

2004 General Trout Fishing Information

Trout Season and Daily Creel Limit

The trout season for 2004 begins at 12:01 a.m., January 1, and extends through March 21, 2004. The trout season shall re-open at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 2004 and extend to and include March 20, 2005. From March 22, 2004 to 8 a.m. on April 10, 2004 it is illegal to fish for any species of fish in ponds, lakes or those portions of streams that are listed herein for stocking during 2004. See next column and top of page 10 for exceptions.

No person shall take, kill or have in possession in one day more than six in total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout or hybrids thereof during the period extending from 8 a.m.

April 10, 2004 through May 31, 2004 or more than four of these species during the periods of January 1, 2004 through March 21, 2004 and June 1, 2004 through March 20, 2005.

Only one creel limit of trout may be in possession. Trout may be caught once the creel is reached if immediately returned to the water unharmed. Separate stringers or buckets must be used for each person's catch; two people may not share a stringer or a bucket. On board containers in boats may only contain the combined daily creel limit for each legal angler on board.

Exceptions to the trout season and/or daily creel limit occur on the following: Lake Hopatcong, Prospertown Lake, Pompton Lake,

Manasquan Reservoir, Spruce Run Reservoir, Delaware River, Greenwood Lake, Farrington Lake and Lake Shenandoah and Special Regulation Trout Areas. (Consult pages 10 and 11 for details.) Also Canistear Reservoir, Clinton Reservoir and the section of the Pequannock River regulated as a Wild Trout Stream are within the Newark Watershed which has a limited season that closes in late October and re-opens on the opening day of trout season each spring. For further information contact the Watershed at (973) 697-2850.

Size limits and creel limits on species other than trout are in accordance with statewide regulations. The Division reserves the right to suspend stocking when emergency conditions prevail.

Trout Stocked Waters with No In-Season Closures

The waters listed below are open during the entire Spring in-season stocking. For details on what's being stocked and when, call the Trout Hotline (Spring stocking: April, May; Fall stocking: October; Winter stocking: November–January) at (609) 633-6765. This recorded message is updated weekly. Or visit our Web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com.

Note: the number in parentheses indicates the anticipated number of in-season stockings (from April 19 through May 28). A zero indicates the water will only be stocked pre-season (the three week period preceding opening day).

Atlantic County

Birch Grove Park Pond—Northfield (4)
Hammonton Lake—Hammonton (4)

Bergen County

Hackensack River—Lake Tappan to Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park (4)
Hohokus Brook—Forest Road to Whites Pond (4)
Indian Lake—Little Ferry (4)
Mill Pond—Park Ridge (3)
Pascack Creek—Orchard Street, Hillsdale, to Lake Street, Westwood (4)
Saddle River—**Lake St.** to Dunkerhook Rd., Fairlawn (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)
Rancocas Creek, Southwest Br.—Medford, Mill Street Park to Branch St. Bridge (4)
Sylvan Lake—Burlington (3)

Camden County

Haddon Lake—Audubon (0)
Oak Pond—Sicklerville (4)
Rowands Pond—Clementon (4)

Cape May County

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

Cumberland County

Bostwick Lake—Friesburg (3)
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)
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)
Lockatong Creek—Kingwood Twp., entire length (5)
Mulhockaway Creek—Pattenburg, source to Spruce Run Reservoir (5)
Neshanic River—Kuhl Road to Hunterdon County Route 514 (2)
Nishisakawick Creek—Frenchtown/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. (3)
Sidney Brook—Grandin, entire length (1)
Spring Mills Brook—Spring Mills, entire length (2)
Spruce Run—Glen Gardner and Lebanon Twp., entire length (5)
Spruce Run Reservoir—Clinton (3)
Wickecheoke 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 Road 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

Englishtown Mill Pond—Englishtown (3)
Garvey's Pond—Navesink (3)
Hockhockson Brook—Hockhockson Road to Garden State Parkway bridge (northbound) (5)
Holmdel Park Pond—Holmdel (3)
Mac's Pond—Manasquan (0)
Manasquan Reservoir—Howell Twp. (3)

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- Mingamahone Brook—Farmingdale, Hurley Pond Road to Manasquan River (5)
- Mohawk Pond—Red Bank (4)
- Shadow Lake—Red Bank (3)
- Shark River—Hamilton, Route 33 to Remsen Mill Road (5)
- Spring Lake—Spring Lake (3)
- Takanassee Lake—Long Branch (4)
- Topenemus Lake—Freehold (3)
- Yellow Brook—Heyers Mill Road 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)
- Mill Brook—Center Grove, entire length (2)
- 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.) (4)
- Russia Brook—Jefferson Twp., Ridge Rd. to Lake Swannanoa (2)
- Speedwell Lake—Morristown (4)
- Whippany River—Tingley Road, Morris Twp. to Ridgedale Ave., Morristown (2)

Ocean County

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

Passaic County

- Barbours Pond—West Paterson (3)
- Clinton Reservoir—Newark Watershed (3)
- Monksville Reservoir—Hewitt (3)
- Oldham Pond—North Haledon (3)
- Pequannock River—Route 23, Smoke Rise to Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike, Pompton Lakes (6)
- Pompton Lake—Pompton Lakes (3)
- Pompton River—Pompton Lake to Newark-Pompton Turnpike (4)
- Ringwood Brook—State line to Sally's Pond, Ringwood Park (5)
- Shepherd Lake—Ringwood State Park (3)

Salem County

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

Somerset County

- Lamington River—Rt. 523 (Lamington Road) at Burnt Mills to jct. with the North Branch 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)
- Biers Kill—Shaytown, entire length (2)
- Big Flat Brook, Upper—Saw Mill Pond, High Point State Park to 100 ft. above Steam Mill Bridge on Crigger Road, Stokes St. Forest (4)
- Blue Mountain Lake—Delaware Water Gap Nat'l Recreation Area (3)
- Canistear Reservoir—Newark Watershed (3)
- Clove River—jct. of Route 23 and Mt. Salem Rd. to Route 565 bridge (5)
- Cranberry Lake—Byram Twp. (3)
- Culvers Creek—Frankford Twp., entire length (5)
- Dry Brook—Branchville, entire length (3)
- Franklin Pond Creek—Hamburg Mtn. W.M.A., 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 Road bridge to Route 565, Lewisburg (2)
- Papakating Creek, W. Br.—Libertyville, entire length (2)
- Pond Brook—Middleville, entire length (5)
- Roy Spring Brook—Stillwater, entire length (1)
- Saw Mill Pond—High Point State Park (3)
- Shimers Brook—Montague Twp., entire length (2)
- Silver Lake—Hamburg Mountain WMA (0)
- Stony Lake—Stokes State Forest (3)
- Swartswood Lake—Swartswood (3)

- Trout Brook—Middleville, entire length (2)
- Tuttles Corner Brook—Stokes State Forest, entire length (2)
- Waywayanda Creek—Vernon, entire length (0)
- Waywayanda Lake—Vernon (3)

Union County

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

Warren County

- Barkers Mill Brook—Vienna, entire length (1)
- 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—Swayzes Mill Road to Route 519, Hope Twp. (2)
- Jacksonburg Creek—Jacksonburg, entire length (2)
- Lopatcong Creek—Route 519 to South Main Street, Phillipsburg (5)
- Merrill Creek Reservoir—Stewartsville (1)
- Mountain Lake—Buttzville (3)
- Pohatcong Creek—Mt. Bethel to Route 31 (2)
- Pophandusing Creek—Oxford Road, 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)

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REGULATIONS

Trout Fishing Regulations—2004

TROUT—GENERAL (BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW & LAKE TROUT AND HYBRIDS THEREOF)

| SEASON | MIN. SIZE | DAILY LIMIT | EXCEPTIONS |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| January 1—March 21 | 7 inches | 4 | 1) Waters with in-season stocking 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 & seasonal trout conservation areas, trophy & holdover trout lakes). 3) Lake Hopatcong, Prospertown Lake, Manasquan Res., Farrington Lake, Pompton Lake, Lake Shenandoah and Spruce Run Res.—fishing is permitted during the period March 22 to April 10 at 8 a.m. All trout caught during this period must immediately be released. 4) Greenwood Lake & Delaware River—see separate regulations for Boundary Waters, p. 14. |
| March 22 to April 10 at 8 a.m. | Fishing prohibited on all waters listed for stocking | | |
| April 10 at 8 a.m.—May 31 | 7 inches | 6 | |
| June 1—December 31 | 7 inches | 4 | |

TROUT STOCKED WATERS WITH CLOSED IN-SEASON STOCKING DATES

Closed to fishing 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on dates listed for stocking, including all tributaries, for a distance of 100 ft. from the main channel

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| MONDAYS April 12, 19, 26 May 3, 10, 17, 24 | <u>Manasquan River</u> - Rt. 9 bridge downstream to Bennetts bridge, Manasquan WMA <u>Metedeconk River, N/Br.</u> - Aldrich Rd. bridge to Ridge Ave. <u>Metedeconk River, S/Br.</u> - Bennetts Mill dam to twin wooden foot bridge, opposite Lake Park Blvd. on South Lake Drive, Lakewood <u>Rockaway River</u> - Longwood Lake dam (Jefferson Twp) to Jersey City Reservoir in Boonton <u>Toms River</u> - 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 below.) <u>Wallkill River</u> - Lake Mohawk dam to Rt. 23, Hamburg |
| TUESDAYS April 13, 20, 27 May 4, 11, 18, 25 | <u>Pohatcong Creek</u> - Rt. 31 to Delaware River <u>Raritan River, S/Br.</u> - Budd Lake dam to junction with N/Br. Raritan River (Exception: The sections regulated as Year-Round Trout Conservation areas; see below) |
| WEDNESDAYS April 14, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26 | <u>Raritan River, N/Br.</u> - Peapack Rd. bridge in Far Hills to junction with S/Br. Raritan River |
| THURSDAYS April 15, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20, 27 | <u>Black River</u> - Rt. 206, Chester to the posted Black River Fish & Game Club property at the lower end of Hacklebarney State Park <u>Paulinskill River, and E/Br. and W/Br.</u> - Limecrest RR spur bridge on E/Br., Sparta Twp., and Warbasse Jct. Rd. to (Rt. 663) on W/Br, Lafayette Twp., to Columbia Lake (Exception: E/Br open for fishing but subject to year-round trout conservation area regulations) <u>Ramapo River</u> - State line to Pompton Lake (including Potash Lake) |
| FRIDAYS April 16, 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21, 28 | <u>Big Flat Brook</u> - 100 ft. above Steam Mill bridge on Crigger Rd. in Stokes State Forest to Delaware River <u>Musconetcong River</u> - Lake Hopatcong dam to Delaware River including all mainstream impoundments except for Lake Musconetcong <u>Pequest River</u> - source downstream to Delaware River <u>Wanaque River</u> - Greenwood Lake dam to junction with Pequannock River, excluding Wanaque Reservoir, Monksville Reservoir and Lake Inez |

TROUT STOCKED WATERS WITHOUT CLOSED IN-SEASON STOCKING DATES

Consult pages 8 and 9 for a complete list.

WILD TROUT STREAMS

| SEASON | MIN. SIZE | DAILY LIMIT | RESTRICTIONS (in effect year round) |
|--|---|---|---|
| April 10 at 8 a.m.—Sept. 15 | 7 inches (see # 3) | 2 | 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) The minimum size for brown trout in Van Campens Brook & Pequannock River is 12 inches. |
| Jan. 1 to April 10 at 8 a.m. & Sept. 16—Dec. 31 | Catch & Release Only | | |
| Bear Creek (Southtown) Bear Swamp Brook (Mahwah) Black Brook (Clinton WMA) Burnett Brook (Ralston) Cold Brook (Oldwick) Dark Moon Brook (Johnsonburg) Dunnfield Creek (Del. Water Gap) Flanders Brook (Flanders) Hances Brook (Penwell) Hickory Run (Califon) India Brook (source to Mountainside Ave., Mendham) | Indian Grove Brook (Bernardsville) Jackson Brook (source to Hedden Park Lake, Mine Hill Twp.) Ledgewood Brook (Ledgewood) Little York Brook (Little York) Lomerson Brook (Pottersville) Merrill Creek (Stewartsville) Mill Brook (Montague) N/Br. Rockaway Creek (Mountainville) Parker Brook (Stokes S.F.) Passaic River (source to Rt. 202, Bernardsville) | Pequannock River (Newark, Watershed, Oak Ridge Rd. bridge downstream to railroad bridge immediately upstream of Charlottesville Res.) Rhineharts Brook (Hacklebarney S.P.) Rocky Run (Clinton Twp.) Saddle River (state line to Lake St., Upper Saddle River) Stephensburg Creek (Stephensburg) Stony Brook (Stokes S.F.) Stony Brook (Washington Twp., Morris Co.) | Tetertown Brook (Tetertown) Trout Brook (Hacklebarney S.P.) Turkey Brook (Mt. Olive) Van Campens Brook (Delaware Water Gap Nat'l Recreation Area) West Brook (source downstream to Windbeam Club property) Whippany River (source to Tingley Rd., Mendham Twp.) Willoughby Brook (Clinton Twp.) |

YEAR ROUND TROUT CONSERVATION AREAS

| SEASON | MIN. SIZE | DAILY LIMIT | RESTRICTIONS (in effect year round) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--|
| January 1—March 21 | 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 in-season stocking closures which apply to the river. All trout caught during these periods must be immediately released. |
| March 22 to April 10 at 8 a.m. | Catch & Release Only | | |
| April 10 at 8 a.m.—Dec. 31 | 15 inches | 1 (see # 3) | |

Paulinskill River, E/Br. (Sussex County) - from the Limecrest railroad spur bridge downstream to its confluence with the W/Br. Paulinskill at Warbasse Jct. (approx. 2.25 miles)

Raritan River, S/Br. (Hunterdon County) - the stretch of water known as the Ken Lockwood Gorge, a distance of approximately 2.5 miles

Raritan River, S/Br. (Morris County) - a section of river, known locally as the Claremont Stretch, extending from the downstream end of the posted Anglers Anonymous property downstream to its junction with Electric Brook (approx. 1.1 miles)

Toms River (Ocean County) - the downstream end of Riverwood Pk. in Dover Twp, defined by markers, downstream to the Rt. 571 bridge (approx. 1 mile)

Trout Fishing Regulations—2004

SEASONAL TROUT CONSERVATION AREAS

| SEASON | MIN. SIZE | DAILY LIMIT | RESTRICTIONS |
|---|----------------------|-------------|--|
| January 1–March 21 | 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 River—fishing is not permitted during the first six in-season stocking closure dates. (See Trout Stocked Waters with Closed In-Season Stocking dates, p. 10). Fishing is permitted during the last in-season stocking closure date (May 28), but all trout caught between 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. must be immediately released. |
| March 22–April 9 | Catch & Release Only | | |
| April 10 (12:01 am to 8 am) | Fishing Prohibited | | |
| April 10 at 8 a.m.—May 23 Gear restrictions do not apply | 7 inches | 6 | |
| May 24–Dec. 31 | 15 inches | 1 | |

Pequannock River (Morris/Passaic Counties) - Rt. 23 bridge at Smoke Rise downstream to the Rt. 23 bridge at Smith Mills (approx. 1.2 miles)

Pequest River (Warren County) - from the Conrail Railroad bridge located upstream of the Pequest Trout Hatchery Access Rd. downstream to Rt. 625 (Pequest Furnace Rd.) bridge (approx. 1 mile)

Musconetcong River (Hunterdon/Warren Counties) - Penwell Road bridge downstream to the point Mtn. Road bridge, a distance of approx. 1.2 miles

FLY FISHING AREAS

| SEASON | MIN. SIZE | DAILY LIMIT | RESTRICTIONS |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|---|
| January 1–March 21 | 7 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) Fishing is not permitted during the in-season stocking closures. (See Trout Stocked Waters with Closed In-Season Stocking dates, p. 10). |
| March 22 to April 10 at 8 a.m. | Fishing not permitted | | |
| April 10 at 8 a.m. to April 19 at 5 a.m. Gear restrictions do not apply except on Blewett Tract | 7 inches | 6 | |
| April 19 at 5 a.m.—May 31 | 7 inches | 6 | |
| June 1–December 31 | 7 inches | 4 | |

Big Flat Brook (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

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.

TROPHY TROUT LAKES

| LOCATIONS | SPECIES | SEASON | MIN. SIZE | DAILY LIMIT |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------|-------------|
| Merrill Creek Reservoir | brown & rainbow trout | January 1–December 31 | 15 inches | 2 |
| | lake trout | January 1–September 15 and December 1–December 31 | 15 inches | 2 |
| Round Valley Reservoir | brown & rainbow trout | January 1–December 31 | 15 inches | 2 |
| | lake trout | January 1–September 15 and December 1–December 31 | 20 inches | 1 |

HOLDOVER TROUT LAKES

| LOCATIONS | SPECIES | SEASON | MIN. SIZE | DAILY LIMIT |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Clinton Reservoir Lake Aeroflex Lake Wawayanda Monksville Reservoir Shepherd Lake Swartswood Lake White Lake (Warren Co.) | all trout species | January 1–March 21 | 7 inches | 2 |
| | | March 22 to April 10 at 8 a.m. | Catch & Release Only | |
| | | April 10 at 8 a.m.—May 31 | 7 inches | 4 |
| | | June 1–December 31 | 7 inches | 2 |

BOUNDARY WATERS

| LOCATIONS | SPECIES | SEASON | MIN. SIZE | DAILY LIMIT |
|----------------|-------------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| Delaware River | all trout species | April 10–September 30 (trout caught at other times must be immediately released) | no min. size | 5 |
| Greenwood Lake | all trout species | January 1–December 31 | no min. size | 3 |

2004 Warmwater and Coolwater Fish Regulations

Conservation Regulations

Special conservation regulations have been established at Ryker Lake, Sussex County, to protect and maintain the quality of panfish and largemouth bass fisheries and at Rainbow Lake, Salem Co., for sunfish only.

| Species | Minimum Size | Daily Limit |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Largemouth Bass | 15 inches | two |
| Sunfish | seven inches | 10 (combined) |
| Yellow perch | none | 10 |

Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass

The minimum size of largemouth/smallmouth bass is 12 inches, except for Parvin Lake, **Splitrock Reservoir**, Assunpink Lake and Delaware Lake (Lunker Bass Lakes) and Ryker Lake where it is 15 inches. The daily creel and possession limit for largemouth/smallmouth bass is five in total, except for Parvin Lake, Boonton Reservoir, Assunpink Lake, **Splitrock Reservoir** and Delaware Lake where it is three, and Ryker Lake where it is two. The minimum size limit on smallmouth bass only in Boonton Reservoir is 15 inches.

During the period of April 15 through June 15, the possession of all bass is prohibited and all bass caught shall be returned immediately to the water unharmed.

Striped Bass

It is illegal to take, catch or kill any striped bass from or in any fresh waters of this state by means of a net of any description or by any method other than angling with a hook and line.

It is illegal to possess any striped bass, or parts of a striped bass from which the head and/or tail has been removed (other than while in preparation or being served as food), which is less than the legal minimum size.

The minimum length for striped bass taken from freshwater is one fish greater than or equal to 24" but less than 28" and one fish 28" or greater.

Striped bass may not be taken or possessed during the following periods:

Striped Bass Closed Seasons

Jan. 1–Feb. 28—All waters except the Atlantic Ocean from 0-3 miles off-shore.
 April 1–May 31—Delaware River and tributaries from the Rt. 1 bridge downstream to the boundary between New Jersey and Delaware.

The State of Delaware also has a closed season in the Delaware River during this time between the northern boundary of New Jersey and Delaware, down-stream to the south jetty of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. In this area, the entire Delaware River is under the jurisdiction of the State of Delaware.

Striped Bass Bonus Fish Program

The Striped Bass Bonus Fish Program allows anglers who obtain from the Division fish possession cards, to possess one additional striped bass per day, with restrictions. This applies to New Jersey's marine and estuarine waters up to the freshwater fishing license line.

An application for fish possession cards may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed, #10 envelope to NJ F&W, Striped Bass Fish Program, PO Box 418, Port Republic, NJ 08241. For a list of Striped Bass Bonus Program Check Stations call (609) 748-2020 or visit our Web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com.

Striped Bass Hybrid

The minimum length for striped bass–white bass hybrid is 16 inches and the daily creel and possession limit is two, except for the Raritan River downstream of the Duke Island Park dam and Delaware River where the daily possession limit and the minimum length is one fish greater than or equal to 24" but less than 28" and one fish 28" or greater. The season for Raritan River is

March 1 thru Dec. 31. For Delaware River season, see Boundary Waters, page 14.

Walleye

The daily creel and possession limit for walleye is three, statewide, including the Delaware River. The minimum length is 18 inches. A closed season is in effect from March 1, 2004 to April 30, 2004 except for the Delaware River where there is no closed season.

Other Warmwater/Coolwater Fishes












For **tiger musky** and **muskellunge** the daily possession limit is two fish in aggregate, and the minimum length is 30 inches (except for Lake Hopatcong, Monksville Reservoir, Greenwood Lake and **Mercer Lake** where the minimum length is 36 inches and the daily limit is one fish; the minimum length for muskellunge in Echo Lake Reservoir, Newark Watershed and Mountain Lake, Warren Co., is 40 inches and the daily creel is one fish). For **northern pike**, the daily possession limit is two fish, and the minimum length is 24 inches. For **chain pickerel**, the daily possession limit is five fish. There is a minimum length of 15 inches at Lakes Hopatcong, Swartswood and Hammonton only. For **black and white crappie**, the daily possession limit is 10 fish and the minimum length is eight inches. For **channel catfish** the daily possession limit is five fish and the minimum length is 12 inches. For all warmwater fishes not mentioned above (including but not limited to **sunfishes**, **bullheads**, and **yellow perch**), the daily possession limit is 25 fish, except for Ryker Lake and **Rainbow Lake**. (See Conservation Regulations above). For **alewife and blueback herring the possession limit is 35 fish in aggregate**. See special regulations for the Delaware River and Greenwood Lake on Page 14.

Water Supply Reservoirs Open to Fishing By Permit Only

| Waterbody | County | Type of Fishing | Fee | Permit Source |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----|--|
| Newark's Pequannock Watershed Reservoirs (Echo Lake, Clinton, Oak Ridge & Canistear) | Passaic & Sussex | boat & shoreline | Yes | Newark Watershed Conser. & Dev. Corp. 223 Echo Lake Rd., Newfoundland, NJ 07435 (973) 697-2850 |
| Oradell Reservoir | Bergen | shoreline only | No | Hackensack Water Co. Lake Shore Drive, Haworth, NJ 07641 (201) 767-9300 ext. 3208 |
| Wanaque Reservoir | Passaic | shoreline only | No | No. Jersey District Water Supply Comm. One F.A. Orechio Dr., Wanaque, NJ 07465 (973) 835-3600 |
| Boonton Reservoir (a.k.a. Jersey City Res.) | Morris | shoreline only | Yes | United Water Jersey City 150 Warren St., Jersey City, NJ 07302 (201) 767-9300 ext. 3208 |
| Point View Reservoir | Passaic | shoreline only | No | Passaic Valley Water Commission 1525 Main Ave., Clifton, NJ (973) 340-4300 |

REGULATIONS

2004 Warmwater and Coolwater Freshwater Fishing Regulations—cont.

| SEASON | LOCATION | MINIMUM SIZE | DAILY LIMIT | |
|--|--|---|-------------|---|
| Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass | | | | |
| Jan. 1–April 14 | Statewide (exceptions below) | 12" | 5 Combined |  |
| April 15–June 15 Catch & Release Only (all waters) June 16, 2004– April 14, 2005 | Lunker Bass Lakes (Assunpink, Parvin, Delaware Lakes, Splitrock Reservoir) | 15" | 3 Combined |  |
| | Conservation Regulations (Ryker Lake) | 15" | 2 Combined |  |
| | Boonton Res. | 15" (Smallmouth) 12" (Largemouth) | 3 Combined | |
| Northern Pike, Tiger Musky, Muskellunge | | | | |
| Open Year Round | Statewide (exceptions below) | 24" Northern pike | 2 |  |
| | | 30" Tiger Musky & Muskellunge | 2 Combined | |
| | Trophy Musky (Mountain & Echo Lake Reservoir) | 40" Tiger Musky & Muskellunge | 1 Combined |  |
| Conservation Regulation (Lake Hopatcong, Monksville Reservoir, Mercer Lake) | 36" Tiger Musky & Muskellunge | | | |
| Chain Pickerel | | | | |
| Open Year Round | Statewide (exceptions below) | No minimum size | 5 |  |
| | Special Regulation (Lake Hopatcong, Swartswood Lake, Hammonton Lake) | 15" | | |
| Walleye | | | | |
| Jan. 1–Feb 29 | Statewide | 18" | 3 |  |
| March 1–April 30 Catch & Release Only | | | | |
| May 1–Feb. 29, 2004 | | | | |
| Striped Bass (freshwater only) | | | | |
| March 1–Dec 31 | Statewide (exceptions: Delaware River, See Boundary Waters, p. 14) | Greater or equal to 24" but less than 28" | 1 |  |
| | | 28" or greater | 1 | |
| Hybrid Striped Bass | | | | |
| Open Year Round | Statewide (exceptions below) | 16" | 2 |  |
| March 1–Dec 31 | Raritan River downstream of Duke Island Park dam (for Delaware River, see p. 14) | Greater or equal to 24" but less than 28" | 1 |  |
| | | 28" or greater | 1 | |
| American Shad | | | | |
| Open Year Round | Statewide | No minimum size | 6 |  |
| Channel Catfish | | | | |
| Open Year Round | Statewide | 12" | 5 | |
| Crappie (Black & White) | | | | |
| Open Year Round | Statewide | 8" | 10 Combined | |
| Other Fish Species (rock bass, white bass, white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, bullheads, white catfish, suckers, carp, bowfin, redfin pickerel) | | | | |
| Open Year Round | Statewide (exceptions below) | No minimum size | 25 Combined |  |
| | Conservation Regulation Ryker Lake | Sunfish 7" | 10 Combined | |
| | | Yellow Perch no min. size | 10 | |
| | Conservation Regulation Rainbow Lake | Sunfish 7" | 10 Combined | |
| Freshwater Baitfish (See page 7 for complete description of gear types and restrictions) | | | | |
| Open Year Round (except trout stocked waters, see page 8–10) | Statewide | No Minimum except 6" for Am. eel | 35 Combined | |
| Baitfish Species: alewife (anadromous and land-locked forms), blueback herring, golden shiner, banded killifish, mummichog, spotfin killifish, rainwater killifish, American brook lamprey, fathead minnow, bluntnose minnow, stonecat, tadpole madtom, margined madtom, all shiners, daces, minnows and American eel. | | | | |

REGULATIONS

2004 Freshwater Fishing Boundary Waters Season and Creel Limits

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 in regulations indicates a change for this year. See below.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES

Northern Region: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties (908) 735-8240
Central Region: Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean counties (609) 259-2120
Southern Region: Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties (856) 629-0555
Operation Game Thief. (800) 222-0456

Delaware River between New Jersey and Pennsylvania

Angling may be done with no more than 2 rods, each with 1 line, or 2 handlines, or 1 of each. Not more than 3 single hooks or 3 burrs of 3 hooks each may be used per line. New Jersey or Pennsylvania fishing licenses are recognized from shoreline to shoreline. Anglers may launch a boat from either shore, and on return may have in possession any fish which may be legally taken according to the regulations of the state where the landing is made. Pennsylvania residents fishing from the New Jersey shore may have either a NJ nonresident license or a PA resident license. There is a 6 fish daily creel limit on American shad. Pennsylvania also enforces a 6 inch minimum and an 8 inch maximum on American eel.

Hook and line fishermen are hereby restricted to the use of non-offset circle hooks while fishing with any natural bait during the months of April and May downstream of the Route 1 bridge to the Commodore Barry Bridge. This restriction shall apply only to hooks of size 2 and larger and shall not apply to hooks of smaller sizes (such as those normally used for white perch fishing).

Spears (not mechanically propelled) and bow and arrows may be used to take shad, eels, carp, suckers, herring and bullheads by properly licensed anglers except within 825 ft. of an eel weir.

| SPECIES | OPEN SEASONS (BOTH DATES INCL.) | MINIMUM LENGTH | DAILY BAG LIMIT (POSSESSION LIMIT— 1 DAY'S CATCH) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Trout | April 10–Sept. 30 | no minimum | 5 |
| Walleye | no closed season | 18" | 3 |
| Chain pickerel | no closed season | 12" | 5 |
| Muskellunge & hybrids | no closed season | 30" | 2 |
| N. Pike | no closed season | 24" | 2 |
| Largemouth & smallmouth bass | no closed season | 12" | 5 in aggregate |
| Striped bass & hybrids upstream of Rt. 1 Bridge; | March 1–Dec. 31 | Greater than or equal to 24" but less than 28" AND 28" or greater | 1 |
| Striped bass & hybrids Downstream of Rt. 1 Bridge | March 1–31 & June 1–Dec. 31 | | AND 1 |
| Short-nose sturgeon Atlantic sturgeon | illegal to take—endangered species illegal to take | | |
| † Alewife and Blueback Herring (Anadromous and land-locked forms) | no closed season | no minimum | 35 |
| American shad | no closed season | no minimum | 6 in aggregate |
| † Hickory shad | closed season | - | None |
| All other freshwater species | no closed season | no minimum | |
| Baitfish* (see Alewife & Blueback above) | no closed season | no minimum | 50 |

*Baitfish may be taken and possessed for personal use and are not to be bartered or sold. The possession limit for baitfish in the Delaware River between New Jersey and Pennsylvania is 50 per day. Alewife and blueback herring are regulated as food fish with a one-day possession limit of 35 in aggregate in the Delaware River between New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It is unlawful to use a net of any kind between the hours of 2 p.m. Saturday through Sunday. Eel weirs for catching carp, catfish, eels and suckers may be operated under a permit from NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife at any time of the year and any time of day.

Greenwood Lake

New York and New Jersey licenses are legal anywhere on the lake from a boat or on ice. Fishing is permitted 24 hours a day. Bow and arrow fishing for all carp, suckers, herring, catfish and eels is permitted. Ice fishermen may not use more than 5 tip-ups and 2 hand held devices. All ice fishing devices that are not hand held must be plainly marked with the name and address of the angler.

| SPECIES | OPEN SEASONS (BOTH DATES INCLUDED) | MINIMUM LENGTH (BOTH DATES INCLUDED) | DAILY BAG LIMIT (POSSESSION LIMIT— 1 DAY'S CATCH) |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Trout | no closed season | none | 3 |
| Largemouth & smallmouth bass | Jan. 1–April 14, 2004 and June 16 to April 14, 2005 | 12" | 5 in aggregate |
| | April 15–June 15, 2004 | catch & release only | catch & release only |
| Chain pickerel | no closed season | 15" | 5 |
| Muskellunge & hybrids | no closed season | 36" | 1 |
| Walleye | Jan. 1–Feb. 29, 2004 & May 1–Feb. 28, 2005 | 18" | 3 |
| Channel catfish | no closed season | 12" | 5 |
| Black & white crappie | no closed season | 8" | 10 in aggregate |
| All other species | no closed season | none | none |

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Exceptions to Statewide General Fishing Regulations

Exceptions to the statewide general fishing regulations occur throughout the state. The exceptions listed below may apply to all or part of the waterbody specified. Consult elsewhere in this Digest for individual descriptions of special regulations. Note: Trout stocked waters without closed in-season stocking dates do not generally appear on this list (see p. 10). These waters are listed elsewhere in the Digest and are closed to all fishing during the three week period before the opening day of trout season in April (unless otherwise noted as an exception below).

KEY TO EXCEPTIONS

| | | | |
|-----|---------------------------|------|---|
| CML | Conservation Musky Lake | OYR | Open Year Round for fishing (trout caught during the 3 weeks before opening day in April must be released) |
| BW | Boundary Water | SBL | Smallmouth Bass Lake |
| CPL | Chain Pickerel Lake | STCA | Seasonal Trout Conservation Area |
| CR | Conservation Regulation | TML | Trophy Musky Lake |
| FFA | Fly Fishing Areas (trout) | TSWC | Trout Stocked Water having Closed In-season Stocking Dates |
| HSB | Hybrid Striped Bass | TTL | Trophy Trout Lake |
| HTL | Holdover Trout Lake | WTS | Wild Trout Stream |
| LBL | Lunker Bass Lake | YTCA | Year Round Trout Conservation Area |

List of Exceptions

Atlantic County

Hammonton Lake—CPL

Bergen County

Bear Swamp Brook—WTS

Ramapo Reservoir—TSWC

Saddle River (Upper Saddle River)—WTS

Burlington County

Delaware River—BW

Camden County

Delaware River—BW

Cumberland County

Delaware River—BW

Parvin Lake—LBL

Gloucester County

Delaware River—BW

Hunterdon County

Black Brook (Clinton WMA)—WTS

Cold Brook (Oldwick)—WTS

Delaware River—BW

Hickory Run (Califon)—WTS

Little York Brook—WTS

Musconetcong River—TSWC, STCA

Raritan River, S/Br—TSWC, YTCA

Rockaway Creek, N/Br—WTS

Rocky Run (Clinton Twp)—WTS

Round Valley Reservoir—TTL

Spruce Run Reservoir—OY

Willoughby Brook (Clinton Twp)—WTS

Mercer County

Delaware River—BW

Mercer Lake—CML

Middlesex County

Farrington Lake—OYR

Raritan River—HSB

Monmouth County

Lake Assunpink—LBL

Manasquan Reservoir—OYR

Manasquan River—TSWC

Metedeconk River, N/Br—TSWC

Morris County

Black River—TSWC

Boonton Reservoir—SBL

Burnett Brook (Ralston)—WTS

Flanders Brook—WTS

India Brook (Mendham)—WTS

Indian Grove Brook (Bernardsville)—WTS

Jackson Brook (Mine Hill Twp.)—WTS

Lake Hopatcong—OYR, CPL, CML

Ledgewood Brook—WTS

Lomerson Brook (Pottersville)—WTS

Musconetcong River—TSWC

Passaic River—WTS

Pequannock River—STCA, WTS

Rhineharts Brook (Hacklebarney S.P.)—WTS

Raritan River, N/Br—TSWC, YTCA

Raritan River, S/Br—TSWC, YTCA

Rockaway River—TSWC

Splitrock Reservoir—LBL

Stephensburg Creek—WTS

Stony Brook (Wash. Twp.)—WTS

Trout Brook (Hacklebarney S.P.)—WTS

Turkey Brook (Mt. Olive)—WTS

Whippany River (Mendham Twp.)—WTS

Ocean County

Lake Shenandoah—OYR

Manasquan River—TSWC

Metedeconk River, N/Br & S/Br—TSWC

Prospectown Lake—OYR

Toms River—TSWC, YTCA

Passaic County

Clinton Reservoir—HTL

Echo Lake Reservoir—TML

Greenwood Lake—BW, CML

Monksville Reservoir—HTL, CML

Pequannock River—STCA, WTS

Pompton Lake—OYR

Shepherd Lake—HTL

Wanaque River—TSWC

West Brook—WTS

Salem County

Delaware River—BW

Rainbow Lake—CR

Somerset County

Indian Grove Brook (Bernardsville)—WTS

Lomerson Brook (Pottersville)—WTS

Passaic River—WTS

Raritan River—HSB

Raritan River, N/Br & S/Br—TSWC

Sussex County

Big Flatbrook—TSWC, FFA

Delaware River—BW

Lake Aeroflex—HTL

Lake Hopatcong—OYR, CPL, CML

Lake Wawayanda—HTL

Mill Brook (Montague)—WTS

Musconetcong River—TSWC

Parker Brook (Stokes S.F.)—WTS

Paulinskill River—TSWC

Paulinskill, E/Br—TSWC, YTCA

Pequest River—TSWC

Ryker Lake—CR

Stony Brook (Stokes S.F.)—WTS

Swartswood Lake—HTL, CPL

Van Campens Brook—WTS

Wallkill River—TSWC

Warren County

Bear Creek—WTS

Dark Moon Brook (Johnsonburg)—WTS

Delaware Lake—LBL

Delaware River—BW

Dunnfield Creek (Del. Water Gap)—WTS

Hances Brook (Penwell)—WTS

Merrill Creek—WTS

Merrill Creek Reservoir—TTL

Mountain Lake—TML

Musconetcong River—TSWC, STCA

Paulinskill River—TSWC

Pequest River—TSWC, STCA

Pohatcong Creek—TSWC

Van Campens Brook—WTS

White Lake—HTL

Freshwaters where a license is required to fish with hand line, rod and line or bow and arrow

Listed by county and alphabetically by name of water. A license is required upstream of each location.

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Absecon Creek—Dam at Lower Atlantic City Reservoir
Great Egg Harbor River—Power lines at confluence of Gravelly Run
Middle River—None—all saline water
Mullica River—Line between Seventh Ave., Sweetwater, and ramp at Crowleys Landing
Nacote Creek—Port Republic Dam
Patcong Creek—Bargaintown Lake Dam
South River—Power lines immediately below Route 50
Tuckahoe River—First northerly tributary downstream of Rt. 49 Bridge (McNeals Branch)

BERGEN COUNTY

Hackensack River—Cedar Lane Bridge between Hackensack and Teaneck
Hudson River—None—all saline water
Passaic River—Required whole length

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Assisunk Creek—Required whole length
Bass River State—Fir Bridge on Stage Road in Bass River State Forest
Batsto River—Required whole length
Blacks Creek—Required whole length
Crosswicks Creek—Required whole length
Delaware River—Required whole length
Mullica River—Line between Seventh Ave., Sweetwater, and ramp at Crowleys Landing
Pennsauken Creek—Required whole length
Pompeston Creek—Required whole length
Rancocas Creek—Required whole length
Swedes Run—Required whole length
Wading River—Charcoal Landing, Chips Folly Campground

CAMDEN COUNTY

License required on Delaware River and all other waters

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Bidwells Creek—None—all saline water
Cedar Swamp Creek—None—all saline water
Dennis Creek—None—all saline water
East Creek—100 ft. below East Creek Lake Dam, Eldora
Tuckahoe River—First northerly tributary downstream of lower Rt. 49 Bridge (McNeals Br.)
West Creek—100 feet below West Creek Lake dam (Pickle Factory Pond)

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Andrews Creek—None—all saline water
Back Creek—None—all saline water
Cedar Creek—100 ft. downstream of Cedar Lake dam
Cohansey River—Rt. 49 Bridge at Bridgeton
Dividing Creek—Route 555 bridge
Fishing Creek—None—all saline water
Fortescue Cr./Branch of Oranoken Cr.—None—all saline water
Manumuskin Creek—Required whole length
Maurice River—Mouth of Manumuskin Creek near Port Elizabeth
Menantico Creek—Required whole length
Mill Creek—Tributary of Cohansey—Route 553 bridge, Fairton
Muskee Creek—S. side of bridge on Weathersby Road
Nantuxent Creek (Pages Run)—Route 553 north of Frames Corner
Oranoken Creek—Whitcar Mill, North of Beaver Dam
Oyster Creek—None—all saline water

Riggins Ditch—Route 47
Sow and Pigs Branch Nantuxent—None—all saline water
Stow Creek—Buckhorn Rd. Bridge, Jericho
Straight Creek—None—all saline water
West Creek—100 ft. below West Creek Lake dam (Pickle Factory Pond)

ESSEX COUNTY

Passaic River—Erie Railroad Bridge between Newark (at Verona Ave.) and Kearny
Peddie Ditch—None—all saline water

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Big Timber Creek—Required whole length
Delaware River—Commodore Barry Bridge at Bridgeport
Mantua Creek—Required whole length
Oldmans Creek—Route I-295 bridge
Raccoon Creek—Required whole length
Woodbury Creek—Required whole length

HUDSON COUNTY

Hackensack River—None—all saline water
Hudson River—None—all saline water
Passaic River—Railroad bridge between Newark (at Verona Ave.) and Kearny

HUNTERDON COUNTY

License required on Delaware River and all other waters

MERCER COUNTY

License required on Delaware River and all other waters

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Cheesequake Creek—Dam at Cheesequake Lake, Cheesequake State Park
Lawrence Brook—N.J. Turnpike bridge, East Brunswick
Raritan River—Landing Lane bridge, New Brunswick
South River—Route 527 bridge (New Brunswick Old Bridge Tpk.)
Woodbridge River—N.J. Turnpike bridge

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Black Creek—Spillway at Ocean Rd.
Branchport Creek—Mouth of Turtle Mill Brook
Deal Lake—Top of dam
Hockhockson (Pine) Brook—Garden State Parkway Northbound Bridge
Little Silver Creek—Little Silver Creek Brook
Manasquan River—Bennetts bridge, Manasquan Wildlife Management Area
Matawan Creek—Lefferts Lake dam
Oceanport Creek—Mouth of Husky Brook
Parkers Creek—Mouth of Parkers Creek Brook
Shark River—Remsen Mills Road
Swimming River—Swimming River Road bridge
Wreck Pond Creek—Rt. 71 bridge

MORRIS COUNTY

License required on all waters

OCEAN COUNTY

Beaver Dam Creek—Route 88
Cedar Creek—Route 9
Cedar Run—Route 9
Dinner Point Creek—None—all saline water
Double Creek—None—all saline water
Forked River—All branches Route 9

Gunning River—None—all saline water
Jakes Branch—Above Atlantic City Blvd.
Jeffreys Creek—Ocean Gate Road to Ocean Gate
Kettle Creek—Route 549
Lake of the Lilies—Entire lake
Long Swamp Creek—Washington Street Bridge, Toms River
Manahawkin Creek—Dams for Manahawkin W.M.A. impoundments bayside
Metedeconk River—Rt. 70 Bridge, Laurelton
Mill Creek—Mouth of Creek at lagoons in Beach Haven West
Mill Creek—Pine Beach—Ocean Gate Road
Oyster Creek—Route 9
Parkers Run—None—all saline water
Potters Creek—None—all saline water
Stouts Creek—None—all saline water
Stouts Creek S. Br.—Bayside East Parkway
Toms River—Garden State Parkway, Northbound Bridge
Tuckerton Creek—Dam at Route 9
Waretown Creek—Route 9
West Creek—Route 9

PASSAIC COUNTY

License required on all waters

SALEM COUNTY

Alloway Creek—Route 540 bridge at Alloway
Black Ditch—None—all saline water
Delaware River—None—all saline water
Fishing Creek—None—all saline water
Hope Creek—None—all saline water
Mad Horse Creek—None—all saline water
Mill Creek—None—all saline water
Oldmans Creek—Route I-295 Southbound Bridge
Salem River—Dupont Dam near Cedar Crest Manor
Salem Canal—Dam at Deepwater
Stow Creek—Buckhorn Rd. Bridge, Jericho
Straight Ditch—None—all saline water

SOMERSET COUNTY

License required on all waters

SUSSEX COUNTY

License required on Delaware River and all other waters

UNION COUNTY

Elizabeth River—West Grand St., Elizabeth
Great Ditch—None—all saline water
Morses Creek—Old Morses Mill Rd.
Oyster Creek—None—all saline water
Peddie Ditch—None—all saline water
Piles Creek—None—all saline water
Rahway River—Lawrence St. (Rt. 514), Rahway

WARREN COUNTY

License required on Delaware River and all other waters

IMPORTANT FOOTNOTES:

1. Absence of a river, creek, brook or other waterway from this list does not make it exempt from requiring a license to fish the freshwaters.
2. Names of waters conform to those given on the United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Topographic Series Maps.

Wildlife Management Area Regulations

Regulations for use of these areas are established by the Division of Fish and Wildlife with penalties of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200.

Information on these regulations and permit applications may be obtained by writing to the Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400.

The Division may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

The following are prohibited: camping, swimming, picnicking, dumping, cutting or damaging vegetation, alcoholic beverages and fires.

Restricted Hours

Wildlife Management Areas are closed from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. unless engaged in lawful hunting, fishing or trapping activities.

Special permission may be granted for Division approved activities.

Motor Vehicles

No person shall operate an unregistered vehicle on roads under the control of the Division of Fish and Wildlife. All motor vehicles are restricted to established public roads and parking areas.

The use of dog sleds and dog carts, off-road vehicles, ATVs, trailbikes or snowmobiles is prohibited on all Wildlife Management Areas unless authorized by the Division.

Target Practice

Only archery, shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, muzzleloading rifle and .22 caliber

rifle shooting is allowed in designated hunter training ranges according to posted regulations at the training area. Other target practice is allowed only with permission from the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Field Trials

Permits for use of Wildlife Management Areas for running of field trials may be granted by the Division.

Dog Training and Exercising

Dogs may only be trained between Sept. 1 and Apr. 30. Some areas with designated dog training areas allow dog training all year. All dogs must be licensed according to state law.

Outboard Motors

Only electric motors are allowed on freshwater lakes and ponds owned by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife with the exception of Union Lake, where outboard motors not exceeding 9.9 hp. may be used. On Prospertown Lake, only manually operated boats and canoes are allowed.

Horseback Riding

This is allowed only on designated WMAs with written permission from the Division of Fish and Wildlife. For horseback riding permit information, call (609) 259-2132.

Fishing Tournament

Any club or organization that would like to use Division Wildlife Management Areas for fishing tournaments must secure a permit from the Division. An application must be submitted along with a \$17 fee to obtain a use permit. Applications will be accepted in January at the Division's Southern Region office at (856) 629-4950.

Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit

Any vehicle used to transport or launch a vessel or water conveyance on the following WMAs must have affixed to the lower corner of the driver's side rear window a Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit or applicant's copy from a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license. Boat Ramp Maintenance Permits may be purchased for a fee of \$15 from Division offices at the Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center, Northern, Central and Southern Region, Nacote Creek, Bivalve, Tuckahoe, Lebanon and Trenton offices. Boat Ramp Maintenance Permits may also be purchased by mail from N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, N.J. 08625, Att: Boat Ramp Permit.

1. Round Valley Reservoir, Angler Access
2. Kingwood Access, Delaware River
3. Assunpink WMA, Assunpink Lake
4. Assunpink WMA, Stone Tavern Lake
5. Assunpink WMA, Rising Sun Lake
6. Dennis Creek WMA, Dennis Creek
7. Tuckahoe WMA, Tuckahoe River
8. Mad Horse Creek WMA, Mad Horse Creek
9. Union Lake WMA, Union Lake
10. Menantico Ponds WMA, Menantico Ponds
11. Prospertown Lake WMA, Prospertown Lake

Maps and information on hunting and fishing areas is also available from the following sources:

USGS Topographic Maps

Topo quads - \$10 each. Specify exact location including county, township, road or select a WMA NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection Maps and Publications
P.O. Box 438 • Trenton, NJ 08625-0438
(609) 777-1038 • www.state.nj.us/dep/njgs

State Parks and Forests Maps

Maps and information on lands administered by the Division of Parks and Forestry. Please specify park or forest. Free.
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection
Division of Parks and Forestry
P.O. Box 404 • Trenton, NJ 08625-0404
(800) 843-6420

Wildlife Management Area Maps

Maps and information on lands administered by the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Photocopies of individual WMA maps on USGS base available free. Specify which WMA.
NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife
WMA Map Request
P.O. Box 400 • Trenton, NJ 08625
(609) 984-0547

Or, to create your own map, See i-MapNJ below

A statewide "Wild Places & Open Spaces" map is available for \$4 (includes first class postage)
NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife
Wild Places & Open Spaces map
P.O. Box 400 • Trenton, NJ 08625
(609) 984-0844

Inventory of New Jersey Lakes and Ponds,

including location, fish species present, stocking information, water depth, weed distribution and water quality on 12 select lakes. \$3 (includes postage)
NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
Freshwater Fisheries
P.O. Box 394
Lebanon, NJ 08833

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has a new Web-based tool called i-MapNJ.

If you have access to the Internet, here is a way to create maps of your favorite Wildlife Management Areas. i-MapNJ also provides a wealth of other environmental information.

This interactive program is updated on a regular basis so most of the latest information is available.

To access i-MapNJ, go to the DEP's Web site at www.state.nj.us/dep. Click the i-MapNJ button in the left column.

If you do not have access to the Internet and are interested in a specific Wildlife Management Area, call (609) 984-0547 to request a map.

Angler Ethics

1. Keep Only the Fish Needed
2. Do Not Pollute—Properly Dispose of Trash
3. Sharpen Angling and Boating Skills
4. Observe Angling and Boating Safety Regulations
5. Respect Other Anglers' Rights
6. Respect Property Owners' Rights
7. Pass on Knowledge and Angling Skills
8. Support Local Conservation Efforts
9. Never Stock Fish or Plants into Public Waters
10. Promote the Sport of Angling