

2023 Pennsylvania Fishing Summary



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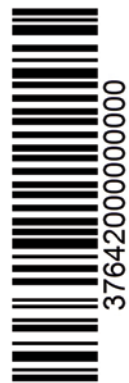
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Monday through Friday

Centre Region Office

595 East Rolling Ridge Drive
Bellefonte, PA 16823
Lobby Phone: 814-359-5124
Fisheries Admin. Phone:
814-359-5110
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

Fishing Licenses:

Phone: 877-707-4085

Boat Registration/Titling:

Phone: 866-262-8734

Publications:

Phone: 717-705-7835



Boating Safety Education Courses

Phone: 888-723-4741

Region Offices: Law Enforcement/Education

Contact **Law Enforcement** for information about regulations and fishing and boating opportunities. Contact **Outreach and Education** for information about fishing and boating programs and boating safety education.

Northwest Region

11528 State Highway 98, Meadville, PA 16335
Law Enforcement: 814-337-0444
Outreach and Education: 814-336-2426
Fax 814-337-0579 Fax 814-337-0579
Counties: Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Warren

Southcentral Region

1704 Pine Road, Newville, PA 17241
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Outreach and Education: 717-705-7919
Fax 717-486-8227 Fax 717-705-7831
Counties: Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, York

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236 Lake Road, Somerset, PA 15501
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Outreach and Education: 814-443-9841
Fax 814-445-3497 Fax 814-445-3497
Counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland

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5566 Main Road, Sweet Valley, PA 18656
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595 East Rolling Ridge Drive
Bellefonte, PA 16823
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Fax 814-359-5254 Fax 814-359-5153
Counties: Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Jefferson, Lycoming, McKean, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga, Union

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P.O. Box 9, Elm, PA 17521
Law Enforcement: 717-626-0228
Outreach and Education: 215-968-3631
Fax 717-626-0486
Counties: Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Schuylkill

Office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you see anything suspected to be a pollution, disturbance, or poaching on any waterway, regardless of how seemingly insignificant, report it immediately by calling the local PFBC Region Law Enforcement office listed above during business hours or call the PFBC toll-free hotline: 855-FISH-KIL to leave a message. A pollution or disturbance may also be reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at 1-800-541-2050 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

State Fish Hatcheries

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Bellefonte, PA 16823
814-355-3371

•Benner Spring

1735 Shiloh Road
State College, PA 16801
814-355-4837

•Oswayo

96 State Route 244 East
Coudersport, PA 16915
814-698-2102

•Reynoldsdale*

162 Fish Hatchery Road
New Paris, PA 15554
814-839-2211

•Corry

13365 Route 6
Corry, PA 16407
814-664-2122

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Carlisle, PA 17013
717-486-3419

•Pleasant Gap

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Bellefonte, PA 16823
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•Tionesta

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Fairview, PA 16415
814-474-1514

•Linesville*

13300 Hartstown Road
Linesville, PA 16424
814-683-4451

•Pleasant Mount

229 Great Bend Turnpike
Pleasant Mount, PA 18453
570-448-2101

•Tylersville

43 Hatchery Lane
Loganton, PA 17747
570-725-3965

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Fishing Licenses

Fishing licenses are sold by license issuing agents through an electronic point-of-sale (P.O.S.) system. This system brings increased efficiency, more options, and easier upgrades for anglers. Fishing licenses are sold online.

A current license, on their person, is required of persons age 16 and over to fish or angle for any species of fish and to take fishbait, baitfish, and species of amphibians and reptiles from Commonwealth waters by those legal methods described in this booklet.

FISHING is defined as the act of angling, or to catch, take, kill, or remove, or the attempt to catch, take, kill, or remove, from any waters or other areas within or bordering this Commonwealth any fish by any means or method for any purpose whatsoever. **CASTING and/or RETRIEVING**, whether by rod, reel, and line, or by handline, for oneself or for others, requires a current license, unless specifically exempted by law. See "Assistance to Children" **on page 8** for specifics on when a license is required when assisting a child (15 years of age and under).

OBTAIN YOUR LICENSE:

- at more than 700 license-issuing agents
- at county treasurers
- at Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission offices
- at **FishandBoat.com**

Lost fishing licenses or replacements – A lost fishing license can be replaced at any issuing agent at cost or reprinted online for free. All replacement licenses include permits or privileges previously purchased by the customer. The total cost for a replacement license and previously purchased permits or privileges that were printed on the base license is \$6.97.

You qualify for a RESIDENT fishing license if you are a bona fide resident of Pennsylvania. When purchasing a resident fishing license, you must show positive proof of permanent residency by presenting one of the following documents:

- valid Pennsylvania driver's license
- valid non-driver photo identification card
- previous year's Pennsylvania state income tax return showing proof of payment of personal income tax as a resident of Pennsylvania
- previous year's local earned income tax return showing tax paid to a Pennsylvania municipality
- a current Pennsylvania voter registration card

All issued resident fishing licenses will remain valid for the year or years for which issued, regardless of whether the license holder is no longer a bona fide Pennsylvania resident.

National Guard and Armed Forces Reserve licenses are available only at the PFBC and county treasurers to those persons who provide documentation that within the previous 24 months the person was deployed overseas as a member

of the reserve component of the armed forces for a period of 60 consecutive days or more or was released early from service because of an injury or disease incurred in the line of duty.

POW licenses are available to persons who provide military documentation stating the person is a former Prisoner Of War. Initial licenses are available only at the PFBC and county treasurers. After providing verification of eligibility, annual licenses may then be obtained at any issuing agent or online.

Senior resident and senior lifetime licenses are available to those persons at anytime during the year in which they will become age 65.

• Persons who possess a **SENIOR RESIDENT LIFETIME license dated before January 1, 1991** are not required to purchase a trout permit. However, a Senior Resident Lifetime license holder who purchased a trout permit or a Combination trout/Lake Erie permit before January 1, 2015, remains exempt from the requirement to purchase a trout permit annually.

Disabled Veterans Licenses – Any disabled veteran who has a disability incurred in any war or armed conflict that consists of the loss of one or more limbs or the loss of use of one or more limbs, or total blindness, or who is 100 percent disabled as certified by the United States Veterans Administration and is a resident of this Commonwealth may obtain a free resident fishing license upon application to the Commission or county treasurers. After providing verification of eligibility, annual licenses may then be obtained at any issuing agent or online.

Disabled Veterans Reduced Licenses – Any disabled veteran who has a disability incurred in any war or armed conflict who is between 60 and 99 percent disabled as certified by the United States Veterans Administration and is a resident of this Commonwealth may initially obtain a reduced fee resident fishing license upon application to the PFBC or county treasurers. After providing verification of eligibility, annual licenses may then be obtained at any issuing agent or online.

Military personnel are required to purchase a fishing license. Those who are stationed in Pennsylvania under permanent change of station orders (PCS) for a duration of 6 months or more, who produce documentation proving the same, qualify for a resident fishing license. All others must obtain a tourist or non-resident license.

Certain active duty military personnel are exempt from Pennsylvania's fishing license requirement. To be eligible for the military waiver, an angler must be a bona fide Pennsylvania resident, be on active duty, be stationed outside Pennsylvania, and be here on authorized leave. While in the

act of fishing, the military personnel must carry proof of each of these requirements, such as a Pennsylvania driver's license, a military ID, and valid military orders showing the place of assignment and leave status.

Under the law, a qualifying soldier, sailor, airman, or Marine does not receive a free Pennsylvania fishing license. Instead, eligible active duty military personnel can legally fish without a license under the limited circumstances outlined in the law. They must have on their person while fishing evidence of Commonwealth residency, proof of their assignment to a facility outside this Commonwealth, and a copy of their orders assigning them to temporary leave.

The law does not exempt military personnel on leave from any other requirements of fishing or boating laws and regulations.

Students from out of state who are attending school in Pennsylvania but who have not become residents of Pennsylvania are not eligible to purchase a resident license and must obtain a tourist or Non-Resident PA Student fishing license.

Social Security Number requirements – Since 1998, federal and state laws require purchasers of a Pennsylvania fishing license to provide their Social Security Number when applying to purchase a fishing license.

Vouchers - A voucher may be purchased as a gift for another individual that can be redeemed for a license and/or permit. A voucher may be redeemed at any issuing agent. The voucher is non-refundable and expires as noted. A voucher is not a fishing license and individuals using a voucher to fish are in violation of the Fish and Boat Code and may be subject to legal action. Individuals wishing to purchase vouchers for Christmas presents need to wait until December 1 of that year before purchasing a voucher.

1-Day Tourist and 1-Day Resident licenses – 1-Day Tourist and 1-Day Resident licenses are not valid for fishing during the period from March 15 to April 30 of any year. 1-Day Tourist or 1-Day Resident licenses issued to be used on March 14 will expire at 11:59 p.m. on March 14, regardless of what time the license begins.

POSSESSION AND DISPLAY OF LICENSES

The license shall be kept about the person while fishing and shown upon the request of any waterways or other officer designated by the Commission. In addition to showing the license to the officer, the holder thereof shall, upon demand, establish further identification to the satisfaction of the officer by producing some other positive means of identification.

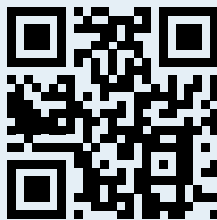
TROUT PERMIT

A current Pennsylvania trout permit is required to fish for trout in Pennsylvania waters. Permits are printed on the license. An angler “fishes for trout” when he or she:

- Takes, kills, or possesses, while in the act of fishing, a trout from any Pennsylvania or boundary waters.
- Fishes in waters under special trout regulations.
- Fishes in any Class A Wild Trout Waters or Wilderness Trout Streams or their tributaries.
- Fishes in streams and rivers designated as stocked trout waters on February 20 through May 31. *(See page 10).*



For permit application and issuance of Charter Boat/Fishing Guide permits:

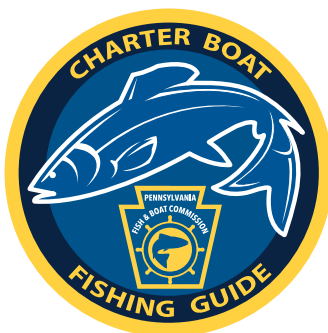


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For additional information about Charter Boat/Fishing Guide permits, contact the Bureau of Law Enforcement at 717-705-7861.

ANGLERS:

To find a charter boat operator or fishing guide for a fish species or location you wish to fish, go to the Commission’s website.



MULTI-YEAR FISHING LICENSES

A 3-year fishing license is valid through 2025, a 5-year fishing license is valid through 2027, and a 10-year fishing license is valid through 2032. Customers who buy multi-year licenses save money by not having to pay agent/transaction fees each year. Anglers can also purchase multi-year trout, Lake Erie, and combo permits and experience similar savings or purchase single year trout, Lake Erie, and combo permits.

VOLUNTARY PERMITS

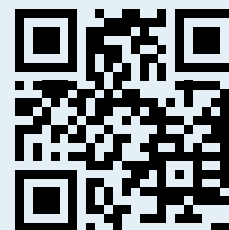
Voluntary Permits are designed to help maintain funding levels for several key fishing-related programs. Revenues generated from the sale of these permits will be reinvested into the Habitat/Waterways Conservation, Musky, Wild Trout & Enhanced Waters, or Bass programs. The Wild Trout & Enhanced Waters Permit does not meet the requirement to fish for trout in Pennsylvania waters.

VOLUNTARY YOUTH FISHING LICENSE

To participate in a Mentored Youth Fishing Day, anglers 16 years of age or older (adult anglers) must possess a valid Pennsylvania fishing license and be accompanied by a youth (less than 16 years of age) who has obtained a Mentored Youth Permit OR a Voluntary Youth Fishing License. In addition to a valid fishing license, the adult angler (mentor) must possess a valid trout permit when the Mentored Youth Fishing Day relates to trout. While mentors will be permitted to fish for trout, they are not permitted to harvest trout and must release them unharmed. Youth may harvest up to two trout (combined species) with a minimum size of 7 inches. All other Commonwealth Inland Water Regulations apply.

- The Mentored Youth Permit is free, and the Voluntary Youth Fishing License is \$2.97 (\$1.00 cost plus \$1.97 in agent/transaction fee).
- While both the permit and the Voluntary Youth Fishing License provide the opportunity for youth to fish on Mentored Youth Fishing Days, the Voluntary Youth Fishing License provides an extended return for both Pennsylvania’s youth and the Commission. For each license purchased for \$2.97, the Commission receives \$5 back in funding as a federal reimbursement. The same applies for each Voluntary Youth Fishing License Voucher, once it is redeemed. The Commission receives no federal reimbursement for Mentored Youth Permits.
- The funds received from the sales of the license reimbursement are then dedicated toward investment in youth outreach and education programs.
- While both the permit and the license provide the opportunity to participate in Mentored Youth Fishing Days, the Commission encourages anglers to purchase either a Voluntary Youth Fishing License or a Voluntary Youth Fishing License Voucher—for the future of fishing!

For the cost of fishing licenses and permits or to purchase fishing licenses and permits:



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PERMIT EXEMPTIONS:

The following persons are NOT required to possess a trout permit or Lake Erie permit:

- Persons under 16 years of age.
- Disabled persons and other individuals who are exempt from fishing license requirements, or who are authorized to fish using an institutional license.
- Persons who possess a 1-Day Tourist license.

LAKE ERIE PERMIT

All anglers fishing in the waters of Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay, and their tributaries including waters that flow into those tributaries are required to possess a valid Lake Erie permit or Combination trout/Lake Erie permit. *See page 14 for a list of main tributaries that require a permit.*



COMBINATION TROUT LAKE ERIE PERMIT

In many cases, an angler may need both a trout permit and a Lake Erie permit to fish in waters in the Erie area. Rather than purchasing these individually, a combination Trout Lake Erie permit may be purchased.




CHARTER BOAT/ FISHING GUIDE PERMITS

Charter boat operators and fishing guides are required to obtain a permit when conducting business on the waters of the Commonwealth including the boundary waters. The annual fee for the permit is \$101.97 for residents and \$401.97 for non-residents. Pricing includes issuing agent fee of \$1.00 and \$0.97 transaction fee.

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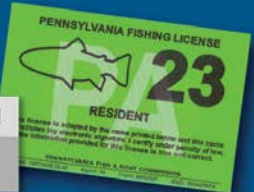
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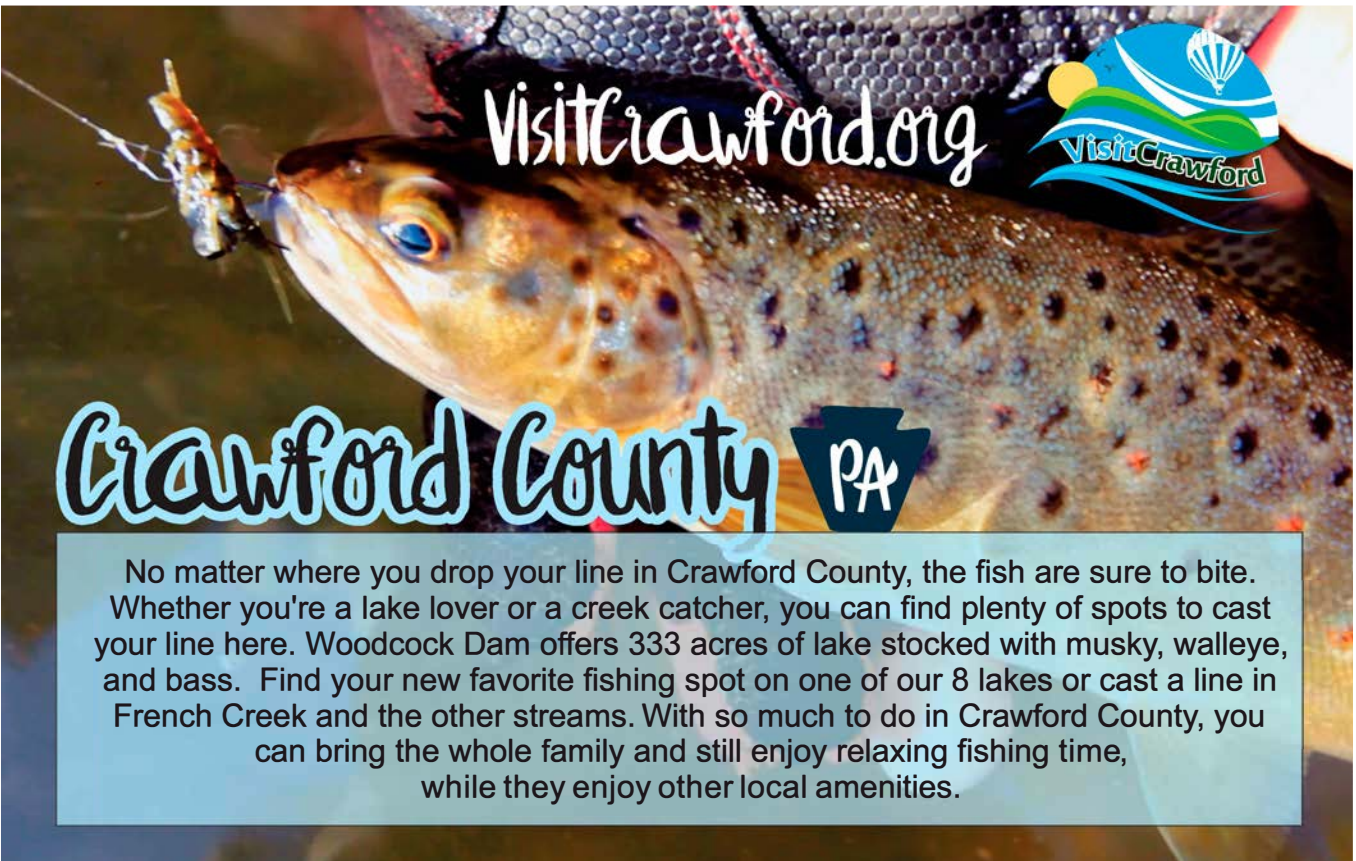
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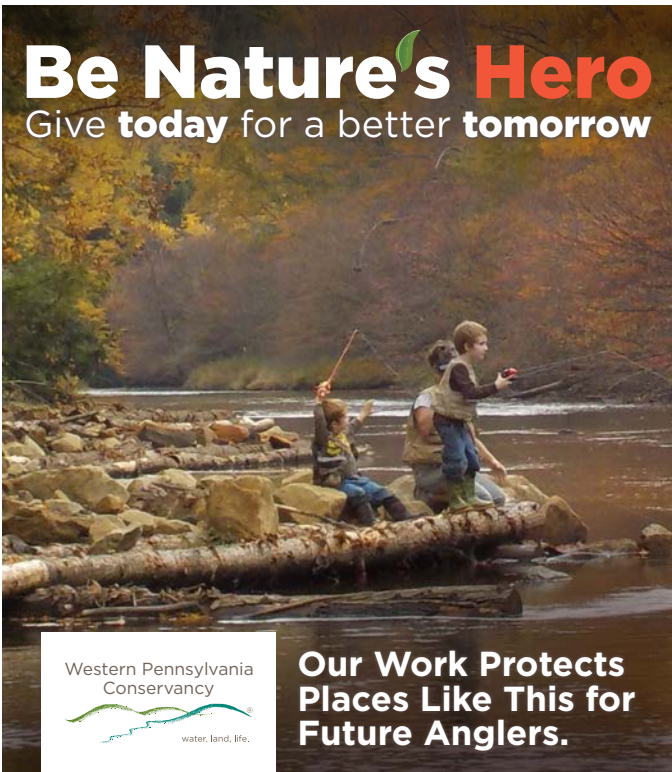


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No matter where you drop your line in Crawford County, the fish are sure to bite. Whether you're a lake lover or a creek catcher, you can find plenty of spots to cast your line here. Woodcock Dam offers 333 acres of lake stocked with musky, walleye, and bass. Find your new favorite fishing spot on one of our 8 lakes or cast a line in French Creek and the other streams. With so much to do in Crawford County, you can bring the whole family and still enjoy relaxing fishing time, while they enjoy other local amenities.

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The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), *Lycorma delicatula* (White), is an invasive planthopper native to China, India, and Vietnam. It was first discovered in Pennsylvania in Berks County and has spread to other counties in the Commonwealth. This insect has the potential to greatly impact agricultural crops such as grapes, hops, and hardwoods. It is also reducing the quality of life for people living in heavily infested areas.

If you are in the quarantine area, please "Look Before You Leave." Inspecting your vehicles, trailers, or any outdoor items before you move around or out of the quarantine is important. If possible, don't park in tree lines, and keep windows rolled up when you park your vehicle. Know the life stages of the insect and when to look for it. For more information, www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/Pages/default.aspx.

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General Fishing Regulations

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FIELD DRESSING AND DISPOSAL OF FISH – It is unlawful to possess a fish in any form or condition other than in the whole or having the entrails removed while on shore, along the waters of the Commonwealth, onboard a boat or on a dock, pier, launch area, or parking lot adjacent thereto. Fish may be processed fully if they are being prepared for immediate consumption on site. This does not apply to fish processed at a fish cleaning station officially recognized by the Commission or by a permitted charter boat/fishing guide operation.

It is unlawful to discard any fish carcass or parts thereof into the waters of the Commonwealth or upon any public or private lands contiguous to the waters unless disposal is on lands with permission from the landowner or it is where fish are properly disposed into suitable garbage or refuse collection systems or at an officially recognized fish cleaning station.

TAGGED FISH – The PFBC and agencies in adjacent states apply tags to fish for special research purposes. If an angler catches a tagged fish and wishes to keep the fish, the tag number and location of the catch should be reported to the address or phone number on the tag or to the PFBC. If the angler doesn't wish to keep the fish, no attempt should be made to remove the tag unless special instructions have been posted at access areas, by the media, or elsewhere. For example, sometimes the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission uses two-part tags and parts of or all of the tags should be removed in some cases with scissors or a knife. This type of tag typically resembles rubber spaghetti, and information such as tag numbers and toll-free phone numbers can be easily read. Tagged fish that are not kept should be returned to the water immediately after removing the tag or recording the information from the tag. In no case should tags be pulled from a fish as this will cause significant injuries.

It is unlawful for a person to implant tracking devices in or to tag, brand, mark, or fin clip any fish taken from Commonwealth waters unless the fish are purchased from an authorized commercial aquaculture facility, are part of a Commission-recognized and sanctioned stocking by a cooperative nursery, are authorized by a scientific collector's permit issued by the Commission, are part of a tagged fish contest in a boundary lake for which the Commission has issued a permit, or are part of a Commission-partnered tagged fish contest.

Tackle and Equipment

RODS, LINES, AND HOOKS. An angler may use a maximum of three lines fished either by rod or hand when fishing for gamefish, baitfish, or both. An exception to this rule exists for those fishing through ice in winter (see Ice Fishing Equipment below). On open water (not covered by ice), it is unlawful for a person to fish with more than three fishing rods at a time. There is no restriction on the number of hooks used on each fishing line. All rods, lines, and hooks shall be under the immediate control of the person using them.

SNAGGING HOOKS may not be used or possessed while in the act of fishing. A snagging hook is a device designed or modified to facilitate the snagging of fish and may be a hook with a single barb, weighted on a shank below the eye and above the barbs, or a hook otherwise designed or modified to make the snagging of fish more likely than it would be with a normal hook.

ICE FISHING EQUIPMENT. It is unlawful while ice fishing to use more than five fishing devices, which may consist of rods, hand lines, tip-ups, or any combination. Each device shall contain a single fishing line with no restriction on the number of hooks used for fishing, except when fishing in the Pymatuning Reservoir where no more than three hooks shall be attached to each line. Self-hooking devices such as jaw jackers and automated fisherman are allowed. Holes cut in ice may not exceed 10 inches between the farthest points as measured in any direction. All lines, rods, or tip-ups shall be under the immediate control of the person using them. On Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission lakes, shelters or shanties must be removed when through fishing for the day.

GAFF OR LANDING NET. A gaff or landing net is permitted to assist in landing fish caught using a lawful device. Nets of all types can be no larger (excluding the handle) than 4 feet square or 4 feet in diameter. The use of a cast net or throw net in any Commonwealth waters except waters listed at the Commission's website are a violation of the Fish and Boat Code. These waterways require permits. Cast net and throw net permits are available online. **It is unlawful to use any type of net or seine to catch or take gamefish.**

SPEARS OR GIGS. Spears or gigs may be used to take **ONLY** carp, suckers, and catfish. Spears or gigs may not be mechanically propelled, may not have more than five barbed points, and may not be used in stocked trout waters.

BOW AND ARROW (including compound bows and crossbows) may be used for taking **ONLY** carp, suckers, and catfish on all Commonwealth waters, day or night, with the following exceptions: (1) bow fishing is strictly prohibited in stocked trout waters during the closed season and (2) bowfishing is strictly prohibited in special regulations trout waters.

ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN

An adult who assists a child (15 years of age and younger) by casting or retrieving a fishing line or fishing rod is not required to possess a valid fishing license provided that the child remains within arms' reach of the assisting adult and is actively involved in the fishing activity. An adult may assist a child by baiting hooks, removing fish from the line, netting fish, preparing the fishing rod for use, and untangling the line without possessing a valid fishing license. An adult is required to possess a fishing license if they intend to set the hook for the child. An adult may not fish or set the hook for their child in a designated Children/Special Population Area.

BAIT

BAITFISH includes all forms of minnows; suckers, chubs, Fallfish, lampreys; Gizzard Shad 8 inches or less taken from inland ponds, lakes, or reservoirs; and all forms of darters, killifishes, and stonecats (except those listed as threatened or endangered species). Legally taken gamefish may be used as bait. It is unlawful to use or possess Round Gobies, Tubenose Gobies, goldfish, comets, koi, and Common Carp as baitfish while fishing.

FISHBAIT includes crayfish, crabs, and the nymphs, larvae, and pupae of all insects spending any part of their life cycle in the water.

For all crayfish species, the head must be immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture unless used as bait in the water from which taken.

SEASON, SIZE, LIMIT: No closed season (except as noted below) and no minimum size. The daily limit and possession limit is 50 combined species. When purchasing bait, obtain and keep the sales slip or receipt. The receipt authorizes the possession of the fishbait or baitfish so purchased for a period of 15 days after its date of issue. Fishbait or baitfish purchased from a licensed dealer do not have a possession limit and do not count toward your daily limit of fishbait and baitfish taken from Commonwealth waterways. Stocked trout waters are closed for taking fishbait and baitfish from February 20 to the opening day of trout season. Most specially regulated trout waters are closed to taking fishbait and baitfish at all times.

TAKING AND KEEPING BAIT is permitted using rod and reel or handline, dip net, or minnow seine not over 4 feet square or in diameter, or a minnow trap with no more than two openings that shall not exceed 1 inch in diameter. All devices must be under the immediate control of the person using them. Unattended minnow traps or baitfish containers left in Commonwealth waters must be identified with the owner's or user's name, address, and telephone number. If fishing in a group and the total number of fishbait or baitfish taken exceeds the possession limit (50), separate containers must be provided for the fishbait and baitfish. Total possession limit in any one container may not exceed 50 baitfish or fishbait combined.

MUDBUGS (dragonfly nymphs): No daily limit from lakes, ponds, swamps, or adjacent areas; the daily limit from rivers and streams is 50.

FROGS AS BAIT: Except for those listed as endangered or threatened or those with zero possession limit, frogs may be used as bait. Certain seasons and possession limits apply.

Releasing fish from another state, province, or country into Commonwealth waters is illegal without written permission from the Commission. Transferring fish from one Pennsylvania watershed to another where that species is not always present is also illegal without written consent from the Commission.

It is Unlawful . . .

• To possess, introduce, or import, transport, sell, purchase, offer for sale, or barter the following live species in the Commonwealth: **snakehead (all species), Black Carp, Bighead Carp, Silver Carp, Zebra Mussel, Quagga Mussel, European Rudd, Ruffe, Rusty Crayfish, Round Goby, and Tubenose Goby.**

• To fish with more than three fishing lines at any time when fishing for gamefish, baitfish, or both.

• To not have immediate control of all rods, lines, and hooks.

• To fish (includes taking baitfish and fishbait) from February 20 to 8:00 a.m. on the opening day of trout season in any stocked trout water. Excepted are certain specially regulated waters and Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-round Fishing.

• To cast repeatedly into a clearly visible bass spawning nest or redd in an effort to catch or take a bass.

• To take or attempt to take fish, or keep fish accidentally caught, by snatch-fishing, foul hooking, or snag fishing. Handfishing is not permitted.

• To catch, kill, or possess more than one day's limit of any fish, except: (a) at your residence and (b) you may possess two days' limit while traveling to your residence from an overnight fishing trip of two or more consecutive days.

• To have on a stringer or in a container or otherwise in possession, while in or along waters of the Commonwealth or immediately returning therefrom, more than the daily creel limit of any fish for one person.

• To fail to immediately return unharmed to the waters from which it was taken, any fish caught out of season, undersize, or over the daily creel limit. Any fish placed on a stringer, in any container or given away, counts toward the possession limit of the person having caught it, and the person to whom it was given.

• To kill any fish and fail to make a reasonable effort to lawfully dispose of it.

• To fish in, or within 100 feet of, the entrance or exit points of any fishway, including fish ladders and other fish passage facilities.

• To use gamefish as bait except when taken by rod and reel or handline in conformance with seasons, sizes, and creel limits or when purchased from an authorized bait dealer.

• To sell baitfish or fishbait taken from waters of the Commonwealth, except that licensed and authorized commercial fishermen may take and sell baitfish from Lake Erie and Presque Isle Bay.

• To sell baitfish or fishbait within the Commonwealth, or transport same out of the state, except by authorized and licensed commercial bait dealers.

• To sell any species of fish, reptile (with the exception of Snapping Turtles), or amphibian taken from the Commonwealth.

• To sell, offer for sale, purchase, or barter any fish parts or fish eggs obtained from fish taken from waters of this Commonwealth including boundary waters. This prohibition does not apply to fish parts or fish eggs (1) lawfully taken or sold or offered for sale by holders of Lake Erie commercial fishing licenses if the particular species of fish is authorized for taking by commercial licensees, or (2) those obtained from fish taken lawfully from waters outside of this Commonwealth.

• To release any species of fish, except those listed as approved by the PFBC, in Commonwealth waters without written permission from the executive director of the PFBC.

• To place an obstruction in any waterway that blocks the free movement of fish.

• To use or have in possession while on or along Commonwealth waters, nets larger than 4 feet square or in diameter except with a special permit issued by the PFBC.

• To conduct an organized fishing tournament in which there are 10 or more participants without a permit issued by the Commission. Applications must be submitted 60 days before the date of the proposed tournament. Fishing tournaments may not be conducted for a species of fish during the closed season for that species. Unless a special exemption is granted, fishing tournaments may not be conducted on the opening day of the season for any species of gamefish. Contact the nearest region office ([page 3](#)) for further information and permit applications. Applications are also available online.

• To conduct an organized fishing tournament and fail to submit an accurate fishing tournament catch report when required.

• To conduct a tagged fishing tournament in boundary waters without a permit issued by the PFBC.

• To throw, leave, discard, or deposit litter, debris, or trash of any kind in or along waters or lands adjacent to or contiguous to waters of the Commonwealth.

• To obstruct the ingress, egress, or regress to a person's property, cattleways, or fields.

• To dig in or drive upon any lands.

• To cut or damage trees or shrubs.

• To build or tend open fires without permission.

• To run any vehicle, except fording in the most direct manner, in any stream.

• To interfere with officers authorized to enforce the Fish and Boat Code in the performance of their duties or to refuse to accompany any officer after having been arrested for a violation of the Fish and Boat Code.

If a Violation Occurs . . .

Persons accused of violating the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Code or rules and regulations may be issued a citation and have a right to a hearing before a district justice. Law enforcement personnel have the authority to confiscate or seize as evidence fish and fishing equipment that are illegal or used to violate fishing laws or regulations. The PFBC may, upon proper notice, suspend or revoke the fishing privileges, boating privileges, or other permits of any person convicted (or acknowledging guilt) of a violation of the Fish and Boat Code or PFBC regulations.

If you have been convicted of or plead guilty to a second or subsequent violation within a 12-month period, you may be assessed an additional fine of \$200 for those offenses classified as summary offenses.

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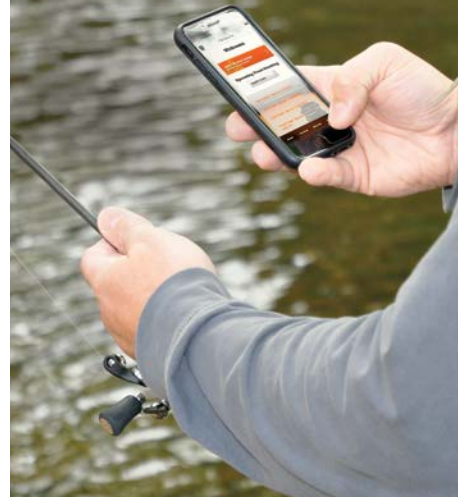
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COMMONWEALTH INLAND WATERS-2023

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
ALL SPECIES OF TROUT  Additional regulations may apply- see Trout Regulations-pages 23-36. See page 23 for stream sections that are both Stocked Trout Waters and Class A Wild Trout Waters.	Regular Opening Day of Trout Season - April 1 at 8 a.m. through Sept. 4	7 inches	5-streams, lakes, and ponds (combined species)
	Extended Season: Stocked trout waters Jan. 1 through Feb. 19 and Sept. 5 through Dec. 31	7 inches	3 (combined species)
	Extended Season: Stocked Class A wild trout stream sections. Jan. 1 through Feb. 19 and Sept. 5 through Dec. 31	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only Class A stream listing: fishandboat.com	
BASS - Lakes, Rivers, and Streams Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted Additional regulations may apply- see page 11	Jan. 1 through April 7 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)
	April 8 through June 9	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)	
	June 10 through Sept. 30	12 inches	6 (combined species)
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge*	 Open year-round	40 inches	1 (combined species)
Pickeral*		18 inches	4
Northern Pike*		24 inches	2
Walleye and Saugeye (Hybrids)	Jan. 1 through March 14 and May 6 through Dec. 31	15 inches	6
Sauger	Jan. 1 through March 14 and May 6 through Dec. 31	12 inches	6
American Shad**	Open year-round	No minimum	3
American Shad	Open year-round - Lehigh River, Schuylkill River*** and tributaries	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only	
American Shad River Herring**	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND Susquehanna River and tributaries		
Hickory Shad**	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND		
Herring, Gizzard Shad	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species)
American Eel	Open year-round	9 inches	25
Striped Bass and Striped Bass/White Bass Hybrids	Open year-round	20 inches	2 (combined species)
Sunfish, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Crappies, Catfish, Rock Bass, Suckers, Carp, White Bass, Bowfin, and other gamefish not otherwise listed Additional regulations may apply- see Panfish Enhancement Special Regulations-page 15	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species)
			
Baitfish/Fishbait**** (except Mudbugs/includes Crayfish)	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species)
Mudbugs (Dragonfly Nymphs)	Open year-round	No minimum	Unlimited if taken from lakes, ponds, swamps, and adjacent areas. 50 per day if taken from moving waters (rivers and streams).
Mussels/Clams	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND		
Paddlefish, Spotted Gar, and other threatened and endangered species	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND		

SEASONS, SIZES, AND CREEL LIMITS – Except for trout season, which begins at 8 a.m., all regulatory periods in the fishing regulations are based on the calendar day, one of which ends at midnight and the next of which begins immediately thereafter.

* Except those species in waters listed in the **Brood Stock Lakes Program**. Tiger Muskellunge is a muskellunge hybrid.

** Unlawful to take, catch, or kill American Shad in the Susquehanna River and all its tributaries. River Herring (Alewife and Blueback Herring) has a closed year-round season with zero daily limit applied to Susquehanna River and tributaries, Lehigh River and tributaries, Schuylkill River and tributaries, West Branch Delaware River, Delaware River, Delaware estuary, Delaware River tributaries upstream to the limit of the tidal influence, and Conowingo Reservoir.

*** Lehigh River upstream of the first dam in Easton, Pennsylvania and its tributaries and the Schuylkill River upstream of the I-95 Bridge and its tributaries.

NOTE: It is not a violation of the bass regulations if a bass is immediately returned unharmed to the waters from which it was taken. It is unlawful for an angler to cast repeatedly into a clearly visible bass spawning nest or redd in an effort to catch or take bass.

NOTE: For bass regulations, power dam pools and recreational dam pools on the Susquehanna River and navigational dam pools on the Ohio River drainage are “rivers.” It is unlawful to conduct a fishing tournament on the North Branch, West Branch, or main stem of the Susquehanna River that allows a tournament angler to harvest bass.

NOTE: Stocked trout waters are closed to fishing from February 20 to the opening day of the regular trout season in April, unless included in the **Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing Program**.

NOTE: Landlocked Alewife less than 8 inches in length taken from inland ponds, lakes, or reservoirs that are collected by legal means may be harvested for use as baitfish.

NOTE: It is legal to fish for trout in Class A trout streams year-round, with no harvest beginning the day after Labor Day through the

opening day of trout season the following year. The exception is those stream sections designated as both Class A Wild Trout Streams and Stocked Trout Waters. These stream sections are closed to fishing from February 20 until 8 a.m. on the opening day of trout season.

**** **BAITFISH** includes all forms of minnows; suckers, chubs, Fallfish, lampreys; Gizzard Shad 8 inches or less; and all forms of darters, killifishes, and stonecats (except those listed as threatened or endangered species). Legally taken gamefish may be used as bait. It is unlawful to use or possess goldfish, comets, koi, and Common Carp as baitfish while fishing. **FISHBAIT** includes crayfish, crabs, and the nymphs, larvae, and pupae of all insects spending any part of their life cycle in the water.

For all crayfish species, the head must be immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture unless used as bait in the water from which taken.



Largemouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass



Spotted Bass

Big Bass Program Special Regulations

These special regulations apply to Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted bass in the waters listed below. Stocked trout waters (lakes) that are in the Big Bass Program are closed to all fishing from February 20 until the opening day of the trout season. This closure does not pertain to stocked trout waters (lakes) open to year-round fishing. For all other species, inland regulations apply.

LAKES

Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Jan. 1 through April 7 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)
April 8 through June 9	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)	

For the latest information and regulation updates, please consult the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's website: fishandboat.com.

WATERS GOVERNED BY THESE REGULATIONS

County	Water
Allegheny	Upper, Middle, and Lower Deer Lakes <i>Closed to fishing from February 20 until 8 a.m. on opening day of trout.</i>
Allegheny	Marshall Lake
Allegheny	North Park Lake
Armstrong	Keystone Lake
Beaver	Bradys Run Lake
Berks	Blue Marsh Lake
Berks	Carsonia Lake
Berks	Hopewell Lake
Berks	Kaercher Creek Dam
Bedford	Shawnee Lake (State Park)
Blair	Canoe Creek Lake (State Park) to include two small ponds and raceway adjacent to Canoe Lake
Bucks	Lake Towhee
Bucks	Nockamixon Lake (State Park)
Butler	Lake Arthur (Moraine State Park)
Cambria	Beaverdam Run Reservoir
Cambria	Duman Lake
Cambria	Hinckston Run Reservoir
Cambria	Wilmore Dam

County	Water
Carbon	Mauch Chunk Lake
Centre	Colyer Lake
Chester	Chambers Lake
Chester	Marsh Creek Lake (State Park)
Clarion/Venango	Kahle Lake
Crawford	Sugar Lake
Cumberland	Opossum Lake
Fayette	Indian Creek Reservoir (Mill Run Reservoir)
Fayette/Westmoreland	Bridgeport Reservoir
Indiana	Yellow Creek Lake (State Park)
Lackawanna	Lackawanna Lake (State Park)
●Lancaster	Speedwell Forge Lake
Lehigh	Leaser Lake
Luzerne	Frances Slocum Lake (State Park)
Luzerne	Harris Pond
Luzerne	Lily Lake
Lycoming	Rose Valley Lake
Mercer	Shenango River Lake

County	Water
Monroe/Wayne	Gouldsboro Lake
Montour	Lake Chillisquaque
Perry	Little Buffalo Lake (Holman Lake)
Somerset	Quemahoning Reservoir
Tioga	Lake Nessmuk
Venango	Two Mile Run Reservoir (Justus Lake)
Washington	Cross Creek Lake
Washington	Peters Twp. Lake (Res. #2)
Wayne	Lower Woods Pond (<i>partial drawdown</i>)
Westmoreland	Indian Lake
Westmoreland	Keystone Lake (State Park)
Westmoreland	Twin Lakes Number One Reservoir (lower)
Westmoreland	Mammoth Dam
Westmoreland	Northmoreland Lake
Westmoreland	Twin Lake Number Two Reservoir (upper)
Wyoming	Stevens Lake
York	Lake Marburg (Codorus State Park)
York	Lake Redman
York	Lake Williams
York	Pinchot Lake (State Park)

SMALLMOUTH BASS AND LARGEMOUTH BASS—CATCH AND RELEASE

Counties	Waters	Season/Special Regulations
Cumberland, Dauphin, Juniata, Lancaster, Northumberland, Perry	Susquehanna River (98.0 miles) from the inflatable dam near Sunbury downstream to Holtwood Dam, including all tributaries to a point ½ mile upstream from the confluence.	January 1 to December 31: NO HARVEST CATCH AND IMMEDIATE RELEASE ONLY. It is unlawful for an angler to cast repeatedly into a clearly visible bass spawning nest or redd in an effort to catch or take bass as with Commonwealth Inland Waters fishing regulations. From January 1 to April 7 and June 10 to December 31: Catch-measure-immediate release tournaments permitted (see fishandboat.com for tournament requirement details). From April 8 to June 9: No tournaments permitted.
Dauphin, Juniata, Perry	Juniata River (31.7 miles) from SR0075 bridge at Port Royal downstream to the mouth, including all tributaries to a point ½ mile upstream from the confluence.	

See catch-and-release guidelines on [page 15](#).

Fishing Privileges in Boundary Waters

The following fishing license agreements apply to boundary waters. You must abide by all other rules and regulations of the state in which fishing and where you launch or retrieve your boat.

A PENNSYLVANIA or MARYLAND LICENSE is valid on the Conowingo Reservoir or Youghiogheny River Lake when fishing from a boat (excluding coves and tributaries). **DOES NOT INCLUDE SHORE FISHING.**

A PENNSYLVANIA or NEW YORK LICENSE is valid on the Delaware River (including West Branch) between New York and Pennsylvania when **FISHING FROM A BOAT OR FROM EITHER SHORE.**

A PENNSYLVANIA or NEW JERSEY LICENSE is valid on the Delaware River between New Jersey and Pennsylvania when **FISHING FROM A BOAT OR FROM EITHER SHORE.** A Pennsylvania fishing license is required to fish in all other waters identified on [page 13](#) as being part of the Delaware Estuary.

A PENNSYLVANIA or OHIO LICENSE is valid on the Pymatuning Reservoir when fishing from a boat. **DOES NOT INCLUDE SHORE FISHING.**

A PENNSYLVANIA LICENSE is required to fish Kinzua Reservoir in McKean and Warren counties. **No agreement** has been established with New York.

NO FISHING AGREEMENTS have been made on any other boundary waters.

Saltwater Angler Registry: Delaware River and Estuary

Anglers who target or catch shad, striped bass, and river herring from the Delaware River below Trenton Falls or in the Delaware Estuary are required to register for free with the PFBC using the QR code on this page, register, for a fee, with the National Saltwater Angler Registry administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), or meet the saltwater angler registration requirements of another state. Anglers do not need to register if they meet one of the following exceptions:

- Are under the age of 16.
- Hold a Highly Migratory Species Angling Permit.
- Fish commercially under a valid license.
- Possess a valid registration with the National Saltwater Angler.
- Registry administered by NOAA or from another exempted state.

Pennsylvania fishing license holders may choose to register for free with the PFBC. Go online for registration details.

Anglers may also register with the National Registry website at www.countmyfish.noaa.gov with NOAA by clicking on the Angler Registry link or calling the toll-free registration line NATIONAL SALTWATER ANGLER REGISTRY: DELAWARE RIVER AND ESTUARY at 1-888-MRIP-411 (1-888-674-7411). Please note that registered anglers must still possess a valid state fishing license.



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PYMATUNING RESERVOIR

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Walleye and Saugeye (Hybrids)	Open year-round	15 inches	6 (combined species)
Bass: Largemouth, Smallmouth	Open year-round	12 inches	5
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge (Hybrids)	Open year-round	30 inches	2 (combined species)
Crappie**	Open year-round	9 inches	20
All Other Species	Open year-round	No minimum	None
Baitfish/Fishbait* <small>See page 8 for definitions</small>	Open year-round	No minimum	None
Frogs and Tadpoles	July 1 through Oct. 31	No minimum	15
Snapping Turtles	July 1 through Oct. 31	No minimum	15 daily limit 30 possession limit
Turtles (all species other than Snapping Turtles)	Open year-round	No minimum	2
Mussels/Clams	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND		
Threatened and endangered species	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND		

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR PYMATUNING RESERVOIR

- Lights or firearms may not be used to take frogs.
- Hooks used to take turtles shall be at least 3.5 inches long with at least 1 inch space between the point and shank.
- Spears, longbows, compound bows, and crossbows may ONLY be used to take carp and suckers.
- Minnow seines and dip nets are restricted to 4 feet in size; mesh must measure not less than 1/8 inch, nor larger than 1/2 inch on a side.
- **ICE FISHING** – An Ohio or Pennsylvania fishing license is recognized anywhere on the lake. It is unlawful while ice fishing to use more than five fishing devices, which may

consist of rods, hand lines, tip-ups, or any combination. Each device shall contain a single fishing line with no more than three hooks attached to each line. Holes cut in ice may not exceed 10 inches between the farthest points as measured in any direction. All lines, rods, or tip-ups shall be under the immediate control of the person using them.

NOTE: See this page for reciprocal fishing privileges between Pennsylvania and Ohio.

***For all crayfish species,** the head must be immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture unless used as bait in the water from which taken.

** As per Panfish Enhancement Special Regulations-[page 15](#)





CONOWINGO RESERVOIR up to Holtwood Dam

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
All Species of Trout	Open year-round	No minimum	2 (combined species)
Bass: Largemouth, Smallmouth	Jan. 1 through Feb. 28 and June 16 through Dec. 31	12 inches	5 (combined species)
Northern Pike	Open year-round	30 inches	2
Walleye	Open year-round	15 inches	5
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge (Hybrids)	Open year-round	36 inches	1
Pickereel	Open year-round	14 inches	5
Striped Bass and Striped Bass/White Bass Hybrids	Open year-round	18 inches	2 (combined species) only one of which may exceed 30 inches
Sunfish, Bluegill, Rock Bass	Open year-round	No minimum	15 (combined species)
Crappies	Open year-round	No minimum	15
Carp	Open year-round	No minimum	15
Channel Catfish	Open year-round	No minimum	5
Suckers	Open year-round	No minimum	30
American Eel	Open year-round	9 inches	25
Yellow Perch	Open year-round	No minimum	No daily limit
Baitfish/Fishbait* <small>See page 8</small>	Open year-round	No minimum	35
All Other Fish Species	Open year-round	No minimum	No daily limit
American Shad and Hickory Shad, River Herring (Alewife and Blueback Herring), Bivalves/Shellfish (Mussels/Clams)	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND includes all threatened and endangered species		

*It is illegal to: catch or process any species of crayfish unless the head is immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture; use any species of crayfish as bait unless the head is removed behind the eyes; catch and possess a female crayfish with eggs attached to the underside of the abdomen.

DELAWARE RIVER AND ESTUARY (including tributaries to limits of tidal influence)

The following seasons, sizes, and creel daily limits apply to the Delaware River, West Branch Delaware River, and Delaware River tributaries, from the mouths of the tributaries upstream to the limit of the tidal influence and the Lehigh River from its mouth upstream to the first dam in Easton, Pennsylvania. The Delaware River estuary waters are listed at the right. ATTENTION: Non-offset (inline) circle hooks are required when fishing with bait for any species of fish in the Tidal Delaware Estuary including tributaries from the mouths of the tributaries upstream to the limit of the tidal influence. The definition of a non-offset (inline) circle hook is a non-offset hook where the point is pointed perpendicularly back towards the shank. The term 'non-offset' means the point and the barb are in the same plane as the shank. ● ATTENTION: It is unlawful for any person to gaff or attempt to gaff any Striped Bass at any time when fishing.

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
	April 1 at 8 a.m. through Oct. 15	North of I-84: 14 inches	1 (combined species)
		South of I-84: No minimum	5 (combined species)
		West Branch Delaware River* 12 inches	2 (combined species)
Bass Largemouth Smallmouth 	Jan. 1 through April 7 and June 10 through Dec. 31	12 inches	5 (combined species)
	April 8 through June 9	NO HARVEST - Catch and immediate release only	
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge (Hybrids) 	Open year-round	40 inches	1
Northern Pike	Open year-round	24 inches	2
Pickereel	Open year-round	12 inches	5
Walleye	The portion of the Delaware River between New Jersey and Pennsylvania - open year-round. The portion of the Delaware River between New York and Pennsylvania - Jan. 1 until midnight, March 14 and May 6 until midnight, Dec. 31	18 inches	3
American Shad**	Open year-round	No minimum	● 2
American Eel	Open year-round	9 inches	25
Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass† **** 	From the Pennsylvania state line upstream to Calhoun Street Bridge; Jan. 1 through March 31 and June 1 through Dec. 31†	28 to less than 35 inches†	1†
	April 1 through May 31†	21 to less than 24 inches†	2†
	From Calhoun Street Bridge upstream - open year-round†	28 to less than 35 inches†	1†
† It is unlawful to fish with bait for any species of fish in the tidal Delaware Estuary including tributaries from the mouths of the tributaries upstream to the limit of tidal influence using any hook type other than non-offset (inline) circle hooks. The definition of a non-offset (inline) circle hook is a non-offset hook where the point is pointed perpendicularly back towards the shank. The term "non-offset" means the point and the barb are in the same plane as the shank. For more information, consult: fishandboat.com.			
Baitfish/Fishbait* See page 8 for definitions	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species)
River Herring***	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND		
Hickory Shad, Sturgeon, and other threatened and endangered species	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND		
Mussels/Clams	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND		
Other Species	Inland seasons, sizes, and creel limits apply except for waters under special regs.		

* A special no-kill season with the use of artificial lures only has been established on the West Branch Delaware River (see page 16 for details).
 ** American Shad is catch and release in the Schuylkill River from I-95 upstream including all tributaries and three (3) American Shad in all other Delaware River tributaries, including those above tide.
 *** River Herring (Alewife and Blueback Herring) has a closed year-round season with zero daily limit applied to Susquehanna

River and tributaries, Lehigh River and tributaries, Schuylkill River and tributaries, West Branch Delaware River, Delaware River, Delaware estuary, and Delaware River tributaries upstream to the limit of the tidal influence.
 ●**** It is unlawful for any person to gaff or attempt to gaff any Striped Bass at any time when fishing.
 For all crayfish species, the head must be immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture unless used as bait in the water from which taken.

See fish consumption advisory for Delaware Estuary Striped Bass over 28"—see page 35.

WHEN FISHING WITH BAIT FOR ANY SPECIES OF FISH IN THE TIDAL DELAWARE ESTUARY, THE USE OF A NON-OFFSET (INLINE) CIRCLE HOOK IS REQUIRED.



●=NEW ADDITION

The Delaware River estuary consists of the water areas listed below to their upper tidal limits:

Water Area	Upper Tidal Limit
Chester Creek	Kerlin Street (Chester-city)
Crum Creek	U.S. Route 13 (Eddystone)
Darby Creek	Pine Street (Darby-borough)
Delaware River	From the PA state line upstream to the U.S. Route 1 bridge
Frankford Creek	U.S. Route 13 (Frankford Avenue)
Marcus Hook Creek	U.S. Route 13 (Marcus Hook-borough)
Neshaminy Creek	Hulmeville Falls
Pennypack Creek	U.S. Route 13 (Frankford Avenue)
Poquessing Creek	State Road
Ridley Creek	MacDade Boulevard (Chester-city)
Schuylkill River	Fairmount Dam

Delaware River and Estuary Anglers: Saltwater Angler Registry-see page 12

Delaware River Blue Crabs

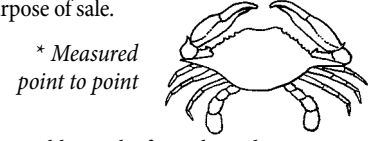
Female Blue Crabs bearing eggs or from which the egg pouch or bunion has been removed may not be possessed.

Crab Pots are limited to no more than two pots per person when taking crabs. In addition, two handlines may be used.

Unattended Crab Pots must be labeled with the name and address of the owner or user.

Disturbing Unattended Crab Pots is unlawful, except by the owner, user or members of the immediate family, and officers or representatives of the PFBC.

Horseshoe Crabs are unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or purchase. It is unlawful to import into or transport in this Commonwealth horseshoe crabs for the purpose of sale.

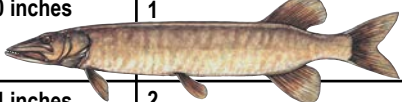
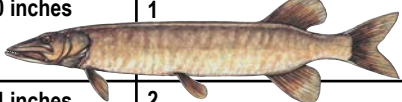






Harvesting blue crabs from the Delaware River and its estuary waters is permitted pursuant to the regulations below.

Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Open year-round	4 inches* (hard shell) 3.5 inches* (soft shell)	One (1) bushel (combined - hard shell and soft shell)

LAKE ERIE

The following seasons, sizes, and daily limits apply to Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and peninsular waters, all Lake Erie tributaries in their entirety, which include Cascade Creek, Conneaut Creek, Crooked Creek, East Branch Conneaut Creek, Eightmile Creek, Elk Creek, Fourmile Creek, Middle Branch Conneaut Creek, Marsh Run, Mill Creek, Mud Run, Raccoon Creek, Sevenmile Creek, Sixmile Creek, Sixteenmile Creek, Stone Run, Temple Run, Turkey Creek, Twelvemile Creek, Twentymile Creek, Walnut Creek, West Branch Conneaut Creek, and all waters that flow into these tributaries.

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge (Hybrids)	Open year-round	40 inches	1 
Northern Pike	Open year-round	24 inches	2 
Walleye	Jan. 1 through March 14 and May 6 through Dec. 31	15 inches	6*** 
Bass* Largemouth Smallmouth	Jan. 1 through April 7 and June 10 through Dec. 31	15 inches	4 (combined species)
	April 8 through June 9*	20 inches	1
Yellow Perch	Dec. 1 through April 30	7 inches	30*** 
	May 1 through Nov. 30	None	
Sunfish, Crappies, Catfish, Rock Bass, Suckers, Eels, Carp, White Bass, Bowfin, and other gamefish not otherwise listed	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species) 
Burbot (when taken by scuba divers by use of nonmechanical spears or gigs at a depth of at least 60 feet)	June 1 through Sept. 30	No minimum	5 
Burbot (when taken by hook and line)	Open year-round	No minimum	5
Smelt (when taken by hook and line)	Open year-round	No minimum	None
Brook and Brown Trout**	8 a.m. the opening day of the regular season for trout until midnight Labor Day	9 inches	5 (combined species)***
	12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day until 12:01 a.m. on the Friday before the opening day of the regular trout season	15 inches	3 (combined species)***
Rainbow Trout and Salmon**	8 a.m. the opening day of the regular season for trout until 12:01 a.m. the Friday before the opening day of the regular season for trout the following year	15 inches	3 (combined species)***
Lake Trout**	8 a.m. the opening day of the regular season for trout until 12:01 a.m. the Friday before the opening day of the regular season for trout the following year	15 inches	2****
Baitfish/Fishbait <i>See page 8 for definitions</i>	Open year-round	No minimum	50 (combined species)
American Eel	Open year-round	9 inches	25
Mussels/Clams	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND		
Sturgeon, Spotted Gar, and other threatened and endangered species	CLOSED YEAR-ROUND		

For regulations and information about "Cast and Throw Net Permits," visit fishandboat.com.

Transportation of VHS-Susceptible Fish Out of the Lake Erie Watershed

An infectious fish disease, caused by a variant of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS), has caused fish mortalities in the Great Lakes. The initial list of fish species that are susceptible to VHS includes Black Crappie, Bluegill, Bluntnose Minnow, Brown Bullhead, Brown Trout, Burbot, Channel Catfish, Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Emerald Shiner, Freshwater Drum, Gizzard Shad, Herring, Largemouth Bass, Muskellunge, Northern

Pike, Pink Salmon, Pumpkinseed, Rainbow Trout, Redhorse Sucker, Rock Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, White Bass, White Perch, Whitefish, and Yellow Perch.

It is unlawful to transport or cause the transportation of VHS-susceptible species of fish out of the portion of the Lake Erie Watershed in this Commonwealth into other watersheds of this Commonwealth except when certain conditions are met. It is illegal to use VHS-susceptible

fish species, fish parts, and eggs taken from the Lake Erie Watershed as fishbait in Commonwealth waters outside the Lake Erie Watershed except when the fish are certified as VHS-negative. It is legal to transport dead recreationally caught fish out of the Lake Erie Watershed solely for the purpose of human consumption.

Because of diseases and invasive species, the Commission recommends as a good conservation practice that anglers not transport any live fish out of the Lake Erie Watershed and introduce those fish into other watersheds. For more information on invasive species, please see "Aquatic Invasive Species" on [page 18](#). For more information on VHS, please contact the Commission's Northwest Region Office ([page 3](#)) or visit fishandboat.com.

* It is unlawful to conduct or participate in a fishing tournament for bass on Lake Erie or Presque Isle Bay during the period from the second Saturday in April until midnight the second Saturday in June. ** It is unlawful to fish or possess trout in or along any Lake Erie tributary stream from 12:01 a.m. on March 31 until 8 a.m. on April 1 (32 hours total).

*** Adaptive management for daily limits: After the PFBC Executive Director establishes the daily limit for the year, the information will be available from any PFBC office and posted at fishandboat.com.

**** The daily limit for all species of trout and salmon (combined) is 5 from 8 a.m. the opening day of the regular season for trout until midnight Labor Day. The daily limit for all species of trout and salmon (combined) is 3 per day from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day until 12:01 a.m. on the Friday before the opening day of the regular season for trout.

Special Regulations—Lake Erie Tributary Streams

- Designated as Nursery Waters are Trout Run and its tributaries, Godfrey Run, Orchard Beach Run, and Crooked Creek (where posted). It is unlawful to fish, wade, or possess fishing equipment while in or along Lake Erie tributary streams designated as Nursery Waters.
- Archery fishing or spear fishing is prohibited in or along Lake Erie tributary streams.
- From September 5 until the opening day of trout season in April, all Lake Erie tributary streams are closed to fishing from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. on the following day except for Walnut Creek north of Manchester Bridge Road and Elk Creek north of Route 5.
- It is unlawful to fish from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. on the following day within 50 yards of the mouth of both Trout Run and Godfrey Run while fishing the Lake Erie shoreline.

Lake Erie Permit

All anglers fishing in the waters of Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay, and their tributaries including waters that flow into those tributaries are required to possess a valid Lake Erie permit or Combination Trout Lake Erie permit.

The main tributaries where a permit is required are: Cascade Creek, Conneaut Creek, Crooked Creek, Eightmile Creek, Elk Creek, Fourmile Creek, Mill Creek, Raccoon Creek, Sevenmile Creek, Sixmile Creek, Sixteenmile Creek, Turkey Creek, Twelvemile Creek, Twentymile Creek, and Walnut Creek. A permit is also required for all of those waters that flow into these main tributaries.

Anglers fishing the East and West Basin ponds (Waterworks Ponds, Presque Isle State Park) are not required to possess a Lake Erie Permit.

Anglers fishing inland ponds, lakes, and reservoirs in Erie County are not required to possess a Lake Erie Permit.

For all crayfish species, the head must be immediately removed behind the eyes upon capture unless used as bait in the water from which taken.

BROOD STOCK LAKES PROGRAM

These regulations are intended to restrict harvest and fish consumption from designated lakes during the FDA-mandated withdrawal period. During this period, fish anesthetics are used during Muskellunge, Tiger Muskellunge (hybrids), Northern Pike, and pickerel culture operations. **From April 1 through May 31, fishing for these species is permitted on a catch and release/no harvest basis.** It is unlawful to take or possess any Muskellunge, Tiger Muskellunge (hybrids), Northern Pike, and pickerel from these lakes during this period. When caught, these fish species shall be immediately returned unharmed.

County	Water Area
Crawford	Conneaut Lake
	Lake Canadohta
	Woodcock Creek Lake
Erie	Edinboro Lake
	Howard Eaton Reservoir
Mercer	Lake Wilhelm

For all other species, Commonwealth inland waters seasons, sizes, and creel limits apply.

CATCH AND RELEASE LAKES

These lakes are regulated year-round as catch and release for all fish species. This means fishing is permitted on a catch and release/no harvest basis. It is unlawful to take, kill, or possess any fish from these lakes. Once caught, all fish shall be immediately returned unharmed.

Additional catch and release regulations specifically for trout can be found on [page 21](#). These include: Catch and Release Artificial Lures Only, Catch and Release All Tackle, and Catch and Release Fly-Fishing Only.

County	Water Area
Allegheny	Pine Township Park Pond
Crawford	Tamarack Lake
Columbia and Northumberland	Bear Gap Reservoir
Columbia	McWilliams Reservoir
Fulton	Klines Reservoir
Fulton	Meadow Grounds Lake
Jefferson	Kyle Lake
McKean	Bradford City Number Two Reservoir
Pike	Pecks Pond
Schuylkill	Lower Owl Creek Reservoir
Schuylkill	Owl Creek Reservoir
Somerset	Lake Somerset
Westmoreland	Lower Burrell Park Pond

PANFISH ENHANCEMENT SPECIAL REGULATIONS

These regulations are intended to increase the number, quality, and size of panfish through the use of minimum length limits on sunfish, crappies, and Yellow Perch. For all other species, Commonwealth inland waters seasons, sizes, and creel limits apply, unless listed in other special regulation programs. It is unlawful to fish in the Panfish Enhancement Special Regulations waters listed below except in compliance with the following size and creel limits:

County	Water Area	Species	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Berks	Blue Marsh Reservoir	Crappie	9 inches	20
Cambria	Beaverdam Run Reservoir	Yellow Perch	9 inches	When Panfish Enhancement Regulations apply to more than one species in the same waterway, the creel limit is 20 for each species with the total creel not to exceed 50 panfish combined.
		Sunfish	7 inches	
	Hinckston Run Reservoir	Crappie	9 inches	
		Sunfish	7 inches	
Wilmore Dam	Crappie	9 inches		
		Yellow Perch	9 inches	
	Sunfish	7 inches		
		Crappie	9 inches	
Centre	Colyer Lake	Crappie	9 inches	
		Sunfish	7 inches	
		● Yellow Perch	9 inches	
Centre	Foster Joseph Sayers Lake* (Bald Eagle State Park)	Sunfish	7 inches	
Chester	Chambers Lake	Sunfish	7 inches	
		Crappie	9 inches	
		Yellow Perch	9 inches	
Crawford	Pymatuning Reservoir (State Park)	Crappie	9 inches	
Cumberland	Opossum Lake	Crappie	9 inches	
Fayette/Westmoreland	Bridgeport Reservoir	Crappie	9 inches	
		Sunfish	7 inches	
Huntingdon	Lake Perez	Crappie	9 inches	
		Sunfish	7 inches	
Lehigh	Leaser Lake	Crappie	9 inches	
		Yellow Perch	9 inches	
Mercer	Shenango River Lake	Crappie	9 inches	
Monroe	Gouldsboro Lake (State Park)	Sunfish	7 inches	
		Crappie	9 inches	
		Yellow Perch	9 inches	
Pike	Lower Lake (Lower Promised Land Lake) (State Park)	Sunfish	7 inches	
		Yellow Perch	9 inches	
	Promised Land Lake (Upper Promised Land Lake) (State Park)	Sunfish	7 inches	
Somerset	Quemahoning Reservoir	Yellow Perch	9 inches	
		Sunfish	7 inches	
		Crappie	9 inches	
Tioga	Lake Nessmuk	Yellow Perch	9 inches	
		Crappie	9 inches	
		Sunfish	7 inches	
Washington	Cross Creek Lake	● Yellow Perch	9 inches	
		Crappie	9 inches	
	Peters Twp. Lake (Reservoir #2)	Sunfish	7 inches	
Westmoreland	Indian Lake	Crappie	9 inches	
		Sunfish	7 inches	
	Lower Twin Lake	Crappie	9 inches	
	Northmoreland Lake	Sunfish	7 inches	
		Crappie	9 inches	
Upper Twin Lake	Crappie	9 inches		

“Sunfish” includes Bluegills, Pumpkin-seeds, and Redear Sunfish.

“Crappie” includes both Black Crappies and White Crappies.

* see Misc. Special Regulations for Crappies at Foster Joseph Sayers Lake.

HOW TO RELEASE FISH CATCH AND RELEASE

Some waters are managed strictly as “Catch and Release” waters. Minimum size limits require that fish less than the minimum must be released. Creel limits require that fish caught in excess of the limit must be released. Closed seasons require the release of fish species caught during a season when keeping them is not permitted. The number of fish that survive depends on several factors, including the length of the fight, where the fish is hooked, water temperature, and how the fish is handled and released.

To give fish released the best chance for survival, follow these recommended guidelines:

1. Use barbless hooks.
2. Play fish quickly.
3. Try to land your fish as quickly as possible, and don't play the fish to exhaustion.
4. Use a landing net.
5. Keep the fish in the water. The chance of a fish being injured increases the longer it is held out of water.
6. Wet your hands, your net, and other materials that may come in contact with the fish.
7. Hold the fish upside down while removing the hook. This can often pacify the fish and reduce handling time.
8. Remove hooks quickly. Hemostats or long-nose pliers are essential tools for quickly removing hooks.
9. Cut the line. When it is not possible to remove the hook without harming the fish, cut the line.
10. Don't touch the gills. Do not handle fish by placing your fingers in the gill slits.
11. Hold the fish upright underwater after hook removal and allow it to swim away under its own power. If necessary, hold the fish out of the current until it revives.
12. Fish that are bleeding from the mouth or gills due to hook removal do not survive after being released back into the water. Anglers may be charged with violating the Fish and Boat Code by failing to immediately release the fish unharmed. If regulations permit, the angler should keep the fish and have it count towards his or her daily limit.

Miscellaneous Waters with Special Regulations

These special regulations apply to fish species identified for each location and regulation. Fish species not covered by a special regulation in these locales – inland regulations apply unless otherwise designated for these species.

BEAVER: Hopewell Township Park Lake

- Bass – 15-inch minimum size, creel limit 2 per day. Panfish – Creel limit 10 combined species per day. Use of live fish for bait is prohibited. Refer to Big Bass Program for NO HARVEST dates (*see page 11*).

BLAIR/HUNTINGDON/JUNIATA/MIFFLIN/PERRY: Juniata River and tributaries

- The daily creel limit of Rock Bass is 10; open season year-round; no minimum size limit.

BUTLER: Glade Run Lake

- All species except trout – catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill, or possess any fish except trout. All fish caught other than trout must be immediately returned unharmed. This miscellaneous special regulation will remain in effect until further notice.

- Trout – inland regulations apply.

CENTRE: Bald Eagle Creek – from 0.38 miles upstream of Steel Hollow Run to 0.48 miles downstream of Steel Hollow Run.

- Trout (all species), all other species, inland regulations apply. Open to fishing year-round.

- From June 15 through Labor Day – the daily creel limit for trout is 3 (combined species). Trout must be at least 9 inches in length to be killed or possessed.

- From the day after Labor Day through June 14, no trout may be killed or possessed.

- All tackle types are permitted.

CENTRE: Foster Joseph Sayers Lake

- Black and white crappie: Daily creel limit is 10 (combined crappie species). No more than 5 may be greater than 9 inches in size. Total panfish daily creel limit may not exceed 50 when other panfish species are in the creel (*see page 10 and 15 applicable to other panfish*).

CLARION: Beaver Creek Ponds

- Closed to fishing from January 1 through opening day of bass season.

- Bass – 15-inch minimum size, creel limit 2 per day on entire project area. Panfish – Creel limit 10 per day combined species on entire area.

COLUMBIA AND NORTHUMBERLAND: *South Branch of Roaring Creek* – from the bridge on State Route 3008 at Bear Gap upstream to the bridge on State Route 42 – This is a catch and release/no harvest fishery for all species. It is unlawful to take, kill, or possess any fish. All fish caught must be immediately returned unharmed.

CRAWFORD: Paden Creek, Linesville Creek, and Shenango River

- Nursery waters closed to all fishing March 1 through May 1. Waters involved are Paden Creek (Finley Creek) from the mouth upstream to “Finley Bridge” on U.S. Route 6, Linesville Creek from the mouth (Pymatuning Sanctuary) upstream to the Conrail Railroad bridge north of U.S. Route 6 in Linesville, and the Shenango River, from the Pymatuning Lake Sanctuary boundary at the Route 285 bridge, locally known as Blair Bridge, upstream 100 yards.

CRAWFORD/ERIE: Conneaut Creek

- Lake Erie Tributary Regulations apply (*see page 14*) for entire stream in Crawford and Erie counties.

ERIE: Lake Pleasant

- It is unlawful to use any fish, live or dead, as bait while fishing at Lake Pleasant except for “salted minnows.” Further, it is unlawful to release any fish into Lake Pleasant except for those caught while fishing.

HUNTINGDON: Raystown Lake and Raystown Branch – From dam downstream to Juniata River

- Trout (all species) no closed season. Creel limit 5 per day during regular season; 3 per day from the day after Labor Day to 8 a.m. on the opening day of the next regular season, minimum size – 7 inches.

- *Raystown Lake and Tributaries* – Smelt may be taken with a dip net from the shore or by wading only. Dip net may not exceed 20 inches in diameter or square. Daily limit – 200 smelt or one gallon by volume, whichever is greater.

HUNTINGDON: Whipple Lake

- All species, except trout–catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill, or possess any fish, except trout. All fish caught other than trout must be immediately returned unharmed. For trout, inland regulations apply. This regulation will remain in effect until further notice.

LUZERNE: Harveys Lake

- Open year-round to fishing. The daily limit is 3 trout (combined species) during the period from 8 a.m. on the opening day of trout season through the last day in February. Only 1 of the 3 trout daily limit may exceed 18 inches in length. No trout may be killed or had in possession from February 20 to the opening day of trout season. Inland regulations apply for other fish species.

MONROE/NORTHAMPTON/PIKE: *Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area* – The use of eel chutes, eel pots, and fyke nets is prohibited. The taking of the following fishbait is prohibited: Crayfish or crabs, mussels, clams and the nymphs, larvae and pupae of all insects spending any part of their life cycle in the water. The taking, catching, killing, and possession of any species of amphibian or reptile within the boundaries of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is prohibited.

NOTICE FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Anglers are advised that the National Park Service 2016’s Superintendent’s Compendium of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements, and Other Restrictions states: “The use of crayfish, clams, mussels, reptiles, or amphibians as fishbait is prohibited, unless it is a commercially produced, preserved and packaged product.” – Duration until further notice within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

NORTHAMPTON: Minsi Lake

- All species, except trout – catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill, or possess any fish, except trout. All fish caught other than trout must be immediately returned unharmed. For trout, inland regulations apply. This regulation will remain in effect until further notice.

SOMERSET/FAYETTE/WESTMORELAND/ALLEGHENY: *Youghiogheny River* – From the confluence with the Casselman River downstream to the confluence with Ramcat Run and Youghiogheny River from the PA Route 381 bridge at Ohiopyle downstream to the mouth of the river.

- No closed season on trout. Daily limit – Opening day of the trout season through Labor Day – 5 trout; the day after Labor Day through the opening day of the trout season of the following year – 3 trout. For all other

species, inland regulations apply. See All Tackle Trophy Trout regulations on *page 21*.

WARREN: *Allegheny River* – 8.75 miles from the outflow of the Allegheny Reservoir downstream to the confluence of Conewango Creek.

- From 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular trout season through Labor Day, the minimum size for trout is 14 inches and the daily limit is 2 (combined species).

- From the day after Labor Day until 8 a.m. of the opening day of the trout season of the following year, no trout may be killed or had in possession.

WARREN: Chapman Dam Reservoir

- All species, except trout–catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill, or possess any fish, except trout. All fish caught other than trout must be immediately returned unharmed. For trout, inland regulations apply. This regulation will remain in effect until further notice.

WAYNE: *West Branch Delaware River* – From the Pennsylvania/New York border downstream to the confluence with the East Branch of the Delaware River.

- Artificial Lures Only season runs from October 16 until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the trout season.

- Fishing may be done with artificial lures only, constructed of metal, plastic, rubber, or wood, or with flies and streamers constructed of natural or synthetic materials. All lures may be used with spinning or fly fishing gear.

- The daily creel limit of trout is zero (0) during the artificial-lures-only season.

(*see page 13 for additional regulation for the Delaware River*)

WESTMORELAND: Donegal Lake

- All species, except trout–catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill, or possess any fish, except trout. All fish caught other than trout must be immediately returned unharmed. For trout, inland regulations apply. This regulation will remain in effect until further notice.

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REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS - SEASONS AND LIMITS

Species	Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
American Bullfrog	July 1 through October 31	10 (combined species)	20 (combined species)
Green Frog	July 1 through October 31	10 (combined species)	20 (combined species)
Snapping Turtle	July 1 through October 31	15	30
Amphibian Eggs and Tadpoles	No closed season	15 (combined species)	15 (combined species)
Timber Rattlesnake*	June 11 through July 31	1 annual limit** (must be at least 42 inches in length, measured lengthwise along the dorsal surface from the snout to the tail, excluding the rattle, and must possess 21 or more subcaudal scales.***)	
Eastern Copperhead	June 11 through July 31	1 annual limit**	

* It is unlawful to hunt, take, catch, or kill Timber Rattlesnakes west of Route 15 and south of Interstate 81 to the Maryland line where there is no open season.

** It is unlawful to possess, take, catch, or kill more than one Timber Rattlesnake or Eastern Copperhead per calendar year except as provided in Chapter 79.7(f) (Fish and Boat Code) relating to organized reptile and amphibian hunt

permits). It is unlawful to possess more than one Timber Rattlesnake or Eastern Copperhead at any time except as provided in Chapter 79.7 (f) (Fish and Boat Code).

*** Subcaudal scales are large flat scales located on the underside of a Timber Rattlesnake between the vent (anal scale) and the base of the tail rattle.

See page 34 for Snapping Turtle consumption advice.

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS for ALL Reptiles and Amphibians:

- A fishing license is required to catch or take reptiles and amphibians from the lands and waters of the Commonwealth.

- Unless otherwise indicated, reptiles and amphibians may only be taken by hand, hook, snake tongs, turtle hooks, traps, and nets less than four feet square or four feet in diameter.

- It is unlawful to take, catch, or kill a reptile or amphibian through the use of firearms, chemicals, explosives, winches, jacks, or other devices.

- It is unlawful to damage or disrupt the nest or eggs of a reptile or to gather, take, or possess the eggs of any reptile in the natural environment of this Commonwealth.

- It is unlawful to alter, damage, or destroy habitat in the pursuit of a reptile or amphibian.

- It is unlawful to take, catch, kill, or possess for the purposes of selling or offering for sale, importing or exporting for consideration, trading or bartering, or purchasing an amphibian or reptile whether dead or alive, in whole or in parts, including the eggs or any life stage that was taken from lands or waters within this Commonwealth.

- It is unlawful to transport or import into or within this Commonwealth a native species from another jurisdiction. It is also unlawful to receive a native species that was transported or imported into or within this Commonwealth from another jurisdiction.

- Taking, catching, and possessing amphibians and reptiles in Department of Conservation and Natural Resources natural areas designated by posters is prohibited.

Frogs:

- The use of artificial light to take frogs at night is illegal.
- Frogs may be taken with long bow and arrow, including compound bows, crossbows, spears, or gigs. Spears or gigs may not have more than five barbs and cannot be used in stocked trout waters.

Turtles:

- Set-lines, turtle traps, or other devices for catching turtles must include a tag indicating the name, address, and phone number of the owner or user. Traps, nets, or other devices must be of a floating or partially submerged design to allow for the release of untargeted turtles. Hooks must be at least 3.5 inches long with not less than 1 inch space between the point and shank of the hook. The number of lines or hooks per line is unlimited.

Permits:

- A permit is required to hunt, take, catch, kill, or possess Timber Rattlesnakes and Eastern Copperhead snakes.

- Venomous Snake Permit holders must submit a catch report regardless if they did not hunt or hunted and did not harvest.

- A permit is required to hunt, take, catch, or kill Snapping Turtles for the purpose of sale, barter, or trade.

- The venomous snake permit fee for residents is \$31.97 per year; the fee for non-residents is \$61.97 per year.

- The Snapping Turtle permit fee for residents is \$61.97 per year; the fee for non-residents is \$121.97 per year.

- Prices for venomous snake and Snapping Turtle permits include a \$1.00 agent fee and \$0.97 transaction fee.

To purchase Venomous Snake and Commercial Turtle permits, visit your license issuing agent. Commercial Turtle Permits can also be purchased online.

The following ENDANGERED and THREATENED native species have NO OPEN SEASON. The DAILY LIMIT is 0 (zero) and POSSESSION LIMIT is 0 (zero).

The Commission has identified some species of reptiles, amphibians, fish, and aquatic organisms as endangered, threatened, or candidate species. Endangered and threatened species face extirpation and have **NO OPEN SEASON.**

SALAMANDERS:
 Eastern Mud Salamander (Endangered)
 Green Salamander (Threatened)
 Blue-spotted Salamander (Endangered)
FROGS and TOADS:
 Eastern Spadefoot (Threatened)

New Jersey Chorus Frog (Endangered)
 Eastern Cricket Frog (Endangered)
 Coastal Plains Leopard Frog (Endangered)
SNAKES:
 Eastern Massasauga (Endangered)
 Kirtland's Snake (Endangered)

Northern Rough Greensnake (Endangered)
TURTLES:
 Bog Turtle (Endangered)
 Southeastern Mud Turtle (Endangered)
 Northern Red-bellied Cooter (Threatened)

FOR A LIST OF ALL ENDANGERED, THREATENED, AND CANDIDATE FISH SPECIES, visit the Commission's website.

The following native reptile and amphibian species have NO OPEN SEASON. The DAILY LIMIT is 0 (zero) and POSSESSION LIMIT is 0 (zero).

SALAMANDERS:
 Eastern Hellbender
 Four-toed Salamander
 Jefferson Salamander
 Marbled Salamander
 Common Mudpuppy
 Northern Ravine Salamander

FROGS and TOADS:
 Mountain Chorus Frog
 Upland Chorus Frog
 Western Chorus Frog
SNAKES:
 Eastern Hog-nosed Snake
 Eastern Ribbonsnake

Eastern Smooth Earthsnake
 Eastern Wormsnake
 Mountain Earthsnake
 Queensnake
 Short-headed Garter Snake
 Smooth Greensnake

TURTLES:
 Blanding's Turtle
 Woodland Box Turtle
 Spotted Turtle
 Wood Turtle
SKINKS/LIZARDS:
 Eastern Fence Lizard
 Northern Coal Skink

The following native reptile and amphibian species have NO CLOSED SEASON. The DAILY LIMIT is 1 (one) and POSSESSION LIMIT is 1 (one).

SALAMANDERS:
 Allegheny Mountain Dusky Salamander
 Eastern Red-backed Salamander
 Red-spotted Newt
 Eastern Long-tailed Salamander
 Northern Dusky Salamander
 Northern Red Salamander
 Northern Slimy Salamander
 Northern Spring Salamander

Northern Two-lined Salamander
 Seal Salamander
 Spotted Salamander
 Wehrle's Salamander
 Valley and Ridge Salamander
FROGS and TOADS:
 Eastern American Toad
 Gray Treefrog
 Fowler's Toad

Northern Leopard Frog
 Pickerel Frog
 Spring Peeper
 Wood Frog
SNAKES:
 Eastern Gartersnake
 Eastern Milksnake
 Eastern Ratsnake
 Northern Black Racer
 Red-bellied Snake
 DeKay's Brownsnake

Northern Ring-necked Snake
 Northern Watersnake
TURTLES:
 Eastern Musk Turtle
 Eastern Painted Turtle
 Eastern Spiny Softshell
 Northern Map Turtle
 Midland Painted Turtle
SKINKS/LIZARDS:
 Common Five-lined Skink

The practice of catch and release of amphibians and reptiles is encouraged.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) may be microscopic and can be plants or animals. AIS have the potential to cause significant economic and ecologic harm to our waterways by competing with native and game species for space and food. Anglers, boaters, swimmers, and others who contact waterways can unknowingly spread AIS.

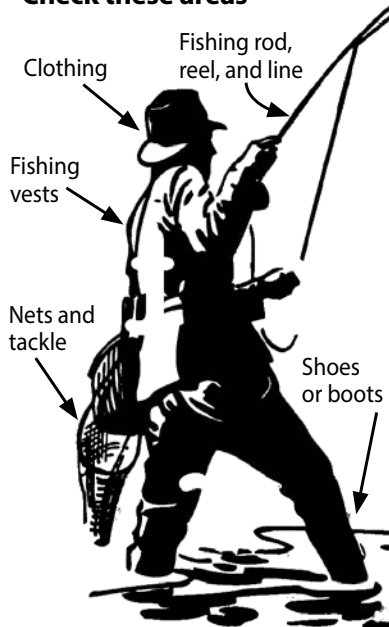
- Do not move or release animals or plants to other waterways.
- Dispose of unwanted fishing bait in the trash.

Clean Your Gear!

Before leaving waterways, check for and remove any aquatic life (plants and animals), mud, and other organic debris.

Use the following AIS disinfection methods before using your gear or equipment at a new waterway:

Check these areas



Small Gear

- For a minimum of 20 minutes, soak gear in hot water (120°-140° F) (may damage Gor-tex®) containing 1 cup of regular dish detergent per gallon of water OR freeze gear for at least 8 hours.
- After cleaning or freezing, allow gear to dry for a minimum of 48 hours before next use.
- Consider using your gear in only one waterway, thus eliminating the need to disinfect.

Boats and Heavy Equipment

- **Before leaving this waterway,** drain water from boat, motor, bilges, bladder tanks, live bait wells, any other wet compartments, and portable bait containers.
- Use a steam spray unit to thoroughly clean all parts of the boat or heavy equipment (including all wet compartments such as the bilge, bait compartments, and storage bunkers). If steam cleaning is not available, use a high pressure hot water sprayer. If these cleaning options are not available, put your boat through a hot water car wash.
- Thoroughly spray all parts of a boat trailer and towing vehicle that contact the water.
- Thoroughly flush the cooling system of all boat motors.
- After cleaning, allow equipment to dry for at least 48 hours.

STOP INVASIVE CARP!

Bighead, Silver, and Black Carp are invasive carp. It is unlawful to possess, introduce or import, transport, sell, purchase, offer for sale, or barter these species in Pennsylvania. These species pose a significant threat to the biodiversity of native species and habitat, along with imposing safety risks to boaters.

Invasive carp had a devastating impact in the Mississippi River system and now pose this threat to the Great Lakes Basin. As Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), these fish do not naturally occur in Pennsylvania waters and would only occur if transported and released.

These carp species are a threat due to their large size (some can grow to more than 100 pounds and 5 feet in length), reproductive success, habitat damage, and large, year-round food consumption. In addition, Silver Carp, when startled, can jump up to 10 feet out of the water, striking boaters and causing severe injury.

For more information and to report sightings or catches of these fish species and other AIS, go to fishandboat.com.

Grass Carp are also known as invasive carp. Diploid Grass Carp are banned from stocking in Pennsylvania, but Triploid (sterile) Grass Carp are allowed to be stocked in lakes and ponds with a PFBC-approved permit.

General Boating Regulations

REQUIREMENTS – A Coast Guard-approved wearable life jacket is required for each person on all boats in all waters. See additional life jacket requirements in the *Pennsylvania Boating Handbook* and online. Motorboats (including boats powered by electric motors) must be registered, and they must be registered in their state of principal use. Boat operators born on or after January 1, 1982, who operate boats greater than 25 horsepower must have a Boating Safety Education Certificate in their possession. All PWC (personal watercraft) operators must have a Boating Safety Education Certificate in their possession. Persons 11 years old or younger may NOT operate a boat with greater than 25 horsepower or a PWC. Persons 12–15 years old may not operate a PWC with any passengers on board 15 years old or younger or rent a PWC. Unpowered boats (canoes, kayaks, rowboats, stand-up paddleboards, etc.) can be launched at Commission lakes and access areas or Pennsylvania State Parks and Forests if they display a boat registration, Commission launch use permit, or Pennsylvania State Parks launch permit or mooring permit. An unpowered boat may have a registration OR launch permit, but it is not required to have both. The Commission does NOT recognize launch permits from other states. A Commission launch permit can be purchased on the PFBC’s website.

Boating and alcohol do not mix. Alcohol use increases the chances of having an accident. Alcohol affects balance, coordination, and judgment. It is illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. Penalties include loss of boating privileges, significant fines, and imprisonment.

For additional information, see the *Pennsylvania Boating Handbook* or visit the Commission’s website.

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REPORT AIS SIGHTINGS ONLINE

THESE ARE SOME OF THE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES IN PENNSYLVANIA.



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Rusty Crayfish



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Quagga Mussel



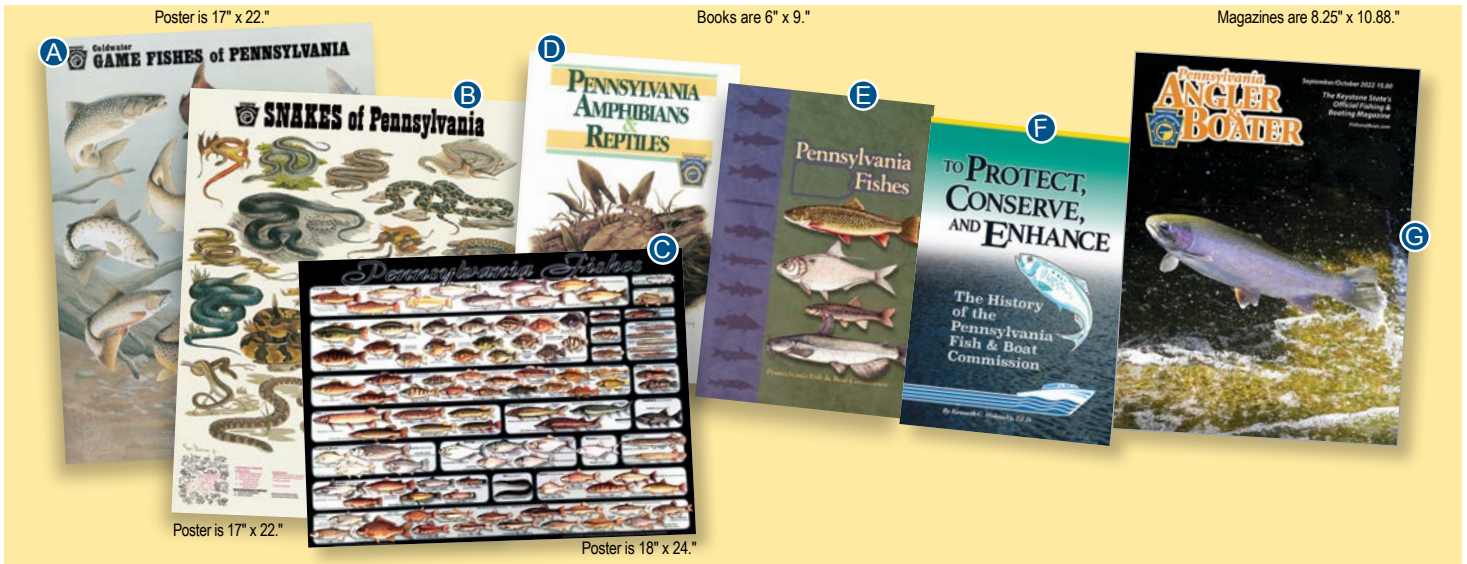
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New Zealand Mudsnail



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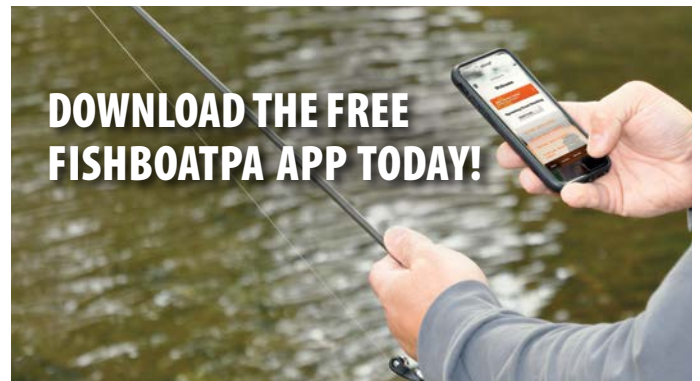
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MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS AND OTHER POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICES

A person who requires the use of a motorized wheelchair or similar device powered by an electric motor may use the device on Commission property. The Commission does not represent that its properties, except those specifically marked and designated for access by persons with disabilities, are suitable for this use. People needing the use of some other power-driven mobility device to access Commission property for fishing or boating opportunities may contact the Bureau of Law Enforcement for an application for access (also found on the Commission's website): PFBC Bureau of Law Enforcement, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg PA 17106-7000.

CHILDREN AND SPECIAL POPULATIONS

To inquire about waters available exclusively for children 15 years of age or younger and special populations, please contact a PFBC region office.

Additional Resources:

The PFBC and its partners offer fishing and boating opportunities at a variety of facilities throughout the Commonwealth.

Facility enhancements can provide greater access for all to enjoy Pennsylvania's waterways. The Commission provides funding for the planning, acquisition, development, expansion and rehabilitation of public fishing and boating facilities. Some of the most successful funding requests come from townships, boroughs, and municipal governments that partner with nonprofit groups, private businesses, and service clubs. Find grant applications, guidelines, and more at fishandboat.com.

BORROW FISHING TACKLE

At the PFBC, we believe the lack of tackle should never be a reason to miss out on fishing. Partners across the Commonwealth loan out fishing tackle

to get you casting a line into your local fishing spot. Find the loaner site closest to you on our website. Give us a call or visit our website if you or your organization is interested in becoming a loaner site.

BORROW A LIFE JACKET

Need a life jacket? We've got you covered. Let us connect you with our partners who loan life jackets across the state. Link to our partners at fishandboat.com.



Nathan Buchinski enjoyed fishing at Lackawanna State Park, Lackawanna County.



The Holland Street Pier, Erie County, features smooth and open paved surfaces from parking lot to pier and provides lowered railings for anglers to fish from the seated position.



An adaptive kayak launch at Beltzville Lake, Carbon County.



An adaptive kayak launch at Leaser Lake, Lehigh County.



An adaptive kayak launch at Minsi Lake, Northampton County.

2023 MENTORED YOUTH TROUT DAY: MARCH 25 (Statewide) 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Mentored Youth Trout Day Regulations:

- Youth anglers must obtain a current year Mentored Youth Permit OR a Voluntary Youth Fishing License from the Commission and be accompanied by a licensed adult angler in order to participate. The angler may mentor multiple youth. No more than one licensed angler per actively fishing mentored youth.
- Anglers 16 years of age or older must possess a valid Pennsylvania fishing license and current trout permit and be accompanied by a youth (less than 16 years of age) who has obtained a Mentored Youth Permit OR a Voluntary Youth Fishing License from the Commission.
- Only youth anglers with a current year Voluntary Youth Fishing License OR Mentored Youth Permit may possess a total of two trout (combined species) with a minimum length of 7 inches. Adult anglers are prohibited from possessing trout.
- All other Commonwealth inland regulations apply.
- It is unlawful to fish in waters designated as part of the Mentored Youth Fishing Day Program except when participating in the program.
- The waters included in the Mentored Youth Fishing Day Program are the Stocked Trout Waters statewide.
- Other waters may be added to the list of waters available for Mentored Youth Trout opportunities.
- Special regulation areas are not included in the program.

The PFBC is providing this opportunity for youth to fish with their mentors, and it is not intended as a way for mentors to get an early start to trout season. Mentors fishing with youth on this date should follow these guidelines:

- The youth should be capable of fishing on their own, with limited assistance from the mentor.
- The mentor should be fishing within arms reach or 6 feet of the actively fishing mentored youth.
- The PFBC is discouraging youth organizations to use this as an opportunity to get a large group of youth fishing with minimal adult supervision.



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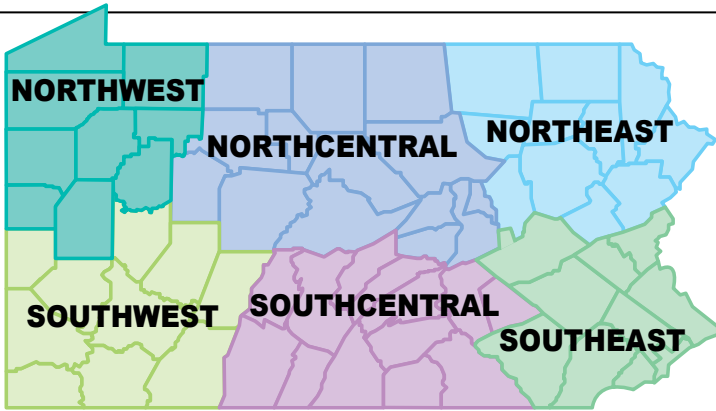
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Find the Regulation that Applies to Where You Want to Fish.

To assist trout anglers in knowing the regulations that apply to locations where they fish, the trout regulations are separated by PFBC Regions. From pages 25 through 36, each region contains a listing of its counties separated by specific trout regulation.

An explanation of each regulation and its requirements is on this page and the next page.

Stocked Trout Waters

Many streams, lakes, ponds, and reservoirs are officially classified as “stocked trout waters.” This means that these waters contain significant portions that are open to public fishing and are stocked with trout. The waters listed here are open to trout harvest during the “extended season” (see page 10). Unlisted streams (those not included in this list of “stocked trout waters”) are not open to harvest of trout during the “extended season.” Only stocked trout waters are open to harvest during this period. Spearing fish is not permitted in any of these waters at any time of the year.

These waters are closed to all fishing (including taking of minnows) from February 20 to 8 a.m. on the opening day of the trout season. A person shall be deemed to be fishing if he or she has in possession any fishing line, rod, or other device that can be used for fishing while on or in any water or on the banks within 25 feet of any water where fishing is prohibited. Unless geographically designated in the Region Regulated Trout Waters section, the term stocked trout waters includes the entire stream from headwaters to mouth.

Special note: Although the list was up to date at the time this booklet was printed, it is possible that some streams may later be deleted or added as “stocked trout waters” because of last-minute changes in water quality conditions. Check with the nearest Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission office (see page 3) if there is any question about whether or not a water area is “stocked.”

Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing

Waters with this designation are considered “stocked trout waters.” From 8 a.m. opening day of trout through September 4, Commonwealth inland sizes and creel limits apply. From January 1 through February 19, and from

● STREAMS DESIGNATED AS BOTH CLASS A WILD TROUT STREAMS AND STOCKED TROUT WATERS

Stream sections that are designated as both Stocked Trout Waters and Class A Wild Trout Streams are closed to fishing from February 20 to 8 a.m. on the Opening Day of the Regular Season for Trout. Extended Season: September 5, 2023 through February 18, 2024—No Harvest—Catch and Immediate Release Only.

Water Name	County	Sect.	Miles	Limits
Bald Eagle Creek	Centre	06	5.71	Confluence with Spring Creek near SR 144 bridge downstream to the inlet of Sayers Lake near Boggs/Howard Township line
Fishing Creek	Clinton	13	1.49	Confluence with Cedar Run downstream to Axe Factory Hollow
Fishing Creek	Clinton	14	1.60	Axe Factory Hollow downstream to Country Club Road Bridge (SR 2015) in Mill Hall
Kishacoquillas Creek	Mifflin	05	3.70	1.5 miles upstream from confluence with Tea Creek downstream to Penn Central Railroad Bridge
Little Lehigh Creek	Lehigh	04	4.89	Confluence with Spring Creek downstream to Wild Cherry Lane Bridge (T-508)
Little Lehigh Creek	Lehigh	07	2.06	0.4 km upstream of Country Club Road Bridge (T-473) downstream to Fish Hatchery Road Bridge (SR 2010)
Martins Creek	Northampton	01	4.72	Confluence of East Branch and West Branch Martins Creek downstream to the discharge from Bangor Sewage Treatment Plant
Monocacy Creek	Northampton	08	0.99	Illicks Mill Dam downstream to the Schoenersville Road Bridge (SR 3017)
Monocacy Creek	Lehigh/ Northampton	09	2.11	Schoenersville Road Bridge (SR 3017) downstream to the mouth
Penns Creek	Centre	02	8.10	SR 0045 downstream to the confluence with Elk Creek
Pohopoco Creek	Carbon	04	2.90	Outlet of Beltzville Lake downstream to cable across creek at Hideaway Hunting & Fishing Club
Yellow Creek	Bedford	04	1.67	Confluence with Beaver Creek downstream to Red Bank Hill

September 5 through December 31, “extended season” sizes and creel limits apply. These waters are open to fishing from February 20 to opening day of trout season; however, no trout may be taken or possessed on these waters during this period. It is unlawful to fish in rivers and streams designated as stocked trout waters open to year-round fishing without a current trout

permit. A trout permit is not required to fish in lakes and ponds that have been designated as stocked trout waters open to year-round fishing unless the person takes, kills, or possesses, while in the act of fishing, a trout on or in these waters.

Special Regulation Areas

The Commission establishes specially regulated areas on some trout waters. These specially regulated areas are assigned to one of the programs on this page with the regulations for each program included. These program regulations apply only to those waters designated by the Commission as being part of that program, not to all trout waters. When applicable, a list of specially regulated waters appears at the end of the stocked trout waters section for each region of the state.

ALL TACKLE TROPHY TROUT

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- Minimum size – 18 inches, caught on, or in possession on, the waters under these regulations from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular trout season through Labor Day.
- The daily creel limit is one trout – except for the period from the day after Labor Day to 8 a.m. of the first Saturday in April of the following year, when no trout may be killed or had in possession.
- There are no tackle restrictions.
- An angler in a boat may possess bait and fish caught in compliance with the seasons, sizes, and creel limits in effect for a water from which it was taken, provided that the boat angler floats through the All Tackle Trophy Trout area without stopping or engaging in the act of fishing or the boat angler puts in or takes out his boat at an access point within the All Tackle Trophy Trout area.
- A current trout permit is required.
- The regulations apply to **trout only**; all other species, inland regulations apply.

ALL TACKLE TROUT SLOT LIMIT

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- From 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout through Labor Day, the daily creel limit of trout is two (combined species). Trout must be at least 7 inches but less than 12 inches in length to be killed or possessed.
- From the day after Labor Day until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout, no trout may be killed or possessed.
- There are no tackle restrictions.
- A current trout permit is required.

ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY TROUT SLOT LIMIT

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- From 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout through Labor Day, the daily creel limit of trout is two (combined species). Trout must be at least 7 inches but less than 12 inches in length to be killed or possessed.
- From the day after Labor Day until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout, no trout may be killed or possessed.
- Fishing may be done with artificial lures only constructed of metal, plastic, rubber, or wood; or with flies and streamers constructed of natural or synthetic materials. Lures may be used with spinning or fly fishing gear. Use or possession of other lures or substances is prohibited.
- Taking of baitfish or fishbait is prohibited.
- A current trout permit is required.
- An angler in a boat may possess bait and fish caught in compliance with seasons, sizes, and creel limits in effect for the water from which taken, provided that the boat angler floats through the artificial lures only trout slot limit area without stopping or engaging in the act of fishing or the boat angler puts in or takes out his boat at an access point within the artificial lures only trout slot limit area.

CATCH AND RELEASE ALL TACKLE

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- No trout may be killed or had in possession.
- There are no tackle restrictions.
- An angler in a boat may possess bait and fish caught in compliance with the seasons, sizes, and creel limits in effect for a water from which it was taken, provided that the boat angler floats through the Catch and Release All Tackle area without stopping or engaging in the act of fishing or the boat angler puts in or takes out his boat at an access point within the Catch and Release All Tackle area.
- A current trout permit is required.

CATCH AND RELEASE ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- No trout may be killed or had in possession.
- Fishing may be done with artificial lures only constructed of metal, plastic, rubber, or wood, or with flies or streamers constructed of natural or synthetic materials. All such lures may be used with spinning or fly fishing gear. Use or possession of any other lures or substance is prohibited.
- Wading is permitted unless otherwise posted.
- Taking baitfish or fishbait is prohibited.
- An angler in a boat may possess bait and fish caught in compliance with the seasons, sizes, and creel limits in effect for a water from which it was taken, provided that the boat angler floats through the Catch and Release area without stopping or engaging in the act of fishing or the boat angler puts in or takes out his boat at an access point within the Catch and Release area.
- A current trout permit is required.

CATCH AND RELEASE FLY-FISHING ONLY

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- No trout may be killed or had in possession.
- Fishing may be done with artificial flies and streamers constructed of natural or synthetic materials, so long as all flies are constructed in a normal fashion with components wound on or about the hook. Fishing must be done with tackle limited to fly rods, fly reels, and fly line with leader material of monofilament line attached. **Anything other than these items is prohibited.**
- Taking baitfish or fishbait is prohibited.
- Wading is permitted unless otherwise posted.
- An angler in a boat may possess bait and fish caught in compliance with the seasons, sizes, and creel limits in effect for a water from which it was taken, provided that the boat angler floats through the Catch and Release Fly-Fishing Only area without stopping or engaging in the act of fishing or the boat angler puts in or takes out his boat at an access point within the Catch and Release Fly-Fishing Only area.
- A current trout permit is required.

DELAYED HARVEST ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- Minimum size – 9 inches, caught on or in possession on, the waters under these regulations from June 15 through Labor Day.
- The daily creel limit is three trout (combined species) from June 15 through Labor Day, caught on or in possession on the waters under these regulations. From the day after Labor Day until June 15, the daily creel limit is zero.

- Fishing may be done with artificial lures only constructed of metal, plastic, rubber, or wood, or with flies and streamers constructed of natural or synthetic materials. All such lures may be used with spinning or fly fishing gear.
- The use or possession of any natural bait, baitfish, fishbait, bait paste, and similar substances, fish eggs (natural or molded) or any other edible substance is prohibited.
- Taking baitfish or fishbait is prohibited.
- An angler in a boat may possess bait and fish caught in compliance with the seasons, sizes, and creel limits in effect for a water from which it was taken, provided that the boat angler floats through the Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only area without stopping or engaging in the act of fishing or the boat angler puts in or takes out his or her boat at an access point within the Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only area.
- A current trout permit is required.

TROPHY TROUT ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

- Open to fishing year-round.
- Fishing is permitted on a 24-hour basis.
- Minimum size – 18 inches, caught on, or in possession on, the waters under these regulations from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular trout season through Labor Day.
- The daily creel limit is one trout – except for the period from the day after Labor Day to 8 a.m. of the first Saturday in April of the following year, when no trout may be killed or had in possession.
- Fishing may be done with artificial lures only, constructed of metal, plastic, rubber, or wood, or with flies and streamers constructed of natural or synthetic materials. All lures may be used with spinning or fly fishing gear.
- Taking baitfish or fishbait is prohibited.
- An angler in a boat may possess bait and fish caught in compliance with the seasons, sizes, and creel limits in effect for a water from which it was taken, provided that the boat angler floats through the Trophy Trout area without stopping or engaging in the act of fishing or the boat angler puts in or takes out his boat at an access point within the Trophy Trout area.
- A current trout permit is required.

The Keystone Select Stocked Trout Waters program provides anglers with an exciting opportunity to fish for larger trout. Under the program, approximately 10,000 large trout, 2- to 3-years old and measuring between 14 to 20 inches, are distributed among these select waters under the Delayed Harvest



Artificial Lures Only Special Regulations and one water managed with Miscellaneous Special Regulations. These larger trout are stocked only during the spring stocking periods to coincide with the period of peak angler use. As with many waters managed with Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only and Miscellaneous Special Regulations, not all waters in the Keystone Select Stocked Trout Waters program receive a fall stocking. Fall stocking is limited to stream sections that are considered destination fisheries and provide relatively high angler use during fall. Currently, 13 of the 24 stream sections in this program receive a fall stocking. In the stocked trout water listings and the miscellaneous waters with special regulations sections, look for the **red keystone**, which indicates that this water is a Keystone Select Stocked Trout Water.



Special regulation waters appear on pages 25 through 36 after each region's section of stocked trout waters.

Southeast Region Regulated Trout Waters

Statewide Opening Day of Trout Season Stocked Trout Waters OPENING DAY: APRIL 1

<p>BERKS: Antietam Creek (Antietam Reservoir to South St. Lawrence Borough Line at Exeter Park) Antietam Reservoir Furnace Creek (Robesonia Reservoir Dam to mouth) Hay Creek (White Bear Road bridge to mouth) Kistler Creek (junction Kistler Val Road and Donats Peak to mouth) Little Lehigh Creek (Longswamp Road bridge to Smith Lane bridge) Little Swatara Creek (South Faust Road to Salem Road) Maiden Creek (Kistler Creek to dam in Lenhartsville) Manatawny Creek (SR 0073 bridge to 250 meters downstream confluence Furnace Run and Oley/Earl Township line to Airport Road bridge and 400 meters downstream Levensgood Run to Ironstone Creek) Mill Creek (500 meters upstream Stump Road bridge to mouth) Mill Creek (Creamery Road bridge at Mill Road intersection to Hassler Run) Mill Creek (unnamed tributary downstream Millbach Road to unnamed tributary downstream Lebanon/Berks County Line) Northkill Creek (Feick Drive bridge to mouth) Ontelaunee Creek (unnamed tributary 225 meters upstream SR 4036 to mouth) Perkiomen Creek (Tollgate Road bridge Berks County to 1st unnamed tributary downstream Fruitville Road Montgomery County) Pine Creek (unnamed tributary near Pine Creek Road/Hawk Mountain Road junction to mouth) Sacony Creek (Bowers Road to SR 222 bridge Kutztown) Scotts Run Lake</p>	<p>Spring Creek (Sewer Treatment Plant 490 meters upstream SR 3010 to Blue Marsh) Swabia Creek (State Street Bridge (Berks County) to mouth) Tulpehocken Creek (450 meters upstream Richland Road to Charming Forge Road bridge) West Branch Conestoga River (approximately 350 meters upstream powerline to mouth) Willow Creek (unnamed tributary 1.5 kilometers upstream Schaeffer Road to SR 73) Wyomissing Creek (former mill dam upstream Mohnton Borough boundary to SR 222 bridge) BUCKS: Delaware Canal (upstream boundary up Washington Crossing State Park to canal lock at lower Park boundary and upstream boundary Lower Washington Crossing State Park to Ferry Road bridge Morrisville) East Branch Perkiomen Creek (Branch Road bridge to Mill Creek) Levittown Lake Tohickon Creek (Dark Hollow Road bridge to mouth) Unami Creek (150 meters downstream T-477 Milford Square Park to Pennsylvania Turnpike) CHESTER: Beaver Creek (SR 0030 to mouth) Big Elk Creek (confluence East and West Branch Elk Creek to Camp Bonsall Road bridge) Buck Run (Compass Road bridge to SR 372) East Branch Big Elk Creek (swale 400 meters upstream Oxford Road to West Branch Elk Creek)</p>	<p>East Branch Brandywine Creek (SR 4031 to Reeds Road and Dowlin Forge to Pennsylvania Avenue in Downingtown) East Branch Octoraro Creek (Steelville Road bridge (Steeleville) to Knight Run) East Branch White Clay Creek (1st unnamed tributary downstream SR 0001 to mouth) French Creek (upper State Game Lands #43 boundary off Harmonyville Road to 475 meters downstream Coventryville Road and 750 meters upstream Bertolet School Road to Hoffercker Road and unnamed tributary upstream West Seven Stars Road to SR 23 bridge) Middle Branch White Clay Creek (Guernsey Road to Good Hope Road) Pickering Creek (Pikeland Road bridge to Merlin Road bridge) Pocopson Creek (Red Lion Road to mouth) Valley Creek West (SR 100 to the confluence with the unnamed tributary, locally known as Colebrook Run) West Branch Brandywine Creek (SR 4005 Cedar Knoll downstream to SR 0340) White Clay Creek (confluence East and Middle Branch White Clay Creek to PA/DEL Stateline) DELAWARE: Chester Creek (dam upstream Forge Road to Bridgewater Road bridge) Darby Creek (804 meters upstream Little Darby Creek to Hilldale Road bridge) Ithan Creek (I-476 to mouth) Little Darby Creek (most upstream bridge in willows park to mouth) Ridley Creek (2,000 meters upstream SR 4008 to falls 225 meters upstream SR 4004 Barren and Bishop Hollow Roads and Brookhaven Road bridge to Chestnut Street bridge)</p>	<p>West Branch Chester Creek (Railroad crossing upstream Ivy Mills Road to mouth) LANCASTER: Big Beaver Creek (SR 222 and White Oak Road intersection to mouth) Bowery Run (Railroad overpass to mouth) Conowingo Creek (Black Bear Road to Black Baron Road) Conoy Creek (Saegerville Road bridge to mouth) East Branch Octoraro Creek (Steelville Road bridge (Steeleville) to Knight Run) Fishing Creek (Silver Spring Road bridge to mouth) Hammer Creek (Hammer Creek Road to SR 322 bridge and Speedwell Forge Lake to Brunnerville Road and Clay Road to mouth) Indian Run (Pleasant View Road to mouth) Little Beaver Creek (Calamus Run to Walnut Run Road) Little Chiques Creek (unnamed tributary 0.65 miles upstream Mountain Joy Road to SR 230) Little Cocalico Creek (unnamed tributary 250 meters upstream Southwest Creamery Road crossing to mouth) Little Conestoga Creek (powerline upstream Miller Road to Harrisburg Pike) Little Muddy Creek (Bowmansville Road to 140 meters downstream SR 897 (Sewer Treatment Plant Discharge)) Meetinghouse Creek (Haiti Road bridge to Nickel Mines Run) Middle Creek (Middle Creek Reservoir Dam to West Lime Rock Road) Muddy Creek (100 meters upstream Pleasant Valley Road bridge to SR 897 bridge (Fivepointville)) Muddy Run (unnamed tributary upstream northern SR 772 crossing to powerline crossing) Pequea Creek (Wanner Drive bridge downstream to 100 meters downstream of School Lane Road)</p>	<p>Rock Run (downstream boundary of campground 1.94 kilometers downstream Berks County to mouth) Stewart Run (St. Catherine Road to mouth) Swarr Run (Yellow Goose Road to SR 741) West Branch Little Conestoga Creek (Bender Mill Road to Owl Bridge Road) West Branch Octoraro Creek (Mount Pleasant Road bridge to Noble Road) LEHIGH: Cedar Creek (Lake Muhlenburg to mouth) Coplay Creek (Dam upstream Hill Street bridge (Ormsrod) to mouth) Jordan Creek (SR 309 to Ceder Crest Boulevard bridge and 0.3 kilometers upstream Mauch Chunk Road to mouth) Kistler Creek (junction Kistler Val Road and Donats Peak to mouth) Laurel Run (Mill Road (bridge) to Coopersburg Discharge Sewer Treatment Plant) Lehigh Canal (first lock upstream Monocacy Creek crossing to Nancy Run crossing) ● Little Lehigh Creek (Longswamp Road bridge to Smith Lane bridge and Spring Creek to Wild Cherry Lane and 0.4 kilometers upstream Country Club Road bridge to upstream Face Fish Hatchery Road bridge and 155 meters upstream 24th Street Bogart's bridge to mouth) ● Monocacy Creek (Illicks Mill Dam to mouth) Ontelaunee Creek (Mosserville Road to Donats Peak Road and unnamed tributary 225 meters upstream SR 4036 to mouth) Swabia Creek (State Street bridge (Berks County) to mouth) Switzer Creek (junction Bachman Road and Bausch Road to mouth) Trout Creek (Furnace Road bridge (Lehigh Furnace) to mouth)</p>
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TROUT FISHING SOUTHEAST REGION AND TROUT FISHING SOUTHCENTRAL REGION

MONTGOMERY:

Deep Creek Dam
 East Branch Perkiomen Creek (900 meters upstream Skip Sal Road to Bergeys Mill Road)
 Kepner Creek (Whitehall Road to mouth)
 Loch Alsh Reservoir
 Manatawny Creek (Route 100 to mouth)
 Pennypack Creek (Lorimer Park at old Railroad crossing/rail trail to Frankford Avenue)
 Perkiomen Creek (Tollgate Road bridge (Berks County) to first unnamed tributary downstream Fruitville Road (Montgomery County))
 Skippack Creek (Old Forty Foot Road to mouth)
 Stony Creek (Railroad crossing downstream Germantown Avenue to junction West Elm and Markley Street)
 Unami Creek (Whites Mill Road to SR 0063)
 Wissahickon Creek (from Lafayette Ave. to Stenton Ave.)

NORTHAMPTON:

Bushkill Creek (Bushkill Center Road bridge Copella to Filetown Road bridge Belfast junction and private bridge off Bushkill Drive to 0.1 mile upstream of Edgewood Avenue bridge (former Binney-Smith Dam) and 13th Street bridge to mouth)
 Hokendauqua Creek (entrance bridge to Point Philips Rod & Gun Club to 0.38 miles downstream Church Road bridge and 220 meters upstream second upstream Kreidersville Road bridge to mouth)
 Indian Creek (0.44 miles downstream Cedar Drive bridge to Indian Trail Road bridge)
 Jacoby Creek (Sand Point Road bridge to mouth)

Lehigh Canal (first lock upstream Monocacy Creek crossing to Nancy Run crossing and 1.0 kilometers downstream Carbon County Line to West Bertsch Creek)
 Little Bushkill Creek (Delabole Road bridge to Jones Hill Road bridge and unnamed tributary Engles Road bridge to mouth)
 ● Martins Creek (confluence East and West Branch Martins Creek to Bangor Sewer Treatment Plant discharge and Waltz Creek to dam 0.6 kilometers upstream intersection South Main Street and Old Franklin)
 Minsi Lake

● Monocacy Creek (SR 248 bridge to SR 512 bridge and 0.3 kilometers upstream Georgetown Road bridge to 100 meters downstream U.S. 22 bridge at PA19 and Illicks Mill Dam to mouth)
 Saucon Creek (second Railroad bridge upstream near Bingen to 0.38 miles upstream High Street bridge)

PHILADELPHIA:

Pennypack Creek (Lorimer Park at old railroad crossing/rail trail to Frankford Avenue)
 Wissahickon Creek (Germantown Pike to Wises Mill Road junction)

SCHUYLKILL:

Bear Creek (500 meters downstream T-895/Bear Creek Road junction to a cable 800 yards above T-662)
 Deep Creek (Creek Road to mouth)
 Little Catawissa Creek (Reservoir Road to Trout Run Road)
 Little Mahanoy Creek (Malones Road bridge to Gordon Mountain Road bridge)
 Little Schuylkill River (Locust Creek to Panther

Creek and 1.1 miles upstream mouth to mouth)
 Lizard Creek (1 mile upstream Andreas Road bridge to 0.5 miles upstream Stone Mountain Road bridge)
 Locust Creek (Locust Lake Dam to mouth)
 Locust Lake
 Lower Little Swatara Creek (Blue Mountain Road to mouth)
 Mahantango Creek (Route 125 bridge to Kiwanian Farm Road bridge)
 Mahoning Creek (Berry Road bridge to Lehigh River)
 Pine Creek (Dam at East Mahanoy junction to mouth)
 Pine Creek (Fountain Road to mouth)
 Pine Creek (Whitetail Lane to 340 meters downstream T-723 bridge)
 Rabbit Run Reservoir
 Upper Little Swatara Creek (upstream boundary Frog Hollow Environmental Center to Sweet Arrow Lake)
 Whippoorwill Dam

Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing

BERKS:

Kaercher Creek Dam
 Tulpehocken Creek (from covered bridge at T-921 downstream to the mouth)

BUCKS:

Lake Luxembourg

LANCASTER:

Muddy Run Recreation Lake

LEHIGH:

Leaser Lake

SCHUYLKILL:

Sweet Arrow Lake
 Tuscarora Lake

Catch and Release Artificial Lures Only

NORTHAMPTON:

Bushkill Creek – 1.19 miles; from 0.1 mile upstream of Edgewood Avenue bridge (former Binney-Smith Dam)

downstream to the 13th Street Bridge

Catch and Release All Tackle

CHESTER/MONTGOMERY:

Valley Creek – at Valley Forge and tributaries including Little Valley Creek. **Be aware that Valley Forge National Historic Park has imposed special bait restrictions. Check local posters.**

Catch and Release Fly-Fishing Only

CHESTER:

French Creek – 0.9 mile; from the dam at Camp Sleepy Hollow downstream to Hollow Road

DELAWARE:

Ridley Creek – 0.6 mile; from the falls in Ridley Creek State Park downstream to the mouth of Dismal Run

LANCASTER:

Donegal Creek – 2.21 miles; from 275 yards below SR 772 downstream to T-334

West Branch Octoraro

Creek – 2.0 miles; From

30 yards downstream of

SR 0472 downstream to

230 yards upstream of the

second unnamed tributary

downstream of SR 2010

(Puseyville Road)

LEHIGH:

Little Lehigh Creek – 1.54

miles; from the downstream

face of the bridge on

T-508 (Wild Cherry Lane)

downstream to the upstream

face of the bridge on T-510

(Millrace Road)

Little Lehigh Creek – 0.83 mile;

from the upstream face of

Fish Hatchery Road bridge

downstream to near the

Oxford Drive bridge

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BERKS:

Tulpehocken Creek – 3.8 miles; from the first deflector below Blue Marsh Dam downstream to the T-921 covered bridge

CHESTER:

East Branch Brandywine Creek – 1.2 miles; from SR 4019 (Dorlan's Mill Road) downstream to SR 4004 (Dowlin Forge Road)

Pickering Creek – 1.5 miles; from SR 1019 (Charlestown Road) downstream to 330 yards upstream of the railroad bridge

Middle Branch White Clay Creek – 1.67 miles; from SR 3009 (Good Hope Road) downstream to the confluence with the East Branch

West Valley Creek – 1.2 miles; from the confluence with the unnamed tributary (locally known as Colebrook Run) upstream of SR 2020 (Boot Road) downstream to 0.25 miles of the Railroad Tunnel

SCHUYLKILL:

Bear Creek – 1.74 miles; from a cable 800 yards above T-662 downstream to the downstream side of the bridge on T-676

Little Schuylkill River – 1.7 miles; from SR 895 in New Ringgold downstream to the T-848 bridge near Rauschs

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NORTHAMPTON:

● Monocacy Creek – 2.21 miles; from Illick's Mill Dam upstream to and including the Gertrude Fox Conservation Area

● Saucon Creek – 2.10 miles; from the upstream boundary of the city of Bethlehem property downstream to the SR 0412 bridge

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Statewide Opening Day of Trout Season Stocked Trout Waters

OPENING DAY:
 APRIL 1

ADAMS:

Bermudian Creek (Cranberry Road bridge to Wireman's Mill Road bridge and Greenbriar Road bridge to SR 0094 bridge)

Carbaugh Run (1.28 kilometers upstream Franklin/Adams to mouth)

Conewago Creek (SR 234 bridge Arendtsville to Harrisburg Road)

Conococheague Creek (former dam at Birch Run Reservoir to Boyers Mill Road bridge)
 East Branch Antietam Creek (Waynesboro Reservoir to Vineyard Run)

Latimore Creek (Mountain Road to mouth)
 Little Marsh Creek (SR 3018 to Knoxlyn Road)
 Marsh Creek (Cashtown Road bridge to Route 30 bridge)

Middle Creek (Strawberry Nature Preserve to McLaughlin Road T-318)
 Opossum Creek (Wenksville Road to mouth)
 Orrtanna Pond
 Toms Creek (Mount Hope Road to SR 0116 bridge)
 Waynesboro Reservoir
BEDFORD:
 Beaver Creek (SR 1027 to mouth)
 Bobs Creek (Rhodes Run to mouth)
 Clear Creek (Black Valley Road bridge to Elk Lake Lick Road and first bridge on North Milk and Water Road to mouth)
 Cove Creek (Valley Road bridge to mouth)
 Evitts Creek (last downstream SR 220 bridge to Koon Lake)
 Gladdens Run (SR 2013 to mouth)
 Little Wills Creek (Wolf Camp Run to mouth)
 Maple Run (State Game Lands #73 boundary to mouth)
 Raystown Branch Juniata River (0.8 kilometers upstream SR 1013 to Shobers Run)
 Sherman Valley Run (Valley Church Road Building to mouth)
 Town Creek (Blues Gap Road bridge to 1.4 miles upstream PA/MD stateline)
 Wills Creek (0.5 kilometers upstream Mckenzie Road bridge to Railroad bridge 400 meters downstream Brush Creek)
 ● Yellow Creek (Beaver Creek to Red Bank Hill and SR 0026 bridge to mouth)
BLAIR:
 Bald Eagle Creek (California Hollow Run to mouth)
 Beaverdam Creek (Bedford/Blair County Line to mouth)
 Bells Gap Run (Bellwood Reservoir to mouth)
 Blair Gap Run (lower Blair Gap Muleshoe Reservoir to mouth)
 Canoe Creek (bridge 100 meters upstream powerline to mouth)
 Clover Creek (SR 2005 bridge at Henrietta to Larke Road bridge near Larke)
 Frankstown Branch Juniata River (Confluence Pine Run and Beaverdam Creek to Halter Creek)

Poplar Run (first bridge on Poplar Run Road downstream (T-380) to mouth)
 Riggles Gap Run (Asbury Lane bridge (Riggles Gap) to mouth)
 South Poplar Run (Carson Run to mouth)
 Vanscoyoc Run (Decker Hollow Road to mouth)
CUMBERLAND:
 Big Spring Creek (Nealy Road bridge to Route 641 bridge)
 Doubling Gap Lake
 Fuller Lake
 Green Spring Creek (800 meters upstream Route 641 to 600 meters upstream Bullshead Road bridge)
 Laurel Lake
 Middle Spring Creek (Avon Road to mouth)
 Mountain Creek (Laurel Lake Dam outflow to 400 meters downstream campground entrance and Hunters Run to mouth)
 Yellow Breeches Creek (Route 233 bridge to mouth)
DAUPHIN:
 Armstrong Creek (Rutter Road to SR 0225)
 Clark Creek (T-684 to mouth)
 Mahantango Creek (Route 125 bridge to Kiwanis Farm Bridge Road)
 Manada Creek (Furnace Road to Orchard Road)
 Middletown Reservoir
 Pine Creek (Fountain Road to mouth)
 Powell Creek (confluence North and South Fork Powell Creek to Back Road bridge Waynesville and unnamed tributary near T-358 and T-553 intersection to Mountain Road bridge)
 Rattling Creek (Lykens Water Authority Reservoir to mouth)
 South Fork Powell Creek (Carsonville Road to mouth)
 Stony Creek (State Game Lands 211 gate to mouth)
 West Branch Rattling Creek (Lykens Road bridge to Lykens Water Authority cable crossing upstream of Powells Valley Road)
 Wiconisco Creek (SR 0225 bridge to mouth)

FRANKLIN:
 Buck Run (spring 100 meters upstream conrail crossing to mouth)
 Carbaugh Run (1.28 kilometers upstream Franklin/Adams to mouth)
 Conococheague Creek (former dam at Birch Run Reservoir to Boyers Mill Road bridge)
 Conodoguinet Creek (Bear Valley Run to Letterkenny Reservoir)
 Dennis Creek (McCord Road bridge to mouth)
 East Branch Antietam Creek (Waynesboro Reservoir to Vineyard Run and Village of Roadside to SR 0016 bridge)
 Falling Spring Branch (Fifth Avenue to mouth)
 Letterkenny Reservoir
 Little Cove Creek (3rd RT 456 bridge downstream SR 0456 to Mill Drive)
 Rowe Run (700 meters upstream Pinola Road to mouth)
 West Branch Antietam Creek (Nunnary Road bridge to mouth)
 West Branch Conococheague Creek (Amberson Road bridge to new U.S. 30 bridge at Fort Loudon)
FULTON:
 Big Cove Creek (SR 1003 bridge to Laurel Ridge Road)
 Cowans Gap Lake
 Laurel Fork (Cove Road to mouth)
 Licking Creek (SR 0522 bridge to Baby Run)
 Little Aughwick Creek (confluence North and South Branch Little Aughwick Creek to Huntingdon County Line)
 Little Brush Creek (Roaring Run to Little Brush Creek)
 Little Tonoloway Creek (Upper State Game Lands 128 boundary to SR 0655 bridge)
 North Branch Little Aughwick Creek (Pleasant Hill Road bridge to mouth)
 Oregon Creek (4.8 kilometers upstream mouth to mouth)
 Sideling Hill Creek (confluence of Oregon Creek and Laurel Fork to Trestle Hollow club boundary and Roaring Run to SR 4013 and SR 0913 at New Grenada)
 South Branch Little Aughwick Creek (spring upstream Richmond spring to mouth)
 Spring Run (Union Church Road to mouth)

Wooden Bridge Creek (North Hess Road bridge to Wooden bridge #2 Road)
HUNTINGDON:
 Blacklog Creek (Farm Lane Bridge at Byron Church to mouth)
 Globe Run (150 meters downstream lake to mouth)
 Great Trough Creek (Newburg Park Road bridge (T-370) to 200 yards downstream State Park swimming area)
 Greenwood Lake
 Laurel Run (Owl Gap Trail to mouth)
 North Branch Little Aughwick Creek (Pleasant Hill Road bridge to mouth)
 North Spring Branch (Route 829 bridge to 200 meters downstream Route 944 bridge)
 Saddler Creek (SR 1007 bridge to mouth)
 Shade Creek (unnamed tributary upstream Felix Run to mouth)
 Shaver Creek (Stone Valley Lake to SR 0305 bridge at Bethel Church)
 Standing Stone Creek (Penn Roosevelt Dam to first SR 0026 bridge north of Huntingdon)
 Three Springs Creek (confluence North Spring Branch and Spring Creek to mouth)
 Tuscarora Creek (old Route 2009 bridge Nossville to Horse Valley Run)
 West Licking Creek (2.13 kilometers upstream Mountain Union Water Reservoir to mouth)
 Whipple Lake
JUNIATA:
 Big Run (Arch Rock Road bridge to mouth)
 Blacklog Creek (Farm Lane bridge at Byron Church to mouth)
 Cocolamus Creek (SR 2013 bridge to Cranes Run)
 Delaware Creek (first Route 333 bridge downstream East Salem to mouth)
 East Licking Creek (Wynn Gap Road bridge to mouth)
 Horning Run (Spigelmyer Run to mouth)
 Horse Valley Run (upper Tuscarora State Forest boundary to mouth)
 Laurel Run (Little Valley Creek to mouth)

Lost Creek (Route 35 bridge upstream Little Lost Creek to mouth)
 Tuscarora Creek (old Route 2009 bridge Nossville to Horse Valley Run)
 West Branch Mahantango Creek (Crater Hill Road to Creek Road and Stream Ford)
LEBANON:
 Bachman Run (SR 0322 to mouth)
 Conewago Creek (first SR 241 bridge Northeast of Lawn to Little Conewago Creek)
 Hammer Creek (Hammer Creek Road to SR 322 bridge)
 Indiantown Run (Joseph Springs Hatchery to Marquette Lake)
 Lions Lake
 Marquette Lake
 Mill Creek (unnamed tributary downstream Millbach Road to unnamed tributary downstream Lebanon/Berks County Line)
 Quittapahilla Creek (Snitz Creek to Annville Sewer Treatment Plant and Clear Spring Road bridge to mouth)
 Snitz Creek (Zinns Mills to mouth)
 Stovers Lake
 Trout Run (Upper Ridge Road to mouth)
 Tulpehocken Creek (Creamery Street bridge to 100 meters downstream from unnamed tributary downstream of T-618 bridge)
MIFFLIN:
 East Licking Creek (Wynn Gap Road bridge to mouth)
 Havice Creek (intersection Havice Valley Road and Flat Hollow Road to Locke Mills Road bridge (Siglerville))
 Honey Creek (Upper Bald Eagle State Forest boundary to 0.91 kilometers downstream to 0.5 miles downstream Treaster Run)
 ● Kishacoquillas Creek (Bunker Road bridge to Taylor Mill Road and 1.5 miles upstream confluence Tea Creek to Penn Central Railroad bridge and Mill Street bridge to mouth)
 Lingle Creek (625 meters upstream Conklin Road Bridge to mouth)

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Meadow Creek (Drivey Valley Road bridge to mouth)
 Strodes Run (Valley Road bridge to 500 meters downstream Strodes Run Road bridge)
 Treaster Run (Treaster Valley Road bridge to lower Bald Eagle State Forest boundary)
 West Licking Creek (2.13 kilometers upstream Mountain Union Water Reservoir to mouth)

PERRY:

Bixler Run (SR 850 bridge (Kistler) to SR 850/274 bridge (Fort Robinson))
 Buffalo Creek (Heritage Hills Road bridge to Route 849 bridge downstream to Walnut Grove)
 Bull Run (Historic Community Christian Church to mouth)
 Fishing Creek (Trout Run to SR 11/15)
 Fowler Hollow Run (where Fowler Hollow Road leaves Creek to mouth)
 Horse Valley Run (upper Tuscarora State Forest boundary to mouth)
 Laurel Run (Little Valley Creek to mouth)
 Little Buffalo Creek (Mannsville Road bridge to mouth)
 Little Juniata Creek (Roth Road to Linton Hill Road)
 McCabe Run (Trout Run to mouth)
 Montour Creek (SR 274 to mouth)
 Panther Creek (Route 17 bridge (Ickesburg) to mouth)
 Raccoon Creek (Route 17 bridge upstream Donnally Mills to mouth)
 Sherman Creek (lower Tuscarora State Forest boundary to Couchtown Road bridge (Cisna Run))
 Shultz Creek (Fowler Hollow Run to mouth)

YORK:

Bald Eagle Creek (Garvine Mill Road to 250 meters downstream Gamble Road)

Beaver Creek (Burkholder Road to mouth)
 Codorus Creek (Tannary Road to West Branch Codorus Creek)
 Deer Creek (Five Forks Road bridge (junction T-540 and T-542) to first unnamed tributary downstream Stewartstown Road)
 East Branch Codorus Creek (first unnamed tributary downstream South boundary city park to Iron Stone Hill Road bridge)
 Fishing Creek (Red Mill Road to SR 0262)
 Fishing Creek (Snyder Corner Road to 500 meters upstream mouth)
 Muddy Creek (confluence North and South Branch Muddy Creek to private Road on north bank and 300 yards upstream of Bridgeton Road (SR 2032) bridge in Bridgeton to powerline crossing 2.6 kilometers downstream PA 425)
 North Branch Muddy Creek (Pine Run to Carter Creek and Laurel Road bridge to mouth)
 Otter Creek (Hake Road bridge to mouth)
 South Branch Codorus Creek (AUD prop 700 meters upstream T-537 bridge to 350 meters downstream Shaffers Church Road)
 South Branch Muddy Creek (Alum Rock Run to 430 meters upstream confluence unnamed tributary East T-633 and T-634)
 Yellow Breeches Creek (RT 233 bridge to mouth)

Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing

BEDFORD:
 Koon Lake
BLAIR:
 Canoe Creek Lake

CUMBERLAND:

Mountain Creek (from Adams County line downstream to the backwaters of Laurel Lake)
 Opossum Lake
DAUPHIN/LEBANON:
 Stony Creek (from .4-mile upstream of Cold Spring Road downstream to State Game Lands #211 gate)

HUNTINGDON:

Lake Perez
LEBANON:
 Lakeside Quarry
PERRY:
 Little Buffalo Lake (Holman Lake)
YORK:
 South Branch Codorus Creek (from SR 0616 in Centerville downstream to T-527)

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CUMBERLAND:
 Yellow Breeches Creek – 1.17 miles; 0.17 miles of the Unnamed Tributary to Yellow Breeches Creek (from the outfall of Children's Lake to the confluence with Yellow Breeches Creek at Boiling Springs) and 1.0 mile of Yellow Breeches Creek from the confluence with the Unnamed Tributary at Boiling Springs downstream to the vicinity of Allenberry
HUNTINGDON:
 Spruce Creek – 0.5 mile; Penn State Experimental Fisheries Area (about 0.6 mile above the village of Spruce Creek)
 Spruce Creek – 0.15 mile; PFBC property at Indian Caverns near Franklinsville
MIFFLIN/UNION:
 Penns Creek – 7.45 miles; from approximately 600 meters downstream of Swift Run downstream to the downstream extent of the island near the end of Jolly Grove Lane

Catch and Release All Tackle

BLAIR/HUNTINGDON:
 Little Juniata River – 13.7 miles from the railroad bridge at the east (downstream) border of Ironville downstream to mouth

Catch and Release Fly-Fishing Only

ADAMS:
 Conewago Creek – 1.1 miles; from 0.1 mile downstream of T-340 (Russel Tavern Rd.) downstream to SR 34
BEDFORD:
 Yellow Creek – 0.9 mile from mouth of Maple Run (Jacks Run) upstream to cable near Red Bank Hill
CUMBERLAND:
 Big Spring Creek – 1.52 miles; from 100 feet below the source (Big Spring) downstream to the Nealy Road bridge
 Green Spring Creek – 1.2 mile; from mouth upstream to near confluence with Bulls Head Branch
 Letort Spring Run – 1.7 miles; from 300 yards upstream of bridge on T-481 (Bonnybrook Road) downstream to the Reading Railroad bridge at the southern edge of Letort Spring Park
DAUPHIN:
 Clark Creek – 2.4 miles; PGC rifle range parking area on SR 325 downstream to PGC access road at the Iron Furnace
FRANKLIN:
 East Branch Antietam Creek – 0.88 mile; from SR 16 downstream to T-365 (Wely Rd.)
 Falling Spring Branch – 2.5 miles; from the first private lane located 672 feet upstream of Briar Lane bridge downstream to a wire fence crossing the Thomas L. Geisel property
YORK:
 Muddy Creek – 1.6 miles; from 300 yards downstream of Bruce Road bridge (T-628) in Bruce downstream to 300 yards upstream of Bridgeton Road (SR 2032) bridge in Bridgeton

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DAUPHIN:
 Manada Creek – 1.8 miles; from Fogarty Road downstream to Furnace Road (T-616)
 Wiconisco Creek – 0.74 mile; from the western edge of the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art walking bridge downstream to the power line crossing located 1.7 miles upstream from the mouth
FRANKLIN:
 Falling Spring Branch – 1.02 miles; from Walker Road downstream to Fifth Avenue
FULTON:
 Big Cove Creek – 0.93 mile; from 200 yards downstream of the SR 0928 bridge downstream to the lower Buchanan State Forest boundary
JUNIATA/MIFFLIN:
 East Licking Creek – 4.0 miles; from the Texas Eastern gas pipeline crossing downstream to the upstream boundary of the Karl B. Guss State Forest Picnic Area
LEBANON:
 Quittapahilla Creek – 1.1 miles; from Spruce Street bridge on T-398 downstream to the SR 0934 bridge
MIFFLIN:
 Honey Creek – 1.75 miles; from the upper Bald Eagle State Forest boundary downstream 1.75 miles
 ● **Artificial Lures Only Trout Slot Limit**
YORK:
 ● Codorus Creek – 2.00 miles; from the West Branch Codorus Creek downstream to 0.40 miles downstream from Thomas Drive

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OPENING DAY:
APRIL 1

ALLEGHENY:
 Big Sewickley Creek (confluence Big and East Branch Sewickley Creek to SR 4036 bridge)

Bull Creek (Stone Quarry Road bridge to mouth)
 Deer Creek (300 meters upstream West Branch Deer Creek to big bend 0.9 kilometers downstream T-662 bridge)

Flaugherty Run (Boggs Run to mouth)
 Long Run (Jacks Run to upper boundary Versailles Borough)
 Lower Deer Lake
 Middle Deer Lake

Montour Run (Trout Run to Ewings Mills Road bridge)
 Peters Creek (Piney Fork to bend downstream of Montour Run Trail parking area)

Pine Creek (North Park Lake Dam to 375 meters upstream Montour Run and Willow Run to abandoned railroad bridge near the T-575 and Duncan Ave. intersection and SR 0008 bridge Allison Park to 100 meters upstream Railroad bridge)

Turtle Creek (Saunders Station bridge to Brush Creek)

West Deer Lake (Upper Deer Lake)

ARMSTRONG:

Buffalo Creek (upstream end of Mun Park in Chicora to 2.4 kilometers downstream SR 3004 bridge)

Cherry Run (SR 2005 bridge to mouth)

Cornplanter Run (T-658 bridge to mouth)

Cowanshannock Creek (Huskins Run to mouth)

Glade Run (Lemmon Hollow Road bridge to second tributary 625 miles downstream Pony Fork Road bridge)

Huling Run (fourth tributary upstream mouth to 2nd T-440 bridge)

Little Sandy Creek (SR 0236 bridge to mouth)

North Fork Pine Creek (Route 66 bridge to mouth)

Patterson Creek (due east of junction T-557 and SR 4007 to mouth)

Plum Creek (headwaters to mouth)

Redbank Creek (North Fork Redbank Creek to Little Sandy Creek)

Scrubgrass Creek (Muskrat Slide Road bridge to Pine Township Line)

South Fork Pine Creek (headwaters to mouth)

BEAVER:

Big Sewickley Creek (confluence Big and East Branch Sewickley Creek to SR 4036 bridge)

Brush Creek Park Pond

Mill Creek (Hookstown to last bridge crossing Georgetown Road)

North Fork Big Sewickley Creek (3.2 kilometers upstream mouth to mouth)

North Fork Little Beaver Creek (Mud Road bridge to SR 551 bridge)

South Branch Brady Run (May Road bridge to Brady Run)

Traverse Creek (Raccoon Lake to mouth)

CAMBRIA:

Beaverdam Run (SR 1011 to mouth)

Bens Creek (Portage Water Authority Dam to 0.9 kilometers downstream SR 2012 bridge)

Chest Creek (confluence unnamed tributary Bradley junction to mouth)

Clearfield Creek (Beaverdam Run to Kolak Road)

Duman Lake

Elton Sportsmens Dam

Hinckston Run (500 meters upstream T-419 bridge to Hinckston Run Reservoir)

Howells Run (first SR 2013 bridge downstream Ebsburg to mouth)

Killbuck Run (Little Killbuck Run to mouth)

Lake Rowena

Laurel Lick Run (Veterans Dam to mouth)

Laurel Run (Lecks Road bridge to mouth)

Laurel Run (1.2 kilometers upstream Red Run to mouth)

Little Paint Creek (Elton Sportsmen Club Dam to T-305 bridge)

Noels Creek (T-433 bridge to mouth)

North Branch Blacklick Creek (SR 0271 bridge (Blue Goose) to Elk Creek)

North Branch Little Conemaugh River (Wilmore Dam to SR 0160 bridge)

Stewart Run (400 meters upstream US22 bridge to mouth)

FAYETTE:

Back Creek (Trout Run to mouth)

Big Sandy Creek (Chaney Run to 350 meters downstream Stony Fork)

Chaney Run (Headwaters to 200 meters downstream third SR 2003 downstream Wharton)

Dunbar Creek (stone quarry along SR 1055 to Sheepskin Trail crossing downstream of ballfield)

Dunlap Creek (SR 0166 bridge and T-933 intersection to T-326 bridge (Simpson Station))

Georges Creek (from mouth of York Run to 119 bridge)

Indian Creek (T-916 bridge to Champion Creek)

Meadow Run (200 meters upstream SR 2015 bridge to 240 meters downstream SR 0381 bridge and Beaver Creek to bridge on Dinner Bell Road)

Mill Run (Clay Run to mouth)

Mountain Creek (Route 857 bridge to mouth)

Virgin Run Lake

GREENE:

Browns Creek (Garners Run to mouth)

Dunkard Fork (North and South Fork Dunkard Fork to first SR 4003 bridge (Durbin))

Enlow Fork (SR 4016 bridge to SR 4018 bridge downstream of T-324 bridge)

Lake Wilma

North Fork Dunkard Fork (Chess Hill Road bridge to mouth)

South Fork Dunkard Fork (SR 3016 at Smith bridge to mouth)

Whiteley Creek (I-79 to SR 2011 bridge)

INDIANA:

Blacklegs Creek (0.3 miles upstream Shrokmans Road (T-336)/Blacklegs Road (SR 3027) to Big Run)

Brush Creek (T-734 bridge to mouth)

Canoe Creek (Painter Run to mouth)

Cush Creek (Horton Run to mouth)

Cush Cushion Creek (Hemlock Road to mouth)

Laurel Run (first tributary downstream T-868 to mouth)

Little Mahoning Creek (Buterbaugh Road bridge to 700 meters downstream West and North Mahoning Township lines)

Little Yellow Creek (T-631 bridge to Yellow Creek Lake)

Mudlick Run (SR 4024 bridge to mouth)

South Branch Two Lick Creek (SR 1019 bridge to SR 1014 bridge (old T-585))

Toms Run (Pine Ridge County Park (State Game Lands #276 boundary) to mouth)

Yellow Creek (300 meters upstream Diehl Road bridge to Yellow Creek Lake Route 422 bridge and unnamed tributary East White/Cherryhill Township line to Route 954 bridge)

SOMERSET:

Allen Creek (2.3 miles upstream mouth to mouth)

Beaverdam Creek (Somerset/Quemahoning Township line to T-647 bridge)

Beaverdam Run (1.1 kilometers downstream SR 1018 bridge to mouth)

Bens Creek (confluence North and South Fork Bens Creek to mouth)

Breastwork Run (SR 1017 to mouth)

Brush Creek (School House Road bridge to mouth)

Casselman River (from PA - MD state line to Coal Run)

Clear Shade Creek (Pine Lake to mouth)

Cub Run (2.6 kilometers upstream mouth to mouth)

Elklick Creek (Cranberry Run to SR 2004/T-510 intersection)

Flaugherty Creek (West Myersdale Railroad bridge 0.8 miles upstream T-712 to SR 2006 bridge/T-566 intersection)

Gladdens Run (SR 2013 to mouth)

Glade Run (High Point Lake to mouth)

Jones Mill Run (first bridge downstream Becks Spring to Laurel Hill Lake)

Kimberly Run (362 meters upstream U.S. 219 upper bridge to mouth)

Kooser Lake

Kooser Run (upstream boundary Kooser State Park to mouth)

Laurel Hill Creek (Clear Run to mouth)

Little Piney Creek (Elk Lick Rod and Gun Club Dam to Piney Creek)

McClintock Run (Glade Run to mouth)

Middle Creek (SR 3029 bridge to mouth)

Miller Run (Headwaters to mouth)

Piney Creek (third PA-MD state line crossing to Greenville Road bridge and 0.8 miles upstream Engles Mill Road bridge to mouth)

Piney Run (T-816 bridge to mouth)

Raystown Branch Juniata River (0.8 kilometers upstream SR 1013 to Shobers Run)

Shafer Run (400 meters downstream Shafer Run Trout Hatch to mouth)

Shaffers Run (upstream SR 2021 bridge to mouth)

South Fork Bens Creek (unnamed tributary 200 meters downstream SR 0985 bridge to 30 meters downstream private bridge off T-590 and Keafer Hill Road to mouth)

Stonycreek River (T-515 bridge to T-565 bridge)

Tub Mill Run (LR 55047 bridge Compton to mouth)

Whites Creek (first Whites Creek Road bridge upstream Enos Run to mouth)

Wills Creek (0.5 kilometers upstream Mckenzie Road bridge to Railroad bridge 400 meters downstream Brush Creek)

WASHINGTON:

Aunt Clara Fork (SR 4003 bridge to mouth)

Dutch Fork (Dutch Fork Lake to mouth)

Dutch Fork Lake

Enlow Fork (SR 4016 bridge to SR 4018 bridge downstream of T-324 bridge)

Kings Creek (T-853 bridge to Aunt Clara Fork)

Little Chartiers Creek (PA 519 bridge to first SR 1023 bridge downstream Linden)

Millers Run (T-608 bridge to bridge at Route 50 and LR 02339)

Mingo Creek (1059 bridge at upstream park boundary to downstream boundary Mingo Creek Park)

Pike Run (T-948 bridge to mouth)

Templeton Fork (Rocky Run to mouth)

Tenmile Creek (SR 0221 bridge at T-633 intersection to Bane Creek)

WESTMORELAND:

Donegal Lake

TROUT FISHING SOUTHWEST REGION AND TROUT FISHING NORTHWEST REGION

Fourmile Run (T-413 bridge to mouth)
 Hannas Run (Baton Road to mouth)
 Hendricks Creek (SR 0711 bridge to mouth)
 Indian Creek (SR 0381 bridge to Champion Creek)
 Indian Lake
 Jacobs Creek (Pennsylvania Turnpike bridge to Bridgeport Reservoir)
 Linn Run (unnamed tributary 500 meters upstream Grove Run Spring to lower State Park boundary)
 Loyalhanna Creek (Zimmerman Run to Monastery Run)
 Mammoth Lake
 Mill Creek (170 meters upstream Mill Road bridge to mouth)
 Sewickley Creek (T-565 bridge to Brinker Run)
 Shannon Run (Wildcat Road upper bridge to mouth)
 Tubmill Creek (Tubmill Reservoir to private lane connected to T470 (Keiper Rd))
 Turtle Creek (Saunders Station bridge to Brush Creek)

Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing

ALLEGHENY:
 North Park Lake

ARMSTRONG:
 Mahoning Creek (Mahoning Creek Dam outflow downstream to the confluence of Pine Run)

BEAVER:
 Bradys Run Lake
 Main Lake (Raccoon Lake)

FAYETTE:
 Dunlap Creek Lake
FAYETTE/SOMERSET:
 Youghiogheny River (from the lake downstream to the confluence of the Casselman River)

INDIANA:
 Cummings Reservoir (Blue Spruce Lake)

SOMERSET:
 Blue Hole Creek (from confluence with Garys Run downstream to mouth)

Fall Creek (from confluence with Ansell Run downstream to mouth)

Laurel Hill Lake
WASHINGTON:

Canonsburg Lake
WESTMORELAND:

Keystone Lake
 Northmoreland Lake
 Twin Lakes Number One Reservoir (Lower Twin Lake)
 Twin Lakes Number Two Reservoir (Upper Twin Lake)

Catch and Release Fly-Fishing Only

FAYETTE:
 Dunbar Creek – 4.22 miles; from the confluence of Glade Run downstream to the stone quarry along SR 1055

INDIANA:
 Little Mahoning Creek – 3.6 miles; from Oberlin Road bridge abutments upstream of SR 1041 bridge upstream to Cesna Run

SOMERSET:
 Clear Shade Creek – 1 mile; from the cable at Windber Water Dam upstream

Catch and Release All Tackle

CAMBRIA/INDIANA:
 West Branch Susquehanna River – 26.1 miles; (from outflow of AMD treatment plant near Watkins downstream to confluence of Cush Creek near Dowler Junction)

All Tackle Trophy Trout

FAYETTE/SOMERSET:
 Youghiogheny River – 9.16 miles; from the confluence with Ramcat Run downstream to the Route 381 bridge at Ohiopyle

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ALLEGHENY:
 Deer Creek – 1.9 miles; from the SR 0910 bridge at T-678 intersection downstream to the lower boundary of Rose Ridge Golf Course

Pine Creek – 1.4 miles; from the abandoned railroad bridge near the T-575 and Duncan Ave. intersection downstream to 150 yards downstream of the SR 4019 bridge

Bull Creek – 1.0 mile; from the first bridge on T-721 (above the T-721 and T-719 intersection) downstream to the T-721 bridge in Millerstown

ARMSTRONG/BUTLER:
 Buffalo Creek – 3.7 miles; from Little Buffalo Run downstream to 0.6 mile above SR 4035 in Craigsville

CAMBRIA:
 Chest Creek – 2.5 miles; Ridge Avenue downstream to Thomas Mills Road

FAYETTE:
 Meadow Run – 2.2 miles; from the SR 2011 bridge (Dinner Bell Road) adjacent to the Ohiopyle St. Park office downstream to mouth

SOMERSET:

Laurel Hill Creek – 2.33 miles; from 200 yards downstream of the T-364 (Countryman bridge) downstream to the T-364 bridge upstream of Laurel Hill Lake

Laurel Hill Creek – 1.26 miles; from the footbridge on State Game Lands #111 Road in Humbert downstream to Paddytown Hollow Run

WASHINGTON:
 Dutch Fork – 1.59 miles; from the first bridge (SR 0070) upstream of the Columbia Gas Compressor Station downstream to the Dutch Fork Lake backwaters at T-487 bridge just off SR 3001 (Lake Road)

Pike Run – 1.1 miles; from the confluence with the unnamed tributary upstream of the SR 2079 bridge downstream to the powerline crossing downstream of the SR 2036 bridge

WESTMORELAND:
 Indian Creek – 1.6 miles; from the T-916 bridge downstream to the SR 0381 bridge.

Loyalhanna Creek – 1.67 miles; from SR 711 downstream to SR 2045 (Two Mile Run Road)

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BUTLER:
 Bear Creek (T-712 upstream Troutman to first bridge upstream Bruin)
 Bonnie Brook (Bonnie Brook Road to mouth)
 Buffalo Creek (upstream end of Mun Park in Chicora to 2.4 kilometers downstream SR 228 bridge)
 Connoquenessing Creek (Lake Oneida to SR 0356 bridge)
 Cornplanter Run (T-658 bridge to mouth)
 Glade Run Lake
 Harbar Acres Lake
 Little Buffalo Run (Clearfield Road bridge to mouth)

Little Connoquenessing Creek (SR 0422 bridge to SR 3029 bridge)
 North Branch Slippery Rock Creek (White Oak Road bridge to mouth)
 Silver Creek (T-633 bridge to mouth)
 Slippery Rock Creek (0.75 miles downstream Slippery Rock Road to Heinz Camp property)
 Thorn Creek (Great Belt Road bridge to McCalmont Road bridge)

CLARION:
 Beaver Creek (T-384 bridge to Route 338 bridge (Blair's Corner))
 Canoe Creek (I-80 bridge to mouth)
 Cathers Run (220 meters upstream Cathers Run Road to mouth)

Coon Creek (Zipp Run to Irish Run)
 East Sandy Creek (T-586 bridge to Clarion/Venango County Line)
 Leatherwood Creek (T-478 bridge to Pump Station (St. Charles))
 Mill Creek (T-342 bridge to Little Mill Creek)
 Piney Creek (SR 2001 bridge to Little Piney Creek)
 Redbank Creek (North Fork Redbank Creek to Little Sandy Creek)
 Richey Run (Route 208 bridge upstream T-550 to Allegheny River Trail bridge near mouth)
 Toms Run (T-627 bridge to childrens area near mouth)
 Turkey Run (Salem Road bridge to SR 0058 bridge (Alum Rock))

CRAWFORD:
 Caldwell Creek (West Branch Caldwell Creek to mouth)
 Conneaut Creek (Dicksonburg Road bridge (Dicksonburg) to Pennside Road)
 East Branch Oil Creek (Clear Lake Dam to mouth)
 Fivemile Creek (T-922 bridge to mouth)
 Little Sugar Creek (SR 2009 bridge to mouth)
 McLaughlin Creek (T-890 bridge to mouth)
 Muddy Creek (Dewey Road bridge to Teepleville Road bridge)
 North Deer Creek (Headwaters to mouth)
 Oil Creek (Mosey Run to SR 8 bridge at Rynd Farm)
 Pine Creek (Seldom Seen Road bridge to mouth)

Sugar Creek (Center Road bridge to Wright Road bridge)
 Thompson Creek (100 meters upstream bridge SR 2031 to mouth)
 Woodcock Creek (SR 2036 bridge to mouth)
ERIE:
 Cascade Creek (12th Street bridge to mouth)
 Conneauttee Creek (Edinboro Lake to Route 99)
 Crooked Creek (Gloskey Road bridge to Railroad bridge North SR 5)
 East Basin Pond (Waterworks Ponds, Presque Isle State Park)
 Elk Creek (200 meters upstream I-79 NB bridge to 500 meters downstream SR 98 bridge and 500 meters upstream Halls Run to mouth)

French Creek (PA-NY line to West Branch French Creek)
 Lake Pleasant
 South Branch French Creek (SR 2018 bridge (Corry Limits) to mouth)
 Twentymile Creek (SR 20 bridge to Dohler Property Line)
 Upper Gravel Pit
 West Basin Pond (Waterworks Ponds, Presque Isle State Park)
FOREST:
 Beaver Run (50 meters upstream Lick Run to mouth)
 Bluejay Creek (first SR 1003 bridge downstream SR 0066 to mouth)
 Coon Creek (Zipp Run to Irish Run)
 East Hickory Creek (Allegheny National Forest Road 119 bridge to mouth)
 Little Hickory Run (Furnace Run to mouth)
 Maple Creek (T-323 bridge to mouth)
 Queen Creek (Beers Hollow to mouth)
 Ross Run (unnamed tributary 1 kilometer upstream East Branch Ross Run to Ross Run Road bridge)
 Salmon Creek (Bluejay Road bridge to mouth)
 South Branch Tionesta Creek (800 meters upstream Fork Run to mouth)
 Spring Creek (East Branch Spring Creek to mouth)
 The Branch (Coal Bed Run to mouth)
 Tionesta Creek (South Branch Tionesta Creek to Kellettsville bridge)
 Toms Run (T-627 bridge to childrens area near mouth)
 West Branch Millstone Creek (Scott Run to SR 2005 bridge)
 West Hickory Creek (Youngsville Road bridge to mouth)
LAWRENCE:
 Bessemer Lake
 Big Run (SR 388 bridge to mouth)
 Deer Creek (1,500 feet upstream Route 208 bridge to mouth)
 Hickory Run (T-312 bridge to mouth)

Honey Creek (0.25 miles upstream Musser Road bridge to North Fork Little Beaver Creek)
 Little Neshannock Creek (West Branch Little Neshannock Creek to mouth)
 Neshannock Creek (Headwaters to I-80 bridge and Cannery Road bridge to mouth)
 North Fork Little Beaver Creek (Mud Road bridge to Dinor Street bridge)
 Slippery Rock Creek (0.75 miles downstream Slippery Rock Road to Heinz Camp property)
 Taylor Run (1 mile upstream SR 1018 bridge to Slippery Rock Creek)
MERCER:
 Buhl Lake
 Cool Spring Creek (Lake Latonka to mouth)
 Little Neshannock Creek (West Branch Little Neshannock Creek to mouth)
 Little Shenango River (Lake Wilhelm Road bridge to mouth)
 Mill Creek (Scrubgrass Road bridge to mouth)
 Neshannock Creek (Headwaters to mouth)
 North Deer Creek (Headwaters to mouth)
 Pine Run (Crill Road bridge to Neshannock Creek)
 Sandy Creek (SR 173 bridge to SR 3013 bridge Pecan)
 West Branch Little Neshannock Creek (Bend Road to mouth)
 Wolf Creek (East Pine Street (Grove City) to 300 feet downstream Airport Road bridge)
VENANGO:
 East Branch Sugar Creek (SR 0428 to mouth)
 East Sandy Creek (Tarklin Run to mouth)
 Hemlock Creek (Porcupine Run to mouth)
 Horse Creek (250 meters upstream Wolf Branch to mouth)
 Little Sandy Creek (400 meters upstream Bombishi Road bridge to old bridge at Polk Center Pump House)

Little Scrubgrass Creek (South Fork Little Scrubgrass Creek to mouth)
 Little Sugar Creek (SR 0027 bridge (Diamond) to mouth)
 Lower Twomile Run (Isaac Walton Park to mouth)
 Mill Creek (SR 0038 bridge to T-522 bridge)
 Oil Creek (Mosey Run to SR 0008 bridge at Rynd Farm)
 Pine Run (SR 0038 bridge to Bear Run)
 Pithole Creek (SR 0036 to 300 meters downstream SR 1004 Stone Arch bridge)
 Prather Creek (T-508 bridge to mouth)
 Richey Run (RT208 bridge upstream T-550 to Allegheny River Trail bridge near mouth)
 Sandy Creek (SR 0173 bridge to SR 3013 bridge in Pecan)
 Sugar Creek (Center Road bridge to Wright Road bridge and 300 meters upstream Creek Road bridge to mouth)
 Twomile Run (Reed Run to mouth)
 West Pithole Creek (Coe Road bridge to mouth)
WARREN:
 Blue Eye Run (Eldred Hill Road bridge to State Game Lands boundary)
 Brokenstraw Creek (SR 3010 bridge to 2.6 kilometers upstream SR 0027 bridge Garland and 100 meters upstream SR 3010 bridge to Matthews Run)
 Browns Run (Hook Run to mouth)
 Caldwell Creek (West Branch Caldwell Creek to mouth)
 Chapman Lake
 East Branch Spring Creek (SR 3001 to mouth)
 East Branch Tionesta Creek (T-300 bridge downstream Jojo to mouth)
 East Hickory Creek (Allegheny National Forest Road 119 bridge to mouth)
 Farnsworth Branch (bridge at Farnsworth Coop Hatch to mouth)
 Fourmile Run (North Branch Fourmile Run to mouth)
 Hemlock Run (100 meters upstream Logging Road to mouth)

Jackson Run (SR 0027 bridge to mouth)
 Little Brokenstraw Creek (SR 0957 bridge (Lottsville) to T-441 bridge (Pittsfield))
 Perry Magee Run (Youngsville Road to mouth)
 Pine Creek (Seldom Seen Road bridge to mouth)
 Queen Creek (Beers Hollow to mouth)
 Sixmile Run (North Fork Sixmile Creek to mouth)
 South Branch Tionesta Creek (800 meters upstream Fork Run to mouth)
 Spring Creek (East Branch Spring Creek to SR 3001 bridge)
 Thompson Run (800 meters upstream Double Run to mouth)
 Tidioute Creek (SR 3011 bridge to mouth)
 Tionesta Creek (South Branch Tionesta Creek to Kellettsville bridge)
 Twomile Run (headwaters to mouth)
 West Branch Caldwell Creek (unnamed tributary West of Sanford to Three Bridge Run)
 West Branch Tionesta Creek (Jones Run to Wildcat Run and Chapman Dam to mouth)
 West Hickory Creek (Youngsville Road bridge to mouth)
Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing
FOREST:
 Tionesta Creek (from Tionesta Dam outflow to mouth)
LAWRENCE:
 Cascade Quarry
MERCER:
 Shenango River (Hamburg Road bridge in New Hamburg to pipeline crossing upstream of Big Bend access area)
VENANGO:
 Two Mile Run Reservoir (Justus Lake)
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WARREN:
 West Branch Caldwell Creek – 2.75 miles; West Branch bridge upstream to Three Bridge Run

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LAWRENCE:
 Slippery Rock Creek – 0.5 mile; from Heinz Camp property downstream to 0.25 mile below SR 2022 bridge
VENANGO:
 Little Sandy Creek – 1.3 miles; from the old bridge at Polk Center Pump House downstream to the bridge on Savannah Road (SR 3024)
WARREN:
 Caldwell Creek – 1.49 miles; from Selkirk highway bridge downstream to approximately 0.5 miles upstream of the Dotyville bridge

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CLARION:
 Piney Creek – 1.2 miles; SR 2016 bridge downstream to 0.2 mile upstream of the SR 0066 bridge
FOREST:
 East Hickory Creek – 1.7 miles; from the Queen Creek bridge downstream to the Otter Creek bridge
LAWRENCE:

■ Neshannock Creek – 2.67 miles; from the base of the Mill Dam in Volant downstream to the covered bridge on T-476

MERCER:
 Cool Spring Creek – 1.18 miles; from SR 2014 bridge upstream to the abandoned railroad grade
VENANGO:

■ Oil Creek – 1.55 miles; from bridge at Petroleum Center downstream to railroad bridge at Columbia Farm

Oil Creek – 1.0 mile; from the two green posts near the Drake Well Museum downstream to Oil Creek State Park hiking trail bridge

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OPENING DAY:
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CAMERON:

- Clear Creek (Mud Run to mouth)
- Driftwood Branch
Sinnemahoning Creek
(Shippen township building to mouth)
- East Branch Cowley Run
(second unnamed tributary upstream Mackley Hollow to mouth)
- First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek (headwaters to mouth)
- Mix Run (Red Run to mouth)
- North Creek (Fivemile Run to mouth)
- Sinnemahoning Portage Creek (SR 0155 bridge near Sizer Run to mouth)
- West Branch Cowley Run (Ensign Run to mouth)
- Wykoff Run (Big Spring Draft to mouth)

CENTRE:

- Bald Eagle Creek (Bell Hollow Road bridge to inlet of Sayers Lake near the Boggs-Howard Township line)
- Big Poe Creek (Poe Lake to mouth)
- Black Moshannon Creek (Black Moshannon Dam to unnamed tributary downstream to Gorton Road)
- Cold Stream Dam
- Little Fishing Creek (fourth bridge upstream SR 0064 bridge (Hublersburg) to mouth)
- Marsh Creek (unnamed tributary 0.5 miles upstream Manntown Road to mouth)
- Penns Creek (SR 0045 to Elk Creek)
- Pine Creek (Stony Run Road bridge to Bald Eagle State Forest boundary)
- Poe Lake

- Sinking Creek (Colyer Lake Dam to mouth)
- Sixmile Run (Clay Mine Road to mouth)
- South Fork Beech Creek (Private Pond to SR 0080)
- Standing Stone Creek (Penn Roosevelt Dam to first SR 0026 bridge north of Huntingdon)
- Wallace Run (unnamed tributary at Gumstump to 0.25 miles upstream to ballfield)
- White Deer Creek (powerline crossing 125 meters upstream Black Gap Road to White Deer dam)
- Wolf Run (Wolf Run Trail to Little Wolf Run)

CLEARFIELD:

- Anderson Creek (Dubois Reservoir to unnamed tributary 1,000 meters downstream SR 0322)
- Bennett Branch
Sinnemahoning Creek (South Branch Bennett Branch to Wilson Run)
- Chest Creek (confluence with unnamed tributary Bradley junction to mouth)
- Curry Run (Webb Road bridge to mouth)
- East Branch Mahoning Creek (Beech Run to 1 kilometers downstream Branch Road bridge)
- Gazzam Run (headwaters to mouth)
- Gifford Run (Merrill Road bridge to Lost Run Road bridge)
- Goss Run Dam
- Janesville Dam
- Juniata Lake (Tannery Dam)
- Laborde Branch (T-899 bridge near junction SR 4016 to 700 meters downstream SR 4016 bridge)
- Laurel Run (Parker Lake Dam to Abbot Run)
- Laurel Run (Jeep Road near pond to mouth)
- Little Clearfield Creek (confluence Watts Creek and Gazzam Run to 0.4 miles downstream of the T-584 bridge)

- Little Muddy Run (SR 0253 bridge to confluence unnamed tributary 1.7 kilometers upstream mouth)
 - Medix Run (Jack Dent Branch to mouth)
 - Moose Creek (first unnamed tributary 0.7 kilometers downstream Moose Creek Reservoir to mouth)
 - North Witmer Run (Hunter Run to mouth)
 - Parker Lake
 - Shaggers Inn Pond
 - South Witmer Run (pipe crossing at State Game Lands #120 to mouth)
 - Wilson Run (Barrett Run to mouth)
 - Wolf Run (State Game Lands to mouth)
- CLINTON:**
- Baker Run (confluence Shoemaker Branch Clendenin Branch to mouth)
 - Cooks Run (end of Road near Lick Run to Rock Run)
 - Fishing Creek (Cedar Run to Country Club Road bridge Mill Hall)
 - Hyner Run (confluence Left and Right Branch Hyner Run to Sproul State Forest boundary)
 - Kettle Creek (Long Run to Owl Hollow)
 - Left Branch Young Womans Creek (Forest Road bridge to mouth)
 - Little Fishing Creek (fourth bridge upstream SR 0064 bridge (Hublersburg) to mouth)
 - Young Womans Creek (County Line Branch to mouth)
- ELK:**
- Bear Creek (Maple Run to mouth)
 - Belmouth Run (State Game Lands boundary bridge crossing to mouth)
 - Bennett Branch
Sinnemahoning Creek (Jay/Benezette Township Line to 300 meters downstream Station Road bridge)

- Big Mill Creek (SR 0948 bridge to Rocky Run and Ridgway Reservoir to mouth)
- Boggy Run (dam at headwaters to mouth)
- Byrnes Run (unnamed tributary 1,000 meters upstream Auman Hollow to mouth)
- Crooked Creek (500 meters upstream Long Branch to SR 1004 bridge)
- Dents Run (Hodag Trail crossing to mouth)
- East Branch Clarion River (State Game Land boundary 1.15 miles downstream of the upstream limit to Indian Run)
- East Branch Millstone Creek (0.5 miles upstream Loleta Road bridge to mouth)
- East Branch Spring Creek (headwaters to Pigs Ear bridge)
- Elk Creek (Water Tank Run to mouth)
- Hicks Run (confluence East and West Branch Hicks Run to mouth)
- Hoffman Run (Dam to mouth)
- Laurel Run Reservoir
- Little Toby Creek (Mead Run to mouth)
- Maxwell Run (Civilian Conservation Corps Road near headwaters to 1.5 miles downstream SR 0949)
- Mead Run (unnamed tributary at Shawmut to mouth)
- Medix Run (Jack Dent Branch to mouth)
- Millstone Creek (confluence East and West Branch to mouth)
- Mix Run (Red Run to mouth)
- Powers Run (SR 1001 bridge to mouth)
- Ridgway Reservoir
- Rocky Run (tributary 1,500 meters downstream county line to mouth)
- Spring Creek (East Branch Spring Creek to mouth)
- Twin Lakes

- West Branch Clarion River (SR 0219 bridge north of Halsey to Silver Creek Road)
 - West Branch Hicks Run (Shaffer Draft Road to mouth)
 - Wilson Run (McKean/Elk county line to mouth)
 - Wolf Run (T-317 bridge nearest Route 66 to mouth)
- JEFFERSON:**
- Big Run (T-506 bridge to T-519 bridge)
 - Big Run (second bridge upstream junction T-374 and SR 3014 to mouth)
 - Callen Run (3.8 kilometers upstream Johns Run to mouth)
 - Canoe Creek (Painter Run to mouth)
 - Cathers Run (220 meters upstream Cathers Run Road to mouth)
 - Clear Creek (Trap Run to mouth)
 - Clear Run (T-486 bridge to mouth)
 - Cloe Lake
 - East Branch Mahoning Creek (Beech Run to 1 kilometer downstream Branch Road bridge)
 - Fivemile Run (T-830 bridge upstream Colon to T-830 bridge 100 meters upstream Swamp Run)
 - Laurel Run (Jeep Road near pond to mouth)
 - Little Sandy Creek (SR 0236 bridge to mouth)
 - Little Toby Creek (Mead Run to mouth)
 - Mill Creek (T-342 bridge to Little Mill Creek)
 - Mill Creek (T-550 bridge (Reitz) to mouth)
 - North Fork Redbank Creek (Hetrick Run to Pekin Run and first tributary downstream Rose and Eldred Township Line to mouth)
 - Pekin Run (Mays Road bridge to mouth)

Rattlesnake Creek (450 meters upstream Siple Road bridge to mouth)
 Rattlesnake Run (SR 1015 bridge to mouth)
 Redbank Creek (North Fork Redbank Creek to Little Sandy Creek)
 Sandy Lick Creek (Schoolhouse Run to Fivemile Run)
 Walburn Run (confluence East and West Branch Walburn Run to mouth)
 Wolf Run (State Game Lands to mouth)
LYCOMING:
 Hoagland Run (Big Sandy Run to mouth)
 Larrys Creek (first SR 973 bridge upstream Salladasburg to mouth)
 Little Bear Creek (Red Run to mouth)
 Little Muncy Creek (SR 0118 bridge to Big Run (Lairdsville))
 Little Pine Creek (0.4 mile upstream Bonnell Run to mouth)
 Loyalsock Creek (Pole Bridge Run to SR 973)
 Lycoming Creek (Roaring Brook to Hoagland Run)
 Mill Creek (Warrensville) (700 meters upstream Sugar Camp Road to first Warrensville Road bridge downstream Warrensville)
 Muncy Creek (Peters Creek to Little Muncy Creek)
 Pleasant Stream (Potash Hollow to mouth)
 Rock Run (Hawk Run to mouth)
 Spring Creek (SR 2001 bridge to mouth)
 White Deer Hole Creek (State Forest Boundary to Bob Drick Road (T-464) bridge)
MCKEAN:
 Allegheny River (Seven bridges to Allegheny Portage Creek)
 Bell Run (Chapman Brook Run to Wingard Hollow Run)
 Bradford City Number Three Reservoir
 Chappel Fork (Bucklick Run to mouth)

Combs Creek (Strang Hollow Run to mouth)
 East Branch Tionesta Creek (T-300 bridge downstream Jojo to mouth)
 Hamlin Lake
 Havens Run (Pigeon Hollow to mouth)
 Kinzua Creek (dam 0.8 miles upstream SR 3009 Kushequa to 200 meters downstream Allegheny National Forest Road 15)
 Marvin Creek (T-450 bridge to SR 6)
 North Branch Sugar Run (Railroad Run to mouth)
 Potato Creek (confluence East Branch Potato and Havens Run to Marvin Creek)
 Red Mill Brook (Sergeant Norwich Township line to mouth)
 Sevenmile Run (350 meters upstream pipeline at two tributaries to mouth)
 Skinner Creek (Sherwood Hollow to mouth)
 South Branch Kinzua Creek (Hubert Run to mouth)
 Sugar Run (Kavanaugh Run to mouth)
 Twomile Run (headwaters to mouth)
 West Branch Clarion River (SR 219 bridge north of Halsey to Silver Creek Road)
 West Branch Potato Creek (confluence West and South Forks to mouth)
 Willow Creek (headwaters to Willow Bay bridge)
MONTOUR:
 Mahoning Creek (from SR 0054 to mouth)
 Mauses Creek (first dirt road upstream Old Furnace Road to mouth)
 Roaring Creek (Lick Run to mouth)
NORTHUMBERLAND:
 Little Shamokin Creek (T-445 to Foye Road bridge and Transmission line crossing upstream intersection of Comfort and Miller roads to mouth)
 Mahantango Creek (Route 125 bridge to Kiwanis Farm Road bridge)

Schwaben Creek (Moyer Road to Mouse Creek)
 South Branch Roaring Creek (Jepko/Campground Road to mouth)
 Zerbe Run Rod & Gun Club Pond
POTTER:
 Allegheny River (Seven Bridges to Allegheny Portage Creek)
 Bailey Run (120 meters upstream Little Bailey Run to mouth)
 Cowanesque River (Dodge Hollow to Troupes Creek)
 East Branch Cowley Run (second unnamed tributary upstream Mackley Hollow to mouth)
 East Branch Fishing Creek (Jeep Trail 0.2 miles upstream SR 4005 to mouth)
 East Fork Sinnemahoning Creek (Mud Lick Run to mouth)
 Elevenmile Creek (Turkey Path Road bridge to mouth)
 First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek (headwaters to mouth)
 Fishing Creek (Fisk Hollow to mouth)
 Genesee River (Ludington Run to state line)
 Kettle Creek (Long Run to Owl Hollow)
 Little Kettle Creek (Bloss Hollow to mouth)
 Lyman Run (Lyman Lake to mouth)
 Lyman Run Reservoir
 Oswayo Creek (Clara Creek to Horse Run Road)
 Pine Creek (Genesee Forks to 0.5 miles downstream Campbells Run)
 South Branch Oswayo Creek (T-354 bridge to mouth)
 South Woods Branch (Heth Run to mouth)
 West Branch Cowley Run (Ensign Run to mouth)
 West Branch Pine Creek (Lyman Run to mouth)
SNYDER:
 Beaver Creek (0.5 miles downstream Snyder Avenue near Three River Church to mouth)
 Kern Run (Brick Plant Road bridge upstream Beavertown to mouth)

Middle Creek (Black Mountain Road bridge to SR 4008 bridge near Faylor Lake inflow and 0.3 miles upstream Pine Swamp Road to 0.5 miles downstream SR 0522 in Middleburg)
 North Branch Mahantango Creek (Heister Valley Road bridge near Township line to Swamp Road bridge near Aline)
 North Branch Middle Creek (Clarence F. Walker Lake to mouth)
 South Branch Middle Creek (Steeky Road to mouth)
 Swift Run (Sandhill Road to mouth)
 West Branch Mahantango Creek (Crater Hill Road to Creek Road and Stream Ford)
TIOGA:
 Charleston Creek (Outflow Hamilton Lake to mouth)
 Corey Creek (Route 6 bridge (Mainesburg) to Newtown Hill Road)
 Cowanesque River (Dodge Hollow to Troupes Creek)
 Crooked Creek (Hills Creek Road to Ives Run Lane)
 East Branch Stony Fork (Draper Village to mouth)
 Long Run (Blue Run to mouth)
 Marsh Creek (Lower Marsh Creek Road to mouth)
 Mill Creek (Sopertown Road to mouth)
 Pine Creek (Genesee Forks to 0.5 miles downstream Campbells Run)
 Stony Fork (confluence East and West Branch Stony Fork to mouth)
 Tioga River (Tioga/Bradford County Line to Fall Brook)
UNION:
 Buffalo Creek (Aikey Road bridge to Rapid Run)
 Halfway Lake
 Laurel Run (SR 0235 bridge to mouth)
 North Branch Buffalo Creek (Mifflinburg Reservoir to mouth)
 Penns Creek (downstream end of island near Jolly Grove Lane to Creek Road

bridge near Libby Road)
 Rapid Run (Walbash Road bridge to mouth)
 Spring Creek (SR 2001 bridge to mouth)
 Spruce Run (Cooper Mill Road bridge to State Forest Land boundary at Spruce Run Reservoir)
 White Deer Creek (power line crossing 125 meters upstream Black Gap Road to White Deer dam and I-80 bridge (westbound lanes) to mouth)

Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing

CAMERON:
 George B. Stevenson Reservoir
 West Creek (SR 1008 at Rathbun downstream to SR 3001 at Howard Siding)

CLEARFIELD:
 West Branch Susquehanna River (SR 1001 bridge near Hyde to first Railroad bridge downstream of the confluence with Moose Creek)

West Branch Susquehanna River (Anderson Creek to SR 2024 crossing at Porters bridge)

CLINTON:
 Kettle Creek Lake

ELK:
 West Creek (SR 1008 at Rathbun downstream to SR 3001 at Howard Siding)

LYCOMING:
 Little Pine Lake
 Pine Creek (Bonnell Run at DCNR Clark Farm Access Area downstream to the confluence with Little Pine Creek)

LYCOMING/TIOGA:
 Pine Creek (from SR 0414 bridge in Blackwell downstream to the confluence with Slate Run)

MCKEAN:
 Meade Run (Blacksnake Run to mouth)

TIOGA:
 Beechwood Lake
 Hamilton Lake

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CAMERON:

Hunts Run – 4.7 miles; from confluence with McNuff Branch downstream to the mouth

CLINTON:

Fishing Creek – 2.0 miles; from State Game Lands #295 boundary (located 300 yards downstream of the upstream SR 2002 bridge) downstream to a point 1.3 miles upstream of the lower SR 2002 bridge

Rauchtown Creek – 1.12 miles; from the confluence of Rocky Run and Krape Run downstream to the SR 0880 crossing upstream of the Ravensburg St. Park Picnic Area.

Young Womans Creek – 5.7 miles; from the Beechwood Trail downstream to a point .7 mile upstream of the confluence with the Left Branch Young Womans Creek

LYCOMING:

Grays Run – 2.2 miles; from the Grays Run Hunting Club property line downstream to the concrete bridge on T-842 (Grays Run Road) at the old CCC camp

MIFFLIN/UNION:

Penns Creek – 7.45 miles; from approximately 600 meters downstream of Swift Run downstream to the downstream extent of the island near the end of Jolly Grove Lane

POTTER:

Cross Fork – 3.20 miles; Windfall Run to the Weed property located 0.2 miles downstream of the T-416 bridge

UNION:

Cherry Run – 2.7 miles; from the mouth upstream a distance of 2.7 miles

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CAMERON:

Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning Creek – 1.55 miles; from the Shippen Township Building downstream to 330 yards upstream of the SR 0120 bridge near Emporium

CENTRE:

Spring Creek (Fisherman's Paradise) – 1.3 miles; from a point adjacent to the Stackhouse School Pistol Range downstream to the lower Bellefonte Hatchery grounds

ELK:

West Branch Clarion River – 0.68 mile; from intersection of SR 219 and SR 4003 upstream to the former Texas Gulf Sulphur property line 0.6 miles upstream of SR 4003 bridge

JEFFERSON:

North Fork Redbank Creek – 1.9 miles; from SR 322 in Brookville upstream 1.9 miles, except a 110-yard section from the Brookville Water Authority Dam downstream to the wire across the creek

LYCOMING/TIOGA:

Slate Run – 7.13 miles; from the confluence of the Cushman and Francis branches downstream to the mouth

McKEAN:

Marvin Creek – 0.9 miles; from the vicinity of the high voltage line 3 miles south of Smethport downstream for a distance of 0.9 miles

POTTER:

Kettle Creek – 1.7 miles; from a sign located 500 feet downstream of the SR 0144 bridge to a sign located 1.7 miles upstream of the lower boundary

TIOGA:

Francis Branch Tributary to Slate Run – 1.7 miles; from mouth upstream to Kramer Hollow

UNION:

White Deer Creek – 3.16 miles; from Cooper Mill Road upstream to Union/Centre County line

**Catch and Release
All Tackle**

CENTRE:

Spring Creek – 16.22 miles; from the Boalsburg Road bridge (SR 3010) at Oak Hall upstream of Hanson Quarry (formerly HRI/Neidig Bros. Quarry) downstream to the mouth with the exception of special regulations area at Fisherman's Paradise and the Exhibition Area (Talleyrand Park) in Bellefonte

CLEARFIELD:

West Branch Susquehanna River – 26.1 miles; from outflow of AMD treatment plant near Watkins downstream to confluence of Cush Creek near Dowler Junction

ELK:

Clarion River – 8.48 miles; from the confluence of the East and West branches downstream to the Main St. bridge (SR 948) in Ridgway

LYCOMING:

Pine Creek – 2.88 miles; from the confluence with Slate Run downstream to the confluence with Bonnell Run at DCNR Clark Farm Access Area

POTTER/TIOGA:

Upper Kettle Creek basin – 28.3 miles; Kettle Creek from the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Long Run and all tributaries including Long Run upstream to the headwaters

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CENTRE:

Lick Run – 2.5 miles; from the headwaters to the mouth

CLINTON:

Fishing Creek – 1.18 miles; from the private lane bridge at the Tylersville State Fish Hatchery downstream to the State Game Lands #295 boundary (located 300 yards downstream of the upstream SR 2002 bridge) and 2.1 miles; from a point 1.3 miles upstream of the lower SR 2002 bridge downstream to Fleming's Bridge (SR 2004) at the Lamar Fish Hatchery

LYCOMING/TIOGA:

Cedar Run – 7.44 miles; from the confluence with Buck Run downstream to the mouth

McKEAN:

East Branch Tunungwant Creek – 3.0 miles; from the confluence with Pigeon Run downstream to the Main Street bridge in Lewis Run

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CENTRE:

Black Moshannon Creek – 1.3 miles; from Dry Hollow downstream to 0.3 mile downstream of the Huckleberry Road bridge

CLEARFIELD:

Little Clearfield Creek – 1.1 miles; from 0.4 mile downstream of the T-584 bridge downstream to 0.2 mile upstream of the SR 2023 (Turkey Hill) bridge

Sandy Lick Creek – 1.71 miles; from the mouth of Laborde Branch downstream to the SR 219 bridge

ELK:

Big Mill Creek – 1.5 miles; from the confluence of Rocky Run downstream to 0.3 mile downstream of the Allegheny National Forest, Forest Road, 135 bridge

East Branch Clarion River – 1.15 miles; from 110 yards downstream of the outflow from East Branch Clarion River Lake downstream to the State Gameland boundary 1.15 miles downstream of the upstream limit

LYCOMING:

Little Pine Creek – 3.9 miles; Little Pine Creek Road bridge located 1.0 mile upstream Otter Run downstream to inflow of Little Pine Lake

Loyalsock Creek – 3.8 miles; 1.0 mile upstream Sullivan County line downstream to unnamed tributary located 0.9 mile upstream of Plunketts Creek

Lycoming Creek – 3.0 miles; 0.5 mile upstream Daugherty Run downstream to 0.1 mile downstream of the SR 0015 bridge (Old Route 15) near Haleeka

Muncy Creek – 1.1 miles; 0.3 mile upstream T-650 bridge downstream to Big Run

McKEAN:

Kinzua Creek – 4.77 miles; from Guffey Road bridge (Rocky Road) downstream to Allegheny National Forest boundary near Westline

West Branch Tunungwant Creek – 1.2 miles; from T-499 bridge downstream to pipeline crossing near confluence of Gates Hollow

POTTER:

Allegheny River – 2.7 miles; from Pond Road 0.3 mile downstream of Colesburg downstream to ford 0.3 mile downstream of Prosser Hollow bridge

First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek – 3.9 miles; Rt 872 bridge at Schoolhouse Run downstream to Berge Run

SNYDER:

Middle Creek – 2.0 miles; 0.3 mile upstream of Pine Swamp Road downstream to 0.6 mile upstream Covered Bridge Road

TIOGA:

Pine Creek – 3.3 miles; Marsh Creek downstream to Bear Run

**● All Tackle Trout
Slot Limit**

CENTRE:

● Penns Creek – 7.00 miles; from the confluence with Elk Creek downstream to the Catch and Release area located 600 meters downstream of Swift Run

Northeast Region Regulated Trout Waters

Statewide Opening Day of Trout Season Stocked Trout Waters

OPENING DAY: APRIL 1

BRADFORD:

Gaylord Creek (Bradford/
Susquehanna County Line
to mouth)

Little Schrader Creek
(Marsh Creek to mouth)

North Branch Sugar Creek
(Alparon Park to mouth)

Schrader Creek (upstream
State Game Lands #12
boundary to Minersville
Road)

South Branch Towanda
Creek (SR 220 (Stevenson)
to South Branch Road
(Kellogg))

South Creek (Dunnings
Station to SR 14 (Fassett))

Sugar Creek (South Branch
Sugar Creek to SR 0006
(East Troy))

Sunfish Pond

Towanda Creek (South
Avenue to SR 3001
bridge)

Tuscarora Creek (Bradford/
Susquehanna County Line
to mouth)

Wysox Creek (SR 187 to
mouth)

CARBON:

Aquashicola Creek (Buckwa
Creek to entrance New
Jersey Zinc Plant)

Buckwha Creek (Princess
Run to Aquashicola
Creek)

Drakes Creek (Drakes Creek
Road and School House
Road to mouth)

Hickory Run (Hickory Run
Lake to Saylorville Dam)

Hickory Run Lake

Lehigh Canal (lock 0.4
kilometers upstream Long
Run to lock upstream
North Weissport)

Lizard Creek (Lauchnor
Road bridge to mouth
and 1 mile upstream)

Andreas Road bridge to
0.5 miles upstream Stone
Mountain Road bridge)

Mahoning Creek (Berry
Road bridge to Lehigh
River)

Mauch Chunk Creek (Mauch
Chunk Lake to Mauch
Chunk Reservoir)

Nesquehoning Creek
(bridge on East end
Industrial Road to 350
meters downstream North
Mermon Street bridge)

● Pohopoco Creek
(Beltzville Lake to
Hideaway H&F Club Cable
across Creek)

Sand Spring Run (Sand
Spring Lake to mouth)

COLUMBIA:

Beaver Run (Moyers Farm
5 kilometers upstream
mouth to mouth)

Briar Creek (West Branch
Briar Creek to mouth)

Fishing Creek (Camp
Lavigne Road to upstream
Kriebel property line
and 180 yards upstream)

Benton Borough line to
Benton/Fishing Creek
Township line and 1
kilometer upstream SR

1022 to Orange/Fishing
Creek Township line and
0.6 kilometer upstream
SR 0487 bridge to Back
Branch Road bridge)

Huntington Creek (Forks
Farm to Twin Bridges
Park)

Little Fishing Creek (Talmar
Road to Eyers Grove Road)

Mugser Run (T-315
Fisherdale to mouth)

Pine Creek (Volanski Road
to mouth)

Roaring Creek (Lick Run to
mouth)

Scotch Run (first bridge
upstream Mifflin
crossroads to mouth)

South Branch Roaring Creek
(Jepko/Campground Road
to mouth)

West Branch Briar Creek
(unnamed tributary 300
yards upstream Ridge
Road to mouth)

West Creek (third bridge SR
0239 upstream Benton to
mouth)

LACKAWANNA:

Aylesworth Creek Lake

Desandis Pond

Eston Wilson Lake

Gardner Creek (Milwaukee
Road to mouth)

Lackawanna River (old
Stillwater Dam to first
unnamed tributary
upstream Simpson)

Lehigh River (upstream
border State Game
Lands #127 to 1.1 miles
downstream confluence
Choke Creek)

Merli-Sarnoski
Park Lake

Roaring Brook (Elmhurst
Reservoir to 550 meters
downstream Rock Bottom
Creek and Reservoir #7
Dam to Myrtle Street)

South Branch Tunkhannock
Creek (Boyerski Road
bridge to mouth)

West Branch Wallenpaupack
Creek (Mountain Cobb
Road bridge to Forks Road
bridge)

LUZERNE:

Big Wapwallopen Creek
(Nuangola Road to County
Road)

Harvey's Creek (Meeker-
Outlet Road to Rice Dam
and Pavlick Road (T-497)
to mouth)

Kitchen Creek (Shedy Hill
Road to mouth)

Lake Frances

Lehigh River (upstream
border State Game
Lands #127 to 1.1 miles
downstream confluence
Choke Creek)

Nescopeck Creek (old bridge
south of Lake Frances to
I-80 and private bridge
at honey hole to County
Road downstream I-81)

Pine Creek (Volanski Road
to mouth)

MONROE:

Brodhead Creek (0.57 miles
upstream North 5th Street
to I-80 bridge East of Exit
309)

Buckwha Creek (Princess
Run to Aquashicola
Creek)

Bush Kill (lower Resica
Falls Boy Scouts of
America boundary to
mouth)

Lehigh River (upstream
border State Game
Lands #127 to 1.1 miles
downstream confluence
Choke Creek)

McMichael Creek (300
meters upstream
Strawberry Hill Road
bridge to 1.6 kilometers
downstream Beaver
Valley Road bridge and
Glennbrook Road bridge
to mouth)

Pocono Creek (Flagler Run
to McMichaels Creek)

Princess Run (Princess Run
Road bridge to mouth)

Snow Hill Dam

Tobyhanna Creek (Mill
Pond #1 to Still Swamp
Pond)

Tobyhanna Lake

PIKE:

Bush Kill (Pickerel Lake
to lower Delaware
State Forest boundary
and upper Resica Falls
Boy Scouts of America
boundary to mouth)

Decker Brook (2nd
downstream SR 006
bridge to State Game
Lands #183 downstream
boundary)

Fairview Lake

Lackawaxen River (0.6
miles upstream Middle
Creek to mouth)

Lake Loch Lomond

Lake Minisink

Little Bush Kill (Lake
Lehman club boundary to
Bushkill Rod & Gun Club
boundary and Bushkill
Falls boundary to mouth)

Lower Lake (Lower
Promised Land Lake,
including outlet from
Upper Lake)

Masthope Creek (State
Game Lands #316
upstream boundary to
State Game Lands #316
downstream boundary)

Middle Branch Bush Kill
(State Forest boundary to
mouth)

Saw Creek (Bushkill
Falls Road bridge to
State Forest boundary
downstream Whitaker
Road bridge)

Shohola Creek (SR 0739 to
downstream boundary
State Game Lands #180)

SULLIVAN:

Elk Creek (SR 0154 bridge
downstream Lincoln Falls to mouth)

Hoagland Branch (Porter
Creek to mouth)

Kings Creek (intersection
Tall Maple Road and SR
4008 to mouth)

Little Loyalsock Creek (SR
0087 bridge South of
Dushore to Big Bottom
Run)

Loyalsock Creek (Pole
Bridge Run to SR 973)

Mill Creek (Hills Grove) (Big
Hollow Road bridge to
mouth)

Muncy Creek (Peters Creek
to Little Muncy Creek)

North Branch Mehoopany
Creek (Saxer Road to
mouth)

Schrader Creek (upstream
State Game Lands #12
boundary to Minersville
Road)

West Branch Fishing
Creek (Hemlock Run
to Sullivan/Columbia
County Line)

SUSQUEHANNA:

Canawacta Creek
(confluence East Branch
and South Branch
Canawacta Creek to
mouth)

East Branch Tunkhannock
Creek (SR 2027 bridge
upstream Little Creek
to SR 374 bridge nearest
mouth)

East Branch Wyalusing
Creek (Forest Lake to
Fairdale Road (SR 3029)
to mouth)

Fall Brook (pipeline crossing to mouth)
 Gaylord Creek (Bradford/Susquehanna County Line to mouth)
 Horton Creek (Village Pine Grove to mouth)
 Lackawanna River (old Stillwater Dam to first unnamed tributary upstream Simpson)
 Martins Creek (South Bailey Road (T-377) to mouth)
 Meshoppen Creek (West Nicholson Road to Route 29)
 North Branch Wyalusing Creek (first major tributary upstream Gaylord to mouth)
 Riley Creek (Singer Road to mouth)
 Salt Lick Creek (Johnston Street New Milford to Hallstead town park)
 Silver Creek (Cranberry Run to mouth)
 Snake Creek (Booth Road to Stateline)
 South Branch Canawacta Creek (SR 1007 to mouth)
 Starrucca Creek (Stevens Point to mouth)
 Tunkhannock Creek (Gelatt to Nine Partners Creek)
 West Branch Meshoppen Creek (SR 3004 at Risley Road to mouth)
WAYNE:
 Dyberry Creek (Headwaters to mouth)
 East Branch Dyberry Creek (Lower Woods Pond outlet to mouth)
 Equinunk Creek (Kinneyville Creek to mouth)
 Jones Creek (Mountain Cobb Road bridge to mouth)
 Lackawanna River (old Stillwater Dam to first unnamed tributary upstream Simpson)
 Lackawaxen River (confluence Dyberry Creek and West Branch Lackawaxen River to 1.0 mile downstream Honesdale Sewer Treatment Plant and 0.6 mile upstream Middle Creek to mouth)

Long Pond
 Rose Pond Branch (State Game Lands #159 access road crossing to mouth)
 Shehawken Creek (Holbert Pond to unnamed tributary downstream Hempstead Lake)
 Van Auken Creek (Keen Pond to mouth)
 West Branch Dyberry Creek (Howell Pond to mouth)
 West Branch Lackawaxen River (Prompton Reservoir to mouth)
 West Branch Wallenpaupack Creek (Mountain Cobb Road bridge to Forks Road bridge)

WYOMING:
 Bowman Creek (Wyoming County line to Church Road)
 Horton Creek (Village Pine Grove to mouth)
 Leonard Creek (Wyoming/Luzerne County Line to mouth)
 Martins Creek (South Bailey Road (T-377) to mouth)
 Mehoopany Creek (North Fork Mehoopany Creek to Rogers Hollow)
 Meshoppen Creek (West Nicholson Road to Route 29 and Lemon Creek Road to Potts Falls)
 North Branch Mehoopany Creek (Saxer Road to mouth)
 Oxbow Lake
 Riley Creek (Singer Road to mouth)
 South Branch Tunkhannock Creek (Boyarski Road bridge to mouth)
 Tuscarora Creek (Bradford/Susquehanna County Line to mouth)
 West Branch Meshoppen Creek (SR 3004 at Risley Road to mouth)

Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing

BRADFORD:
 Cooks Pond
 Mountain Lake
 Sugar Run (T-420 to mouth)

CARBON:
 Lehigh River (0.33 mile upriver from railroad bridge at Glenn Onoko downriver to Mauch Chunk Creek)

CARBON/LUZERNE:
 Francis E. Walter Reservoir (Bear Creek Reservoir)
 Lehigh River (Carbon/Luzerne county line from outlet of F. E. Walter Reservoir downstream to confluence with Sandy Run)

COLUMBIA:
 Briar Creek Lake
LACKAWANNA:
 Lackawanna Lake
LUZERNE:
 Frances Slocum Lake
 Harvey's Lake (see miscellaneous special regulations on *page 16*)

Lake Irena
 Lake Took A While (Riverlands)
 Lily Lake
 Moon Lake
 Sylvan Lake

MONROE:
 Hidden Lake
PIKE:
 Lily Pond
 Little Mud Pond
SULLIVAN:
 Hunters Lake
SUSQUEHANNA:
 Quaker Lake
WAYNE:
 Duck Harbor Pond
 Upper Woods Pond
WYOMING:
 Lake Winola
 Mehoopany Creek (Henry Lott Brook to confluence of North Fork Mehoopany Creek)

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CARBON:
 Hickory Run – 3.12 miles; from the outlet of Saylorville Dam downstream to the mouth
LACKAWANNA:
 Roaring Brook – 3.84 miles; from Hollisterville Dam downstream to Elmhurst Reservoir

PIKE:
 Toms Creek – 2.17 miles; from the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area boundary downstream to the mouth

Catch and Release Fly-Fishing Only

MONROE:
 Bush Kill – 6.1 miles; on the Resica Falls Scout Reservation property except 200 yards on each side of the falls

WAYNE:
 Dyberry Creek – 0.87 mile; from 300 meters (.19 mile) downstream from the third bridge on Dug Rd. (SR 4009) upstream of the mouth, downstream to the second bridge on Dug Rd. (SR 4009) upstream from the mouth

WYOMING:
 Bowman Creek – 0.8 mile; from SR 0292 downstream to Marsh Creek

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LACKAWANNA:
 Lackawanna River – 4.9 miles; from the Gilmartin Street bridge in Archbald downstream to the Lackawanna Avenue bridge (SR 0347) in Olyphant. Excepted is a mid-section area extending .7 mile from the Depot Street bridge in Jessup downstream to the foot bridge in Robert Mellow Park

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BRADFORD:
 Towanda Creek – 1.7 miles; from SR 3001 downstream to Con's Road (T-350)

CARBON:
 Mud Run – 2.5 miles; in Hickory Run State Park

LACKAWANNA/WYOMING:
 South Branch Tunkhannock Creek – .99 mile; from SR 6 downstream through Keystone College campus

LUZERNE:
 Harveys Creek – 1.7 miles; from Jackson Road (T-812) downstream to Pavlick Road (T-497)

Nescopeck Creek – 2.24 miles; from the upstream boundary of State Game Lands #187 downstream to a cable across the stream

MONROE:
 McMichael Creek – 2.42 miles; 0.13 kilometer downstream from the Turkey Hill Road (T-416) bridge downstream to Glenbrook Rd. (SR 2004) bridge

Tobyhanna Creek – 1 mile; from the confluence of Still Swamp Run, downstream to the PPL service bridge

SUSQUEHANNA:
 Salt Lick Creek – 1.45 miles; from 90 yards downstream from Beaver Creek downstream to boundary of State Game Lands #35

WAYNE:
 West Branch Wallenpaupack Creek – 1.74 miles; from 0.6 mile downstream from the Jones Creek confluence downstream to the Callapoose Rd. (SR 3009) bridge

An explanation of each trout regulation is on pages 23 and 24.

For the most current advisories, visit dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/WaterQuality/FishConsumptionAdvisory/Pages/default.aspx

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Public Health Advisory Fish Consumption

HEALTH BENEFITS OF EATING FISH

Fish are nutritious and good to eat. Fish are low in fat, high in protein, and provide substantial human health benefits. Fish provide valuable vitamins and minerals and beneficial oils that are low in saturated fat. Omega-3 fatty acids found in fish are also beneficial, particularly in terms of cardiovascular health. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommends that consumers eat a balanced diet, choosing a variety of foods including fruits and vegetables, foods that are low in trans fat and saturated fat, as well as foods rich in high fiber grains and nutrients. A diet that includes a variety of fish and shellfish can be an important part of a balanced healthy diet. The United States FDA, EPA, the American Heart Association, and other nutrition experts recommend eating two meals (12 oz.) of fish per week. By following these advisories, you should feel comfortable making one of those meals (up to 8 oz.) a recreationally caught Pennsylvania sport fish.

CONTAMINANTS IN FISH

While most recreationally caught sport fish in Pennsylvania are safe to eat, chemicals, such as mercury and PCBs, have been found in some fish from certain waters. While the levels of unavoidable chemical contaminants are usually low, they can be potential health concerns to pregnant and breast-feeding women, women of childbearing age, children, and individuals whose diet consists of a high percentage of fish.

Long lasting contaminants, such as PCBs, chlordane, and mercury, build up in your body over time. It may take months or years of regularly eating contaminated fish to build up amounts that are a health concern. Health problems that may result from the contaminants found in fish range from small changes in health that are hard to detect to birth defects and cancer. Mothers who eat highly contaminated fish for many years before becoming pregnant may have children who are slower to develop and learn. The meal advice in this advisory is intended to protect children from these potential developmental problems. Adults are less likely to have health problems at the low levels that affect children. If you follow this advisory over your lifetime, you will minimize your exposure and reduce health risks associated with contaminants in fish.

INTRODUCTION TO FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES

We are not recommending that you stop eating sport caught fish, except where "Do Not Eat" is shown. When properly prepared, eating fish regularly offers important health benefits as a good choice to replace high fat foods. You will gain benefits if you follow the sport fish consumption advisory carefully to: choose safer places to fish; pick safer species to eat; trim and cook your catch correctly; and follow the recommended meal frequencies. Using this advice, you will reduce your exposure to possible contaminants.

Consumption advisories provide guidance to individuals or segments of the population who are at greater risk from exposure to contaminants in fish. Advisories are not regulatory standards but recommendations intended to provide additional information to high-risk groups. These advisories apply only to recreationally caught sport fish in Pennsylvania, not commercial fish. The FDA establishes the legal standards for contaminants in food sold commercially, including fish.

STATEWIDE ADVISORY

Pennsylvania has issued a general, statewide health advisory for recreationally caught sport fish: eat no more than one meal (1/2 pound) per week of sport fish caught in the state's waterways. This general advice was issued to protect against eating large amounts of fish that have not been tested or that may contain unidentified contaminants.

HOW TO USE THIS ADVISORY

Follow the general, statewide one meal per week advisory to limit your exposure to contaminants. To determine if more protective advice applies to the fish you have caught, find the locations and species of fish you've caught in the tables that follow. Find the meal advice for the fish you've caught. "Do Not Eat" means no one should eat those fish because of high contamination. The other groups are advice for how often to eat a fish meal.

One meal is assumed to be 1/2 pound of fish (8 oz. before cooking) for a 150-pound person. The meal advice is equally protective for larger people who eat larger meals and smaller people who eat smaller meals.

People who regularly eat sport fish, women of childbearing age, and children are particularly susceptible to contaminants that build up over time. If you fall into one of these categories, you should be careful to space fish meals out according to the advisory tables that follow. Your body can get rid of some contaminants over time. Spacing the meals out helps prevent the contaminants from building up to harmful levels in the body. For example, if the fish you eat is in the one meal a month group, wait a month before eating another meal of fish from any restricted category.

Women beyond their childbearing years and men generally face fewer health risks from these contaminants. However, it is recommended that you also follow the advisory to reduce your total exposure to contaminants. For these groups, it is the total number of meals that you eat during the year that becomes important and many of those meals can be eaten during a few months of the year. If most of the fish you eat are from the one meal a month category, you should not exceed 12 meals per year.

Sometimes, anglers catch fish with external growths, sores, or other lesions. Such abnormalities generally result from viral or bacterial infections and may occasionally be caused by exposure to certain chemical contaminants. The appearance of viral or bacterial infections in fish may be unsightly, but there is no evidence to suggest that these infections pose a threat to consumers of these fish. Whether or not to eat such fish is a matter of personal choice.

CLEANING AND COOKING YOUR FISH

PCBs and most other organic contaminants usually build up in a fish's fat deposits and just underneath the skin. By removing the skin and fat before cooking, you can reduce the levels of these chemicals. Mercury, however, collects in the fish's muscle and cannot be reduced by cleaning and cooking methods. To reduce PCBs and other organics:

- Remove all skin.
- Slice off fat belly meat along the bottom of the fish.
- Cut away any fat above the fish's backbone.
- Cut away the V-shaped wedge of fat along the lateral line on each side of the fish.
- Bake or broil trimmed fish on a rack or grill, so some of the remaining fat drips away.
- Discard any drippings. Do not eat them or use them for cooking other foods or in preparing other sauces.

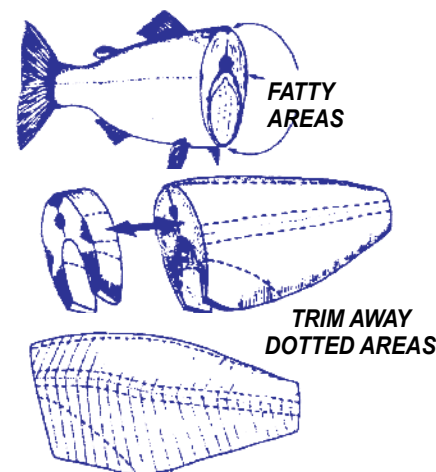
IMPORTANT: You must follow these cleaning and cooking directions. The meal advice is for eating skinned and trimmed fish.

Also, remember that larger and older fish tend to collect more contaminants, and fatty fish (such as Channel Catfish, carp, and eels) tend to collect PCBs and other organic chemicals. Therefore, eating smaller, younger fish and avoiding fatty species can help limit your exposure. Your exposure depends not only on levels in the fish but the amount of fish you eat. The consumption of any fish from contaminated waters is a matter of personal choice.

For most recent advisories:



dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/WaterQuality/FishConsumptionAdvisory/Pages/default.aspx



Trout stocked from Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission state fish hatcheries are subject to the blanket one-meal-per-week consumption advisory that applies to recreationally caught sport fish in Pennsylvania.

Snapping Turtle Consumption Advice: Snapping Turtle meat has been found to contain only small amounts of PCBs and is safe to eat without restrictions. Snapping Turtles do retain PCBs in their fat and internal organs. If you choose to eat Snapping Turtles, you can reduce your exposure by carefully trimming away all fat and internal organs and discarding them before cooking the meat or making soup.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The advisory listing was current at the time this summary went to press. Fish consumption advisories may have been issued or lifted since that time. Notice of such actions has been released to the public through press releases or can be found online.

For further information or the most current advice, contact:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection: 717-787-9637, dep.pa.gov.

(Questions concerning current advisory listings, waters sampled, and sampling methods)

Pennsylvania Department of Health: 717-787-3550, health.pa.gov.

(Questions about effects of chemicals on human health)
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission: 814-359-5147, fishandboat.com.

(Questions about effects of chemicals on fisheries and current advisory listings)

2023 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN

* The harvest of live mussels and clams in Pennsylvania is prohibited.

Water Body	Area Under Advisory	Species	Meal Frequency	Contaminant
Belmont Lake (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Rock Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Beltzville Lake (Beltzville State Park) (Carbon Co.)	Entire lake	Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Brady's Lake (Monroe Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel	6 meals/year	Mercury
		Yellow Perch	1 meal/month	Mercury
Broadhead Creek (Monroe Co.)	Entire basin	Rock Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Bushkill Creek (Monroe and Pike Cos.)	Entire basin	American Eel, All suckers	2 meals/month	Mercury
Chester Creek (Delaware and Chester Cos.)	Confluence of West Branch Chester Ck. to mouth	Channel Catfish, American Eel	2 meals/month	Mercury
Darby Creek (Delaware and Philadelphia Cos.)	Entire basin	Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Delaware River	Source to Trenton, NJ-Morrisville, PA bridge	Rock Bass, Walleye over 17"	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Smallmouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Delaware Estuary, including the tidal portion of all PA tributaries and the Schuylkill River to the Fairmount Dam (Bucks, Philadelphia, and Delaware Cos.)	Trenton, NJ-Morrisville, PA Bridge to PA/DE border	White Perch, Flathead Catfish, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
		Striped Bass: over 28"	1 meal/month	PCB
		Carp	6 meals/year	PCB
		American Eel	Do Not Eat	PCB
Hickory Lake (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Maskenozha (Pike Co.)	Entire lake	Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Towhee (Bucks Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Wallenpaupack (Pike and Wayne Cos.)	Entire lake	Walleye	1 meal/month	Mercury
Lehigh River (Northampton Co.)	Confluence of Saucon Creek to mouth	Carp, American Eel	1 meal/month	PCB
Little Bushkill Creek (Pike Co.)	Lake Maskenozha to mouth	American Eel	2 meals/month	Mercury
Long Pond (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Walleye	1 meal/month	Mercury
Marsh Creek Lake (Chester Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Miller Pond (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
		Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Neshaminy Creek (Montgomery and Bucks Cos.)	Entire basin	All species	Do Not Eat	PFOS
Pennypack Creek (Montgomery and Philadelphia Cos.)	Entire basin	American Eel	1 meal/month	PCB
Promised Land Lake (Promised Land State Park) (Pike Cos.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Prompton Reservoir (West Branch Lackawaxen River) (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Red Clay Creek (Chester Co.)	Entire basin	Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
		All species	3 meals/year	PCB, DDT, Dioxins, Chlorinated-Pesticides
Schuylkill River (Schuylkill Co.)	Confluence of Mill Creek at Port Carbon to Auburn Dam	Trout	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Schuylkill and Berks Cos.)	Confluence of Mahannon Creek at Landingville to Kernsville Dam	Brown Bullhead, All suckers	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Berks Co.)	Kernsville Dam to Maiden Creek	All suckers	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Berks, Chester, and Montgomery Cos.)	Confluence of Maiden Creek to Black Rock Dam above Phoenixville	All suckers	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Chester, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Cos.)	Black Rock Dam to Fairmount Dam in Philadelphia	Carp, Channel Catfish	6 meals/year	PCB
		Carp, American Eel	Do Not Eat	PCB
		All suckers, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Corbicula (clam*)	1 meal/month	PCB
Schuylkill River (Berks, Chester, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Cos.)	Confluence of Maiden Creek to Fairmount Dam	American Eel	Do Not Eat	PCB
		All suckers	1 meal/month	PCB
Shohola Lake (Pike Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Stairway Pond (Pike Co.)	Entire pond	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tobyhanna Creek (Carbon and Monroe Cos.)	Pocono Lake Dam to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
West Branch Brandywine Creek (Chester Co.)	From business Rt. 30 (Lincoln Highway) in Coatesville to confluence of Buck Run	American Eel	1 meal/month	PCB
West Branch Schuylkill River (Schuylkill Co.)	Entire basin	Brook Trout	1 meal/month	PCB
White Clay Creek (Chester Co.)	Entire basin	American Eel	2 meals/month	Mercury
White Oak Pond Lake (Wayne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN

Water Body	Area Under Advisory	Species	Meal Frequency	Contaminant
Beechwood Lake (Tioga Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Black Moshannon State Park Lake (Centre Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Bearwallow Pond (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel	2 meals/month	Mercury
Chemung River (Bradford Co.)	NY/PA border to mouth	Channel Catfish	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Smallmouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Conestoga River (Lancaster Co.)	Slackwater to mouth	Rock Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Cowanessque River and Reservoir (Tioga Co.)	Cowanessque River mouth to PA/NY border	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Black Crappie, Yellow Perch, Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Elk Lake (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel	2 meals/month	Mercury
First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek-George B. Stevenson Dam (Sinnemahoning State Park) (Cameron and Potter Cos.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
First Fork Sinnemahoning Creek (Cameron Co.)	George B. Stevenson Dam to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Francis Slocum Lake (Luzerne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Hamilton Lake (Tioga Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Hammond Lake (Tioga Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Hunters Lake (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	All species	2 meals/month	Mercury
Jacks Creek (Mifflin Co.)	Paintersville Bridge to mouth	Bluegill, Rock Bass, Fallfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Kettle Creek Lake (Kettle Creek State Park) (Clinton Co.)	Entire lake	Black Crappie, Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Kettle Creek (Clinton Co.)	Alvin R. Bush Dam to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lackawanna Lake (Lackawanna State Park) (Lackawanna Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Jean (UNT Kitchen Creek) (Ricketts Glen State Park) (Sullivan and Luzerne Cos.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
		Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Makoma (Mill Creek) (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake Winola (Wyoming Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Laurel Lake (Cumberland Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lily Lake (Luzerne Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Little Pine Creek (Clinton Co.)	Entire basin	Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury

Water Body	Area Under Advisory	Species	Meal Frequency	Contaminant
Logan Branch (Centre Co.)	Axemann to mouth	Brown Trout	1 meal/month	PCB
Lopez Pond (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lyman Run Reservoir (Potter Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Maple Lake (Lackawanna Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel	2 meals/month	Mercury
McWilliams Reservoir (Northumberland and Columbia Cos.)	Entire reservoir	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Mountain Mud Pond (Meri-Samoski Park)(Lackawanna Cos.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Pine Creek (Tioga Co.)	Confluence of Painter Run to confluence of Fourmile Run near Colton Point State Park	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Shumans Lake (Loyalsock Creek) (Sullivan Co.)	Entire lake	Chain Pickerel	2 meals/month	Mercury
Silver Lake (Susquehanna Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Steven Foster Lake (Bradford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Sugar Creek (Bradford Co.)	Confluence of Bailey Run to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Sunfish Pond (Bradford Co.)	Entire pond	Largemouth Bass, Yellow Perch	2 meals/month	Mercury
Susquehanna River (Susquehanna Co.)	Entire section in PA from the NY border above Starrucca Creek to the NY border below Great Bend	Smallmouth Bass, Fallfish	2 meals/month	Mercury
Susquehanna River (Bradford and Wyoming Cos.)	NY border above Sayre to PA Route 92 bridge at Falls	Walleye	1 meal/month	Mercury
		Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Channel Catfish, Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Susquehanna River (Wyoming, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Columbia, Northumberland, and Montour Cos.)	PA Route 92 bridge at Falls to confluence with West Branch	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Channel Catfish, Quillback, Carp, Walleye	1 meal/month	PCB
		Channel Catfish over 20", Flathead Catfish over 30"	1 meal/month	PCB
Susquehanna River (Snyder, Northumberland, Juniata, Perry, Dauphin, Cumberland, York, and Lancaster Cos.)	West Branch to PA/MD border	Channel Catfish over 20", Flathead Catfish over 30"	1 meal/month	PCB
Tioga Reservoir (Tioga Co.)	Entire reservoir	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Towanda Creek (Bradford Co.)	Confluence of Schrader Creek to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Trindle Spring Run (locally Silver Spring Run) (Cumberland Co.)	Silver Spring Meeting House to mouth (approx. 1 mile)	All trout	1 meal/month	PCB
Tunkhannock Creek (Wyoming Co.)	Confluence of South Branch to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tuscarora Creek (Juniata Co.)	SR 3008 bridge above Port Royal to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
West Branch Susquehanna River (Clinton, Lycoming, Union, and Northumberland Cos.)	Bald Eagle Creek to confluence with Susquehanna River	Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
White Deer Creek (Clinton, Centre, and Union Cos.)	Entire basin	Brown Trout	2 meals/month	Mercury
Wyalusing Creek (Bradford Co.)	SR 0706 bridge at Camptown to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Yellow Breeches Creek (Cumberland Co.)	SR 3017 bridge at Huntsdale to confluence of Spruce Run	Brown Trout	1 meal/month	PCB

OHIO RIVER BASIN

Water Body	Area Under Advisory	Species	Meal Frequency	Contaminant
Allegheny River (McKean Co.)	Confluence of Potato Creek to PA/NY border	Smallmouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Allegheny Res. (Warren and McKean Cos.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Smallmouth Bass, Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Allegheny River (Armstrong Co.)	Pool 6 - Lock & Dam 7 to Lock & Dam 6	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Armstrong Co.)	Pool 5 - Lock & Dam 6 to Lock & Dam 5	Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Armstrong and Allegheny Cos.)	Pool 4 - Lock & Dam 5 to Lock & Dam 4	Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Allegheny Co.)	Pool 3 - Lock & Dam 4 to Lock & Dam 3	Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Allegheny Co.)	Pool 2 - Lock & Dam 3 to Lock & Dam 2	Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Allegheny River (Allegheny Co.)	Lock & Dam 2 to Montgomery Lock & Dam on the Ohio River	See Ohio River (Allegheny and Beaver Cos.)		
Beaver River (Lawrence and Beaver Cos.)	Confluence of Mahoning and Shenango Rivers to mouth	Carp	Do Not Eat	PCB
		Smallmouth Bass, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
Beaver Run Reservoir (Westmoreland Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Brokenstraw Creek (Warren Co.)	Confluence of Hare Creek to mouth	All suckers, Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Chapman Dam Reservoir (Warren Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Chartiers Creek and Little Chartiers Creek (Allegheny and Washington Cos.)	Chartiers Creek - Canonsburg to mouth Little Chartiers Creek - Canonsburg Lake Dam to mouth	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	PCB
		Carp	Do Not Eat	PCB
		Smallmouth Bass	6 meals/year	PCB
Clarion River (Clarion Co.)	Confluence of Canoe Creek above Callensburg to confluence of Turkey Run	Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Clarion River (Clarion, Clearfield, and Elk Cos.)	Entire basin upstream of Piney Dam	Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Conemaugh R. (Indiana and Westmoreland Cos.)	Conemaugh Lake Dam to mouth	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Conewango Creek (Warren Co.)	NY/PA border to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Conneaut Lake (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Northern Pike	1 meal/month	Mercury
		Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Crystal Lake (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	1 meal/month	Mercury
Dunkard Creek (Greene Co.)	Confluence of Toms Run to confluence of Roberts Run	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Dunkard Creek (Greene Co.)	SR 2021 bridge to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
East Branch Lake (E. Br. Clarion R.) (Elk Co.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Eaton Reservoir (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Edinboro Lake (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
French Creek (Erie, Crawford, Mercer, and Venango Cos.)	Entire mainstem	Smallmouth Bass, Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Smallmouth Bass, Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Geneva Swamp (Crawford Co.)	Entire marsh	Bowfin	1 meal/month	Mercury
Justus Lake (Venango Co.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury

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Lake Canadohta (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Lake LeBoeuf (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Muskellunge	1 meal/month	Mercury
Lake Pleasant (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Carp	2 meals/month	Mercury
Mahoning River (Lawrence Co.)	Entire portion in PA	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
		Carp	6 meals/year	PCB
		Channel Catfish	Do Not Eat	PCB
Monongahela River (Fayette and Greene Cos.)	Point Marion Lock & Dam to Maxwell Locks & Dam	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Monongahela River (Fayette and Washington Cos.)	Pool 4 - Maxwell Locks & Dam to Locks & Dam 4	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Monongahela River (Allegheny, Washington, and Westmoreland Cos.)	Pool 3 - Locks & Dam 4 to Locks & Dam 3	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Monongahela River (Allegheny Co.)	Pool 2 (Braddock Pool)- Locks & Dam 3 to Locks & Dam 2	Carp	1 meal/month	PCB
Monongahela River (Allegheny Co.)	From Locks & Dam 2 to the Montgomery Locks & Dam on the Ohio River	See Ohio River (Allegheny and Beaver Cos.)		
Ohio River (Allegheny and Beaver Cos.)	From Lock & Dam 2 on the Monongahela River and Lock & Dam 2 on the Allegheny River to the Montgomery Lock & Dam Based on advisories issued by Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission	Freshwater Drum, Spotted Bass, Largemouth Bass, Black Crappie, Smallmouth Bass, White Crappie, Sauger, Walleye	1 meal/month	PCB
		All suckers, Flathead Catfish, Hybrid-Striped Bass, White Bass, Channel Catfish	6 meals/year	PCB
		Carp	Do Not Eat	PCB
Ohio River (Beaver Co.)	From Montgomery Locks & Dam to the state border. Based on recommendation from the Ohio River Consumption Advisory Workgroup	All suckers, Flathead Catfish, Black Crappie, White Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Sauger, Walleye, Freshwater Drum	1 meal/month	PCB
		Channel Catfish under 18", Carp, Hybrid Striped Bass, White Bass	6 meals/year	PCB
		Channel Catfish over 18"	Do Not Eat	PCB
Oil Creek (Venango Co.)	SR 1004 bridge at Petroleum Center to mouth	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Shenango River (Mercer and Lawrence Cos.)	Shenango Reservoir Dam to mouth	All species	Do Not Eat	PCB
Sugar Lake (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass, Chain Pickerel	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tamarack Lake (Crawford Co.)	Entire lake	Muskellunge	1 meal/month	Mercury
		Walleye	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tenmile Creek (Washington and Greene Cos.)	Entire basin	Freshwater Drum	1 meal/month	Mercury
Tionesta Creek (Warren and Forest Cos.)	SR 0666 bridge at Henrys Mills to Tionesta Res. Dam	Smallmouth Bass, All suckers	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tionesta Reservoir (Forest Co.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Traverse Creek (Beaver Co.)	Source to dam in Raccoon State Park	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Tunungwant Creek (McKean Co.)	Confluence of East and West branches to PA/NY border	Carp, All suckers	2 meals/month	Mercury
Union City Reservoir (Erie Co.)	Entire lake	Largemouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
West Branch Caldwell Creek (Warren Co.)	Entire basin	Brown Trout	2 meals/month	Mercury
Youghiogheny Lake (Fayette/Somerset Cos.)	Entire lake	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury
Youghiogheny River (Fayette and Somerset Cos.)	Youghiogheny Lake Dam to confluence of Lick Run	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury

LAKE ERIE BASIN

* Salmon and trout are migratory. They may be found seasonally in Presque Isle Bay or Lake Erie tributary streams. Trout, salmon, and other fish, whether caught in the lake or tributaries, should be treated as Lake Erie fish.

Water Body	Area Under Advisory	Species	Meal Frequency	Contaminant
Lake Erie (Erie Co.)	Open waters	Walleye, Coho Salmon*, Steelhead* (Rainbow Trout), Brown Trout*, Smallmouth Bass, White Perch, White Bass, Lake Whitefish, Carp under 20", Freshwater Drum, Lake Trout under 30", and Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	PCB
		Carp over 20", Lake Trout over 30"	Do Not Eat	PCB
Lake Erie (Erie Co.)	Presque Isle Bay	Smallmouth Bass, White Perch, Freshwater Drum, Bowfin, Carp, Coho Salmon*, Steelhead* (Rainbow Trout), Brown Trout*	1 meal/month	PCB
Conneaut Creek (Erie Co.)	SR 0215 bridge to PA/OH border	Smallmouth Bass	2 meals/month	Mercury

POTOMAC RIVER BASIN

There are currently no advisories for the Potomac River Basin.

However, the statewide advisory of 1 meal/week does apply to all waters throughout the Commonwealth including the Potomac River Basin.

Recognizing and Reporting POLLUTION or DISTURBANCE of Waterways

POLLUTION or DISTURBANCE of any waterway or watershed is a serious violation of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Code that must be recognized and reported to a Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission region law enforcement office. The law provides for criminal penalties for pollution or disturbances.

POLLUTION is an introduction into any waterway of anything that "might" harm or kill fish. Examples of "pollutants" are: electricity, explosives, sediment runoff, sewage, insecticides, poisons, high volumes of extremely hot water, liquid concrete or cement, paint, chemicals, petroleum products like gasoline or oil, brine runoff from gas or water

well drilling, and manufacturing waste. Common pollution indicators are: dead fish including crayfish, frogs, and any other types of aquatic life; strange odors like manure, sewage, or chemicals; muddy, cloudy, or discolored water; shiny, oily sheen on water's surface; foamy material floating on the surface; and extremely muddy water.

DISTURBANCE of waterways or watersheds includes any alteration of a waterway, its banks, bed, or fish habitat that "might" cause damage to or kill fish. Common disturbance indicators are: removal of gravel from stream beds; earth-moving in or along a waterway; dragging logs across stream banks and through stream beds; installing

pipes or culverts; building or installing bridges; making roadways through or along a stream; draining a waterway, wetland, or watershed; or changing the channel flow of a waterway. Various types of permits are required for any such work.

If you see anything suspected to be a pollution or disturbance of any waterway, regardless of how seemingly insignificant, report it immediately by calling the local Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission region law enforcement office listed on [page 3](#) of this publication or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at 1-800-541-2050 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

CALLING ALL PENNSYLVANIA ANGLERS!

We need your help. Pennsylvania is home to two giant salamanders, the Eastern Hellbender and the Common Mudpuppy. Both species are regularly found by anglers, often caught accidentally on fishing hooks or in minnow traps. Anglers have a great opportunity to help herpetologists figure out the distribution and status of these species by simply taking a picture of any specimens encountered and e-mailing the picture, date, time, and location of the observation to info@machac.org.

The Common Mudpuppy is found in the Ohio River and Lake Erie Drainages, in the western third of Pennsylvania. Mudpuppies have large, feathery gills on either side of the head. Adults grow to 19 inches in length.

The Eastern Hellbender was historically found in the Susquehanna and Ohio drainages, covering two-thirds of Pennsylvania. Hellbenders do not have external gills as adults and look wrinkled due to skin folds used for respiration. Adults grow to 29 inches in length.



Common Mudpuppy

Eastern Hellbender



Family Fishing Programs

are educational programs designed for families with little or no fishing experience. Families will learn basic fishing skills and have an opportunity to practice those skills while fishing together during the program. In addition to family fishing, there are specialized programs for family ice fishing, family fly fishing, and angler education for youth between the ages of 8 and 12. For a current listing of scheduled programs, visit:

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2024 FISHING DATES* Commonwealth Inland Waters

Statewide Opening Day of Trout: April 6, 2024
Opening Day of Walleye/Sauger: May 4, 2024
Opening Day of Bass: June 8, 2024
Extended Trout Season: September 3, 2024

**Dates subject to change by regulation until publication of the 2024 Pennsylvania Fishing Summary.*

Pennsylvania's Best Fishing Waters is a program established by the Commission, using the expertise and knowledge of its fisheries biologists, to highlight statewide locations for different categories of fish to assist anglers in knowing the prime fishing hotspots. Confirmed by survey catch rates and the availability of public access, the program waters offered are provided to help increase anglers' success and convenient access to this information. **You deserve the best!**



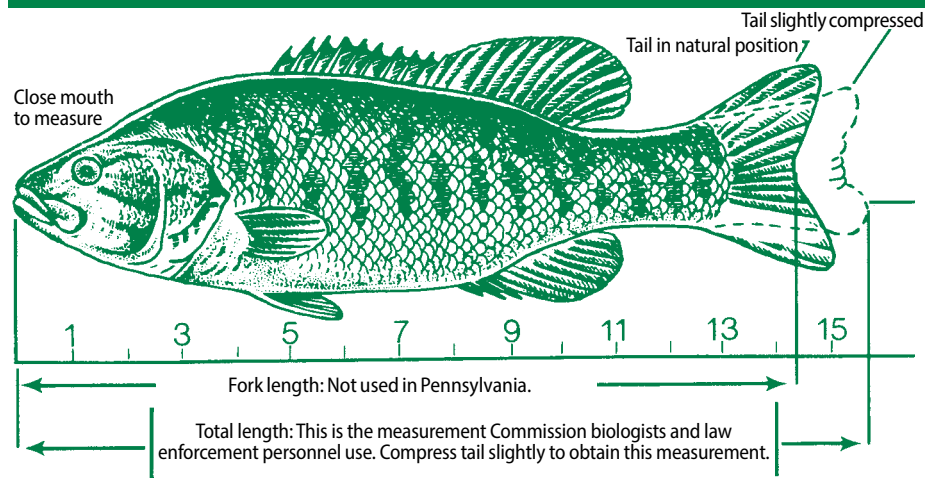
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2023 FISH-FOR-FREE DAYS!

May 28 and July 4

No fishing license is needed to fish on either of these days. It's a great way to introduce someone to the world of fishing. Check the Commission's website for more information. Remember that all other regulations apply.

HOW TO MEASURE A FISH



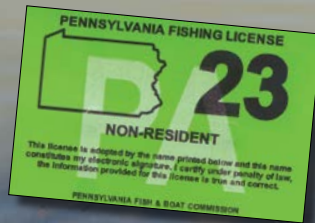
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The Wild Trout & Enhanced Waters Permit does not meet the requirement to fish for trout in Pennsylvania waters.



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