

# General Trout Information

2009 REGULATIONS

This is not the full law. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife for further details. All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal authorities. Red text indicates a regulation change.

## 2009 General Trout Fishing Information

- Opening day of trout season: April 11, 2009 at 8 a.m.
- When fishing from the shoreline, no more than three fishing rods, hand lines or combination thereof may be used.
- A valid fishing license and trout stamp are both required for residents at least 16 years and less than 70 years of age plus all non-residents 16 years and older.
- Ponds, lake or sections of streams which are stocked with trout are **closed to fishing for all species** from March 23 to April 11 at 8 a.m. **Exceptions:** Lake Farrington, Lake Hopatcong, Lake Shenandoah, Prospertown Lake and Swartswood Lake are open year round to fishing. However, all trout caught during this period (above) must be released immediately. Seasonal or Year-round Trout Conservation Areas and designated Holdover Trout Lakes (see pages 19–20) are also open to fishing but are catch-and-release only for trout. Fishing is not permitted on seasonal trout conservation areas from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. on April 11, 2009.
- Trout stocked waters are open to fishing beginning April 11, including the days they are stocked **unless** listed with closures on page 18.
- Only one daily creel limit of trout may be in possession. Once the creel limit is reached, an angler may continue to fish provided any additional trout caught are immediately returned to the water unharmed.
- Separate stringers or buckets must be used for each angler's catch.
- Containers in boats may hold only the combined daily creel limit for each legal angler on board.
- Fish and Wildlife reserves the right to suspend stocking when emergency conditions prevail.

## Spring Trout Stocked Waters With No In-Season Fishing Closures

After opening day these waters may be fished on the day they are stocked.

Note: The number in parentheses indicates the anticipated number of in-season stockings (from April 11 through May 29). A zero indicates the water will only be stocked pre-season (the three-week period preceding opening day). For details on what's being stocked and when, call the Trout Hotline at (609) 633-6765. This recorded message is updated weekly. (Spring stocking: April–May; Fall stocking: October; Winter stocking: November.) Or visit our Web site at [www.NJFishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com) where you will also find directions to public-access portions of trout-stocked waters.

### Atlantic County

Birch Grove Park Pond—Northfield (4)  
Hammonton Lake—Hammonton (4)  
Heritage Pond—Absecon (3)

### Bergen County

Dahnert's Lake—Garfield (3)  
Hackensack River—Lake Tappan to Harriot Ave., Harrington Park (4)  
Hohokus Brook—Forest Rd. to Saddle River (4)  
Indian Lake—Little Ferry (4)  
Mill Pond—Park Ridge (3)  
Pascack Creek—Orchard St., Hillsdale, to Lake St., Westwood (4)  
Potash Lake—Oakland (3)  
Saddle River—Lake St. to Dunkerhook Rd., Fair Lawn (5)

Scarlet Oak Pond—Mahwah (0)  
Tenakill Creek—Closter, entire length (3)  
Whites Pond—Waldwick (4)

### Burlington County

Crystal Lake—Willingboro (4)  
Laurel Pond—Mt. Laurel (3)  
Pemberton Lake—Pemberton (3)  
Rancocas Creek, Southwest Br.—Medford, Mill St. Park to Branch St. Bridge (4)  
Sylvan Lake—Burlington (3)

### Camden County

Gloucester City Pond—Gloucester (4)  
Grenloch Lake (see Gloucester County)  
Haddon Lake—Audubon (0)  
Oak Pond—Sicklerville (4)  
Rowands Pond—Clementon (3)

### Cape May County

Dennisville Lake—Dennisville (3)  
West Pond—Cape May Court House (4)

### Cumberland County

Cohansey River—Dam at Seeleys Pond to powerline above Sunset Lake, Bridgeton (4)  
Giampietro Park Lake—Vineland (3)  
Mary Elmer Lake—Bridgeton (3)  
Maurice River—Willow Grove Lake dam to Sherman Ave., Vineland (4)  
Shaws Mill Pond—Newport (3)

### Essex County

Branch Brook Park Lake—Newark (4)  
Clarks Pond—Bloomfield (0)  
Diamond Mill Pond—Millburn (3)  
Rahway River (W/Br)—Campbell's Pond to Glen Ave. (Millburn) (3)  
Verona Park Lake—Verona (4)

### Gloucester County

Greenwich Lake—Gibbstown (3)  
Grenloch Lake—Turnersville (3)  
Harrisonville Lake—Harrisonville (3)  
Iona Lake—Iona (3)  
Mullica Hill Pond—Mullica Hill (3)  
Swedesboro Lake—Swedesboro (3)  
Westville Lake—Westville (0)

### Hudson County

West Hudson County Park Pond—Harrison (0)  
Woodcliff Lake—James J. Braddock Park, North Bergen (4)

### Hunterdon County

Amwell Lake—East Amwell (3)  
Beaver Brook—Clinton Twp., entire length (2)  
Capoolong Creek—Pittstown, entire length (5)  
Delaware-Raritan Feeder Canal—Bulls Island to Hunterdon/Mercer County line (6)  
Hakihokake Creek—Holland Twp., entire length (2)  
Locketong Creek—Kingwood Twp., entire length (5)

Manny's Pond—Union Twp. (3)  
Mountain Farm Pond—Lebanon Twp. (3)  
Mulhockaway Creek—Pattenburg, source to Spruce Run Reservoir (5)  
Neshanic River—Kuhl Rd. to Rt. 514 (2)  
Nishisakawick Creek—Frenchtown to Everittstown, entire length (2)  
Rockaway Creek—Readington Twp., entire length (4)  
Rockaway Creek, S. Br.—Lebanon to Whitehouse, entire length (5)  
Round Valley Reservoir—Clinton Twp. (1)  
Sidney Brook—Grandin, entire length (1)  
Spring Mills Brook—Spring Mills, entire length (2)  
Spruce Run—Glen Gardner and Lebanon Twp., entire length (5)  
Wickechoke Creek—Covered Bridge, Rt. 604, Sergeantsville to Delaware River (2)

### Mercer County

Assunpink Creek—Assunpink Site 5 dam upstream of Rt. 130 bridge to Carnegie Rd., Hamilton Twp. (4)  
Colonial Lake—Lawrence Twp. (3)  
Delaware-Raritan Canal—Mulberry St., Trenton to Alexander St., Princeton (4)  
Delaware-Raritan Feeder Canal—Hunterdon/Mercer County line to Upper Ferry Rd. bridge (6)  
Rosedale Lake—Rosedale (3)  
Stony Brook—Woodsville to Port Mercer (4)

### Middlesex County

Farrington Lake—North Brunswick (3)  
Hooks Creek Lake—Cheesequake State Park (4)  
Ireland Brook—Farrington Lake to point 500 ft. upstream of Riva Ave. (2)  
Lake Papaiani—Edison (0)  
Lawrence Brook—Dam at Farrington Lake to 2nd RR bridge (Raritan Railroad) below Main St., Milltown (4)  
Roosevelt Park Pond—Edison Twp. (3)

## Monmouth County

Echo Lake—Southard (3)  
 Englishtown Mill Pond—Englishtown (3)  
 Garvey's Pond—Navesink (3)  
 Hamilton Fire Pond—Neptune (3)  
 Hockhockson Brook—Hockhockson Rd. to Garden State Parkway bridge (northbound) (5)  
 Holmdel Park Pond—Holmdel (3)  
 Mac's Pond—Manasquan (0)  
 Mingamahone Brook—Farmingdale, Hurley Pond Rd. to Manasquan River (5)  
 Mohawk Pond—Red Bank (4)  
 Shadow Lake—Red Bank (3)  
 Shark River—Hamilton, Rt. 33 to Remsen Mill Rd. (5)  
 Spring Lake—Spring Lake (3)  
 Takanassee Lake—Long Branch (4)  
 Topenemus Lake—Freehold (3)  
 Yellow Brook—Heyers Mill Rd. to Muhlenbrink Rd., Colts Neck Twp. (2)

## Morris County

Beaver Brook—Rockaway, entire length (3)  
 Burnham Park Pond—Morristown (4)  
 Drakes Brook—Flanders, entire length (3)  
 Hibernia Brook—Hibernia, entire length (5)  
 India Brook—Mountainside Ave. to Rt. 24, Ralston (5)  
 Lake Hopatcong—Lake Hopatcong (3)  
 Lake Musconetcong—Netcong (3)  
 Mt. Hope Pond—Mt. Hope (3)  
 Passaic River—White Bridge to Rt. 24, Chatham Borough (4)  
 Pequannock River—(see Passaic Co.)  
 Pompton River—Pequannock Twp. (see Passaic Co.)  
 Russia Brook—Jefferson Twp., Ridge Rd. to Lake Swannanoa (2)  
 Speedwell Lake—Morristown (4)  
 Whippany River—Tingley Rd., Morris Twp. to Ridgedale Ave., Morristown (2)

## Ocean County

Lake Shenandoah—Lakewood, Ocean County Park (3)  
 Pohatcong Lake—Tuckerton (4)  
 Prospertown Lake—Prospertown (3)

## Passaic County

Barbours Pond—West Paterson (3)  
 Clinton Reservoir—Newark Watershed (3)  
 Green Turtle Pond—Wanaque Wildlife Mgt. Area, Hewitt (3)  
 Oldham Pond—North Haledon (3)  
 Pequannock River—Rt. 23, Smoke Rise to Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike, Pompton Lakes (6)  
 Pompton River—Pompton Lake to Newark Pompton Turnpike (4)  
 Ringwood Brook—State line to Sally's Pond, Ringwood State Park (5)  
 Sheppard Lake—Ringwood State Park (3)

## Salem County

Harrisonville Lake—Harrisonville (3)  
 Maurice River—Willow Grove Lake dam to Sherman Ave., Vineland (4)  
 Riverview Beach Pond—Pennsville Twp. (4)  
 Schadlers Sand Wash Pond—Penns Grove (3)

## Somerset County

Lamington River—Rt. 523 (Lamington Road) at Burnt Mills to jct. with the N/Br. of Raritan River (4)  
 Middle Brook, E/Br.—Martinsville, entire length (2)  
 Passaic River—(See Morris Co.)  
 Peapack Brook—Peapack-Gladstone, entire length (5)  
 Raritan River—Jct. of Raritan River N/Br., and S/Br., to Rt. 206 bridge (4)  
 Rock Brook—Zion, entire length (1)  
 Spooky Brook Park Pond—Franklin (0)

## Sussex County

Alms House Pond—Myrtle Grove, Hampton Twp. (3)  
 Andover Junction Brook—Andover, entire length (2)  
 Big Flat Brook, Upper—Saw Mill Pond, High Point State Park to 100 ft. above Steam Mill Bridge on Crigger Rd, Stokes State Forest (4)  
 Blue Mountain Lake—Delaware Water Gap Nat'l Recreation Area (3)  
 Clove River—Jct. of Mt. Salem Rd. and Mt. Salem Rd. to Rt. 565 bridge (5)  
 Culver's Creek—Frankford Twp., entire length (5)  
 Dry Brook—Branchville, entire length (3)  
 Franklin Pond Creek—Hamburg Mtn. WMA, entire length (5)  
 Glenwood Brook—Lake Glenwood to state line (2)  
 Lake Aeroflex—Andover (3)  
 Lake Hopatcong—Lake Hopatcong (3)  
 Lake Musconetcong—Netcong (3)  
 Lake Ocquittunk—Stokes State Forest (3)  
 Little Flat Brook—Sandyston Twp., entire length (5)  
 Little Swartswood Lake—Swartswood (3)  
 Lubbers Run—Byram Twp., entire length (5)  
 Neldon Brook—Swartswood, entire length (2)  
 Papakating Creek—Plains Rd. bridge to Rt. 565, Lewisburg (2)  
 Papakating Creek, W/Br.—Libertyville, entire length (2)  
 Pond Brook—Middleville, entire length (5)  
 Saw Mill Pond—High Point State Park (3)  
 Silver Lake—Hamburg Mountain WMA (0)  
 Stony Lake—Stokes State Forest (3)  
 Swartswood Lake—Swartswood (3)  
 Trout Brook—Middleville, entire length (2)  
 Wawayanda Creek—Vernon, entire length (5)  
 Wawayanda Lake—Vernon (3)

## Union County

Green Brook—Rt. 527, Berkeley Heights to Rt. 22, Scotch Plains (2)  
 Lower Echo Park Pond—Mountainside (3)  
 Milton Lake—Madison Hill Rd. Bridge to Milton Lake dam, Rahway (4)  
 Passaic River—(See Morris Co.)  
 Rahway River—I-78 bridge, Springfield to St. George Ave. (Rt. 27), Rahway (4)  
 Seeleys Pond—Berkeley Heights (3)  
 Warinanco Park Pond (0)

## Warren County

Beaver Brook—Silver Lake Dam to Pequest River (4)  
 Blair Creek—Hardwick Center to Blair Lake (2)  
 Blair Lake—Blairstown (3)  
 Buckhorn Creek—Roxburg, entire length (2)  
 Columbia Lake and Gatehole—Knowlton Twp. (3)  
 Furnace Brook—Oxford, entire length (2)  
 Furnace Lake—Oxford (3)  
 Honey Run—Swayze's Mill Rd. to Rt. 519, Hope Twp. (2)  
 Jacksonburg Creek—Jacksonburg, entire length (2)  
 Lopatcong Creek—Rt. 519 to South Main St., Phillipsburg (5)  
 Merrill Creek Reservoir—Stewartsville (1)  
 Pohatcong Creek—Mt. Bethel to Rt. 31 (2)  
 Pophandusing Creek—Oxford Rd., Hazen to Delaware River (2)  
 Roaring Rock Brook—Brass Castle, entire length (2)  
 Trout Brook—Hackettstown, entire length (2)  
 Trout Brook—Hope, entire length (2)  
 White Lake—Hardwick (1) 

## ACCESSIBILITY ■ Accessible Fishing Sites

For people with disabilities, visit:  
[www.NJFishandWildlife.com/sites.htm](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com/sites.htm)



An Accessible Fishing Sites list is available to assist anglers whose mobility is impaired.

All sites are wheelchair-accessible except for the Musconetcong River in Morris County, where vehicle access is to the shoreline.

## ▶▶ WE NEED YOUR COOPERATION!

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has stocked brown trout in the lower Manasquan River, Monmouth County. Anglers are asked to report all catches of brown trout that exhibit characteristics of a sea run. These fish tend to develop a more silvery coloration, masking most of the body spots after an extended time in salt water.



Sea Run Brown Trout

**The future of this program depends on these fish being reported.**

Call Pequest State Fish Hatchery (908) 637-4173 or  
 Lebanon Field Office (908) 236-2118.



## General Trout Fishing Regulations

### BROOK, BROWN & RAINBOW TROUT AND HYBRIDS

Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Exceptions
January 1–March 22	9 inches	4	1. Trout-stocked waters with in-season closures are closed to fishing 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on days listed for stocking (See listing below). 2. Special regulation areas (wild trout streams, year round and seasonal trout conservation areas, trophy and holdover trout lakes). 3. On lakes Farrington, Hopatcong, Prospertown, Shenandoah and Swartswood fishing is permitted during the period March 23–April 11 at 8 a.m. All trout caught during this period must immediately be released. 4. Greenwood Lake and Delaware River—see separate regulations for boundary waters, pages 24–25.
March 23–April 11 at 8 a.m.	Fishing prohibited on trout stocked waters. Catch and release for trout in all other waters.		
April 11 at 8 a.m. – May 31	9 inches	6	
June 1 – Dec. 31	9 inches	4	

### LAKE TROUT REGULATIONS

Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Exceptions
Jan. 1–Dec. 31	15 inches	2	Trophy Trout Lakes (Round Valley Reservoir, Merrill Creek Reservoir), see page 20

## Trout Stocked Waters Closed to Fishing on Spring In-season Stocking Dates

All trout stocked waters (see listing on pages 16 and 17), **EXCEPT THOSE SPECIFIED BELOW**, are open to fishing beginning April 11, including the days they are stocked. Closures apply to all tributaries for 100 feet from the main channel. **There are no closures for ANY waters in the fall.**

### TROUT STOCKED WATERS CLOSED TO FISHING (5 A.M. TO 5 P.M.) ON SPRING IN-SEASON STOCKING DATES

Stocking Dates	Waterbody	Location
<b>MONDAYS</b> April 13, 20, 27 May 4, 11, 18, 25	<b>Manasquan River</b>	Rt. 9 bridge downstream to Bennetts Bridge, Manasquan WMA
	<b>Metedeconk River, N/Br.</b>	Aldrich Rd. bridge to Ridge Ave.
	<b>Metedeconk River, S/Br.</b>	Bennetts Mill dam to twin wooden foot bridge, opposite Lake Park Blvd. on South Lake Dr., Lakewood
	<b>Rockaway River</b>	Longwood Lake dam (Jefferson Twp.) to Jersey City Reservoir in Boonton
	<b>Toms River</b>	Rt. 528, Holmansville, to confluence with Maple Root Branch, and Rt. 70 bridge to Rt. 571 bridge (Exception: the section regulated as a Year-round Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.)
	<b>Wallkill River</b>	Lake Mohawk dam to Rt. 23, Hamburg
<b>TUESDAYS</b> April 14, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26	<b>Pohatcong Creek</b>	Rt. 31 to Delaware River
	<b>Raritan River, S/Br.</b>	Budd Lake dam to junction with N/Br. Raritan River (Exception: the section regulated as a Year-Round Trout Conservation Areas; see separate regulation.)
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b> April 15, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20, 27	<b>Raritan River, N/Br.</b>	Peapack Rd. bridge in Far Hills to junction with S/Br. Raritan River
<b>THURSDAYS</b> April 16, 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21, 28	<b>Black River</b>	Rt. 206, Chester to the posted Black River Fish & Game Club property at the lower end of Hacklebarney State Park
	<b>Paulinskill River, and E/Br. and W/Br.</b>	Limecrest RR spur bridge on E/Br., Sparta Twp., and Warbasse Jct. Rd. (Rt. 663) on W./Br, Lafayette Twp., to Columbia Lake (Exception: the section of the E/Br. regulated as a Year Round Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.)
	<b>Ramapo River</b>	State line to Pompton Lake (excluding Potash Lake)
<b>FRIDAYS</b> April 17, 24 May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	<b>Big Flat Brook</b>	100 ft. above Steam Mill bridge on Crigger Rd. in Stokes State Forest to Delaware River
	<b>Musconetcong River</b>	Lake Hopatcong dam to Delaware River including all mainstream impoundments except for Lake Musconetcong (Exception: the section regulated as a Seasonal Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.)
	<b>Pequest River</b>	Source downstream to Delaware River (Exception: the section regulated as a Seasonal Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.)
	<b>Wanaque River</b>	Greenwood Lake dam to Wanaque Reservoir dam then from Wanaque Ave., Pompton Lakes to jct. with Pequannock River, excluding the Wanaque and Monksville reservoirs and the section regulated as a wild trout stream.

## Trout Conservation Areas (TCAs)

YEAR ROUND TCAs			
Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Restrictions (in effect year round)
Jan. 1–March 22	15 inches	1	1. Only artificial lures may be used. 2. Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited. 3. Fishing is permitted during the spring in-season closures which apply to the river. All trout caught during these periods must be released immediately.
March 23–April 11 at 8 a.m.	Catch and release only		
April 11 at 8 a.m.–Dec. 31	15 inches	1 (see #3 at right)	
Year Round TCA Waterbody			Driving Directions*
<b>Paulinskil, E/Br</b> (Sussex County) Limecrest railroad spur bridge downstream to its confluence with W/Br Paulinskil at Warbasse Jct. (approx. 2.25 miles)			Rt. 94/206 N., north of Newton, to Rt. 94 (Morris Farm Rd.) to Warbasse Junction Rd. (Rt. 663) to Garrison Rd. to bridge. Pull-off parking. Or Rt. 206 to Limecrest Rd. (Rt. 669), for approx. 6 mi. to Rt. 648 to bridge; pull-off parking.
<b>Raritan S/Br—Ken Lockwood Gorge</b> (Hunterdon County) Section of S/Br within the Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area (approx. 2.5 miles)			Rt. 31 to Rt. 513. Turn onto Hoffman's Crossing Rd. Take first right after bridge. Follow into Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA. Road closed to through traffic. Park at upper and lower sections of WMA only.
<b>Raritan S/Br—Claremont Stretch</b> (Morris County) End of Angler's Anonymous property (private) downstream to confluence with Electric Brook (approx. 1.1 miles)			From light in Long Valley on Rt. 513 (Mill Rd.) and Rt. 517, go north on Schooley's Mt. Rd. Take immediate right after bridge onto Fairview Rd. Parking area approximately 1 mile on right. Follow path to river.
<b>Toms River</b> (Ocean County) End of Riverwood Park (Tom's River Twp.) downstream to Rt. 571 bridge (approx. 1 mile)			Rt. 195 (Exit 21) to Rts. 527/528 S. (Cedar Swamp Rd./ Veterans Hwy.) to Rt. 527 S. (Whitesville Rd.) to Riverwood Dr. to entrance of Riverview Park.
SEASONAL TCAs			
Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Restrictions
Jan. 1–March 22	15 inches	1	1. Only artificial lures may be used. 2. Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited. 3. Pequest and Musconetcong Rivers—fishing is not permitted during the first six in-season stocking closure dates. (See Trout Stocked Waters Closed to Fishing on Spring Stocking Dates, p. 18). Fishing is permitted during the last in-season stocking closure date (May 29), but all trout caught between 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. must immediately be released.
March 23–April 10	Catch and release only		
April 11 (12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m.)	Fishing prohibited		
April 11 at 8 a.m.–May 24	9 inches	6	
May 25–Dec. 31	15 inches	1	
Seasonal TCA Waterbody			Driving Directions*
<b>Pequannock River</b> (Morris/Passaic counties) Rt. 23 bridge, at Smoke Rise, downstream to the Rt. 23 bridge at Smith Mills (approx. 1.2 miles)			Under Rt. 23 overpass; small dirt parking lot (downstream boundary of conservation area).
<b>Pequest River</b> (Warren County) Conrail Railroad bridge, located upstream of the Pequest Trout Hatchery Access Road, downstream to Rt. 625 (Pequest Furnace Rd.) bridge (approx. 1.6 miles)			Rt. 31 to Rt. 46 E, approx. 4 mi. to Pequest Trout Hatchery; paved parking lot.
<b>Musconetcong River</b> (Warren County) Penwell Rd. bridge downstream to Point Mountain Rd. bridge (approx. 1.2 miles)			Rt. 31 to Rt. 57 E. to Point Mt. Rd. to bridge; small parking lot on right over bridge (downstream boundary).

\* Directions to public-access portions on other trout stocked waters are available at [www.NJFishandWildlife.com/accesscnty.htm](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com/accesscnty.htm)

## Fly Fishing-only Areas

Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Restrictions
Jan. 1–March 22	9 inches	4	1. Only artificial flies are allowed, which are expressly limited to dry flies, wet flies, bucktails, nymphs and streamers. Expressly prohibited are metal, plastic, or wooden lures, plugs, spinners, and flies with spinners attached or any multiple-hooked device. Spinning reels or any type of angling whereby a fly is cast directly from the reel are expressly prohibited. 2. Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited. 3. After opening day and through May, fishing is prohibited from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on dates listed for stocking. (See Trout Water Closed to Fishing on Spring Stocking Dates, page 18.)
March 23–April 11 at 8 a.m.	Fishing prohibited		
April 11 at 8 a.m.–April 20 at 5 a.m.	9 inches	6	
April 20 at 5 a.m.–May 31	9 inches	6	
June 1–Dec. 31	9 inches	4	
Waterbody	Location		
<b>Big Flat Brook</b> (Sussex County)	Rt. 206 bridge downstream to the Roy Bridge on Mountain Rd., a distance of approx. 4 miles, except that portion known as the Blewett Tract		
<b>Big Flat Brook</b> (Blewett Tract) (Sussex County)	A 0.5 mile portion on the Big Flat Brook clearly defined by markers, which extends from the Three Bridges Rd. to a point upstream of the jct. of the Big Flat Brook and Little Flat Brook.		

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## Trout Lakes

### TROPHY TROUT LAKES

Waterbody	Species	Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Merrill Creek Reservoir	Brown & Rainbow Trout	Open year round	15 inches	2
	Lake Trout	Jan. 1–Sept. 15 & Dec. 1–Dec. 31	15 inches	2
Round Valley Reservoir	Brown & Rainbow Trout	Open year round	15 inches	2
	Lake Trout	Jan. 1–Sept. 15 & Dec. 1–Dec. 31	15–20 inches AND ≥ 24 inches	3 AND 1
		Sept. 16–Nov. 30	Catch and release only	

### HOLDOVER TROUT LAKES

Waterbody	Species	Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Clinton Reservoir Lake Aeroflex* Lake Wawayanda* Sheppard Lake White Lake (Warren Co.)	Brook, Brown & Rainbow Trout and Hybrids	Jan. 1–March 22	9 inches	2
		March 23–April 11 at 8 a.m.	Catch and release only	
		April 11 at 8 a.m.–May 31	9 inches	4
		June 1–Dec. 31	9 inches	2
	Landlocked Atlantic Salmon *Waterbodies stocked with salmon	Jan. 1–March 22 & April 11 at 8 a.m.–Dec. 31	12 inches	2
		March 23–April 11 at 8 a.m.	Catch and release only	

## Wild Trout Streams

Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Location	Restrictions
Jan. 1–April 11 at 8 a.m. & Sept. 16–Dec. 31	Catch and release only		Statewide	1. Only artificial lures may be used. 2. Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited.
April 11 at 8 a.m.–Sept. 15	9 inches	2	Statewide (exceptions below)	
April 11 at 8 a.m.–Sept. 15	12 inches Brown Trout 9 inches Rainbow, Brook	2 combined	Pequanock River, Van Campens Brook and Wanaque River (Wanaque Reservoir Dam downstream to Wanaque Ave. bridge (Pompton Lakes))	

### Waterbodies (entire length unless otherwise indicated)

<b>Bear Creek</b> (Southtown) <b>Bear Swamp Brook</b> (Mahwah) <b>Black Brook</b> (Clinton WMA) <b>Burnett Brook</b> (Ralston) <b>Cold Brook</b> (Oldwick) <b>Dark Moon Brook</b> (also known as Bear Brook) (Johnsonburg) <b>Dunnfield Creek</b> (Worthington S.P.) <b>Flanders Brook</b> (Flanders) <b>Hance's Brook</b> (Penwell) <b>Hickory Run</b> (Califon) <b>India Brook</b> (source to Mountainside Ave., Mendham)	<b>Indian Grove Brook</b> (Bernardsville) <b>Jackson Brook</b> (source to Hedden Park Lake, Mine Hill Twp.) <b>Ledgewood Brook</b> (Ledgewood) <b>Little York Brook</b> (Little York) <b>Lomerson Brook</b> (also known as Herzog Brook) (Pottersville) <b>Merrill Creek</b> (Stewartsville) <b>Mill Brook</b> (Montague) <b>N/Br. Rockaway Creek</b> (Mountainville) <b>Parker Brook</b> (Stokes S.F.) <b>Passaic River</b> (source to Rt. 202, Bernardsville)	<b>Pequanock River</b> (Oak Ridge Rd. bridge in Newark Watershed, downstream to railroad bridge immediately upstream of Charlottesville Res.) <b>Rhineharts Brook</b> (Hacklebarney S.P.) <b>Rocky Run</b> (Clinton Twp.) <b>Saddle River</b> (state line to Lake St., Upper Saddle River) <b>Stephensburg Creek</b> (Stephensburg) <b>Stony Brook</b> (Stokes S.F.) <b>Stony Brook</b> (Washington Twp., Morris Co.)	<b>Tetertown Brook</b> (Tetertown) <b>Trout Brook</b> (Hacklebarney S.P.) <b>Turkey Brook</b> (Mt. Olive) <b>Van Campens Brook</b> (Del. Water Gap) <b>Wanaque River</b> (Wanaque Reservoir Dam downstream to Wanaque Ave. bridge—Pompton Lakes) <b>West Brook</b> (source downstream to Windbeam Club property) <b>Whippany River</b> (source to Tingley Rd., Mendham Twp.) <b>Willoughby Brook</b> (also known as Buffalo Hollow Brook) (Clinton Twp.)
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## Boundary Waters (see page 24)

Locations	Species	Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Delaware River	All trout species	April 18–Oct. 15 (Trout caught at other times must be released immediately.)	No minimum	5



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