

# 2009 Adult Trout Stocking Program Changes

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For the 2009 season, the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) will stock approximately 3.2 million adult trout in the waters of the Commonwealth open to public angling. This figure includes trout produced at state (PFBC) fish hatcheries and trout obtained from the United States Fish & Wildlife Service as part of a cooperative agreement. As implemented for the 2007 season, the average size of the trout produced for stocking will be 11 inches in length.

Changes for the 2009 season will include the addition of new waters and waters restored to the stocking program and the removal of waters from the stocking program.

## New Waters and Waters Restored to the Stocking Program

### Bradford City Number 3 Reservoir | McKean County

Following the completion of maintenance repair work, this 20-acre lake will return to the trout stocking program in 2009. As with past practice, the lake will be stocked with adult trout during the preseason, spring inseason and winter stocking periods.

### Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning Creek | Cameron County

Trout stocking will resume on 8.0 miles of stream that was closed to access in 2008 due to concerns with anglers crossing railroad lines to access the stream. The access issue has been resolved and the stream will be stocked with brown and rainbow trout during the preseason and inseason stocking periods in 2009.

### Eston Wilson Lake | Lackawanna County

Located near Scranton, PA, this 8-acre lake will be added to the trout stocking program in 2009. The addition of this lake will provide additional angling opportunities near a dense population center. This water will receive a preseason stocking of rainbow trout.

### Lyman Lake | Potter County

This 40-acre lake was removed from the stocking program during the spring of 2001 due to safety concerns that required a total draw down of the impoundment to allow for major renovations to the structure of the dam. Following the completion of renovations to the dam, trout stocking was resumed during the late spring of 2008. The stocking program will continue with preseason, spring inseason, fall and winter stockings of rainbow trout scheduled for 2009.

### West Valley Creek | Chester County

A 2.8-mile section of stream extending from 0.25 miles downstream of the railroad tunnel downstream to the mouth will return to the adult trout-stocking program following a seven-year hiatus due to landowner posting. This section will receive a preseason and an inseason stocking of brown and rainbow trout.

## Early Warning Waters

### Lake Wilma | Greene County

This 19.3-acre lake has been closed to public access and will be removed from the trout stocking program for the 2009 season.

### Lake Perez | Huntingdon County

This 72-acre impoundment has been removed from at least the spring portion of the 2009 trout stocking program due to safety concerns that require a draw down of the impoundment to allow for maintenance repairs on the structure of the dam.

### Leaser Lake | Lehigh County

This 117-acre impoundment has been removed from the 2009 trout stocking program due to safety concerns that require a complete draw down of the impoundment to allow for maintenance repairs on the structure of the dam.

### Opossum Lake | Cumberland County

This 59-acre lake has been removed from the trout stocking program in 2009 due to safety concerns that require a complete dewatering of the lake to allow for construction to rebuild the spillway of the dam.

### Swift Run | Mifflin County

A 2.2-mile section of stream extending from the headwaters downstream to the mouth has been removed from the 2009 trout stocking program due to the presence of a Class A wild trout population. Formerly, this water had been stocked on a preseason only basis.

## Delayed Harvest Area Removal

### Butternut Creek | Wayne County

A 2.2-mile section of stream extending from Butternut Road downstream to the mouth has been removed from the 2009 trout stocking program and the Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only program due to access limitations that restrict angler access and parking. ☐