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CT DEEP Fisheries Division Fall/Winter 2025_26 Trout and Salmon Stocking

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STOCKING UPDATE AS OF 01/29/2026:

Winter is full-on and so is winter stocking! With the New Year comes new opportunities. We will be stocking upwards of 50,000 trout (including our prized Seeforellen strain Brown trout) into select lakes/ponds throughout January and February as conditions allow, to provide anglers opportunities during winter. Responses from public surveys indicate that many Connecticut anglers spend a large portion of their annual fishing effort during winter months and have encouraged more year-round stocking. We agree! It's a great time to get outdoors and track down trout. Please enjoy and be safe. Note - the Fisheries Division does not monitor or routinely report ice conditions. Use caution, routinely test ice thickness, go with a friend, and consider taking a child to teach them the ropes. Read more ice safety guidelines [here](#).

“The Daily Cast” – The snowstorm last weekend put a hold on trout stocking lakes and ponds but launches and parking lots are beginning to get plowed, and our hatchery staff aren’t far behind. Today Burlington hatchery stocked West Hill Pond with 1,500 trout (mixed species). Also coming up are the broodstock Seeforellen brown trout from Kensington hatchery. These amazing fish have been putting back on their biomass after spawning and they are now colored up, strong, and beautiful. They will begin to get stocked in about one week so stay tuned! Please enjoy and be safe.

The following is a list of waters planned to be stocked by the Fisheries Division during fall 2025/winter 2026. Dates will be added daily to the “Stocked” column in the table below as locations are stocked and any relevant details will be noted in the “Daily Cast” section above. *Dates with asterisks denote ice stocking* Please get out and enjoy. Anglers should also check out our [Interactive Stocking map](#) for location information. Please note that due to a variety of conditions not every river/stream stocking location can be stocked on each stocking run. The information is sorted alphabetically by waterbody name first in table 1 and by town name in table 2. Questions about CT DEEP’s trout and salmon stocking may be sent to matthew.devine@ct.gov

Management type abbreviations: **TMA** = [Trout Management Area](#); **TML** = [Trout Management Lake](#); **TTA** = [Trophy Trout Area](#); **Trout Park**; **WTMA** = [Wild Trout Management Area](#); **CFW** = [Community Fishing Waters](#)

The 2025 Fishing Guide is available for [download](#).

*There are no changes to freshwater regulations for 2025.

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Table 1: Sorted by Waterbody Name

Waterbody - Management type (Alphabetically)	Town(s)	Stocked
Amos Lake – TML	Preston	9/26, 11/25 (Lake trout)
Angus Park Pond (aka Eastbury Pond)	Glastonbury	11/10
Ball Pond	New Fairfield	11/10
Beach Pond	Voluntown	9/26, 12/22 (Seefs)
Beaver Brook Park Ponds	Windham	*1/23 (Bibbens only)
Beaver Park Pond (North Side Pond) – CFW	New Haven	10/10
Bigelow Pond	Union	9/26, 11/20 (Lake trout), *1/9
Birge Pond – CFW	Bristol	11/12
Blackledge River – Lower	Marlborough, Hebron	11/7
Black Pond	Middlefield, Meriden	10/3, 11/25 (Seefs)
Black Pond – TML	Woodstock	10/31
Black Rock Pond – Trout Park	Watertown	10/1 (Brook trout), 10/2, 10/14, 10/23, *1/9
Blackberry River – WTMA class 3: Rte.44 to Beckley Furnace	Canaan, Norfolk	10/16
Bunnells Pond (Beardsley Park Pond) – CFW	Bridgeport	10/1
Cedar Lake	Chester	9/30
Center Springs Park Pond – CFW	Manchester	11/10
Chatfield Hollow Pond (Schreeder Pond) – Trout Park	Killingworth	10/1, 10/10, 10/20
Colony Park Pond – CFW	Ansonia	10/1, 11/12
Crystal Lake	Ellington	9/24 (A. salmon), 9/30, 10/7 (A. salmon), 11/25 (Seefs)
Day Pond – Trout Park	Colchester	10/1, 10/14, 10/21, *1/22
East Aspetuck River –WTMA 3	New Milford, New Preston	9/29
East Twin Lake – TML	Salisbury	9/30, 12/11 (Seefs)
Eightmile River	Salem, East Haddam, Lyme	11/14
Gardner Lake	Salem, Bozrah	9/29
Farmington River (Lower Collinsville to RT 177)- TMA	Avon, Canton, Unionville	8/29
Farmington River (Route 219 to Lower Collinsville)- TMA	New Hartford, Canton	8/29
Farmington River (RT 177 to Rt 4)	Avon, Farmington	8/29
Great Hollow Lake at Wolfe Park – Trout Park	Monroe	10/1, 10/14, 10/21
Hammonasset River- OPEN	Clinton, Madison, Killingworth	10/20
Hammonasset River – TMA	Madison, Killingworth	10/20
Hewitt's Fly Pond (Gallup Pond)	N. Stonington	10/2
Highland Lake – TML	Winchester	11/17, 12/11 (Seefs), *1/22
Hockanum River – TMA	Manchester	10/22
Housatonic River (Bull's Bridge)- TMA	Kent, Sherman, New Milford	9/25, 9/26
Housatonic River (Upper)- TMA	Cornwall, Sharon	9/25, 9/26
Howell's Pond	Hartland	10/1, 11/18 (Lake trout), *1/8
Keach/Peck Pond	Thompson	1/21*
Long Pond – TML	N. Stonington, Ledyard	9/26, 12/22 (Seefs)
Mashapaug Lake	Union	9/26, *1/9
McGovern Pond – Trout Park	West Hartford	11/7, 11/13
Mianus River - TMA	Greenwich, Stamford	10/15
Mill River - TMA	Fairfield	10/15
Mill River (Sleeping Giant State Park) -TMA	Hamden	10/24
Mohawk Pond – TML	Cornwall, Goshen	11/4 (Brook trout)
Mohegan Park Pond – Trout Park	Norwich	10/1, 10/2 (Brook trout), 10/14, 10/20
Moosup Pond	Plainfield	*1/21
Moosup River - TMA	Plainfield	10/17
Moosup River – OPEN	Plainfield, Sterling	11/6
Mount Hope River	Ashford, Mansfield	11/17

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Mt. Tom Pond	Litchfield, Washington	9/24 (A. salmon), 9/30, 10/7 (A. salmon), *1/9
Natchaug River - TTA	Eastford, Chaplin, Windham	10/16
Natchaug River- Trout Park	Eastford	10/16
Naugatuck River - TMA	Harwinton, Litchfield	9/30 (A. salmon), 10/24 (A. salmon & trout), 11/14 (A. salmon), 12/2 (A. salmon), 12/10 A. salmon
Naugatuck River (Lower) – TTA	Waterbury - Beacon Falls	9/30 (A. salmon), 10/24 (A. salmon & trout), 11/14 (A. salmon), 12/4 (A. salmon), 12/9 (A. salmon)
Pequabuck River (RTS 229-177) - TMA	Bristol	10/28
Pequonnock River (Trumbull Basin) - TTA Permit required for non-residents to park in Trumbull Town parks. Please call 203-452-5060 to make an appt with the P&R Dept. A valid Fishing License, Vehicle Registration, and ID are required.	Trumbull	10/21
Pickett's Pond - CFW	Derby	10/1, 11/12
Pine Lake/Malone's Pond	Bristol	11/12, *1/23
Pomperaug River - TTA	Woodbury, Southbury	10/22 (Brook trout), 10/23
Quinnipiac River	Meriden (Greenway Trail)	10/28 (Brook trout)
Quinebaug River	Killingly, Putnam, Thompson	11/13
Quonnipaug Lake – TML	Guilford	9/30
Roaring Brook – WTMA 3	Glastonbury	10/21
Roseland Lake	Woodstock	9/26
Rogers Lake – TML	Lyme, Old Lyme	9/29
Rogers Park Pond – CFW	Danbury	11/10
Saint Martha's Pond	Enfield	11/13
Salmon Brook, E. Branch – WTMA 3	Granby	10/27
Salmon River – TTA	Colchester, East Hampton	10/15, 10/16, 10/28
Salmon River- TMA	Colchester	10/15, 10/16, 10/28
Saugatuck River (Fly) - TMA	Westport	10/22 (Brook trout), 10/23
Scantic River (Upper)	Somers, Enfield	10/27
Scoville Reservoir	Wolcott	*1/23
Shetucket River - TTA	Windham, Scotland, Sprague	9/29 (A. salmon), 10/15, 10/23 (A. salmon), 11/7 (A. salmon), 12/5 (A. salmon), 12/12 (A. salmon), 12/18 (A. salmon)
Southford Falls Pond – TP	Oxford, Southbury	11/12, *1/23
Squantz Pond – TML	New Fairfield, Sherman	9/29, 11/19 (Lake trout), 11/20 (Seefs)
Stanley Quarter Park Pond – CFW	New Britain	11/12
Still River	Eastford	11/17
Stillwater Pond	Torrington	10/2, *1/8
Stratton Brook Park Pond – Trout Park	Simsbury	10/2, 10/10, 10/27
Tenmile River, Bull's Bridge- TMA	Kent, Sherman	9/25
Tyler Pond	Goshen	9/30, 11/18 (Lake trout), *1/7
Valley Falls Park Pond – Trout Park	Vernon	10/1, 10/10, 10/22, 11/10, *1/22
Walkers Reservoir	Vernon	*1/23
Wangumbaug Lake (Coventry Lake)	Coventry	9/30, 11/20 (Lake trout), 11/24 (Lake trout), *1/23
Wauregan Reservoir (Quinebaug Lake)	Killingly	9/30, 1/21*
West Hill Pond – TML	Barkhamsted, New Hartford	9/30, 11/20 (Seefs), *1/29
West Side Pond	Goshen	9/30, *1/7
Wharton Brook Pond – Trout Park	Wallingford	10/3, 10/14, 10/24
Willimantic River - TMA	Tolland, Willington	10/16, 10/20 (Brook trout)
Yantic River- TMA	Bozrah	10/17

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Colony Park Pond – CFW	Ansonia	10/1, 11/12
Mount Hope River	Ashford, Mansfield	11/17
Farmington River (Lower Collinsville to RT 177) - TMA	Avon, Canton, Unionville	8/29
Farmington River (RT 177 to Rt 4) -TMA	Avon, Farmington	8/29
West Hill Pond – TML	Barkhamsted, New Hartford	9/30, 11/20 (Seefs), *1/29
Yantic River- TMA	Bozrah	10/17
Bunnells Pond (Beardsley Park Pond) – CFW	Bridgeport	10/1
Pequabuck River (RTS 229-177) - TMA	Bristol	10/28
Birge Pond – CFW	Bristol	11/12
Pine Lake/Malone's Pond	Bristol	11/12, *1/23
Blackberry River – WTMA class 3: Rte.44 to Beckley Furnace	Canaan, Norfolk	10/16
Cedar Lake	Chester	9/30
Hammonasset River- OPEN	Clinton, Madison, Killingworth	10/20
Day Pond – Trout Park	Colchester	10/1, 10/14, 10/21, *1/22
Salmon River- TMA	Colchester	10/15, 10/16, 10/28
Salmon River – TTA	Colchester, East Hampton	10/15, 10/16, 10/28
Mohawk Pond – TML	Cornwall, Goshen	11/4 (Brook trout)
Housatonic River (Upper)- TMA	Cornwall, Sharon	9/25, 9/26
Wangumbaug Lake (Coventry Lake)	Coventry	9/30, 11/20 (Lake trout), 11/24 (Lake trout), *1/23
Rogers Park Pond – CFW	Danbury	11/10
Pickett's Pond - CFW	Derby	10/1, 11/12
Natchaug River- Trout Park	Eastford	10/16
Natchaug River - TTA	Eastford, Chaplin, Windham	10/16
Still River	Eastford	11/17
Crystal Lake	Ellington	9/24 A. salmon), 9/30, 10/7 (A. salmon), 11/25 (Seefs)
Saint Martha's Pond	Enfield	11/13
Mill River - TMA	Fairfield	10/15
Roaring Brook – WTMA3	Glastonbury	10/21
Angus Park Pond (aka Eastbury Pond)	Glastonbury	11/10
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Tenmile River, Bull's Bridge- TMA	Kent, Sherman	9/25
Housatonic River (Bull's Bridge)- TMA	Kent, Sherman, New Milford	9/25, 9/26
Wauregan Reservoir (Quinebaug Lake)	Killingly	9/30, *1/21
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Chatfield Hollow Pond (Schreeder Pond) – Trout Park	Killingworth	10/1, 10/10, 10/20
Mt. Tom Pond	Litchfield, Washington	9/24 (Atlantic salmon), 9/30, 10/7 (Atlantic salmon), *1/9
Rogers Lake – TML	Lyme, Old Lyme	9/29
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