2020 General Trout Fishing Information

- Opening day of trout season: Saturday, April 11, 2020 at 8 a.m.
- To fish for trout or salmon, a valid New Jersey 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.
- All Brook Trout caught within the “Brook Trout Conservation Zone” must be immediately released unharmed. The zone consists of all waters within the northwest region of the state, where most remaining wild Brook Trout populations occur. The Conservation Zone includes all waters west of I-287 and north of Rt 202, extending to, but not including the Delaware River. See map on page 23.
- Waters stocked with trout in the spring are listed below (those with no in-season closures) AND on page 20 (those with in-season closures). Note: Special regulations may apply on some of these waters, or sections thereof.
- During the three weeks prior to opening day, all ponds, lakes or sections of streams listed are stocked with trout, except Trophy Trout Lakes. These waters are closed to fishing for all species from March 23 to April 11 at 8 a.m. Exceptions: Lake Hopatcong, Mountain Lake, Lake Shenandoah, Lawrence Brook (section from Davidson’s Mill Rd. to Farrington Lake dam), Puppertown Lake and Swartswood Lake are open year round to fishing. However, all trout caught during this period (above) must be released immediately. Seasonal and Year-round Trout Conservation Areas and designated Holdover Trout Lakes (see pages 21–23) 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, 2020. Round Valley and Merrill Creek Reservoirs (Trophy Trout Lakes) are open to year-round fishing; trout may be harvested within the regulations as shown on page 23.
- After opening day, trout stocked waters are open to fishing, including the days they are stocked, unless specifically listed with in-season closures (page 20). In-season closures also apply to designated Seasonal Trout Conservation Areas (page 21).
- 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.
- When fishing from the shoreline, no more than three fishing rods, hand lines or combination thereof may be used. 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: All waters listed are stocked with trout pre-season (three-week period preceding opening day) except Round Valley and Merrill Creek reservoirs. The number in parentheses shows the anticipated number of in-season stockings (April 13 through May 29). A zero indicates the water will be stocked only during pre-season. For weekly updates on stocking details, call the Trout Hotline’s recorded message at (609) 633-6765. (Spring stocking: April–May; Fall stocking: October–Winter stocking: November.) Or visit NJFishandWildlife.com where you will also find directions to public-access portions of trout-stocked waters.

Atlantic County
- Birch Grove Park Ponds — Northfield (3)
- Hammonton Lake — Town of Hammonton (3)
- Heritage Pond — Absecon (3)

Bergen County
- Dahms’ Lake — Garfield (4)
- Hackensack River — Lake Tappan to Harristown Ave., Harrington Park Borough (4)
- Hohokus Brook — Parsons Pond Rd., Franklin Lakes Borough to Saddle River (4)
- Indian Lake — Little Ferry Borough (4)
- Mill Pond (aka Silver Lake) — Park Ridge Borough (3)
- Pancack Brook — Woodcliff Lake dam to Emerson Rd., Harrington Park Borough (4)
- Potash Lake — Oakland (3)

Saddle River — Lake St. Upper Saddle River to West Century Rd., Fair Lawn (5)
Tenakill Brook — Closter Borough, entire length (3)
Whites Pond — Waldwick Borough (4)

Burlington County
Crystal Lake — Willingboro Twp. (4)
Laurel Pond — Mt. Laurel Twp. (3)
Pemberton Lake — Pemberton Twp. (3)
Rancocas Creek, Southwest Br. — Mill St. Park to Rt. 70, Medford Twp. (4)
Sylvan Lake — Burlington Township (3)

Camden County
Gloucester City Pond — Gloucester (4)
Grenloch Lake (see Gloucester County) (3)
Haddon Lake — Audubon Borough (0)
Oak Pond — Sickleville, Winslow Twp. (3)
Rowlands Lake — Clementon Borough (3)

Cape May County
Ponderlodge Pond — Villas, Lower Twp. (4)
Tuckahoe Lake — Tuckahoe, Upper Twp. (4)

Cumberland County
Cohansey River — Dam at Secleys Pond to powerline above Sunset Lake, Upper Deerfield Twp. (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 — Down/Lawrence Twps. (3)
South Vineland Park Pond — Vineland (3)

Essex County
Branch Brook Park Lake — Newark (4)
Diamond Mill Pond — Millburn Twp. (3)
Railway River, W/Borough — Campbells Pond to Essex St., Millburn Twp. (3)
Verona Lake — Verona Twp. (4)

Gloucester County
Greenwich Lake — Greenwich Twp. (3)
Greenloch Lake — Washington Twp. (3)
Harrisonville Lake — Pilesgrove/South Harrison Twps. (3)
Iona Lake — Franklin Twp. (3)
Swedesboro Lake (aka Narraticon Lake) — Borough of Swedesboro (3)
Westville Lake — Westville (0)

Hudson County
North Hudson Park Lake — (aka JJ Braddock Park Lake), North Bergen Twp. (4)
West Hudson County Park Pond — Harrison (0)

Hunterdon County
Alexauken Creek — West Amwell Twp., entire length (2)
Amwell Lake — East Amwell Twp. (3)
Capoolong Creek (aka Cakepoolin Creek) — Franklin Twp., entire length (5)
Delaware-Raritan Feeder Canal — source to Wilburtha Rd., Ewing Twp. (Mercer) (6)
Hakihokake Creek — Little York-Mount Pleasant Rd., Little York, Alexandria Twp. to Delaware River (2)
Lockatong Creek — Route 12, Kingwood Twp. to Delaware-Raritan Feeder Canal (5)
Mannys Pond — Union Twp. (3)
Mountain Farm Pond — Lebanon Twp. (3)
Mulhockaway Creek — Pattenburg, source to Spruce Run Reservoir, Clinton/Union Twps. (5)
Neshanic River — confluence of First and Second Neshanic Rivers to Rt. 514, Raritan Twp. (2)
Nishisakawick Creek — Frenchtown Alexandria Twp., entire length (2)
Rockaway Creek — Readington Twp., entire length (4)
Round Valley Reservoir — Clinton Twp. (1)
Sidney Brook — Franklin/Union Twps., entire length (1)
Spruce Run — Glen Gardner Borough/Lebanon Twp., entire length (5)
Stony Brook—(See Mercer Co.)
Wickecheoke Creek—Covered Bridge, Rt. 604, Sergeantsville to Delaware River (2)

Mercer County
Assunpink Creek—Assunpink Site 5 dam upstream of Rt. 130 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—(See Hunterdon Co.) (6)
Rosedale Lake—Hopedale Twp. (3)
Stony Brook—Hopedale Twp., entire length (4)

Middlesex County
Ireland Brook—500 ft. upstream of Riva Ave to Farrington Lake, North Brunswick Twp. (2)
Lake Papaianni—Edison Twp. (0)
Lawrence Brook—Dam at Davidson’s Mill Pond to 2nd RR bridge (Raritan Railroad) below Main St., Milltown Borough, excluding Farrington Lake from Church Lane to Farrington Dam (4)
Manalapan Lake—Monroe Twp. (3)
Rosedale Lake—Hopewell Twp. (3)
Stony Brook—Hopedale Twp., entire length (4)

Monmouth County
Echo Lake—Hollis Twp. (3)
Englishtown Mill Pond (aka Weamaconk Lake)—Englishtown Borough (3)
Franklin Lake—West Long Branch Borough (3)
Garvey’s Pond—Middletown Twp. (3)
Hockhockson Brook—Rt. 18, Colts Neck Twp. to Garden State Parkway bridge (northbound), Tinton Falls Borough (5)
Holmdel Park Pond—Holmdel Twp. (3)
Mac’s Pond—Manasquan Borough (0)
Mingamahone Brook—Birdsall Rd. to Manasquan River, Howell Twp. (5)
Morgan Pond—Red Bank Borough (4)
Shark River—Rt. 33, Wall Twp., to Remsen Mill Rd., Neptune/Wall Twp. (5)
Spring Lake—Spring Lake Borough (3)
Topenanum Lake—Freehold Twp. (3)
Yellow Brook—Heyers Mill Rd. to Muhlenbrink Rd., Colts Neck Twp. (2)

Morris County
Beaver Brook—Rockaway Twp./Borough, entire length (3)
Black River—Route 206 Chester, to the posted Black River Fish and Game club property at the lower end of Hacklebarney State Park (6)
Burnham Park Ponds (Upper and Lower)—Town of Morristown (4)
Drakes Brook—Mt. Olive/Roxbury Twp.s., entire length (3)
Hibernia Brook—Rockaway Twp., entire length (5)
India Brook—Mountainside Ave. to Rt. 24, Mendham Borough (5)
Lake Hopatcong—Hopatcong/Jefferson/Mt. Arlington/Roxbury (3)
Lake Musconetcong—Netcong Borough/Roxbury Twp./Stanhope Borough (3)
Mt. Hope Pond—Rockaway Twp. (3)
Passaic River—Black Brook confluence to Rt. 24, Chatham Borough (4)
Pequannock River—(see Passaic Co.)
Pompton River—(see Passaic Co.)
Russia Brook—Ridge Rd. to Lake Swannanoa, Jefferson Twp. (2)
Speedwell Lake—Town of Morristown (4)
Whippany River—Tingley Rd., Morris Twp. to Ridgedale Ave., Town of Morristown (2)

Ocean County
Lake Shenandoah—Ocean Co. Park, Lakewood Twp. (3)
Pohatcong Lake—Borough of Tuckerton (4)
Prospectown Lake—Jackson Twp. (3)

Passaic County
Barbour Pond—Woodland Park Borough (3)
Clinton Reservoir—Newark Watershed, West Milford Twp. (3)
Green Turtle Lake—Long Pond Ironworks State Park, West Milford Twp. (3)
Oldham Pond—North Haledon Borough (3)
Pequannock River—Rt. 23, Smith Mills to Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike, Pompton Lakes/Riverdale Boroughs (6)
Pompton River—confluence with Ramapo River to NY Susquehanna R.R. bridge, Wayne Twp. (4)
Ramapo River—Pompton Lake dam to confluence with Pompton River (4)
Ringwood Brook—State line to Sally’s Pond, Ringwood State Park, Ringwood Borough (5)
Sheppard Lake—Ringwood State Park, Ringwood Borough (3)

Salem County
Harrisonville Lake—Pilesgrove/South Harrison Twp.s. (3)
Maurice River—Willow Grove Lake dam to Shermans Ave., Vineyard (4)
Schadler’s Sand Wash Pond—Carneys Point Twp. (3)

Somerset County
Lamington River—Rt. 523 (Lamington Rd.), Bedminster Twp. to Raritan River N. Br. (4)
Middle Brook, E/Br.—Bridge/Edwar/2 Warren Twp.s., entire length (2)
Passaic River—(See Morris Co.)
Peapack Brook—Peapack-Gladstone Borough, entire length (5)

Sussex County
Alm’s House Pond—Frankford Twp. (3)
Andover Junction Brook—Andover Borough, entire length (2)
Big Flat Brook, Upper—Sawmill Pond, High Point State Park, Montague Twp. to 100 ft. above Crigger Rd., Stokes State Forest, Sandyston Twp. (4)
Blue Mountain Lake—Delaware Water Gap Nat’l Recreation Area, Walpack Twp. (3)
Clove Brook—source to Clove Acres Lake, Wantage Twp. (5)
Culver’s Creek—Frankford Twp., entire length (2)

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Dry Brook—Branchville Borough/Frankford Twp., entire length (3)
Franklin Pond Creek—Hamburg Mtn. WMA, Hardyston Twp./Frankford Borough, entire length (5)
Glenwood Brook—Glenwood Lake dam to state line (2)
Lake Aeroflex—Andover Twp. (3)
Lake Hopatcong—Hopatcong/Mt Arlington Boroughs, Jefferson/Roxbury Twp.s. (3)
Lake Musconetcong—Netcong/Stanhope Boroughs/Roxbury Twp. (3)
Lake Ocequittunk—Stokes State Forest, Sandyston Twp. (3)
Little Flat Brook—Sandyston Twp., entire length (5)
Little Swartswood Lake—Hampton Twp. (3)
Lubbers Run—Byram Twp., entire length (5)
Neldon Brook—Stillwater Twp., entire length (2)
Papakating Creek—George Hill Rd., Frankford Twp. to Rt. 565, Lewisburg (2)
Papakating Creek, W/Br.—Wantage Twp., entire length (2)
Pond Brook—Stillwater Twp., entire length (5)
Sawmills Pond—High Point State Park, Montague Twp. (3)
Silver Lake—Hamburg Mountain WMA, Hardyston Twp. (0)
Stony Lake—Stokes State Forest, Sandyston Twp. (5)
Swartswood Lake—Stillwater Twp. (3)
Wallkill River—Lake Mohawk Dam to Route 23, Hardyston Twp. (4-5)
Wawayanda Creek—Vernon Twp., entire length (5)
Wawayanda Lake—Vernon Twp. (3)

Union County
Green Brook—Rt. 527, Berkeley Heights Twp. to Rt. 22, Scotch Plains Twp. (2)
Lower Echo Lake—Mountainside Borough (3)
Milton Lake—Railway (4)
Nomahegan Park Lake—Cranford Twp. (4)
Passaic River—(See Morris Co.)
Railway River—I-78 bridge, Springfield to Lawrence St. (Route 514), Railway (4)
Seeleys Pond—Berkeley Heights Twp. (3)
Warinanco Park Lake—Roselle Borough (0)

Warren County
Beaver Brook—Silver Lake Dam to Pequest River, White Twp. (4)
Blair Creek—Bass Lake dam, Hardwick Twp. to Blair Lake, Blairstown Twp. (2)
Blair Lake—Blairstown Twp. (3)
Brookaloop Swamp—Hope Twp., entire length (2)
Buckhorn Creek—Harmony Twp., entire length (2)
Furnace Brook—Oxford Twp., entire length (2)
Furnace Lake—Oxford Twp. (3)
Honey Run—Knowlton-Hope township line to Beaver Brook, Hope Twp. (2)
Jacksonburg Creek—Blairstown Twp., entire length (2)
Lopatcong Creek—Rt. 519 Harmony Twp., to South Main St., Phillipsburg (5)
Merrill Creek Reservoir—Harmony Twp. (1)
Mountain Lake—Liberty Twp. (0)
Pohatcong Creek—source to Rt. 31, Washington Twp. (2)
Pophandusing Creek—White Twp., entire length (2)
White Lake—Hardwick Twp. (3)
Trout Stocked Waters Closed to Fishing on Spring In-season Stocking Dates

After opening day, these waters are closed to fishing from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on their designated stocking dates. Closures apply to all tributaries for 100 feet from the main channel. *All Brook Trout caught within the BROOK TROUT CONSERVATION ZONE must be released.* There are no closures for ANY waters in the fall.

Trout Stocking Hotline: (609) 633-6765.

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

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<td>April 13, 20, 27</td>
<td>Manasquan River</td>
<td>Monmouth</td>
<td>Rt. 9 bridge, Howell Twp. downstream to Allenwood-Lakewood Rd. (Rt. 21), Wall Twp.</td>
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<td>May 4, 11, 18, 25</td>
<td>Metedeconk River, N/Br.</td>
<td>Ocean</td>
<td>Aldrich Rd. to Ridge Ave., Howell/Lakewood Twpvs.</td>
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<td>Metedeconk River, S/Br.</td>
<td>Ocean</td>
<td>Bennetts Mills dam to twin wooden foot bridge, opposite Lake Park Blvd. on South Lake Br., Lakewood Twp.</td>
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<td>Rockaway River**</td>
<td>Morris</td>
<td>Longwood Lake dam, Jefferson Twp. to Boonton Reservoir (aka Jersey City Res.), Boonton</td>
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<td>Toms River</td>
<td>Ocean</td>
<td>Rt. 528, Jackson Twp., to confluence with Maple Root Branch, and Rt. 70 to Rt. 571, Toms River/Manchester Twp.  (Exception: the section regulated as a Year Round Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.)</td>
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<td><strong>TUESDAYS</strong></td>
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<td>April 14, 21, 28</td>
<td>Pohatcong Creek**</td>
<td>Warren</td>
<td>Mill dam located 200 feet upstream from Schooleys Mountain Rd. (Rt. 517), Long Valley to junction with Ramnitan River N. Br. (Exception: the section regulated as Catch and Release.)</td>
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<td>May 5, 12, 19, 26</td>
<td>Raritan River, S/Br.**</td>
<td>Morris, Somerset, Hunterdon</td>
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<td>April 15, 22, 29</td>
<td>Raritan River, N/Br.**</td>
<td>Somerset</td>
<td>Peapack Rd. bridge in Far Hills Borough/Bedminster Twp. to junction with Raritan River S. Br.</td>
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<td>May 6, 13, 20, 27</td>
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<td><strong>THURSDAYS</strong></td>
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<td>May 7, 14, 21, 28</td>
<td>Ramapo River**</td>
<td>Bergen</td>
<td>State line to Pompton Lake, Oakland (excluding Potsash Lake)</td>
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<td>April 17, 24</td>
<td>Big Flat/Flat Brook**</td>
<td>Sussex</td>
<td>100 ft. above Crigger Rd., Stokes State Forest, Sandyston Twp. to Delaware River (Exception: the section regulated as Catch and Release.)</td>
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<td>May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29</td>
<td>Musconetcong River**</td>
<td>Sussex, Morris, Warren and Hunterdon</td>
<td>Lake Hopatcong dam to Delaware River including all main stem impoundments except for Lake Musconetcong (Exception: the section regulated as a Year Round Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.)</td>
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<td>Pequest River**</td>
<td>Warren and Sussex</td>
<td>Pequest Rd., Green Twp. to Delaware River (Exception: the section regulated as a Seasonal Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.)</td>
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<td>Wanaque River**</td>
<td>Passaic</td>
<td>Greenwood Lake dam, West Milford, Twp. to Wanaque Reservoir dam, Wanaque Borough and from Wanaque Ave., Pompton Lakes Borough to Pequannock River, excluding the Wanaque and Monkville reservoirs.</td>
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## Boundary Waters (see page 28)

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<td>Delaware River</td>
<td>All trout species</td>
<td>April 18 at 8 a.m.—Oct. 15 (Trot caught at other times must be released immediately.)</td>
<td>No minimum</td>
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## Trout-Stocked Streams — Wild Brown Trout Managed

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<td>Hakihohake Creek** - Little York-Mount Pleasant Rd., Little York Alexandria Twp., to Delaware R.</td>
<td>Jan. 1–March 22</td>
<td>Rainbow and Brook Trout* Brown Trout</td>
<td>9 inches</td>
<td>4 combined Only 2 of which may be Brown Trout</td>
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<td>Lopatcong Creek** - Rt. 519, Harmony Twp., Warren to Delaware R.</td>
<td>March 23-April 11 at 8 a.m.</td>
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<td>Fishing prohibited</td>
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<td>Pohpanusing Creek** - White Twp., entire length</td>
<td>April 11 at 8 a.m.–May 31</td>
<td>Rainbow and Brook Trout* Brown Trout</td>
<td>9 inches</td>
<td>6 combined Only 2 of which may be Brown Trout</td>
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<td>Raritan River S. Br.** - Mill dam located 200 feet above Schooley's Mountain Rd. (Rt 517), Long Valley (Hunterdon), downstream to Lake Solitude dam, excluding Ken Lockwood Gorge (Catch and Release Only)</td>
<td>June 1–Dec. 31</td>
<td>Rainbow and Brook Trout* Brown Trout</td>
<td>9 inches</td>
<td>4 combined Only 2 of which may be Brown Trout</td>
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<td>Saddle River - Lake Street, Upper Saddle River Twp., to West Century Rd., Fairiawm/Paramus Boroughs</td>
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## Trout Conservation Areas (TCAs)

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### YEAR ROUND TCAs

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<td>Jan. 1–March 22</td>
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<td>15 inches (see #3 at right)</td>
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** Year Round TCA Waterbody (County)

** Driving Directions *

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<td>March 23–April 10</td>
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<td>April 11 (12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m.)</td>
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<td>April 11 at 8 a.m.–May 24 Gear restrictions do not apply</td>
<td>9 inches</td>
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<td>May 25–Dec. 31</td>
<td>15 inches</td>
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** Seasonal TCA Waterbody (County)

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#### Catch and Release Areas

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| Jan. 1–Dec. 31 Fishing allowed year-round | Catch and release all trout | 1. All trout must be released immediately and unharmed. A person may not have any trout in their possession.  
2. Only artificial lures and flies may be used.  
3. Barbless hooks only, with no more than a total of three hook points.  
4. Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited.  
5. Fishing is allowed during the spring in-seASON stock Closing closures which apply to the rivers. |

#### Catch and Release Waterbody (County)

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<td>Big Flat / Flat Brook (Sussex)</td>
<td>Upper boundary: Rt. 206 bridge, approx. 1.6 miles north of entrance to Stokes State Forest (Coursen Road), Lower boundary: Rt. 206 north, approx. 1 mile past Stokes State Forest entrance, turn left on Rt. 560. At Layton bear left on Bevans Rd. (Rt. 640) towards Walpack. Continue south 3.4 miles (NPS Rd 615), left onto Fish and Wildlife Rd. to Roy Bridge.</td>
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<td>Raritan S. Br.—Ken Lockwood Gorge (Hunterdon)</td>
<td>Section of S. Br. within the Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area (approx. 2.2 miles), Ken Lockwood Gorge — Road in gorge is closed to through traffic. Route 31 to Rt. 513. Upper boundary: Turn right at Hoffman’s Crossing Rd., take first right after bridge. Lower boundary: Turn right onto Silverthorne-Cokesbury Rd., turn left after crossing river. Park only in designated areas.</td>
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#### Wild Trout Streams

**NATIVE BROOK TROUT STREAMS** (Brook Trout Dominant)

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| Brook Trout        | Catch & Release | April 11 at 8 a.m. to Sept. 15            | 2 Brown or Rainbow Trout combined | • Fishing allowed year-round  
• Artificials only, with no more than 3 hook points in total, all barbless  
• Possession or use of bait, or synthetic bait with bait scent prohibited |
| Rainbow Trout      | No min. size | Catch and Release at all other times, year-round |                           |                                                                      |
| Brown Trout        | No min. size | Catch and Release at all other times, year-round |                           |                                                                      |

- **Beatty’s Brook** (Lebanon Twp.)
- **Bear Swamp Brook** (Mahwah Twp.)
- **Hickory Run** (Lebanon Twp.)
- **Lake Ames Tributary** (Picatinny Arsenal boundary to Lake Ames, Rockaway Twp.)

**WILD TROUT STREAMS (Multiple wild trout species present)**

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• Possession or use of bait, or synthetic bait with bait scent prohibited |
| Rainbow Trout      | 9"           | Catch and Release at all other times, year-round |                           |                                                                      |
| Brown Trout        | 9"           | Catch and Release at all other times, year-round |                           |                                                                      |

- **Brass Castle Creek** (Washington Twp.)
- **Dismal Brook** (Mendham Twp.)
- **Dunnfield Creek** (Warington State Forest)
- **Flanders Brook** (Mt. Olive Twp.)
- **India Brook** (source to Mountainside Rd., Mendham Twp.)
- **Indian Grove Brook** (Bernardsville Twp.)
- **Ledge Brook** (Budd Lake dam to dam approx. 400 feet above Flanders-Draeksten Rd., Mt Olive Twp.)
- **Lomerson Brook** (also known as Herzig Brook) (Tewksbury Twp.)
- **Merrill Creek** (Merrill Creek Reservoir Dam to Pohatcong Ck., Stewartsville)
- **Primrose Brook** (Harding Twp.)
- **Raritan River S. Br.** (Budd Lake dam to dam approx. 400 feet above Flanders-Draeksten Rd., Mt Olive Twp.)
- **Raritan River S. Br.** (dam approx. 400 feet above Flanders-Draeksten Rd. to dam 200 ft above Schodleys Mtn. Rd. (Rt. 517), Long Valley)
- **Rinehart Brook** (Hacklebarney State Park, Chester Twp.)
- **Rocky Run** (Lebanon Twp.)
- **Stephensburg Brook** (Washington Twp.)
- **Stony Brook** (source to upper waterfall in Van Campens Glen, Del. Water Gap Nat. Rec. Area)
- **Stony Brook** (Mt. Olive Twp.)
- **Van Campens Brook** (source to upper waterfall in Van Campens Glen, Del. Water Gap Nat. Rec. Area)
- **West Brook** (source downstream to Windbeam Club property, Ringwood Twp.)
- **Whippany River** (source to Tingley Rd., Mendham Twp.)
- **Willoughby Brook** (also known as Buffalo Hollow Brk.) (Lebanon Twp.)
- **West Brook** (Hacklebarney State Park, Chester Twp.)

**WILD BROWN TROUT ENHANCEMENT STREAMS** (Brown Trout dominant, other wild trout species may be present)

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• Possession or use of bait, or synthetic bait with bait scent prohibited |
| Rainbow Trout      | 9"           | Catch and Release at all other times, year-round |                           |                                                                      |
| Brown Trout        | 12"          | Catch and Release at all other times, year-round |                           |                                                                      |

- **Beaver Brook** (Town of Clinton/Clinton Twp.)
- **Burnett Brook** (Chester/Mendham Twp.)
- **Cold Brook** (Tewksbury Twp.)
- **Hakihokake Creek** (also known as Little York Bk. — source to Little York-Mount Pleasant Rd, Little York)
- **Jackson Brook** (source to Hidden Park Lake Mine Hill Twp.)
- **Mill Brook** (Randolph Twp.)
- **Passeic River** (source to Rt. 202, Bernardsville Twp.)
- **Pequannock River** (Oak Ridge Rd. (Newark Watershed) to railroad bridge immediately upstream of Charlestonburg Res. and from Rt. 23 at Smoke Rise to the Rt. 23 at Smith Mills, Kinnelon Twp.)
- **Rockaway Creek N. Br.** (Tewksbury Twp.)
- **Saddle River** (state line to Lake St., Upper Saddle River Borough)
- **Spring Mills Brook** (Holland Twp.)
- **Van Campens Brook** (upper waterfall in Van Campens Glen, located approx. 0.8 miles upstream of Old Mine Road, to Delaware River, Del. Water Gap Nat. Rec. Area)
- **Wanaque River** (Wanaque Reservoir dam downstream to Wanaque Ave., Pompton Lakes Borough)

* Saddle River is outside the Brook Trout Conservation Zone therefore a 9 inch limit for brook trout applies. and a daily limit of 2 trout in total (Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout combined).
### Trout Lakes

#### TROPHY TROUT LAKES

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<td>Round Valley Reservoir</td>
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<td>9 inches</td>
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<td>Lake Aeroflex* (Sussex)</td>
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<td>March 23–April 11 at 8 a.m.</td>
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<td>Lake Wawayanda* (Sussex)</td>
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<td>9 inches</td>
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<td>Sheppard Lake (Passaic)</td>
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<td>June 1–Dec. 31</td>
<td>9 inches</td>
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<td>Tilcon Lake* (Morris)</td>
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<td>Jan. 1–March 22</td>
<td>12 inches</td>
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<td>White Lake (Warren)</td>
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<td>March 23–April 11 at 8 a.m.</td>
<td>Catch and release only</td>
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<td>*Waterbodies stocked with salmon</td>
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<td>April 11 at 8 a.m.–Dec. 31</td>
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**Brook Trout Conservation Zone**

All Brook Trout caught within the zone must be immediately released.

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**Trout Regulations for the Upper South Branch of the Raritan River**

- **Location**: Mill Dam - 2000 ft upstream of Schooley’s Mountain Rd (Rt 517)
- **Legend**:
  - Native Brook Trout Streams
  - Wild Trout Streams
  - Brown Trout Enhancement (Trout Stocked)
  - Catch & Release

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