

1999 Expanded Trout Fishing Opportunities

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New waters

Bonnie Brook, Butler County. Located near Butler, a 2.8-mile section of stream from Bonnie Brook Road (SR 1025) downstream to the mouth has been added to the catchable trout program.

Laurel Run, Clearfield County. Water quality improvements have resulted in the addition of catchable-trout management on a 1.8-mile stream section from the outflow of Parker Lake downstream to the confluence with Abbot Run.

Roaring Brook, Lackawanna County. Located near Scranton, a 2.0-mile stream section has been added to the catchable trout program. This new section extends from the outflow of Elmhurst Reservoir downstream for a distance of 2.0 miles.

Susquehanna River, West Branch, Clearfield County. Recent improvements in water quality have provided for the addition of a 2.7-mile section, from the SR 1001 bridge near Hyde, downstream to the first railroad bridge below the confluence with Moose Creek.

Tulphocken Creek, Berks County. A new 2.9-mile section from the covered bridge (T-921) downstream to the mouth has been added to the catchable trout program. Stocking will include the inseason planting of brown and rainbow trout.

Expansions to listed waters

Classification changes and/or stocking limit extensions have led to an increased stocking program on the following waters: Buck Run, Chester County; Little Cocalico Creek, Lancaster County; Connoquenessing Creek, Butler County; Donegal Creek, Lancaster County; Hammer Creek, Lancaster County; Jordan Creek, Lehigh County; Lake Took-A-While, Luzerne County; Middle Creek, Somerset County; Millers Run, Washington County; Moose Creek, Clearfield County; Mountain Lake, Bradford County; Northkill Creek, Berks County; Pine Creek, Berks County; Stewart Run, Lancaster County; Swamp Creek, Berks County; Virgin Run Dam, Fayette County; Gifford Run, Clearfield County; and Tobyhanna Lake, Monroe County.

Restorations to listed waters

The following waterway will have its allocation restored following cancellation in 1998 to allow for road construction and repair: Pleasant Stream, Lycoming County.

New Delayed-Harvest areas

Brandywine Creek, East Branch, Chester County. A new 1.2-mile stream section has been added to the catchable trout program under the Delayed-Harvest, Artificial-Lures-Only (DHALO) program. This area extends from SR 4019 (Dorlans Mill Road) downstream to SR 4004 (Forge Road).

Clarion River, East Branch, Elk County. With the cooperation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pennsylvania Game Commission, and DCNR Elk State Forest, a 1.15-mile section of the East Branch has been added to the DHALO program. The limits of this area extend from 100 meters downstream of the outflow of East Branch Clarion River Lake downstream to the state gamelands boundary.

Cove Creek, Fulton County. In cooperation with DCNR Bureau of Forestry, a 1.0-mile section of stream from 200 meters downstream of the SR 0928 bridge downstream to the lower Buchanan State Forest boundary has been added to the DHALO program in 1999. This segment is the first Delayed-Harvest area in Fulton County.

Harvey Creek, Luzerne County. A new 1.5-mile section of Harvey Creek has been added to the catchable trout program under the DHALO program. The limits of this area extend from T-812 (Jackson Road) downstream to T-497 (Pavlick Road).

Licking Creek, East, Juniata and Mifflin counties. In cooperation with DCNR Bureau of Forestry, a 4.0-mile section of stream has been added to the DHALO program. Located entirely on public ground (Tuscarora State Forest), the area extends from the Texas Eastern pipeline crossing downstream to the western boundary of the Karl B. Guss State Forest Picnic Area. This area is also the first Delayed-Harvest section in either Juniata or Mifflin County.

Meadow Run, Fayette County. In cooperation with DCNR Bureau of State Parks, a new 1.7-mile section of stream has been added to the catchable trout program under the DHALO program. Located entirely in Ohiopyle State Park, this area extends from the confluence with Laurel Run downstream to the SR 0381 bridge.

Mill Creek, Big, Elk County. The limits of the Delayed-Harvest area on this stream have been lengthened to provide for better angler access. The revised limits extend 1.5 miles from the confluence with Rocky Run downstream to 0.3 miles below the 1461 bridge. In conjunction with this upstream extension, management will be provided under DHALO regulations.

Oil Creek, Venango County. Because of the popularity of the current Delayed-Harvest area on Oil Creek, a second area has been added on this large water. The new area extends for a distance of 1.0 mile from Drake Well downstream to the hiking trail footbridge in Oil Creek State Park. Management will be under the DHALO program.

Early warning waters

Lackawanna River, West Branch, Susquehanna County. An increase in the amount of landowner posting has led to the removal of this 5.0-mile section of stream from the catchable trout program. This water had been stocked preseason only.

Levittown Lake, Bucks County. Inseason Saturday stockings will be discontinued because of poor angler behavior.

Sinnemahoning Creek, Driftwood Branch, Cameron County. Reduced angler access because of an increase in the amount of landowner posting has led to the removal of a 4.2-mile section of stream from the catchable trout program.

Sutton Creek, Luzerne County. An increase in the amount of landowner posting has led to the removal of this 3.8-mile section of stream from the stocking program. This water had been planted preseason with catchable trout.

Loss of angling opportunities

The following waters will receive a reduction in their allocations because of an increase in the amount of landowner posting. In many cases, posting and the loss of angling opportunity is a direct result of poor angler behavior: Bowman Creek, Wyoming County; Big Elk Creek, Chester County; Fishing Creek, Columbia County; Harvey Creek, Luzerne County; and Pocono Creek, Monroe County. □

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