



Delaware River Boat Access Sites

N.J. Department of Environmental Protection
 Division of Fish and Wildlife
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This list of sites was compiled to assist anglers in locating boating access to the Delaware River from the NJ/NY state line downstream to the Commodore Barry Bridge in Pennsylvania, Salem County, NJ (several sites below the Commodore Barry Bridge are also included). These access sites are open to the general public and are listed in order from north to south. When fishing upstream from the Commodore Barry Bridge, valid New Jersey or Pennsylvania fishing licenses are recognized on both shorelines, and anglers may launch from either shore. Upon returning, an angler may have in possession any fish which might be legally taken according to the regulations of the state in which the angler lands his/her boat.

Boat access sites from the NJ/NY state line downstream to the Commodore Barry Bridge

Map ID No.	State/County	Name of Facility & Location	Telephone	Access Type	Fee	GPS Coordinates	Notes (information current as of 10/2001)
1	PA / Pike	DWGNRA - Milford Beach (Rt. 209, 0.2 miles north of Rt. 206 bridge)	(570) 588-2469	ramp (paved)	fee (see note)	41° 18' 31.9" N 74° 47' 49.7" W	Fee: \$5/week day, \$7/weekend day; or \$40/year www.nps.gov/dewa
2	PA / Pike	DWGNRA - Dingman's Ferry (off Route 739 at Dingman's Bridge)	(570) 588-2469	ramp (concrete ties)	fee (see note)	41° 13' 10.0" N 74° 51' 36.2" W	Fee: \$5/week day, \$7/weekend day; or \$40/year www.nps.gov/dewa
3	PA / Pike	DWGNRA - Eshback (Rt. 209, between mile markers 6 & 7)	(570) 588-2469	boat launch (gravel)	no fee	41° 08' 14.1" N 74° 55' 33.3" W	4x4 vehicle recommended; large boats not recommended
4	PA / Pike	DWGNRA - Bushkill (Rt. 209, 1 mile north of Bushkill)	(570) 588-2469	ramp (paved)	fee (see note)	41° 06' 27.1" N 74° 59' 00.7" W	Fee: \$5/week day, \$7/weekend day; or \$40/year www.nps.gov/dewa
5	NI / Warren	DWGNRA - Depew (off Old Mine Road, 9.3 miles north of Del. Water Gap)	(570) 588-2469	carport only	fee (see note)	41° 03' 40.2" N 75° 00' 49.3" W	Fee: \$5/week day, \$7/weekend day; or \$40/year www.nps.gov/dewa
6	NI / Warren	DWGNRA - Poxono (off Old Mine Rd., 8 miles north of Del. Water Gap)	(570) 588-2469	ramp (concrete ties)	no fee	41° 02' 25.3" N 75° 01' 23.2" W	
7	PA / Monroe	DWGNRA - Smithfield Beach (off River Rd., 3 miles north of Shawnee)	(570) 588-2469	ramp (concrete ties)	fee (see note)	41° 01' 46.2" N 75° 02' 59.9" W	Fee: \$5/week day, \$7/weekend day; or \$40/year www.nps.gov/dewa
8	NI / Warren	Worthington State Forest (off Old Mine Rd., 4 miles above I-80 bridge)	(908) 841-9575	ramp (concrete ties)	no fee	41° 00' 18.2" N 75° 06' 16.0" W	
9	NI / Warren	DWGNRA - Kittatiny Beach (Del. Water Gap, downstream of I-80 bridge)	(570) 588-2469	ramp (concrete ties)	no fee	40° 58' 10.6" N 75° 07' 42.0" W	
10	PA / Northampton	Portland Generating Station - Reliant Energy (off River Rd., 0.8 miles downstream of Portland-Columbia bridge)	(570) 897-5587	ramp (paved)	no fee	40° 54' 59.2" N 75° 05' 06.5" W	Open seasonally (closed during winter); small pool by ramp & rapids immediately above & below ramp may be difficult to navigate
11	PA / Northampton	Northampton County Parks - Doe Hollow (River Rd. upstream from Belvidere bridge)	(610) 746-1975	carport trailer	no fee	40° 50' 15.6" N 75° 05' 49.1" W	In Mount Jack Park; gravel area; parking limited; park closes at sunset
12	NI / Warren	NIDFW - Belvidere Access (downstream from Belvidere bridge)	(908) 852-4317	ramp (concrete ties)	no fee	40° 49' 40.4" N 75° 04' 58.4" W	
13	PA / Northampton	Martins Creek - PP&L (off of Rt. 61, 1 mile north of Martin's Ck)	(610) 498-6254	primitive launch (sand)	no fee	40° 47' 22.0" N 75° 07' 03.3" W	4x4 vehicle recommended; large boats not recommended
14	PA / Northampton	PPBC - Sandis Eddy Access (Route 611, 5.2 miles north of Easton bridge)	(717) 626-0228	ramp (paved)	no fee	40° 45' 29.4" N 75° 11' 16.8" W	
15	PA / Northampton	Northampton County Parks - Frost Hollow Overlook (Rt. 611, 2.3 miles north of Easton)	(610) 746-1975	carport only	no fee	40° 43' 28.1" N 75° 11' 15.7" W	21 steps leading down to narrow dirt path; canoe or very small boats only; parking limited; park closes at sunset
16	NI / Warren	Phillipsburg Boat Ramp (Riverside Way, by "free" bridge)	(908) 454-7281	ramp (paved)	no fee	40° 41' 32.5" N 75° 12' 12.3" W	
17	PA / Northampton	Scott Park Boat Ramp - Easton (Rt. 61, at mouth of the Lehigh River)	(610) 250-6711	ramp (concrete ties)	no fee	40° 41' 23.9" N 75° 12' 16.1" W	
18	PA / Northampton	Wi-Hit-Tuk County Park (Rt. 611, 3 miles south of Easton)	(610) 746-1975	carport only	no fee	40° 40' 09.8" N 75° 10' 58.0" W	Parking is approximately 100 yards from river; canoe or very small boats only due to narrow path down a steep bank; closes at sunset
19	PA / Northampton	Theodore Roosevelt Rec. Area (Rt. 61, 1 mile south of Raubsville)	(610) 982-5560	carport only	no fee	40° 37' 37.3" N 75° 11' 25.8" W	Canoe or very small boats only due to narrow path down a steep bank

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20	PA / Northampton	Fry's Run Park (Rt. 611, 6 miles south of Easton)	(610) 746-1975	car-top only	no fee	40° 37' 07.5" N 75° 12' 06.8" W	Limited parking for fishing access is approximately 100 yards from river; canoe or very small boats only due to narrow path down a steep bank
21	NJ / Hunterdon	NIDFW - Holland Church Access (off River Rd., 1 mile downstream of Riegelville bridge)	(908) 735-8793	car-top only	no fee	40° 34' 50.2" N 75° 11' 40.4" W	4x4 vehicle recommended; large boats not recommended
22	PA / Bucks	PFBC - Riegelville Access (Rt. 611, just north of jct. with Rt. 212)	(717) 626-0228	car-top only	no fee	40° 34' 54.5" N 75° 11' 45.9" W	Canoe or very small boats only due to narrow path down a steep bank
23	PA / Bucks	PFBC - Upper Black Eddy Access (Route 32, just downstream of Millford bridge)	(717) 626-0228	ramp (concrete ties)	no fee	40° 33' 55.1" N 75° 05' 55.3" W	Parking limited (4 car/trailer combos); private launch/parking may be available just south; closed 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.
24	NJ / Hunterdon	NIDFW - Kingwood Access (Route 29, 2 miles south of Frenchtown)	(609) 984-1401 (908) 735-8793	ramp (concrete ties)	fee (see note)	40° 30' 42.2" N 75° 03' 48.5" W	A valid NJ hunting, fishing or trapping license or a current NJDFW issued Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit (\$15/year)
25	PA / Bucks	Tinicum Park (Route 32, Erwinna)	(610) 294-9320	ramp (concrete ties)	no fee	40° 30' 22.2" N 75° 04' 00.7" W	Located across from Stover House; small trailered boats recommended; large boats not recommended
26	NJ / Hunterdon	D&R Canal St. Pk. - Byram (Route 29, 3.4 miles north of Stockton)	(609) 397-2949	ramp (concrete ties)	no fee	40° 24' 55.5" N 75° 02' 52.6" W	
27	PA / Bucks	Virginia Forrest Rec. Area (Rt. 32, approx. 2 miles south of Lumberville)	(610) 982-5560	car-top only	no fee	40° 24' 22.6" N 75° 00' 27.0" W	
28	NJ / Hunterdon	D&R Canal St. Pk. - Bull's Island Rec. Area (off Route 29, 3.3 miles north of Stockton)	(609) 397-2949	ramp (concrete ties)	no fee	40° 24' 26.7" N 75° 02' 06.7" W	
29	NJ / Hunterdon	D&R Canal St. Pk. - Lumberville (off Bridge St. behind Lumberville Station)	(609) 397-2949	ramp (paved)	no fee	40° 21' 38.4" N 74° 56' 43.8" W	Caution - rapids immediately downstream from wing dam
30	NJ / Mercer	D&R Canal St. Pk. - Firemen's Eddy Access (off Rt. 29, 1.8 miles south of Lumberville/New Hope bridge)	(609) 397-2949	primitive launch (gravel)	no fee	40° 20' 32.4" N 74° 56' 31.3" W	4x4 vehicle recommended; large boats not recommended; limited parking
31	PA / Bucks	PFBC - Yardley Access (Rt. 32 & north end of Yardley Boro)	(717) 626-0228	ramp (paved)	no fee	40° 14' 40.2" N 74° 50' 10.1" W	
32	NJ / Mercer	City of Trenton Waterfront Park (1595 Lambertson Rd, off Rt. 29, Trenton)	(609) 989-3169	ramp (paved)	no fee (see note)	40° 12' 18.6" N 74° 45' 46.9" W	Fees proposed
33	NJ / Burlington	Bordentown Beach (end of Park St., Bordentown)	(609) 298-0103	ramp (paved)	fee (see note)	40° 08' 57.5" N 74° 43' 2.0" W	Fee: town residents - \$5/day or \$25/year; NJ residents - \$10/day or \$100/year; out-of-state residents - \$25/day or \$250 yearly
34	NJ / Burlington	Curtin Marina (E. Pearl Street, Burlington City)	(609) 386-4657	ramp (paved)	fee (see note)	40° 04' 51.4" N 74° 51' 1.2" W	Near mouth of Assiscunk Creek Fee: \$8/day
35	NJ / Burlington	Burlington City Boat Ramp (near mouth of Assiscunk Ck., Tatham Ave. & Pearl St., Burlington City)	(609) 386-4070	ramp (paved)	fee (see note)	40° 04' 51.4" N 74° 51' 1.2" W	Fee: city residents - \$10/day or \$30/year; City Senior Residents - \$5/day or \$20/year; NJ residents - \$15/day or \$50/year; out-of-state residents - \$25/day, \$200/year; NJ senior residents (62 yrs and older) - \$10/day or \$40/year
36	PA / Bucks	Neshaminy State Park (Street Rd. exit off I-95, to State Rd. & Cedar Avenue, Bensalem)	(215) 639-4538	2 ramps (paved)	no fee/fee (see note)	40° 04' 26.6" N 74° 54' 29.3" W	Fee: no fee for PA residents w/ PA registered boat; all others \$10 - \$15/day depending upon state of residency & boat registration.
37	NJ / Burlington	Lightning Jacks Marina (625 Harrison St., Riverside)	(856) 461-0086	ramp (paved)	fee (see note)	40° 02' 21.7" N 74° 56' 44.7" W	Fee: \$10/day
38	NJ / Burlington	Ran-Del Marina (130 Rancocas Ave., Delanco)	(856) 461-5094	ramp (paved)	fee (see note)	40° 02' 42.1" N 74° 57' 20.9" W	Near mouth of Rancocas Creek Fee: \$15/day
39	PA / Philadelphia	City of Philadelphia Boat Ramp (Linden Ave, Philadelphia)	(215) 633-7200	ramp (paved)	no fee	40° 02' 32.3" N 74° 59' 28.4" W	
40	PA / Philadelphia	PFBC - Tacony Access (Milnor St. & Princeton Ave., Philadelphia)	(717) 626-0228	ramp (paved)	no fee	40° 00' 55.6" N 75° 02' 41.2" W	
41	PA / Philadelphia	PFBC - Frankford Arsenal Access (56 hundredth block of Tacony St., Phila.)	(717) 626-0228	ramp (paved)	no fee	39° 58' 55.6" N 75° 04' 42.5" W	
42	NJ / Camden	NIDFW - Delair Boat Ramp (Derousse Rd., Delair)	(609) 984-1401	ramp (paved)	fee (see note)	39° 58' 51.1" N 75° 03' 58.1" W	A valid NJ hunting, fishing or trapping license or a current NJDFW issued Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit (\$15/year)
43	NJ / Camden	Pyne Point Marina Services (North 7th St., Camden)	(856) 966-1352	ramp (gravel)	fee (see note)	39° 57' 23.9" N 75° 06' 44.1" W	Fee: \$10/day
44	NJ / Gloucester	West Deptford Municipal Boat Ramp (at the end of Center Street)	(856) 845-4004 (ext. 136)	ramp (paved)	fee (see note)	39° 52' 37.4" N 75° 10' 46.0" W	Fee: \$10/day parking fee
45	PA / Delaware	City of Chester Boat Ramp (Commodore Barry Bridge)	(610) 447-7931	ramp (paved)	no fee	39° 49' 53.3" N 75° 22' 13.4" W	

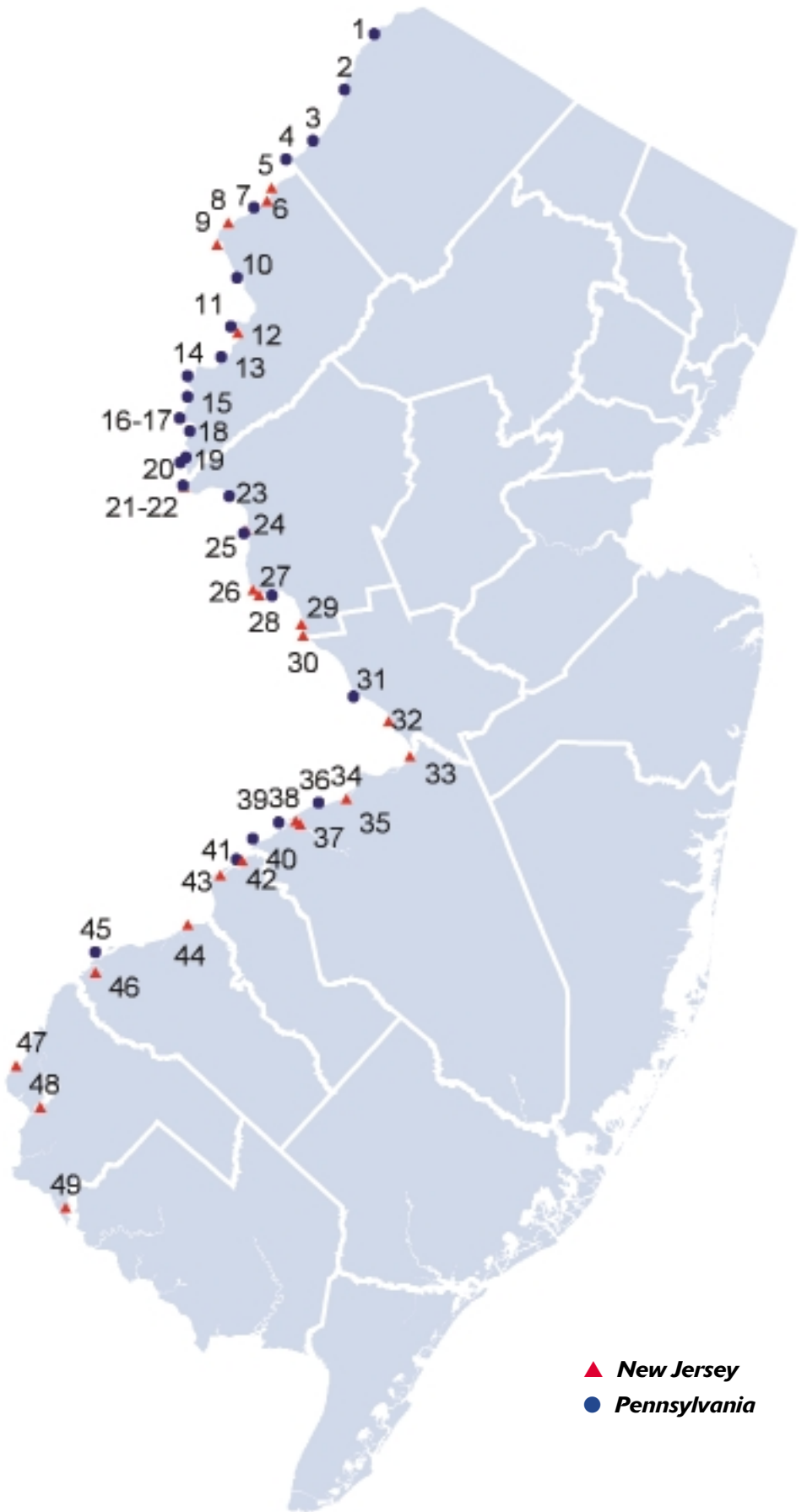
Boat access sites below the Commodore Barry Bridge

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46	NJ / Gloucester	Bridgeport Boat Yard (on Raccoon Creek) (116 Buttonwood Lane, Bridgeport)	(856) 467-4631	ramp (paved)	fee (see note)	39° 47' 56.8" N 75° 22' 13.4" W	Fee: \$10/day
47	NJ / Salem	Pennsville Municipal Boat Ramp (Riviera Street)	(856) 678-3089	ramp (paved)	no fee	39° 38' 52.8" N 75° 31' 59.4" W	Fee: \$10/day
48	NJ / Salem	Penn-Salem Marina (Rt. 49, Salem)	(856) 935-2628	ramp (paved)	fee (see note)	39° 34' 55.2" N 75° 28' 54.2" W	A valid NJ hunting, fishing or trapping license or a current NJDFW issued Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit (\$15/year)
49	NJ / Cumberland	NJDFW - Mad Horse Creek WMA (Stow Neck Rd., Canton)	(609) 984-1401	ramp (paved)	fee (see note)	39° 25' 15.4" N 75° 25' 37.4" W	

Abbreviations: DWGNRA (Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area); NJDFW (New Jersey Division Fish & Wildlife); PFBC (PA Fish & Boat Commission)

This list is provided for informational purposes only. The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife neither endorses nor is responsible for conditions at any sites other than those within property under its own jurisdiction. This information is as accurate as possible, however, users may wish to contact the facility listed to check on current conditions or specifics about a particular site. To provide information regarding this list of boat access sites please call (908) 236-2118 or write the Division of Fish and Wildlife at P.O. Box 394, Lebanon, NJ 08833. To view an 'on-line' version of the list, visit the Division's Website at www.njfishandwildlife.com.

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New Jersey State Record Freshwater Sport Fish

SPECIES	LBS.	OZ.	YEAR	ANGLER	WHERE CAUGHT
Bass, largemouth	10	14	1980	Robert Eisele	Menantico Sand Wash Pond
Bass, rock	1	5	1982	Eric Avogardo	Saddle River
Bass, smallmouth	7	2	1990	Carol Marciniak	Round Valley Reservoir
Bluegill	3	0	1990	Dom Santarelli	Farm Pond in Pennington
Bowfin	8	4	1988	Craig Raffay	Lake Tranquility
Bullhead, brown	4	8	1997	Gary Schmidt	Lake of Woods, Ft. Dix
Carp	47	0	1995	Billy Friedman	South Branch of Raritan River
Carp (archery)	42	1	1987	John Puchalik	Delaware River
Carp, grass	50	0	2001	Steve Babilino	Garrison Lake
Carp, grass (archery)	49	3	1996	George Vash	Delaware Raritan Canal
Catfish, channel	33	3	1978	Howard Hudson	Lake Hopatcong
Catfish, white	10	5	1976	Lewis Lomerson	Raritan River
Crappie, black	4	8	1996	Andy Tintle	Pompton Lake
Crappie, white	2	10	1997	Bobby Barnard	Riverview Beach Pk., Pennsville
Eel, American	6	2	1994	James Long	Round Valley Reservoir
Muskellunge	42	13	1997	Bob Neals	Monksville Reservoir
Muskie, tiger	29	0	1990	Larry Migliarese	Delaware River
Perch, white**	3	1	1989	Edward Tango	Forest Hill Lake
Perch, yellow	2	6	1989	Gene Engels	Holiday Lake

SPECIES	LBS.	OZ.	YEAR	ANGLER	WHERE CAUGHT
Perch, yellow*	4	4	1865	Charles Abbott	Crosswicks Creek
Pickereel, chain	9	3	1957	Frank McGovern	Lower Aetna Lake
Pickereel, redbfin	1	13	1982	Gerald Humphrey	Lake Assunpink
Pike, Northern	30	2	1977	Herb Hepler	Spruce Run Reservoir
Salmon (landlocked)	8	0	1951	John Mount	New Wawayanda Lake
Shad, American	11	1	1984	Charles Mower	Delaware River
Striped Bass	51	0	2002	John Christian	Great Egg Harbor River
Striped Bass, hybrid	16	4	1999	Bill Schmidt	Culvers Lake
Sunfish, pumpkinseed	1	8	1987	Daryl Donalson	Farm Pond in Burlington County
Trout, brook	7	3	1995	Andrew DuJack	Rockaway River
Trout, brown	21	6	1995	Lenny Saccente	Round Valley Reservoir
Trout, lake	32	8	2002	Greg Young	Round Valley Reservoir
Trout, rainbow	13	0	1988	Gene Rutkoski	Lake Hopatcong
Trout, sea run brown	**Vacant** (Minimum Weight 5 Lbs.)				
Walleye	13	9	1993	George Fundell	Delaware River

* Denotes historical record

** Denotes fish has been certified by the IGFA as a world record
 For information concerning the New Jersey State Record Fish or Skillful Angler programs, visit the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's website at www.njfishandwildlife.com

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Skillful Angler Awards Program



The Skillful Anglers Program is designed to supplement the New Jersey State Record Fish listing by recognizing that many anglers catch both freshwater and marine fish, which may not be of record size, but nonetheless are of sufficient size and weight to have tested the anglers skill and thus be worthy of recognition.

Fisherman qualifying for a Skillful Anglers Award receive a signed certificate attesting to their achievement along with a bronze pin suitable to be worn on a fishing hat, jacket, etc. Only one pin and one certificate will be awarded per individual for each species which qualifies.

At the end of each year, special recognition is given to the anglers who caught the largest fish in each of the species categories. The winners of these categories are presented with a Special Award recognizing their accomplishments as the best of New Jersey's Skillful Anglers.

The procedure to obtain an award is easy. Fill out an application and have the fish weighed at a commercial establishment having a certified scale and have the proprietor sign the form testifying to the weight. All applications must be submitted within 30 days of catching the fish.

A brochure explaining the details of the program can be obtained from any Division office by writing to us at NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife, Skillful Angler, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400.

The minimum weight required to win a Skillful Angler Award for the various species are as follows:

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Striped bass hybrid 8 pounds	American shad 7 pounds
Carp 25 pounds	Brook trout 3 pounds
Channel catfish 9 pounds	Brown trout 8 pounds
Crappie 2 pounds	Lake trout 8 pounds
Muskellunge	Rainbow trout 5 pounds
(incl. Tiger) 20 pounds	Walleye 5 pounds

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Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz. Length _____

Girth _____ Date Caught** _____

Where _____

Time _____

Caught from: boat _____ shore _____ surf _____

jetty _____ other (specify) _____

Captain _____

Boat Name _____

Line Test used _____ Reel _____

Type of Rod _____

Lure _____

Certification

Fish measured and weighed by _____

Establishment's Address _____

Telephone _____

Signature (from establishment)

I hereby certify this fish was caught in New Jersey waters in accordance with state laws and regulations, and that this fish was weighed on a certified scale.

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Division of Fish and Wildlife
Skillfull Angler Awards Program
P.O. Box 400
Trenton, NJ 08625-0400

Outdoor Skills Workshop for Women



Photo by Judy Weisman Wood

New Jersey's "Becoming an Outdoors-Woman" (BOW) Program is part of a nationwide effort to help women overcome barriers to participation in outdoor recreation by providing opportunities to try new activities. Since it began at the University of Wisconsin in 1991, the program has exploded in popularity. BOW can be found in 44 states and 8 Canadian Provinces across North America. New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has been offering BOW workshops since 1995.

Although BOW workshops are designed for women, they offer anyone 18 years old or older opportunities to try new outdoor activities, improve existing skills, and meet other outdoor enthusiasts. The three-day BOW and one-day "Beyond BOW" workshops offer hands-on instruction in hunting, angling, and related outdoor pursuits in a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere.

All of our instructors have many years of experience afield. They were chosen for their ability to pass on their knowledge and their belief in encouraging anyone who has an interest to get involved in the outdoors.

To find out more about the BOW program, log on to our website at www.njfishandwildlife.com or mail in the coupon below. Those with an e-mail account can subscribe to the BOW list-serve (electronic mail service). The BOW list-serve will send automatic updates about the BOW program and workshop availability. It's simple to subscribe. Go to the Division's website at www.njfishandwildlife.com and click on the link for mailing lists located on the left-hand side of the homepage. Fill out the electronic form and click submit. That's it! A confirmation message will ask you to return an authorization code. Once this is done, you'll be ready to receive automatic updates about New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's BOW Program.

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Our website now has more than 600 individual pages (plus an archive of over 500 news releases, and 200 pages and forms in PDF format). With so much information, visitors may sometimes find it difficult to quickly find the specific information they want. It's easy to get side-tracked by another item of interest on our Homepage. A solution, and a great time-saver, is the search feature found on the homepage.



The search engine (the software powering the search) is set to search only the Fish and Wildlife site, but gives the options of searching all NJ Department of Environmental Protection pages or all State of New Jersey web pages. Entering a word or combination of words (and clicking on *Search*) will bring up links to pages which contain the word(s). The pages are listed in order of "relevance" to the word(s) as determined by the search engine.

Often times this ranking isn't very helpful at first glance—after all, it is a computer doing the searching so results aren't always exactly what you are looking for. This problem usually can be fixed by the way the search term(s) or keyword(s) are entered. Generally, the more words you give, the more specific results you'll get, and putting quotation marks around a combination of words will ensure only pages with those words appearing next to each other are found. You can also change how the results are ranked.

For instance, entering "fishing regulations" brings an initial result of more than 1100 pages! The first link is to the 1998 Freshwater Fishing Issue of the Digest, with the 2002 issue being the eighth. When "regulations fishing" is entered, there are still more than 1100 pages, but the 2002 issue of the Freshwater Digest is ranked second, with the 2001 issue first. Entering "regulations fishing 2002" brings up the Digest as the top ranked link.

It can be frustrating finding the most recent or current pages from the dozens a search presents—there are usually many pages, including past news releases and *Digests*, as well as PDF documents which may contain the search term(s). For instance, a search on "trout" brings up more than 300 pages, but sorting by date displays the most recent additions to the site. Results do provide the date each page was uploaded or most recently modified in the right-hand column, but a better way is to click on the "sort by date" option which quickly brings up the most recent listing.

Being specific also improves your search. Finding the 2002 Fall Trout Stocking Schedule would be difficult if only "trout" were used as above. "Trout Stocking" brings up 408 pages. But the surest way to find it would be to use the "Advanced Search" feature. This option allows you to specify that a page must contain specific words in the body, the time frame, the number of results to display (the default search shows only 10) and how results are sorted. An Advanced Search for a document that—*must contain—the words*—"fall trout stocking 2002" yielded just 29 documents, and the page titled, "Fall 2002 Trout Stocking Schedule" (<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/flstk02.htm>) was first among the results.

More detailed search information can be found online in the "Help" pages of the search software. The next time you visit our Website, try using the Search to locate specific information. By using the search techniques above, our Website becomes and even more valuable information resource.

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