

2004 Catchable Trout Stocking Program Changes

by Tom Greene

Virgin Run Dam, Fayette County



For the 2004 season, the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission will distribute some 4.2 million adult trout. This figure will include the production of 4 million catchable trout at state fish hatcheries, 100,000 produced at the Allegheny National Fish Hatchery as part of a cooperative agreement between the Commission and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and 100,000 trout as part of a purchase contract with a commercial hatchery. Compared to the 2003 season's figure, this number is an increase of some 200,000 adult trout.

New waters

Big Moores Run, Potter County. A 3.3-mile section will extend from the confluence with Knickerbocker Hollow downstream to the lower boundary of Susquehannock State Forest. The stream will receive a preseason stocking of brook trout.

Delaware Canal, Bucks County. Located in Upper Washington Crossing State Park, a 1.0-mile section will receive preseason and inseason stockings of rainbow trout. The section will extend from the upstream boundary of Washington Crossing State Park downstream to the canal lock at the lower park boundary.

Drury Run, Clinton County. A 2.9-mile section will extend from Pong Hollow downstream to the confluence with Sandy Run. The stream will be stocked only preseason with brook trout.

English Run, Lycoming County. Stocking will extend 1.9 miles from Broughton Hollow downstream to the mouth. The stream will receive a preseason stocking of brook trout.

Greenlick Run, Clinton County. A 1.9-mile section from the confluence with Little Greenlick Run downstream to the mouth will be stocked preseason with brook trout.

Hall Run, Clinton County. A 2.2-mile section will extend from the confluence with Gravel Lick and Laurely Fork downstream to South Renovo Reservoir. The stream will receive a preseason stocking of brook trout.

Hereford Manor Lake, Upper, Beaver County. This 16-acre lake will return to the stocking program after a one-year hiatus that allowed water levels to be lowered for dam safety concerns. The lake will receive preseason and inseason stockings of brown and rainbow trout.

Indiantown Run, Lebanon County. A 1.4-mile section will extend from the confluence with Saint Joseph Springs downstream to Marquette Lake and will receive a preseason stocking of brown and rainbow trout.

Kaercher Creek Dam, Berks County. This 32-acre lake will be stocked only in the fall with rainbow trout.

Koon Lake, Bedford County. This 233-acre lake will return to the stocking program and will receive rainbow trout inseason.

Lake Jean, Luzerne County. This 245-acre lake will be added to the stocking program and will be stocked with brook trout inseason.

Mahoning Creek, Armstrong County. A 2.9-mile tailwater section will extend from the outflow of Mahoning Lake downstream to the confluence with Pine Run. The stream will receive an inseason stocking of brown and rainbow trout.

Neshaminy Creek, Bucks County. Located in the boundaries of Tyler State Park, a 1.0-mile section will extend from the base of the dam above the Tyler State Park causeway downstream to Richboro Road (SR 0332). This water will receive a preseason and an inseason stocking of brown and rainbow trout.

Schuylkill River, Little, Schuylkill County. Located near Port Clinton, the lower 1.1 miles will receive a preseason and an inseason stocking of rainbow trout.

Shanerburg Run, Sullivan County. The lower 1.5 miles will receive a preseason stocking of brook trout.

Stony Fork, Tioga County. A 2.2-mile section will extend

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from the confluence with Paint Run downstream to the mouth. The stream will be stocked preseason with brook and brown trout.

Swift Run, Mifflin County. A 2.2-mile section will extend from the headwaters downstream to the mouth. The stream will receive a preseason stocking of brook trout.

Tionesta Creek, Forest County. The 0.9-mile tailwater section will extend from the outflow of Tionesta Lake downstream to the mouth. The stream will receive an inseason stocking of brown and rainbow trout.

Toby Creek, Little, Elk and Jefferson counties. Because of recent improvements in water quality, a 4.2-mile section will extend from the confluence with Mead Run downstream to the confluence with Rattlesnake Creek and will be stocked inseason with brook and brown trout.

Wapwallopen Creek, Luzerne County. A 0.9-mile section will extend from 0.25 miles downstream of SR 3012 downstream to 500 yards downstream of State Road 10 (SR 3013). This water will receive a preseason stocking of brown and rainbow trout.

White Deer Creek, Union County. A 3.0-mile section extending from the westbound lane of SR 0080 downstream to the mouth will be stocked preseason with brook and brown trout.

Early warning waters

Mill Run, Lebanon County. A 2.0-mile section will be removed from the stocking program because of landowner posting. This small water had been stocked only preseason.

New Delayed-Harvest Areas

Juniata River, Little, Blair County. In cooperation with landowners, a 0.75-mile section has been added to the Delayed-Harvest, Artificial-Lures-Only program. The limits extend from the first northeast SR 0220 bridge upstream of Bellwood downstream for a distance of 0.75 miles. This area is the first Delayed-Harvest area established in Blair County and will receive stockings of brown and rainbow trout during the spring and fall.

Lycoming Creek, Lycoming County. In cooperation with landowners, a Delayed-Harvest, Artificial-Lures-Only area has been established. The area extends from the riffle upstream of Powy's Curve downstream for a distance of 1.3 miles to the bridge on Old Route 15 (SR 0015) near Haleeka. This section will be stocked with brown and rainbow trout during the spring and fall.

Increased early season opportunities

To provide additional early season angling opportunities, the preseason stocking rates have been increased on the following stream sections located near population centers:

Antietam Creek, Berks County; Beaver Creek, Chester County; Big Run, Lawrence County; Brodhead Creek, Monroe County; Bushkill Creek, Northampton County; Cascade Creek, Erie County; Cedar Creek, Lehigh County; Chester Creek, Delaware County; Chester Creek, West Branch, Delaware County; Coplay Creek, Lehigh County; Darby Creek, Delaware County; Darby Creek, Little, Delaware County; Falling Spring Branch, Franklin County; Flaugherty Run, Allegheny County; Hokendauqua Creek, Northampton County; Ithan Creek, Delaware County; Jordan Creek, Lehigh County; Lehigh Canal, Lehigh and Northampton counties; Lehigh Creek, Little, Lehigh County; Long Run, Allegheny County; Monocacy Creek, Lehigh and Northampton counties; Pennypack Creek, Philadelphia County; Pine Creek, Allegheny County; Ridley Creek, Delaware County; Roaring Brook, Lackawanna County; Skippack Creek, Montgomery County; Stony Creek, Montgomery County; Swabia Creek, Lehigh County; Swarr Run, Lancaster County; Turtle Creek, Allegheny and Westmoreland counties; unnamed tributary to Stony Creek, Montgomery County; Valley Creek, West, Chester County; Wyomissing Creek, Berks County; Wissahickon Creek, Montgomery County; and Wissahickon Creek, Philadelphia County.

Stocking program increases

Changes in classification and/or stocking limit extensions have led to increases in the stocking program on the following waters:

Allegheny River, Potter and McKean counties; Appenzell Creek, Monroe County; Asaph Run, Tioga County; Aughwick Creek, Little, South Branch, Fulton County; Bald Eagle Creek, Centre County; Bear Creek, Little, Lycoming County; Beaverdam Creek, Somerset County; Blacklick Creek, North Branch, Cambria County; Bobs Creek, Bedford County; Briar Creek Lake, Columbia County; Brodhead Creek, Monroe County; Browns Creek, Greene County; Buffalo Creek, Butler and Armstrong counties; Bull Creek, Allegheny County; Bushkill Creek, Northampton County; Bushkill Creek, Pike and Monroe counties; Canoe Creek, Blair County; Canonsburg Lake, Washington County; Chartiers Creek, Little, Washington County; Chest Creek, Cambria and Clearfield counties; Clarks Creek, Dauphin County; Cloe Lake, Jefferson County; Codorus Creek, East Branch, York County; Conemaugh River, Little, North Branch, Cambria County; Connoquenessing Creek, Butler County; Conewago Creek, Adams County; Conococheague Creek, West Branch, Franklin County; Cooks Run, Clinton County; Cove Creek, Bedford County; Cowans Gap Lake, Fulton County; Crooked Creek, Erie County; Delaware Canal, Bucks County; Donegal Lake, Westmoreland County; Duck Harbor Pond, Wayne County; Duke Lake,



Greene County; Dunlap Creek Lake, Fayette County; Dyberry Creek, East Branch, Wayne County; Farnsworth Branch, Warren County; Fishing Creek, Perry County; French Creek, Chester County; Great Trough Creek, Huntingdon County; Harvey Creek, Luzerne County; Hereford Manor Lake, Lower, Beaver County; Hickory Run, Lawrence County; Hicks Run, West Branch, Cameron and Elk counties; Hoagland Branch, Sullivan County; Honey Creek, Mifflin County; Howells Run, Cambria County; Jordan Creek, Lehigh County; Juniata River, Raystown Branch, Somerset and Bedford counties; Justus Lake, Venango County; Kettle Creek, Potter and Clinton counties; Kettle Creek Lake, Clinton County; Keystone Lake, Westmoreland County; Kinzua Creek, McKean County; Kinzua Creek, South Branch, McKean County; Kishacoquillas Creek, Mifflin County; Lackawanna Lake, Lackawanna County; Lackawanna River, Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne counties; Lackawaxen River, Wayne and Pike counties; Lake Luxembourg, Bucks County; Lake Rowena, Cambria County; Latimore Creek, Adams County; Laurel Hill Creek, Somerset County; Lily Lake, Luzerne County; Lizard Creek, Carbon County; Loyalsock Creek, Sullivan and Lycoming counties; Lyman Run, Potter County; Mahoning Creek, Little, Indiana County; Manatawny Creek, Berks County; Marvin Creek, McKean County; McMichaels Creek, Monroe County; Medix Run, Clearfield and Elk counties; Middle Creek, Snyder County; Mill Creek, Beaver County; Mill Creek, Lycoming County; Minsi Lake, Northampton County; Moon Lake, Luzerne County; Muncy Creek, Sullivan and Lycoming counties; Nescopeck Creek, Luzerne County; Neshannock Creek, Lawrence and Mercer counties; Noels Creek, Cambria County; Octoraro Creek, West Branch, Lancaster County; Oil Creek, Crawford and Venango counties; Perkiomen Creek, East Branch, Bucks and Montgomery counties; Perry Magee Run, Warren County; Pickering Creek, Chester County; Pine Creek, Potter, Tioga and Lycoming counties; Pine Creek, Schuylkill and Dauphin counties; Pine Creek, North Fork, Armstrong County; Pleasant Stream, Lycoming County; Poplar Run, Blair County; Poplar Run, South, Blair County; Powers Run, Elk County; Quittapahilla Creek, Lebanon County; Redbank Creek, Armstrong, Clarion and Jefferson counties; Roaring Creek, Columbia and Montour counties; Salmon Creek, Forest County; Scotts Run Lake, Berks County; Shenango River, Little, Mercer County; Sinnemahoning Creek, First Fork, Potter and Cameron counties; Stony Creek, Dauphin and Lebanon counties; Sugar Run, McKean County; Swatara Creek, Upper, Little, Schuylkill County; Swift Run, Snyder County; Tionesta

Creek, Forest and Warren counties; Tulpehocken Creek, Berks and Lebanon counties; Twentymile Creek, Erie County; Twin Lake, Upper, Westmoreland County; Twomile Run, McKean County; Virgin Run Dam, Fayette County; White Clay Creek, Middle Branch, Chester County; White Deer Creek, Centre and Union counties; Wiconisco Creek, Dauphin County; Wolf Run, Clearfield and Jefferson counties; Wolf Run, Elk County; Woodcock Creek, Crawford County; Wykoff Run, Cameron County; Yellow Creek, Indiana County; Yellow Breeches Creek, Cumberland and York counties; Youghiogheny River, Fayette and Somerset counties; Young Womans Creek, Clinton County; and Young Womans Creek, Left Branch, Clinton County.

Fall stocking program addition

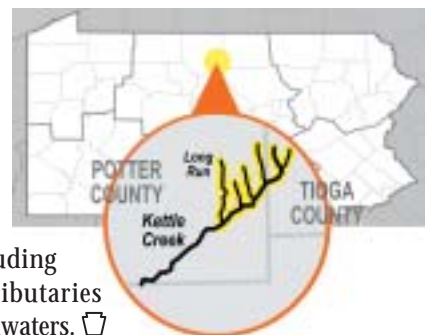
The Susquehanna River, West Branch, Clearfield County, will be added to the 2004 season's fall stocking program. Trout stocked during the fall are not bonus fish. They are part of a waterway's annual allocation.

Wild Brook Trout Enhancement Program

These new regulations became effective January 1, 2004. On the waters listed below, no brook trout may be killed or had in possession. There are no tackle restrictions. The regulations apply to brook trout only; for all other species, inland regulations apply. Designated waters are open to fishing year-round (no closed season). A current trout/salmon permit is required.



Potter/Tioga: Upper Kettle Creek Basin, 28.3 miles, the main stem of Kettle Creek from the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Long Run including Long Run and all tributaries upstream to the headwaters. ☐



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