Pennsylvania Fishing License Requirements

WHO MUST WEAR A BUTTON?

On Pittsburgh District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lakes (only), everyone in boats less than 16 feet in length.

From November 1 through April 30, on all Pennsylvania waters crossing from those counties listed in the Pennsylvania’s Best Fishing Waters program, the following applies to Susquehanna River and tributaries, Lehigh River and tributaries, and adjacent areas. 50 per day if taken from lake, ponds, swamps and adjacent areas. Unlimited if taken from streams, lakes and ponds.

Pennsylvania’s Best Fishing Waters is a program established by the Commission, using the expertise of Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission staff and input from anglers to highlight statewide locations for different categories of fish to assist anglers in knowing the prime fishing hotspots.


Pennsylvania’s Best Fishing Waters

Convenient Multi-Year Fishing

Anglers can purchase a license for three years, five years or ten years with just one purchase. That’s right, no more remembering at the last minute to buy a license. We know the prime fishing hotspots. It’s not a violation of the bass regulations if a bass is immediately returned unharmed to the waters from which it was taken.


Purchase your fishing license at www.GoneFishingPa.com and be ready for the state’s two trout openers on April 4 (18 southeastern counties) and April 18 (regular opening day for trout statewide).

Pennsylvania Fishing Summary

See Water Pollution and Poaching? Report it at 1-855-8-FISH-KIL.
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**Season/Special Regulations**

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**BIG BASS WATER**

The Big Bass Waters program provides anglers with an opportunity to fish for larger trout in waters where harvest of trout, measuring between 14 to 20 inches, is limited. This program provides anglers with an opportunity to fish for larger trout in waters where harvest of trout, measuring between 14 to 20 inches, is limited.

**SMALLMOUTH AND LARGEMOUTH BASS CATCH AND RELEASE**

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**LAKES**

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  - **ARMSHORE COUNTY**
    - **BUFFALO CREEK**
      - 1.7 miles, from Buffalo Bill Dam to SR 149 (Rokiski Bridge) downstream to the mouth.
    - **HUNTINGDON COUNTY**
      - 1.84 miles; from SR 3008 (Rebers Road) downstream to 0.6 mile above Lower Elkmont Dam.
    - **MADISON COUNTY**
      - 2.0 miles; from the upper end of Lower Elkmont Dam to 0.6 mile above Alcoa Dam.
    - **MILLERSBURG COUNTY**
      - 2.67 miles; from the base of the Mill Dam to 0.3 mile upstream of the mouth.
    - **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**
      - 2.6 miles; from SR 117 (Carmel Road) to the mouth.
    - **NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**
      - 1.67 miles; from SR 711 downstream to 1.0 mile upstream of Long Shoals Dam.
    - **PENNSYLVANIA**
      - 1.7 miles; from SR 329 (Jenneps Mill Road) to the confluence with the Tamaqua Creek.
    - **SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY**
      - 2.6 miles; from the Turkey Hill Road (T-416) to 0.5 mile upstream of New Columbia Dam.
    - **WASHINGTON COUNTY**
      - 3.0 miles; from SR 2045 (Two Mile Run Road) to the mouth.
    - **WESTMORELAND COUNTY**
      - 1.67 miles; from SR 711 downstream to 1.0 mile upstream of Long Shoals Dam.

**Life Jacket Wear Required by Law November 1 to April 30**

Life jackets are required, by law, to be worn by all boat passengers in the state of Pennsylvania. Life jackets are required, by law, to be worn by all boat passengers in the state of Pennsylvania.

**GENERAL BOATING REGULATIONS**

The risk of an accident being fatal is significantly higher when the air and water temperatures are both below 68°F. This requirement is intended to protect boaters from the dangers of cold water shock if they fall into the water. This requirement is intended to protect boaters from the dangers of cold water shock if they fall into the water. The risk of an accident being fatal is significantly higher when the air and water temperatures are both below 68°F.

**STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS**

- **APPLINGTON**
- **ASHLEY**
- **BELLEFORT**
- **BERNS**
- **BOON**
- **BOWERS**
- **BROOKS**
- **BRADFORD**
- **BREDIN**
- **BRENN**
- **BRYANT**
- **CALKINS**
- **CALDOR**
- **CALL**
- **CAMPBELL**
- **CANTRALL**
- **CARL**
- **CASWELL**
- **CASTLETON**
- **CHARDON**
- **CLAYTON**
- **COCHRAN**
- **COATES**
- **COFFIN**
- **COHEN**
- **CONN**
- **COOK**
- **CRAWFORD**
- **CREASY**
- **CRIBB**
- **CRISON**
- **CRONIN**
- **CROWLEY**
- **CULLEN**
- **CUMINGS**
- **CURT**
- **DAWSON**
- **DEAN**
- **DEPUE**
- **DENT**
- **DIXON**
- **DONOHUE**
- **DILL**
- **DINTER**
- **DREW**
- **DUHRING**
- **DUNCAN**
- **DUNN**
- **DURKIN**
- **EDMISTRY**
- **ENDERS**
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- **ENGELMAN**
- **ENGSTROM**
- **ENNIS**
- **ERICKSON**
- **ESTRELAND**
- **EWING**
- **FAULKNER**
- **FAULFORD**
- **FENTON**
- **FERGUS**
- **FISHER**
- **FITZPATRICK**
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