

TROUT & KOKANEE

- ◆ No minimum size
- ◆ Daily Limit: 5 trout or 5 kokanee per person (8 in aggregate)
- ◆ TROUT & SALMON STAMP required to keep trout or kokanee%
- ◆ Season: Open year round
- ◆ Taste: Excellent



BROWN TROUT



RAINBOW TROUT



BROOK TROUT



ATLANTIC SALMON

- ◆ It is only legal to fish for Atlantic salmon in the lakes stocked by DEEP or the Naugatuck River and Shetucket River Atlantic Salmon Management Areas
- ◆ Rules vary by the time of year and water being fished.
- ◆ TROUT & SALMON STAMP required to keep Atlantic salmon%
- ◆ Taste: Very Good



BASS

- ◆ Minimum Size: 12 inches
- ◆ Daily limit: 6 bass
- ◆ Taste: Very good

LARGEMOUTH BASS



SMALLMOUTH BASS



WALLEYE

- ◆ Minimum Size: 18 inches
- ◆ Daily limit: 2 Walleye
- ◆ Taste: Excellent



COMMON CARP

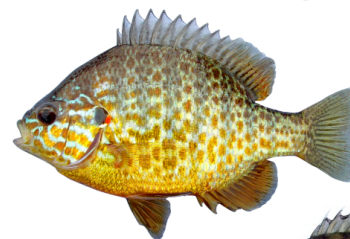
- ◆ Daily limit: 5 carp with only 1 carp over 26 inches
- ◆ Taste: Fair



PANFISH

- ◆ No minimum size
- ◆ No daily limit
- ◆ Taste: Excellent

YELLOW PERCH



PUMPKINSEED

BLUEGILL



WHITE PERCH

BULLHEAD



CATFISH (CHANNEL OR WHITE)

- ◆ No minimum size
- ◆ Daily limit: 6 catfish
- ◆ Taste: Excellent



NORTHERN PIKE

- ◆ Minimum size: 26 inches
- ◆ Daily limit: 2 pike
- ◆ Taste— good but very bony



CHAIN PICKEREL

- ◆ Minimum size: 15 inches
- ◆ Daily limit: 6 pickerel
- ◆ Taste— good but very bony



Regulations by Fish Species

[Regulations for specific fish species](#) are put in place in order to improve fishing for everyone. Regulations vary by the type of fish and/or the water-body.



Fish Consumption Advisory: As part of a healthy diet, fish are a good source of protein, low in fat and cholesterol, and are rich in heart healthy Omega 3 fatty acids. Due to some legacy pollution issues. The Connecticut Department of Public Health publishes a [fish consumption advisory](#) each year to provide information on the amount of each type of fish that can be eaten safely. For more information including the fish consumption fact sheet, special fact sheet for pregnant women, non-English summaries, and updates visit the DPH web site at www.ct.gov/DPH/Fish or call 860-509-7740.

The following have special regulations (different from the statewide regulations)

LAKES AND PONDS

Bass Management Lakes

Amos Lake
 Bashan Lake
 Billings Lake
 Black Pond (Middlefield)
 Bolton Lakes
 Lake Chamberlain
 Colebrook River Lake
 Coventry Lake
 Gardner Lake
 Halls Pond
 Lake Hayward
 Highland Lake
 Lake Housatonic
 Lake Kenosia
 Maltby Lakes
 Mamasasco Lake
 Mansfield Hollow Reservoir
 Mashapaug Lake
 Mohegan Park Pond
 Moodus Reservoir
 Mudge Pond
 Pattagansett Lake
 Pickerel Lake
 Quinebaug Lake
 Lake Saltonstall
 Taftville Reservoir
 West Side Pond
 Wononskopomuc Lake
 Wyassup Lake

Trout Parks%

Black Rock Park Pond
 Day Pond
 Great Hollow Park Pond
 McGovern Pond
 Mohegan Park Pond
 Pasture Pond
 Schreeder Pond
 Southford Falls Park Pond
 Stratton Brook Park Pond
 Valley Falls Park Pond
 Wharton Pond

Trophy Carp Waters

Batterson Park Pond
 Squantz Pond
 West Thompson Lake

Community Fishing Waters

Beaver Park Lagoon
 Birge Pond
 Bunnells Pond
 Center Springs Park Pond
 Colony Pond
 Crescent Lake (Southington)
 Freshwater Pond
 Keney Park Pond
 Lakewood Lake
 Mirror Lake
 Mohegan Park Pond
 Pickett's Pond
 Rogers Park Pond
 Rowan's Pond
 Stanley Quarter Park Pond
 Stratton Brook Park Pond
 Upper Fulton Park Pond
 Lake Wintergreen

Pike/Tiger Musky Lakes

Bantam Lake
 Lake Lillinonah

Trout Management Lakes

Amos Lake
 Black Pond (Woodstock)
 Candlewood Lake
 Crystal Lake (Ellington)
 East Twin Lake
 Highland Lake
 Mohawk Pond
 Quonnipaug Lake
 Rogers Lake
 Squantz Pond
 West Hill Pond

Fly Fishing Only

Hewitt Fly Pond

Boundary Waters

Beach Pond
 Congamond Lakes
 Hamilton Reservoir
 Killingly Pond
 Hamilton Reservoir
 Hazard Pond
 Indian Pond
 Killingly Pond

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Trout Management Areas %

Coppermine Brook
 Farmington River
 Hammonasset River
 Hockanum River
 Housatonic River
 Mianus River
 Mill River (Fairfield)
 Mill River (Hamden)
 Moosup River
 Naugatuck River
 Pequabuck River
 Salmon River
 Saugatuck River
 Tenmile River (Kent)
 West Branch Farmington River
 Willimantic River
 Yantic River

Atlantic Salmon Management Areas %

Naugatuck River
 Shetucket River

Trout Parks %

Branch Brook (Watertown)
 Chatfield Hollow Brook
 Eightmile Brook (Oxford)
 Kent Falls Brook
 Natchaug River
 Stratton Brook

Bass Management Areas

Housatonic River
 Tenmile River (Kent)

Fly Fishing Only Areas

Bantam River
 Housatonic River
 Moosup River
 Salmon River
 Saugatuck River
 Willimantic River
 Yantic River

Tidal Waters and Tributaries

Coginchaug River
 Connecticut River and Coves
 Farmington River
 Housatonic River
 Mattabeset River
 Mystic River
 Naugatuck River
 Niantic River
 Quinnipiac River
 Salmon River
 Thames River

Wild Trout Management Areas

Class 1 %

Beaver Brook (Scotland)
 Deep Brook (Newtown)
 Eightmile River (Southington)
 Freeman Hill Brook
 Hawleys Brook
 Macedonia Brook (lower part)
 Merrick Brook
 Mill River (Fairfield Upper area)
 Pootatuck River
 Quinnipiac River
 Tankerhoosen River and Tribbs
 Wachocastinook Brook

Class 2 %

Furnace Brook (Cornwall)
 Salmon Brook (Glastonbury)

Class 3 %

Beacon Hill Brook
 Blackberry River
 East Aspetuck River
 East Branch Naugatuck River
 East Branch Salmon Brook
 Farm River
 Fenton River
 Little River (Oxford)
 Macedonia Brook (state park)
 Morgan Brook
 Norwalk River
 Pease Brook
 Roaring Brook (Glastonbury)
 Roaring Brook (Stafford)
 Shunock River
 Stony Brook (Montville)

Trophy Trout Streams

Natchaug River
 Naugatuck River
 Pequonnock River
 Pomperaug River
 Salmon River
 Shetucket River

Sea-Run Trout Streams

Eightmile River (Lyme)
 Farm River
 Hammonasset River
 Latimer Brook
 Oil Mill Brook
 Saugatuck River

% A Trout and Salmon Stamp is required to fish in these waters (age 16+).



Special Regulations

Some waters have special regulations related to the daily limit, sizes, and/or gear type. Please be sure to check these regulations using the online fishing guide. Scan the QR codes below to open the web pages.

[lakes and ponds](#)



[rivers and streams](#)



Fishing Licenses (available [online](#))

100% of the fees from fishing licenses go to support fish and wildlife programs at the DEEP.

Anyone who is between the ages of 16 and 64 years old is required to have a fishing license (fees below). Licenses for CT residents age 16 or 17 are 50% off of the regular price. Kids under 16 do not need a license, however, DEEP offers the **FREE youth fishing passport** to help motivate the younger anglers. Those who are age 65 or older are required to obtain a **FREE** fishing license annually. To fish in some areas and to keep trout and salmon, a [trout stamp](#) is required.

www.ct.gov/deep/getmyfishinglicense

License	CT Resident	Not
Inland waters	\$28 (\$14)	\$55
Trout and Salmon Stamp	\$5 (\$3)	\$5
Marine waters	\$10 (\$5)	\$15
All waters	\$32 (\$16)	\$ 63

Learn to fish with CARE!

The CT Aquatic Resources Education (CARE) program has been introducing people to the many benefits of fishing since 1986. Take our self-paced online fishing course in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) and then come out and join us at one of our fishing events.



An Overview of Statewide Fishing Regulations Freshwater -2022

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Complete freshwater regulations are available at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-FWFishingGuide>



Or by scanning this QR code



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