

CT DEEP FISHERIES DIVISION
FALL/WINTER 2024/2025
TROUT AND SALMON STOCKING



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STOCKING UPDATE AS OF 10/25/2024:

We are in the home stretch this week for browns, rainbows, brookies, and tigers from Quinebaug and Burlington hatcheries. Mohawk and Black Pond Woodstock coming with big brookies soon, waiting on a paving project and lake drawdown at Highland Lake to wrap up before stocking, and we'll get to East Twin in November after we complete a brown trout population estimate. Aside from that, after this week the focus through December will be on Atlantic Salmon and Seeforellen Brown Trout, which are both raised at Kensington hatchery.

"The Daily Cast" – The weeks sure do fly by, and we've made it to yet another beautiful weekend of weather. Please enjoy and remember that fishing for trout in seasonal TMA's is catch and release from September 1st – 6:00am April 12th. Regulations in TML's vary so please be sure to know before you go by checking out our [Freshwater Fishing Guide](#). Have a great weekend!

Attention anglers wading in rivers/streams: We are observing trout redds around the state and spawning activity is starting to pick up. Trout redds are oval or teardrop shaped depressions in small gravels where the substrate looks like someone swept it clean. They are used to deposit and incubate eggs. The size and shape can vary quite a bit and depend on the length of the fish (see pictures below). Please be aware of these highly sensitive spawning areas and do not trample or disturb the area in and around them.



Reminder to please report catches of tagged Atlantic Salmon in the Shetucket and Naugatuck Rivers to the Fisheries Division using one of the following methods: 1) call 203-500-2513; 2) email matthew.devine@ct.gov, or 3) online at [this link](#). Please provide date, tag number, specific location caught (GPS coordinates ideally), and whether the fish was released or harvested. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE TAG FROM FISH**. Reported tag numbers will be integral to data collection and help build our understanding of movement, behavior, and when, where, and how often they are caught. Thanks to those who have reported their catches already!



The following is a list of waters planned to be stocked by the Fisheries Division during fall/winter 2024/2025. 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. 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 2024 Fishing Guide is available for [download](#).
 *There are no changes to freshwater regulations for 2024.

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Table 1: Sorted by Waterbody Name

Waterbody - Management type (Alphabetically)	Town(s)	Stocked
Amos Lake – TML	Preston	9/20
Beach Pond	Voluntown	9/20
Bigelow Pond	Union	9/27
Black Pond	Middlefield, Meriden	9/24
Black Pond – TML	Woodstock	
Black Rock Pond – Trout Park	Watertown	9/28, 10/11, 10/17
Blackberry River – WTMA class 3: Rte.44 to Beckley Furnace	Canaan, Norfolk	10/16
Bunnells Pond (Beardsley Park Pond) – CFW	Bridgeport	9/26
Cedar Lake	Chester	9/23
Chatfield Holllow Pond (Schreeder Pond) – Trout Park	Killingworth	9/23, 10/9, 10/21
Colony Park Pond – CFW	Ansonia	10/11
Crystal Lake TML	Ellington	9/27(A. Salmon), 10/8
Day Pond – Trout Park	Colchester	9/30, 10/9, 10/21
East Aspetuck River –WTMA 3	New Milford, New Preston	9/30
East Twin Lake – TML	Salisbury	
Gardner Lake	Salem, Bozrah	9/23
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	9/11 (Brook Trout), 9/26, 10/11, 10/21

Waterbody - Management type (Alphabetically)	Town(s)	Stocked
Hammonasset River- OPEN	Clinton, Madison, Killingworth	10/9
Hammonasset River – TMA	Madison, Killingworth	10/9
Highland Lake – TML	Winchester	
Hockanum River – TMA	Manchester	10/25
Housatonic River (Bull's Bridge)- TMA	Kent, Sherman, New Milford	10/17, 10/22
Housatonic River (Upper)- TMA	Cornwall, Sharon	9/26, 9/27, 10/10
Long Pond – TML	N. Stonington, Ledyard	9/20
Mashapaug Lake	Union	9/27
McGovern Pond – Trout Park	West Hartford	10/2, 10/17, 10/25
Mianus River - TMA	Greenwich, Stamford	9/25
Mill River - TMA	Fairfield	9/26
Mill River (Sleeping Giant State Park) -TMA	Hamden	10/4
Mohawk Pond – TML	Cornwall, Goshen	
Mohegan Park Pond – Trout Park	Norwich	9/13 (Brook Trout), 9/23, 10/9, 10/21
Moosup River - TMA	Plainfield	9/20
Mt. Tom Pond	Litchfield, Washington	9/20, 9/27(A. Salmon)
Natchaug River - TTA	Eastford, Chaplin, Windham	9/27
Natchaug River- Trout Park	Eastford	9/27
Naugatuck River - TMA	Harwinton, Litchfield	9/20 (trout), 10/11 (A. Salmon), 10/21 (A. Salmon)
Naugatuck River (Lower) – TTA	Waterbury - Beacon Falls	10/11 (trout & A. Salmon), 10/21 (A. Salmon)
Pequabuck River (RTS 229-177) - TMA	Bristol	10/21
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	10/16
Pickett's Pond - CFW	Derby	10/11
Pomperaug River - TTA	Woodbury, Southbury	9/26
Quinnipiac River	Meriden (Greenway Trail)	9/9 (Brook Trout)
Quonnipaug Lake – TML	Guilford	9/23
Roaring Brook – WTMA 3	Glastonbury	10/10
Rogers Lake – TML	Lyme, Old Lyme	9/23
Salmon Brook, E. Branch – WTMA 3	Granby	10/21
Salmon River – TTA	Colchester, East Hampton	9/25
Salmon River- TMA	Colchester	9/25
Saugatuck River (Fly) - TMA	Westport	10/3
Scantic River (Upper)	Somers, Enfield	10/18
Shetucket River - TTA	Windham, Scotland, Sprague	9/24 (Trout), 10/4 (Atlantic Salmon), 10/25 (A. Salmon)
Squantz Pond – TML	New Fairfield, Sherman	9/30
Stillwater Pond	Torrington	9/20
Stratton Brook Park Pond – Trout Park	Simsbury	10/2, 10/10, 10/17
Tenmile River, Bull's Bridge- TMA	Kent, Sherman	10/17, 10/22
Tyler Pond	Goshen	10/25
Valley Falls Park Pond – Trout Park	Vernon	9/24, 10/8, 10/24
Wangumbaug Lake (Coventry Lake)	Coventry	10/24
Wauregan Reservoir	Killingly	9/20
West Hill Pond – TML	Barkhamsted, New Hartford	10/2
West Side Pond	Goshen	10/16
Wharton Brook Pond – Trout Park	Wallingford	9/24, 10/4, 10/21
Willimantic River - TMA	Tolland, Willington	9/27
Yantic River- TMA	Bozrah	9/30

Table 2: SORTED BY TOWN

Waterbody - Management type (Alphabetically)	Town(s)	Stocked
Colony Park Pond – CFW	Ansonia	10/11
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	10/2
Yantic River- TMA	Bozrah	9/30
Bunnells Pond (Beardsley Park Pond) – CFW	Bridgeport	9/26
Pequabuck River (RTS 229-177) - TMA	Bristol	10/21
Blackberry River – WTMA class 3: Rte.44 to Beckley Furnace	Canaan, Norfolk	10/16
Cedar Lake	Chester	9/23
Hammonasset River- OPEN	Clinton, Madison, Killingworth	10/9
Day Pond – Trout Park	Colchester	9/30, 10/9, 10/21
Salmon River- TMA	Colchester	9/25
Salmon River – TTA	Colchester, East Hampton	9/25
Mohawk Pond – TML	Cornwall, Goshen	
Housatonic River (Upper)- TMA	Cornwall, Sharon	9/26, 9/27, 10/10
Wangumbaug Lake (Coventry Lake)	Coventry	10/24
Pickett's Pond - CFW	Derby	10/11
Natchaug River- Trout Park	Eastford	9/27
Natchaug River - TTA	Eastford, Chaplin, Windham	9/27
Crystal Lake - TML	Ellington	9/27(A. Salmon), 10/8
Mill River - TMA	Fairfield	9/26
Roaring Brook – WTMA3	Glastonbury	10/10
Tyler Pond	Goshen	10/25
West Side Pond	Goshen	10/16
Salmon Brook, E. Branch – WTMA 3	Granby	10/21
Mianus River – TMA	Greenwich, Stamford	9/25
Quonnipaug Lake – TML	Guilford	9/23
Mill River (Sleeping Giant State Park) -TMA	Hamden	10/4
Naugatuck River - TMA	Harwinton, Litchfield	9/20 (trout), 10/11 (A. Salmon), 10/21 (A. Salmon)
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Wauregan Reservoir	Killingly	9/20
Chatfield Hollow Pond (Schreeder Pond) – Trout Park	Killingworth	9/23, 10/9, 10/21
Mt. Tom Pond	Litchfield, Washington	9/20, 9/27(A. Salmon)
Rogers Lake – TML	Lyme, Old Lyme	9/23
Hammonasset River – TMA	Madison, Killingworth	10/9
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Quinnipiac River	Meriden (Greenway Trail)	9/9 (Brook Trout)
Black Pond	Middlefield, Meriden	9/24
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Long Pond – TML	N. Stonington, Ledyard	9/20
Squantz Pond – TML	New Fairfield, Sherman	9/30
Farmington River (Route 219 to Lower Collinsville)	New Hartford, Canton	8/29
East Aspetuck River – WTMA 3	New Milford, New Preston	9/30
Mohegan Park Pond – Trout Park	Norwich	9/13 (Brook Trout), 9/23, 10/9, 10/21
Moosup River - TMA	Plainfield	9/20
Amos Lake – TML	Preston	9/20
Gardner Lake	Salem, Bozrah	9/23
East Twin Lake – TML	Salisbury	

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Scantic River (Upper)	<i>Somers, Enfield</i>	<i>10/18</i>
Willimantic River - TMA	<i>Tolland, Willington</i>	<i>9/27</i>
Stillwater Pond	<i>Torrington</i>	<i>9/20</i>
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Bigelow Pond	<i>Union</i>	<i>9/27</i>
Mashapaug Lake	<i>Union</i>	<i>9/27</i>
Valley Falls Park Pond – Trout Park	<i>Vernon</i>	<i>9/24, 10/8, 10/24</i>
Beach Pond	<i>Voluntown</i>	<i>9/20</i>
Wharton Brook Pond – Trout Park	<i>Wallingford</i>	<i>9/24, 10/4, 10/21</i>
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Black Rock Pond – Trout Park	<i>Watertown</i>	<i>9/28, 10/11, 10/17</i>
McGovern Pond – Trout Park	<i>West Hartford</i>	<i>10/2, 10/17, 10/25</i>
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