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

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STOCKING UPDATE AS OF 02/09/2026:

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” – No stocking today (Monday 2/9). Some have asked at what air temperatures is it too cold to stock trout and salmon. Well, today provides us with an answer. We generally avoid stocking when the air temperatures are less than 10° F, to avoid gills freezing and other tissue damage. With the wind chills this morning we will be lucky to reach the teens. The rest of the week looks a touch warmer, and we re-assess and likely resume tomorrow. If you head out today, please use extra caution in the cold, 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.

Thank you for your support and please enjoy!

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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), *2/2 |
| Angus Park Pond (aka Eastbury Pond) | Glastonbury | 11/10 |
| Ball Pond | New Fairfield | 11/10 |
| Beach Pond | Voluntown | 9/26, 12/22 (Seefs), *2/2 |
| 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 |
| Billings Lake | N. Stonington | *2/3 |
| Birge Pond – CFW | Bristol | 11/12, *2/3 |
| Blackledge River – Lower | Marlborough, Hebron | 11/7 |
| Black Pond | Middlefield, Meriden | 10/3, 11/25 (Seefs), *2/6 |
| Black Pond – TML | Woodstock | 10/31 |
| Black Rock Pond – Trout Park | Watertown | 10/1 (Brook trout), 10/2, 10/14, 10/23, *1/9, *2/3 |
| Blackberry River – WTMA class 3: Rte.44 to Beckley Furnace | Canaan, Norfolk | 10/16 |
| Branford Supply Ponds | Branford | *2/6 |
| Bunnells Pond (Beardsley Park Pond) – CFW | Bridgeport | 10/1 |
| Cedar Lake | Chester | 9/30, *2/5 |
| Center Springs Park Pond – CFW | Manchester | 11/10 |
| Chatfield Hollow Pond (Schreeder Pond) – Trout Park | Killingworth | 10/1, 10/10, 10/20, *2/5 |
| 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), *2/2 |
| Eightmile River | Salem, East Haddam, Lyme | 11/14 |
| Gardner Lake | Salem, Bozrah | 9/29, *2/3 |
| 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 |
| Higganum Reservoir | Haddam | *2/5 |
| Highland Lake – TML | Winchester | 11/17, 12/11 (Seefs), *1/22, *2/4 |
| 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* |
| Lake Wintergreen | Hamden | *2/6 |
| Long Pond – TML | N. Stonington, Ledyard | 9/26, 12/22 (Seefs), *2/3 |
| 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 |

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| Moosup River - TMA | Plainfield | 10/17 |
| Moosup River – OPEN | Plainfield, Sterling | 11/6 |
| Mount Hope River | Ashford, Mansfield | 11/17 |
| 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) |
| Pattaconk Lake | Chester | *2/5 |
| 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, *2/4 |
| 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 |

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| 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 |
| Branford Supply Ponds | Branford | *2/6 |
| Bunnells Pond (Beardsley Park Pond) – CFW | Bridgeport | 10/1 |
| Pequabuck River (RTS 229-177) - TMA | Bristol | 10/28 |
| Birge Pond – CFW | Bristol | 11/12, *2/3 |
| 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, *2/5 |
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| 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 |
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| 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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| Housatonic River (Bull's Bridge)- TMA | Kent, Sherman, New Milford | 9/25, 9/26 |
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| | Litchfield, Washington | 9/24 (Atlantic salmon), 9/30, 10/7 (Atlantic salmon), *1/9 |
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