal refuges as posted with signs by CT DEEP.

Year-Round Catch and Release Trout

Management Area: From Bulls Bridge Dam (Kent) to Route 7 bridge (New Milford). **Trout and black bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth):** Catch and Release year-round. June 15 to September 15 fishing prohibited within 100 feet of thermal refuges as posted with signs by CT DEEP.

Atlantic Salmon: Derby Dam to Merritt Parkway Bridge

Catch and Release only from September 1 to December 15. Daily limit of 1 salmon, no minimum length, from December 16 to August 31. Gear restricted to single fly or lure with a free-swinging hook, regardless of species fished for. No additional weight may be added to the line.

Tidal Waters and Tributaries: Downstream of Lake Housatonic/Derby Dam. **Trout:** Daily creel limit 2 / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round. **Enhanced Bow and Arrow Fishing Area: Common Carp:** When fishing with a bow and arrow downstream of the Derby Dam, the daily creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30 inches.



Rainbow Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Indian Meadow Brook, Winchester

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Jeremy River, Marlborough



Downstream of Grayville Road. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Judd Brook, Colchester

Downstream of Old Colchester Road. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Kent Falls Brook, Kent



Trout Park: Within Kent Falls State Park

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Latimer Brook, East Lyme



Sea-Run Trout Stream: Downstream of I-95 crossing.

Trout: Two fish daily limit / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Little River, Oxford



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: From Towner Lane downstream to Park Road Crossing.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Macedonia Brook, Kent



Wild Trout Management Area Class 1: From Bog Hollow Brook to Route 341 crossing. **Trout:** Catch and Release year-round. Gear limited to an artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.

Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: Within Macedonia Brook State Park. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Mad River, Winchester



Downstream of Grantville Road. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Mattebesset River, Middletown

Tidal Water and Tributary and Trophy Common Carp Water: Route 372 crossing downstream to the Connecticut River.

Trout: Daily limit of 2 / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Common Carp: Daily limit 1 fish, 26 inch maximum length except when fishing with a bow and arrow, then the daily limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30 inches.

Meadow Brook, Colchester

Downstream of Route 16 crossing. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Merrick Brook, Scotland



Wild Trout Management Area Class 1: Within Talbot Wildlife Management Area and upstream of the WMA as posted with signs by CT DEEP.

Trout: Catch and Release year-round. Gear limited to an artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.

Mill Brook, Winchester

Downstream from Hannifin Road. Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Mianus River, Greenwich-Stamford



Seasonal Catch and Release Trout Management Area: From Merrbrook Lane upstream 1 mile to dam. **Trout:** Catch and Release from September 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from 6 am second Saturday of April until August 31. Gear restricted to single hook flies and single hook artificial lures only regardless of species fished for.

Sea-Run Trout Stream: Entire river (except for TMA described above) upstream of dam north of Boston Post Road. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Mill River, Fairfield



Wild Trout Management Area Class 1: From the confluence with Canoe Brook, as posted with signs by CT DEEP, downstream to the crossing with the Merritt Parkway. **Trout:** Catch and Release year-round. Gear limited to an artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.

Year-Round Catch and Release Trout

Management Area: From Merritt Parkway crossing downstream to Lake Mohegan (Fairfield). **Trout:** Catch and Release year-round.

Mill River, Hamden



Seasonal Catch and Release Trout Management Area: Within Sleeping Giant State Park.

Trout: Catch and Release from September 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until August 31.

Moosup River, Plainfield



Year-Round Catch and Release Trout Management Area: From Route 14 crossing downstream to the Quinebaug River.

Trout: Catch and Release year-round. Gear restricted to fly fishing only within the lower half of this section as posted with signs by the CT DEEP.

Morgan Brook, Barkhamsted



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: From West Hill Pond downstream to the West Branch Farmington River.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Mountain Brook, Granby

Downstream from Route 20 at Case Road. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Mystic River, Groton

Tidal Water and Tributary: From the confluence of Haleys Brook and Whitford Brook downstream.

Trout: Daily limit of 2 / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Natchaug River, Eastford-Mansfield



Trophy Trout Stream: Entire river **except for the Trout Park** within Natchaug State Forest.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. Trout and Salmon Stamp is required to fish in the trout park section.

Naugatuck River, Torrington-Ansonia



Trophy Trout Stream: From confluence of East and West Branches to the Route 118 bridge. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February

Year-Round Catch and Release Trout

Management Area: From Route 118 to the Thomaston Army Corp Dam. **Trout:** Catch and Release year-round. Gear restricted to a single fly or a lure with a free-swinging hook from September 1 to March 31 regardless of species fished for. Fishing prohibited within 100 feet of thermal refuges from June 15 to September 15 as posted with signs by CT DEEP.

Atlantic Salmon Management Area: From Route 118 to the Thomaston Army Corp Dam. **Atlantic Salmon:** From September 1 to December 15 Catch and Release only. From December 16 to August 31 daily creel limit of 1 salmon, no minimum length. Gear restricted to a single fly or a lure with a free-swinging hook regardless of species fished for. No additional weight may be added to the line.

Trophy Trout Stream: From Thomaston Dam to Kinneytown Dam. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February Fishing prohibited within 100 feet of thermal refuges from June 15 to September 15 as posted with signs by CT DEEP.

Atlantic Salmon Management Area: From Prospect Street (Naugatuck) to Route 42 bridge crossing (Beacon Falls). **Atlantic Salmon:** From September 1 to December 15 Catch and Release only. From December 16 to August 31 daily creel limit of 1 salmon, no minimum length. Gear restricted to a single fly or a lure with a free-swinging hook regardless of species fished for. No additional weight may be added to the line. Fishing prohibited within 100 feet of thermal refuges from June 15 to September 15 as posted with signs by CT DEEP.

Tidal Waters and Tributaries: Downstream of Kinneytown Dam: **Trout:** Daily creel limit 2 /15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round. **Atlantic Salmon:** from September 1 to December 15 Catch and Release only. From December 16 to August 31 daily creel limit of 1, no minimum length. When fishing for Atlantic Salmon in this section, gear is restricted to a single fly or a lure with a free-swinging hook regardless of species fished for. No additional weight may be added to the line.

Fish Handling Tips If You Plan to Catch and Release:

-Limit the amount of time a fish is played while hooked and retrieved.

-- Wet your hands prior to handling the fish.

- Unhook quickly by using single barbless hooks whenever possible (replace treble hooks), cut the line if deeply hooked (vs. taking minutes to dig the hook out).

- Keep the fish in the water while unhooking (not flopping around in the boat, shore, ice, or pavement).

- Minimize the time spent out of the water when taking photos.

Niantic River, East Lyme-Waterford

Tidal Water and Tributary: Downstream of the confluence with Latimer Brook.

Trout: Daily limit of 2 / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Norwalk River, Norwalk



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: The entire stream within Wilton and Ridgefield that is upstream of Wolf Pit Road (Wilton).

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Oil Mill Brook, Waterford

Sea-Run Trout Stream: Downstream of I-95 crossing.

Trout: Two fish daily limit / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Pease Brook, Lebanon



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: Within the Pease Brook Wildlife Management Area.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Pequabuck River, Bristol



Year-Round Catch and Release Trout Management Area: From King Street downstream to the Route 177 crossing, including a section of Coppermine Brook.

Trout: Catch and Release year-round.

Pequonnock River, Trumbull



Trophy Trout Stream: From Whitney Avenue Bridge to Daniels Farm Road, includes Trumbull Basin.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February. *NOTE: A parking permit is required to park on streets adjacent to the Trumbull Basin and many Trumbull municipal parks. This pass may be acquired free by anglers wishing to fish the waters by visiting the Trumbull Parks and Recreation Department.*

Pine Brook, East Hampton

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Pomperaug River, Woodbury-Southbury



Trophy Trout Stream: The entire river from the confluence of the Nonewaug River and Weekeepemee River downstream to Lake Zoar.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Pootatuck River, Newtown



Wild Trout Management Area Class 1: From approximately 1/2 mile above and below the confluence with Deep Brook as posted with signs by CT DEEP.

Trout: Catch and Release year-round. Gear limited to an artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.



Fish with CARE!

The **Connecticut Aquatic Resource Education (CARE)** program is the Fisheries Division's main pathway for introducing or re-introducing people to fishing. We are always looking for motivated, passionate, and patient anglers who are willing to help coach new fishing participants. If you would like to join our team of certified fishing coaches, please reach out to Justin Wiggins at 860-663-1656.

**Quinnipiac River,
Southington-New Haven**



Wild Trout Management Area Class 1: The entire river in Southington and Cheshire upstream of Cheshire Street. **Trout:** Catch and Release year-round. Gear limited to an artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.

Tidal Waters and Tributaries: From the Route 5 crossing (North Haven) downstream to the New Haven Harbor. **Trout:** Daily limit of 2 / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Enhanced Bow and Arrow Fishing Area:

Common Carp: When fishing with a bow and arrow downstream of the Route 40 crossing, the daily creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30 inches.

Ratlum Brook, New Hartford

Downstream of confluence with Spruce Brook. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Raymond Brook, Hebron

From Old Colchester Road downstream. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Roaring Brook, Glastonbury

Eric C. Schluntz Wild Trout Management Area



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: From Route 94 crossing downstream to the Connecticut River.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Roaring Brook, Stafford-Willington



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: From Route 190 crossing to the Willimantic River.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Safstrom Brook, East Hampton

From Tartia Road downstream. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Salmon Brook, Glastonbury



Wild Trout Management Area Class 2: From the Addison Pond dam downstream to the Connecticut River.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit / 12 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Salmon Brook and East Branch Salmon Brook, Granby



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: From Route 20 crossing downstream to the Farmington River.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Salmon Brook-West Branch, Hartland/Granby



Route 179 downstream. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.



Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*)

Salmon River, Colchester-East Haddam



Seasonal Catch and Release Trout Management Area and Trophy Trout Stream: From the confluence of the Blackledge River and Jeremy River to the Route 16 crossing. **Trout:** Catch and Release from September 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from 6 am second Saturday of April until August 31. Gear restricted to fly fishing only from the old bridge abutments near Day Brook downstream to the falls as posted with signs by the CT DEEP.

Trophy Trout Stream: From the Route 16 crossing downstream to the Route 151 crossing. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Tidal Waters and Tributaries: From the Route 151 crossing downstream to the Connecticut River: **Trout:** Daily limit of 2 / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Trophy Common Carp Water: Daily creel limit 1 / 26 inch maximum length.

Enhanced Bow and Arrow Fishing Area:
Common Carp: When fishing with a bow and arrow downstream of the Route 40 crossing, the daily creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30 inches.

Sandy Brook, Colebrook



From the MA/CT state line to the Still River. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Saugatuck River, Westport William "Doc" Skerlick Trout Management Area



Seasonal Catch and Release Trout Management Area: From the Dorrs Mill Dam downstream to the Merritt Parkway crossing. **Trout:** Catch and Release from September 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from 6 am second Saturday of April until August 31. Gear restricted to fly fishing only. **Sea-Run Trout Stream:** Downstream of the "Wood Dam" (Westport). **Trout:** Year-round daily limit of 2 / 15 inch minimum length.

Shetucket River, Windham-Norwich



Trophy Trout Stream: The entire river upstream of the Greenville Dam (Norwich). **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Atlantic Salmon Management Area: From the Scotland Dam to the Occum Dam. **Atlantic Salmon:** From September 1 to December 15 Catch and Release only. From December 16 to August 31 daily creel limit of 1 salmon, no minimum length. Gear restricted to a single fly or a lure with a free-swinging hook regardless of species fished for. No additional weight may be added to the line.

Tidal Waters and Tributaries: Downstream of the Greenville Dam: **Trout:** Daily limit of 2 / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Enhanced Bow and Arrow Fishing Area:
Common Carp: When fishing with a bow and arrow downstream of the Greenville Dam, the daily creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30 inches.

Shunock River, North Stonington



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: The entire river within North Stonington.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Still River, Winchester-Colebrook



From the confluence with the Mad River to the West Branch Farmington River. **Trout:** Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.



Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)

Stony Brook, Montville



Wild Trout Management Area Class 3: The entire river within Montville.

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am second Saturday of April. Five fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Wachocastinook (Riga) Brook, Salisbury



Wild Trout Management Area Class 1: Downstream of South Pond as posted with signs by CT DEEP within MT Riga Corporation Property.

Trout: Catch and Release year-round. Gear limited to an artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.

Stratton Brook, Simsbury



Trout Park: Within Stratton Brook State Park

Trout: Catch and Release from March 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit from the second Saturday of April until the last day of February.

Whitford Brook, North Stonington



Sea-Run Trout Stream: Downstream of the Route 184 crossing.

Trout: Two fish daily limit / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Tankerhoosen River, Vernon



Wild Trout Management Area Class 1: The river and its tributaries as posted with signs by CT DEEP within the Belding Wildlife Management Area.

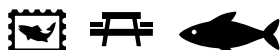
Trout: Catch and Release year-round. Gear limited to a artificial lure/fly with single barbless hook.

Willimantic River, Willington/Windham Cole Wilde Trout Management Area



Year-Round Catch and Release Trout Management Area: From the confluence with Roaring Brook (Willington) to the Route 74 crossing. Gear limited to fly fishing only regardless of species fished for.

Tenmile River, Sherman



Year-Round Catch and Release Trout Management Area: The entire river from the NY/CT state line to the Housatonic River

Trout: Catch and Release year-round. **Black Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth):** Catch and Release year-round.

Yantic River, Bozrah-Norwich



Seasonal Catch and Release Trout Management Area: From Barstow Road downstream to the bridge near the intersection with Schwartz Road.

Trout: Catch and Release from September 1 until 6 am on the second Saturday of April. Two fish daily limit / 9 inch minimum length from 6 am second Saturday of April until August 31. Gear restricted to fly fishing only, regardless of species fished for, in this section as posted with signs by the CT DEEP.

Thames River, Norwich-New London



Tidal Water and Tributary: Entire river including coves.

Trout: Daily limit of 2 / 15 inch minimum length.
Enhanced Bow and Arrow Fishing Area: Common Carp: When fishing with a bow and arrow the daily creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30 inches.

Tidal Waters and Tributaries: From the waterfall at Lovers Leap to the Thames River. **Trout:** Daily limit of 2 / 15 inch minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Enhanced Bow and Arrow Fishing Area: Common Carp: When fishing with a bow and arrow downstream of the falls, the daily creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30 inches.

Definitions and Regulatory Terms - Inland Sportfishing

The following are taken from the regulations for sportfishing in the Inland District (RCSA 26-112-43) found on the Secretary of State eRegs web page <https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/>. They 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](#) is available on the CT DEEP web page.

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. Each line may have any combination of hooks, flies or lures, among which not more than three hooks may be baited.

BAIT Any bait species, animal, 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 FISHING means taking or attempting to take bait species, for personal use as bait or food, by use of a bait seine, bait trap, cast net, umbrella net, scoop net or by hand.

BAIT SEINE means a seine or net which, for the purpose of this regulation, does not exceed fifteen feet in length and four feet in depth and is used for the taking of bait species.

BAIT TRAP means a glass, wire or wooden device which does not exceed twenty inches in length and fifteen inches in diameter and is used for the taking of bait species.

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. 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), dragonfly nymphs (perch bugs), hellgrammites and mayfly nymphs. Invasive species are not legal to use for bait. 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 feet long and 4 feet deep, bait traps not over 20 inches long and 15 inches in diameter, and umbrella nets not over 4 feet by 4 feet. Cast nets may be used for bait in waters designated as "tidal rivers and tributaries".

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 feet by 4 feet. 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 these regulations, 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 means fishing by use of a compound bow, longbow, recurved bow or crossbow by which an arrow is propelled. Arrows shall have barbed heads and be attached to the bow, or to a fishing reel attached to the bow. Any fish taken by bow and arrow shall be part of the possession limit of the individual taking such fish and shall not be released to the waters where taken. Common carp, bowfin, tench, white suckers, American eels and sea lampreys may be taken with a bow and arrow in lakes and ponds as well as in streams and stream sections **not stocked with trout** only during the open season for fishing in those waters. A fishing license is required.

BOUNDARY WATER a lakes/pond forming a common boundary between CT and another state. Regulations may be for CT, the other state, or a combination thereof. Listed in RCGA 26-112-46 (a).

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 means a circular or conical net with a round weighted opening that is cast and then retrieved by hand using lines attached to its margins, and is used to take fish or bait species. The use of cast nets to take fish or bait species in the inland district is prohibited, except in waters designated as "tidal waters and tributaries".

CHILDREN'S FISHING AREA Waters set aside in whole or in part, as indicated by posters, where fishing is restricted to children under sixteen years of age.

CLOSED SEASON means that period of time during which fishing for any species of fish, except trout, is prohibited.

CULLING or HIGH-GRADING means discarding or returning a previously retained fish to the water in order to retain a more desirable fish of the same species or species group. Culling is prohibited except that an individual fishing for black bass in a fishing tournament or derby that has been permitted by CT DEEP may cull provided said individual has not yet attained their possession limit for black bass.

DAILY CREEL LIMIT means the quantity or number of fish of a species or species group that can be taken by an individual during the period from 12:01 a.m. to midnight. In the inland district an individual that has attained their daily creel limit of fish for a species or species group may continue fishing for said fish provided all fish so taken are immediately returned, without avoidable injury, to the waters from which taken.

DOWNRIGGER A device, supplemental to a fishing line, used to deploy, via an electric or hand powered winch, reel or spool that projects over the side or stern of a boat and is used as a hoist, 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, spearing, 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 means fishing through the ice with tip-ups, bobbers or floats, similar devices or hand-held jigs. When ice fishing, except on some waters, anglers may not use 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 refers to all waters north (inland) of the official Marine/Inland Demarcation line. This line is usually Route 1 or Route 95 and can be found on the DEEP web site on the saltwater fishing page. The rules and definitions in this booklet apply to waters of the Inland District.

INLINE CIRCLE HOOK is a fish hook on or which the point and barb are not offset from the plane of the shank and the bend of such hook, and such point, is perpendicular to such shank.

LAKES AND PONDS are all natural and artificial impounded bodies of water listed by the Secretary of the State as lakes, ponds and reservoirs, and includes their flood waters, including temporary and seasonal pools resulting therefrom and all coves and lagoons contiguous thereto.

LEADCORE LINE A fishing line constructed with a metal core.

MAXIMUM LENGTH Means the largest total length of a species or species group that can be legally possessed 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 Means the smallest total length of a species or species group that can be legally possessed as 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, and all species of sunfish.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FISHING AREA

Means an area set aside for the exclusive use by persons with physical disabilities when such restriction is indicated by posters.

POSSESSION LIMIT

Means the total number of fish of any species or species group that may be legally possessed by one person, either on the person, on the waters of the inland district, or the shores of such waters, or in any type of vehicle. Any fish placed on a stringer, in a container, cooler, live well or similar device, or otherwise not immediately released to the water shall count against the possession limit.

An individual that has attained their possession limit of fish for a species or species group may continue fishing for said fish provided all fish so taken are immediately returned, without avoidable injury, to the waters from which taken. Possession limit in the field shall not exceed the daily creel limit. Any fish in possession shall be intact to the extent that neither the heads nor the tails have been removed but gills and viscera may be removed. Possession limit shall not be construed to restrict the number of legally acquired fish that may be kept in storage in the home or in other storage facilities.

PRIVATE WATER

means a natural or artificial pond or lake to which the owner, not a corporation, partnership or voluntary association, has exclusive right of access, of which water supply all sources are located substantially within the property of the owner, to which fish do not have access from waters not under the control of such owner or from water stocked at the expense of the state, except that a natural or artificial pond five acres or less in extent may be owned by an individual, a corporation, partnership or voluntary association and, when meeting the other requirements of this subsection, such pond may be registered as private waters

PRIVATELY STOCKED WATER

A waterbody where fishing rights are owned or controlled by a club or association (but not designated as a Private Water). Any association owning or controlling the fishing rights in any stream or pond, the waters of which are stocked with fish by such association at no expense to the state, may request special open and closed seasons, daily creel and season limits, and legal lengths of species taken from such waters by applying for a "Special Fishing Regulation" permit.

SCOOP NET OR SCAP NET

A manually operated, flexible mesh net attached to a hoop, which is attached to a handle. The hoop may not be over 36 inches across at the widest point and the mesh bag may not be more than 36 inches in depth at its deepest point. The use of any such net constructed of metal mesh or stiff plastic mesh is prohibited.

SET LINE A line with one or both ends secured to the shore, or to a fixed or buoyant object in the water which is used for fishing and is not personally attended. Use of set lines in the inland district is prohibited.

SLOT LENGTHS Length limits designated to reduce or increase the taking of fish by anglers.

- Protected slot lengths: Lengths between which fish may not be kept by anglers.
- Open slot lengths: Lengths between which fish may be kept by anglers.

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 for all species of fish and any fish so taken must be released immediately, except that, in tidal waters and tributaries, 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 Broodstock Atlantic Salmon & River Herring).

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 spearing 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.

STREAMS means all rivers, streams, brooks, creeks, and their flood waters, including temporary and seasonal pools resulting therefrom, and all coves, lagoons and canals contiguous thereto, but does not include that portion of impounded bodies of water on rivers, streams, brooks and creeks listed by the Secretary of the State as a lake, pond or reservoir.

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. "Tenkara" fishing is considered to be fly-fishing.

TIDAL WATERS AND TRIBUTARIES include streams or portions thereof where there is a direct connection to Long Island Sound and may be influenced by tidal cycles. A list is provided in RCSA 26-112-46 (m).

TROUT and SALMON includes brook trout or speckled trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, Atlantic salmon, kokanee or sockeye salmon, coho salmon, chinook salmon or any hybrid of any two or more of these species.

Helpful Fishing Related QR Codes

Point the camera on your smart phone at the code to open the web page for the topic of interest (or click on the link if viewing as a pdf)

[Digital Freshwater Fishing Guide](#)



[Digital Saltwater Fishing Guide](#)



[Secretary of State Regulation Web Page](#)



[Catch and Release Tips Video](#)



[Purchase your License](#)



[Angler Recognition Online Application](#)



[Interactive Trout Stocking Map](#)



[FREE - Fish with CARE Learn to Fish Events](#)



[Is My Catch Safe to Eat?](#)



[DEEP Fish and Wildlife Facebook Page](#)



[DEEP YouTube Channel](#)



[Freshwater Fish of CT](#)



State Record Freshwater Fish - Harvest

Defined as the largest fish, by weight determined using a certified scale, captured legally in Connecticut waters.

For all potential harvested state record fish: The fish must be retained (in identifiable condition) so that Fisheries Division staff can examine the fish, if necessary, to determine the species. A photo of the print-out of weight from a certified scale must be included in your [online submittal](#). *Exceptions: Common Carp and associated variations (fantail, ghost, leather, mirror) may be released after being weighed on a certified scale at time of capture and observed by a witness.

| Species | Pounds | Ounces | Waterbody | Angler | Year |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|---|---|--------------|
| American Eel | 10 | 3 | Shetucket River, Norwich | Charles J. Lobacz | 1993 |
| American Shad | 9 | 4 | Connecticut River, Windsor | Edward Cypus | 1981 |
| Bluegill | 2 | 4 | Private Pond, Madison | Daniel Gesner | 1996 |
| Bowfin | 9 | 11 | Connecticut River, Hartford | Fejzo Akaratovic | 2022 |
| Brook Trout | 9 | 3 | Blackwells Brook, Brooklyn | David Andes | 1998 |
| Brown Bullhead | 4 | 15 | Prospect Pond, Southington | Robert Richey | 1990 |
| Brown Trout | 19 | 0 | West Hill Pond, New Hartford | James M. Lucas II | 2014 |
| Brown Trout (sea run) | 10 | 8 | Saugatuck River, Westport | Ronald J. Merly | 2006 |
| Calico Bass | 4 | 0 | Pattagansett Lake, East Lyme | James M. Boos | 1974 |
| Chain Pickerel | 8 | 9 | West Twin Lake, Salisbury | Alden L. Foss | 2005 |
| Channel Catfish | 29 | 6 | Mashapaug Lake, Union | Appleton Barrows | 2004 |
| Common Carp* | 45 | 5 | Lake Lillinonah, Bridgewater | Brian Santos | 2024 |
| Fallfish | 2 | 4 | Farmington River, Simsbury | Chad Tessman | 2012 |
| Kokanee | 2 | 14 | East Twin Lake, Salisbury West Hill Pond, Barkhamsted | Tom Pasko Seth Harris | 2011 2018 |
| Lake Trout | 29 | 13 | Wononscopomuc Lake, Salisbury | Dr. Thompson | 1918 |
| Largemouth Bass | 12 | 14 | Mashapaug Lake, Union | Frank Domurat | 1961 |
| Northern Pike | 29 | 0 | Lake Lillinonah, Brookfield W. Branch Reservoir, Colebrook | Joseph Nett Leslie Slater | 1980 2020 |
| Pumpkinseed | 1 | 3 | Lake Marie, Windham | Robyn Rogers | 1973 |
| Rainbow Trout | 14 | 10 | Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Mansfield | Michael V. Ludlow | 1998 |
| Rock Bass | 1 | 3 | Shenipsit Lake, Tolland Colebrook Lake, Colebrook | Joseph Mankauskas Jr Ernie Gonsalves | 1980 1989 |
| Smallmouth Bass | 7 | 12 | Shenipsit Lake, Tolland | James Bonan | 1995 |
| Tiger Trout | 7 | 14 | Lake Quassapaug, Woodbury | Jerry Barth | 2011 |
| Walleye | 15 | 4 | Beach Pond, Voluntown | Vincent Deledda | 2015 |
| White Catfish | 12 | 12 | Connecticut River, Middletown | John L. Shatas | 1999 |
| White Perch | 3 | 1 | Crystal Lake, Ellington | Jacob Niemczyk | 2018 |
| White Sucker | 5 | 4 | Crystal Lake, Ellington | Zach Stoltenberg | 2021 |
| Yellow Perch | 2 | 13 | Black Pond, Woodstock | Miller B. Bassett | 1973 |

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/General-Information/Trophy-Fish-Award-Program>

State Record Freshwater Fish - Catch and Release

Defined as the largest fish (by length) captured legally in Connecticut waters and released alive at the point of capture.

A witness must be present when the fish is measured for all potential catch and release state record fish. At least two clear photo must be submitted via the [online portal](#) to be eligible, including a photo of the angler holding the fish and a photo of the fish next to a measuring (e.g. yardstick, ruler, or tape measure) device to clearly show length of fish. These photos must be taken at the location where the fish was caught and released. Fish cannot be taken from the site where they were caught and then transported back.

| Species | Inches | Waterbody | Angler | Year |
|-------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| American Eel | 41 | Lake Terramuggus, Marlborough | Daniel E.S. Kornegay III | 2011 |
| Bluegill | 10.5 | Andover Lake, Andover | Gregory Doane | 2015 |
| | | Private Pond, Rocky Hill | Ted Munette | 2015 |
| | | Private Pond, Killingworth | Evan Kamoen | 2018 |
| | | Saugatuck Reservoir, Redding | Jude Lundbye | 2023 |
| Bowfin | 28.5 | Crow Point Cove, Wethersfield | Benjamin Florian | 2023 |
| Brook Trout | 21.25 | Natchaug River, Chaplin | Nicholas Burnore | 2010 |
| Brown Bullhead | 17.5 | Saugatuck Reservoir, Redding | Keith Bonenfant | 2016 |
| Brown Trout | 30 | Saugatuck Reservoir, Redding | Liam Sikora | 2023 |
| Calico Bass | 19 | Candlewood Lake, Danbury | Evan Kamoen | 2016 |
| Chain Pickerel | 33 | West Hill Pond, Barkhamsted | Mark R. Popolizio | 2013 |
| Channel Catfish | 36 | Private Pond, Chaplin | Colby Kerttula | 2020 |
| Common Carp | 42 | Connecticut River, Hartford | Michael Hudak | 2012 |
| Fallfish | 17 | Quinebaug River, Thompson | Mike Nordman | 2024 |
| | | Bladdens River, Seymour | William Hein | 2020 |
| Hybrid Sunfish | 10.5 | Private Pond, Cheshire | James Robitaille | 2014 |
| | | Risley Reservoir, Vernon | Ryan McKinney | 2019 |
| Kokanee | 20 | East Twin Lake, Salisbury | Timothy E. Kilbride | 2010 |
| Lake Trout | 32 | Coventry Lake, Coventry | Christopher Rinaldi | 2023 |
| Largemouth Bass | 25.25 | Lake Pocotopaug, East Hampton | Daniel E.S. Kornegay III | 2008 |
| Northern Pike | 45.75 | Housatonic River, Falls Village | David L. Jones | 2009 |
| Pumpkinseed | 10 | Lake McDonough, Barkhamsted | Ellie Fiorentino | 2012 |
| | | Lake McDonough, Barkhamsted | Joey Takeman | 2014 |
| Rainbow Trout | 30 | Scoville Reservoir, Wolcott | Michael Thureson | 2010 |
| Redbreast Sunfish | 10.75 | Andover Lake, Andover | Brandon Powers | 2022 |
| Rock Bass | 12.75 | Housatonic River, Kent | Daniel E.S. Kornegay III | 2008 |
| Smallmouth Bass | 24.25 | Farmington River, Windsor | Jacob Long | 2018 |
| Tiger Trout | 22 | Woodbridge Lake, Goshen | Cristian Cifaldi | 2018 |
| Walleye | 30 | Lake Pocotopaug, East Hampton | Daniel E.S. Kornegay III | 2010 |
| | | Lake Zoar, Southbury | Alexander Daignault | 2022 |
| White Catfish | 25.5 | Salmon River, East Haddam | Shawn Sims | 2012 |
| White Perch | 15.5 | Mill River, Fairfield | Ryan Mozelack | 2024 |
| White Sucker | 22.5 | Squantz Pond, Sherman | Thomas Dorman | 2024 |
| Yellow Perch | 16.25 | Lake McDonough, New Hartford | Ron Barbour | 2011 |