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## Commissioner's Message



BY LISA P. JACKSON

Over the early months of his tenure, Governor Jon S. Corzine has already demonstrated that, under his leadership, New Jersey will continue to lead the nation in protecting our water resources. Not only has he shown support for high profile initiatives such as the Highlands Water

Protection and Planning Act, this past October he also supported the adoption of new rules that designated five streams totaling 12 miles as Category One waters based on their trout production status. In addition, the rules upgraded the state's Surface Water Quality Standards to achieve cleaner waters statewide.

These new rules made by the Governor in August build on the groundbreaking proposal to better manage our water resources and further mitigate flood damage throughout the state. In conjunction with the release of his Flood Mitigation Task Force Report, Governor Corzine proposed new flood control rules and additional initiatives to help prevent and alleviate the damage caused by flooding. The new rules replace existing Flood Hazard Area Control Act rules. As their names implies, the new rules are designed to mitigate flood damage to property and protect the lives of residents in communities chronically subjected to flooding. Just as important though, these new rules will maintain and enhance the quality of surface waters through the imposition of riparian buffers along our rivers and streams.

An added boost to water quality protection came from the recent New Jersey Supreme Court decision upholding the Department of Environmental Protection's stormwater rules. These important rules work to control nonpoint source pollution such as litter, motor oil, pet waste, pesticide and fertilizer which is carried into rivers, lakes and the ocean by stormwater.

This polluted stormwater can kill fish and other wildlife, destroy wildlife habitat, contaminate drinking water sources and force the closing of beaches because of health threats to swimmers. The court ruling is a victory for our residents and will provide stronger protections for the state's waterways.

This past Election Day, our environment and residents scored another victory when public question number two, a proposed constitutional amendment, passed with nearly 60 percent voter approval. New Jersey's sportsmen and women were active participants in a broad-based coalition created to advocate for the ballot measure. With its passage, voters dedicated a portion of the state's Corporate Business Tax revenue to help maintain New Jersey's parks, historic sites and wildlife management areas. This stable source of funding was desperately needed to address a backlog of work at sites across the state. Governor Corzine offered early support for the measure and proposed \$40 million in funding to address immediate needs in his first state budget. Unfortunately, this funding was reduced to \$9 million in the final budget, but it still offered a down payment to get started on needed repairs.

I want to thank New Jersey's sportswomen and men for your support of the public question and for joining with Governor Corzine to advocate on behalf of these lands. It was key to building widespread public support for the measure, which was reflected on Election Day. It has also laid the foundation for next year's work to replenish the Garden State Preservation Trust.

Again, my thanks and I look forward to our work together in the coming year to continue New Jersey's efforts to preserve open space and protect our waters and wildlife.

Lisa P. Jackson is Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

## Director's Message



BY DAVE CHANDA

It is with great pride that I present to you the first 2007 issue of New Jersey's award-winning New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest. At the 2006 Association for Conservation Information (ACI) national meeting, New Jersey's hunting and freshwater

fishing regulations took first and second place, respectively, in ACI's national competition for Regulation Publications. Furthermore, we learned that our *Digest* is the regulation document that many states are now trying to emulate. As an added bonus, the advertisement sales for the *Digest* allow our agency to produce this great publication at no cost to you, our hunters and anglers.

Many thanks go to our publisher, J.F. Griffin Publishing and staff, and to the Division staff who played a tremendous role in putting these publications together. As past president of the ACI, and a former Chief of the Division's Bureau of Information and Education, these awards were especially meaningful to me.

The focus of this year's special "Getting Started" *Digest* issue is to provide the know-how for those interested in fishing but have never gone or who rarely get the chance to wet a line. In this issue, our features cover the most basic preparations to go fishing, then progresses to successful steps for targeting trophy species such as muskies, walleye, and channel catfish, not to mention favorites such as largemouth and smallmouth bass. There is information for those just starting out as well as for anglers looking to refine their techniques or willing to try something with a new twist. This information, coupled with information on some of New Jersey's best fishing spots, provides everything you need to get started and to keep fishing.

Our new Integrated Electronic License System makes it easier than ever to obtain that last-minute fishing license. Suddenly decide the night before to go fishing? Talked a friend into going at the last minute? Simply log onto our Web site at [www.NJfishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJfishandWildlife.com) and within a few minutes you can be printing your newly purchased license on your own printer. Don't forget to let us know about your fishing trips! Report your results, both the noteworthy and the not-so-noteworthy, on the Division's fishing survey located on our Web site under

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**Freshwater Fishing.** Division biologists use this information to help develop management strategies.

Division staff work hard to protect, manage, and enhance New Jersey's natural resources. This protection and management provides abundant and diverse fish and wildlife, which in turn presents many wonderful outdoor recreational opportunities in the Garden State. At no time in our state's history has there been a greater variety of game fish or more opportunities for their pursuit.

Sportsmen and women are crucial to perpetuating the tradition of hunting and fishing in New Jersey. Our sporting future, and the continued protection and management of our vital natural resources, is up to each and every one of us. Success will depend on our commitment to sharing our knowledge, experiences, and a little bit of ourselves with others. That includes sharing the outdoor experiences that mean so much to you. The next time you pick up your rod and reel and start out the door, consider inviting a friend, neighbor, co-worker or even that elusive teenage son, daughter or relative. Don't believe it will make a difference? The vast majority of long-term anglers learned from a family member or friend. Their years of outdoor enjoyment began long ago with a single trip, a single invitation.

I grew up fishing the Musconetcong River with my dad, three brothers and sister. I remember as a youngster how proud I was when I was finally big enough to muscle into the infamous "opening day circle" at Saxton Falls. I fondly remember fishing the Pequest River on Tuesday mornings before school (back then fishing began at 5 a.m. on stocking days). When the fishing was good I never made it to school on time. I had some of the most interesting late notes of anyone in school!

Today I am creating those same wonderful memories with my family. My kids love to spend time in the outdoors. This past spring my youngest son caught a 4-pound rainbow trout on opening day, and my daughter killed an 18-pound gobbler during the youth hunting day. She liked the fact that all the boys in school were jealous.

It is not too late for you to create these memories. I know family lifestyles have changed and are rather hectic. However you have to make the time, it will be the best family investment you have ever made. Recreational fishing and hunting has been shown to strengthen family bonds and friendships. Few other forms of recreation can provide more or better motivations and opportunities for communicating and sharing meaningful personal experiences.

So what are you waiting for? It is never too late – no matter what the age of your children (friends, co-workers or parents). Your time together will build memories that last a lifetime.

Dave Chanda is the Acting Director of the Division of Fish & Wildlife.



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## New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife

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To protect and manage the state's fish and wildlife to maximize their long-term biological, recreational and economic value for all New Jerseyans.

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## Getting Started:

# Fishing Basics

*These basic requirements build a solid foundation for any successful fishing trip.*

## Why Go Fishing?

When anglers are asked why they like to fish, their response proves that catching fish plays a lesser role than many would imagine. The top reasons chosen include sharing time with family and friends, reconnecting with the outdoors and relaxing. Fishing can be as exciting and competitive as any sport or as restful and relaxing as reading a book. Angler surveys consistently show they value time spent with family and friends, the shared experience and creating fond memories. Fishing is a great “time out” from your busy schedule; sit back and enjoy simpler outdoor pleasures.

## License

Freshwater fishing in the Garden State is easy and low cost. New Jersey residents aged 16 to 69 years old are required to purchase a resident fishing license (only \$22.50) plus a trout stamp (\$10.50) if you want to fish for trout. Youths under 16 and seniors 70 and over fish free! You can enjoy fishing every day, year-round for only 6 cents per day. Licenses are available online at [www.NJFishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com) or purchased at most stores that sell fishing equipment.

## Fishing Rod and Reel

Basic fishing gear consists of two major parts: a rod and reel. Many large retail stores or local sport shops offer starter combination packages for less than \$20. Some of these contain everything — except for bait — to get you fishing in a

flash, including rod, reel with line hooks, usually some lures plus a bobber. For the more experienced angler or those who target specific species, there's a great variety of fishing gear. Many varieties of rods and reels are available but a starter set is certainly adequate for your first fishing experiences.

## Fishing Line

Clear monofilament is the most popular fishing line. Line strength is represented in “pounds test,” which measures the straight-pulling breaking force of the line. Choose an appropriate line for each fish species. For trout and panfish, use 4 to 6 lb. test. For bass, catfish, and walleye use 8 to 10 lb. test. For large species such as pike, muskellunge and striped bass use 15 to 25 lb. test.

## Hooks

Hooks come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes. Size is indicated by a number, as shown below.

Anglers use #10 through #6 for trout and panfish; sizes #4 or #2 for bass,

walleye, catfish and large trout. Sizes #1/0 through #4/0 are for use with artificial soft plastic lures or for large baits when fishing for larger fish.

## Knots

The knot that connects the hook to your line is extremely important. Tying the improved clinch knot is strong, quick, and easy. Follow this diagram.



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## Bait Or Artificial Lures?

Bait is often the easiest and most effective means of catching fish. Purchase baits or collect them yourself. Try collecting night crawlers after dark in the lawn on a warm night following a rain shower. Use a flashlight to spot them and quick hands to catch them. Other commonly used bait includes minnows (see *Baitfish Regulations, page 23*), crayfish, leeches and hellgrammites. Bait and tackle shops and many other sporting goods stores sell these bait types, too. With a little practice you can succeed in collecting bait in waterbodies close to home.

Artificial lures come in every size, shape, color and material imaginable. Some lures are designed to shine, wobble, spin, reflect and, yes, even smell like live bait. All have a single purpose: to catch fish! An advantage of artificial lures is that they are reusable and are often less expensive than bait. For example, one live minnow may catch you one fish, however an artificial minnow lure can be used to catch hundreds of fish. Artificial lures can be grouped into several categories; see chart on the next page.

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Never tear out a hook. This can harm the fish; it may not live. If the fish



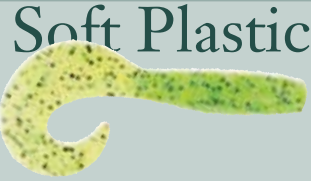




is hooked deeply and you can't easily remove the hook, cut the line to release the fish. The hook will rust, dissolve or become loose without harming the fish.

If a fish loses consciousness, try to revive it by gently moving it forward and backward so water moves through its gills. When the fish begins to struggle and can swim, let it go.

## Regulations

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife develops, implements and

enforces regulations to manage and protect our valuable fisheries resource ensuring that Garden State anglers have the opportunity to catch plenty of fish. Regulations include limits to the number of fish anglers may keep and minimum size limit for each regulated fish species. Some regulations are specific to particular water bodies based on unique characteristics or local fish populations. Freshwater fishing regulations, fish identification and other important information for anglers can be found in the *New Jersey Fish &* ►

ARTIFICIAL LURES	Lure	Description	Size	Examples	Additional Information
	 <b>Spinner</b>	Spinners have a blade that spins around a straight wire shaft, simulating a baitfish. A treble hook at the rear may be plain or have animal hair.	Higher number designations are larger in size	Mepps, Panther Martin, Roostertail, Blue Fox Vibrax	Use snap swivel to reduce line twist and to change lures quickly.
	 <b>Jig</b>	Jigs consist of molded lead on the head of a hook with a "tail" of hair, soft plastic or live bait.	Measured by weight, in ounces.	1/8 oz. round-headed jig with a white Mister Twister tail	Retrieved by bouncing (jigging) lure along the bottom of lake or river.
	 <b>Soft Plastic</b>	Rubber or soft plastic baits are made to resemble and smell like a worm, lizard, frog, baitfish, eel, insect or crayfish. Fish these with or without weight.	Measured in inches	4-inch black Senko 6-inch purple Berkley Power Worm	Thread bullet weight on line before tying on hook. Run hook through 1/4-inch of lure's head section, then embed hook in body for a weedless presentation.
	 <b>Spoon</b>	Spoons are metal lures designed to look like baitfish. They can be cast, jigged or trolled.	Measured by weight, in ounces.	Dardevle, Johnson's Weedless Silver Minnow Kastmaster,	Retrieve for moderate action: too slow and spoon won't wobble; too fast makes lure's action erratic.
	 <b>Spinnerbait</b>	Spinnerbaits are formed as a V-shaped wire with a blade and a jig at each end. The jig is often tipped with a soft plastic, vinyl or animal hair skirt.	Measured by weight, in ounces.	Strike King Hart Mann's	Buzz baits are similar to spinnerbaits, but a propeller replaces the blade to create surface water disturbance.
	 <b>Crankbait</b>	A bill enables this lure, made of wood or plastic, either to dive just under the surface, sink or suspend in the water column.	Higher number designations are larger in size	Rapala, Rebel, Bomber, Norman, Yozuri,	The longer the bill, the deeper the lure goes in the water column.
 <b>Topwater Plug</b>	A floating surface lure made of wood or plastic. A plug's front can be flat, concave or have a propeller.	Higher number designations are larger in size	Zara Spook, Chugger Spook Rebel Popper	Usually retrieved across the surface of the water with a slow, erratic jerking action.	

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## Where To Fish

Many excellent fishing opportunities are available within a 10- or 15-minute drive from home. New Jersey boasts more than 400 publicly accessible lakes, most of which have great panfish and bass fisheries. The Garden State has approximately 17,835 miles of freshwater streams. Most small streams in northern New Jersey have trout fishing opportunities, either due to naturally-reproducing populations or through hatchery stocking. Select waterbodies have specific fish species of real trophy proportions. Hooking one of these outstanding fish may require a little more planning and travel time, but it's well worth the effort. Talk with angling friends or family members, tackle shop owners and visit Fish and Wildlife's Web site ([www.NJFishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com)) to learn of good places

to fish. The best answer to "When and where should I fish?" is "Whenever and wherever you can!"

## Fishing Information

It's easy to find great information on fishing. Books, magazines, television shows, and Web pages are full of explanations and tips to help you become a more successful angler. Contact a local tackle shop, statewide or regional fishing club or pick up a New Jersey fishing publication for an up-to-date fishing report. New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, along with many other organizations, takes pride in sharing valuable knowledge with prospective anglers. Visit our Web site or review the annual freshwater fishing *Digest* for fishing-related special events such as the Annual Open House at the Pequest Trout Hatchery. Find a fishing education class geared to your level of experience, whether you're a beginner or

someone with a bit more skill. Join the excitement at one of more than 80 childrens' fishing derbies held throughout New Jersey, maybe at a town near you.

## What's Next?

Okay, now you are ready to go fishing! Start with the basics highlighted here. Remember, the best way to learn is to try for yourself; give it a shot! Pick a local pond or stream then take your best guess at what fish species are present and which lure or bait to use. Since people aren't born with fishing knowledge like how to catch The Big One, don't hesitate to ask an angler to teach you a few fishing skills. While some anglers may be secretive about their favorite fishing hole, many will be glad to bring you along to share their passion for the tradition known as fishing. 🎣

## Don't Forget!

### Tackle Box Essentials

- Fishing license (ages 16 through 69)
- Rod and reel (spinning, baitcasting or fly rod)
- Hooks (assorted sizes and shapes)
- Lures and/or bait (keep bait cool to stay fresh)
- Bobbers (three or four)
- Swivels (used with artificial lures)
- Needle-nosed pliers or forceps (hook removal)
- Nail clipper (great to cut fishing line)
- Notepad (log conditions, locations, & methods)
- Tape measure (follow legal size regulations)
- Polarized sunglasses (protects eyes, reduces glare)
- Sunscreen (water reflects sunlight increasing exposure)

### Helpful Accessories

- Landing net  
(in case you hook the big one)
- Hat and appropriate foul weather gear
- Flashlight (don't get stuck in the dark)
- Insect repellent
- Stringer (to use if keeping fish)
- Cooler with ice (to keep fish or bait cool)
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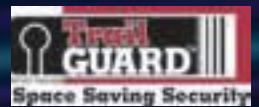
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# License Information

## 2007 REGULATIONS

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### Licenses And Stamps

Persons 16 and over must have a valid license to fish the fresh waters of New Jersey with a handline, rod and line or bow and arrow. This includes *privately* owned lakes, ponds and other waters.

- For residents 70 and over, a driver's license or other acceptable proof of age containing date of birth and physical description will serve as the actual fishing license.
- A valid fishing license, and trout stamp are required to fish for or possess trout, including salmon. No stamp is required for persons under the age of 16 or age 70 and over.
- Resident and non-resident fishing licenses may be purchased through the mail, online at [www.NJFishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com) or at license agents such as sporting good stores and some county or municipal clerks. Visit our Web site for details, or call (609) 292-2965.
- **License must be visibly displayed on outer clothing.**
- Licenses and trout stamps are valid from date of purchase through Dec. 31.
- A person must reside within the state for at least six months to obtain a resident license.
- Farmers and immediate family members who live on the farm do not need a license to fish on their own farm, but must obey all fishing regulations.
- Anyone convicted of a second fish or wildlife violation in this or another state within a period of five years will have his or her New Jersey licenses revoked for two years.

### Replacement Of Lost Licenses

A lost license originally purchased at a Fish and Wildlife regional office or at a license agent can be replaced at any regional office location or license agent. There is a \$2 replacement fee. Lost licenses or trout stamps originally purchased at Fish and Wildlife's Internet

license sales site can be replaced using the sales site, [www.NJFishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com).

### Special Licenses

#### Servicemen and Servicewomen

A person who is on active duty in the armed services of the United States is entitled to fish with a resident license.

#### National Guard Members

Eligible National Guard personnel are entitled to free licenses, permits, and stamps. Further information can be obtained by writing to: NJ Department of Military/Veteran Affairs, 101 Eggert Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.

#### Disabled Veterans

Free licenses, permits, and stamps are available for resident disabled veterans.

For the purpose of this program, the legislation defines disabled veterans as: "Any resident of New Jersey who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has been declared by the Department of Veterans Affairs, or its successor, to have a service-connected disability of any degree."

Documentation of current benefits for a service-connected disability and proof of honorable discharge (such as a copy of your DD-214, VA card or monthly check stub) must be presented to obtain a free disabled veteran license.

Disabled veteran fishing licenses are available at Fish and Wildlife's Trenton office, as well as regional offices and Pequest. This is not the full law. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife for further details. For questions, call (609) 292-2965.

#### For the Blind

Residents afflicted with total blindness may obtain a free license from Fish and Wildlife's Trenton office. Call (609) 292-2965 for an application.

### Summary of General Fishing Regulations

The season, size and creel limits for freshwater species apply to all waters of the state, including tidal waters.

- Fish may be taken only in the manner known as angling with handline or with rod and line, or as otherwise allowed by law.
- Only one daily creel of any fish species may be in possession. Additional fish may be caught once the creel is reached if immediately returned to the water unharmed.
- Separate stringers or buckets must be used for each angler's catch.
- Boats may contain only the combined daily creel limit for each legal angler on board.
- A fishing license does not authorize trespass on private property. Permission first must be obtained from the landowner.
- There is no limit to the number of rods used. See exception for Delaware River, page 22.

#### It Is Unlawful To:

- Fish within 100 feet (or as posted) of any fish ladder entrance or exit from March 1 through June 30, or as posted.
- Spear fish in fresh waters. See exception for Delaware River, page 22.
- Possess a fishing device with more than nine hooks in total, or more than three treble hooks.
- Use set lines.
- Use cast nets in freshwater lakes or trout stocked waters. See baitfish regulations, page 23 for other exclusions.
- Foul hook any species other than yellow perch and white perch. This does not apply to fish taken through the ice.
- Snag any species of fish in Swartswood Lake and its tributaries, including Neldon Brook, and Monksville Reservoir and its tributaries, including the Wanaque River.

#### Bow and Arrow Fishing

Any species of fish, *except* brook, brown, lake or rainbow trout, landlocked Atlantic salmon, largemouth or smallmouth bass, striped bass or any of its hybrids, pickerel, northern pike, walleye, muskellunge or any of its hybrids, may be taken at any time by use of a bow and arrow with line attached by the holder of a valid fishing license. See regulations

## 2007 License Information & Fees

(Licenses are valid from date of purchase to Dec. 31 of each year.)

### Licenses

Resident Fishing (16 yrs. and over)	.....\$22.50
Senior Resident Fishing (Ages 65-69 yrs.; 70 & over—Free)	.....\$12.50
Resident Trout Stamp	.....\$10.50
Non-resident Fishing	.....\$34
Non-resident Trout Stamp	.....\$20
Non-resident 2-Day Vacation Fishing	.....\$9
Non-resident 7-Day Vacation Fishing	.....\$19.50
All-Around Sportsman (includes resident fishing, firearm hunting and bow/arrow hunting licenses)	.....\$72.25

### Permits

Available through the Lebanon Field Office	..... (908) 236-2118
<b>Water Lowering, Fish Stocking, Baitfish Collecting, Triploid Grass Carp, Fish Tagging</b>	.....\$2
<b>Turtle &amp; Frog Collecting</b>	.....\$2
<b>Scientific Collecting</b>	.....\$22

# Summary of Fishing Regulations

2007 REGULATIONS

for the Delaware River and Greenwood Lake, page 22.

## Emergency Closures

It is illegal to fish or attempt to catch or kill fish by any manner or means in any waters for which the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, upon approval by the Fish and Game Council, issues an emergency closure notice. Such notification is effective and/or rescinded immediately upon public notification. Emergency closures shall be based upon imminent threat to the well-being of the fishery resources, and/or its users, and may include any exceptions to the total ban of fishing that the Director deems practical.

## Ice Fishing

No more than five devices may be used for taking fish when ice is present. The devices that may be used are:

1. Ice supported tip-ups or lines with one single pointed hook attached, or one burr of three hooks that measure not more than 1/2-inch from point to shaft;

2. An artificial jgging lure with not more than one burr of three hooks that measure not more than 1/2-inch from point to point;

3. An artificial jgging lure with not more than three single hooks measuring not more than 1/2-inch from point to shaft;

4. An artificial jgging lure with a combination of the hook limitations described in 2 and 3 above.

Expressly prohibited are any devices with automatic hook setting capability. Natural bait may be used on the hooks of the artificial jgging lures. All devices that are not hand-held must bear the name and address of the user and cannot be left unattended.

Carp and suckers may be taken with net under the ice. Suckers may be taken through the ice by means of hooks, no more than three, directly attached to a rigid handle between December 1 and March 1.

See separate regulations for trout-stocked waters and Greenwood Lake.

## Sale of Fish

It is illegal to sell any freshwater fish species except under commercial permits as prescribed in the Fish and Game Code. Artificially propagated trout, if properly tagged, may be sold for food purposes.

## Stocking Fish

A permit is required to stock fish or fish eggs into any water of the state, public or private. It is ILLEGAL to stock carp or koi into

## Water Supply Reservoirs Open to Fishing By Permit Only

**Note: Permits must be obtained from specific reservoir owner listed below. A valid fishing license is also required.**


Waterbody	County	Type of Fishing	Fee	Permit Source
Newark's Pequannock Watershed Reservoirs: Echo Lake, Clinton, Oak Ridge & Canistear	Morris Passaic Sussex	Boat & Shoreline	Yes	Newark Watershed Conser. & Dev. Corp 223 Echo Lake Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 (973) 697-2850 Permits available in person only  Also available at: 40 Clinton Street, 4th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102 (973) 622-4521 Permits available in person only
Point View Reservoir	Passaic	Shoreline only Sat. & Sun 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.	No	Passaic Valley Water Commission 1525 Main Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07015 (973) 340-4309  Send stamped, self-addressed envelope. A daily permit will be mailed. Permit allows two people to fish
Oradell Reservoir Woodcliff Lake Lake Tappan Reservoir	Bergen Bergen Bergen	Shoreline only Shoreline only Shoreline only	Yes	United Water Company 200 Old Hook Road, Harrington Park, NJ 07640 (201) 767-9300 x3208

any such waters at any time. An application may be obtained by contacting the Lebanon Field Office at (908) 236-2118.

## Tagging Fish

No person may tag or mark and then release a fish without first obtaining a fish stocking permit or by special permit issued by Fish and Wildlife. Contact the Lebanon Field Office at (908) 236-2118 for application information.

## Waste of Fish

Fish of any species which are purposely killed become part of the angler's daily limit and must be removed from the waters from which they were taken, then either used or otherwise disposed of properly. 

## Warning: Wildlife Hazard!

Please properly dispose of your fishing line. Plastic debris can endanger aquatic life and snare propellers.

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# General Trout Information

## 2007 REGULATIONS

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### 2007 General Trout Fishing Information

- Opening day of trout season: April 7, 2007 at 8 a.m.
- No person between the ages of 16 and 69, inclusive, shall take, attempt to take, possess or kill trout without a valid fishing license and trout stamp.
- It is illegal to fish for any species of fish in ponds, lakes or sections of streams which are stocked with trout, from 11:59 p.m. March 18, 2007 to 8 a.m. April 7, 2007.

**Exceptions:** Lake Hopatcong, Prospertown Lake, Farrington Lake and Lake Shenandoah are open year round to fishing. However, all trout caught between 12:01 a.m. March 19 and 8 a.m. on April 7 must be released immediately. Seasonal or Year-round Trout

Conservation Areas and designated Holdover Trout Lakes 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 7, 2007.

- Only one daily creel limit of trout may be in possession. Once the creel limit is reached, an angler may continue to fish provided any additional trout caught are immediately returned to the water unharmed.
- Separate stringers or buckets must be used for each angler's catch.
- Containers in boats may hold only the combined daily creel limit for each legal angler on board.
- Fish and Wildlife reserves the right to suspend stocking when emergency conditions prevail.

### Spring Trout Stocked Waters *Without* In-Season Fishing Closures

After opening day these waters may be fished on the day they are stocked. Note: The number in parentheses indicates the anticipated number of in-season stockings (from April 7 through May 25). A zero indicates the water will only be stocked pre-season (the three-week period preceding opening day). For details on what's being stocked and when, call the Trout Hotline (Spring stocking: April - May; Fall stocking: October; Winter stocking: November) at (609) 633-6765. This recorded message is updated weekly. Or visit our Web site at [www.NJfishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJfishandWildlife.com).

#### Atlantic County

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

#### Bergen County

Dahnert's Lake—Garfield (3)  
Hackensack River—Lake Tappan to Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park (4)  
Hohokus Brook—Forest Road to Whites Pond (4)  
Indian Lake—Little Ferry (4)  
Mill Pond—Park Ridge (3)  
Pasack Creek—Orchard Street, Hillsdale, to Lake Street, Westwood (4)  
Potash Lake—Oakland (3)  
Saddle River—Lake St. to Dunkerhook Rd., Fair Lawn (5)  
Scarlet Oak Pond—Mahwah (0)  
Tenakill Creek—Closter, entire length (3)  
Whites Pond—Waldwick (4)

#### Burlington County

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

#### Camden County

Gloucester City Pond—Gloucester (3)  
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—Pattensburg, source to Spruce Run Reservoir (5)  
Neshanic River—Kuhl Road to Rt. 514 (2)  
Nishisakawick Creek—Frenchtown-Everittstown Rd., 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)  
Wickecheoke Creek—Covered Bridge, Rt. 604, Sergeantsville to Delaware River (2)

#### Mercer County

Assunpink Creek—Assunpink Site dam upstream of Rt. 130 bridge to Carnegie Rd., Hamilton Twp. (4)  
Colonial Lake—Lawrence Twp. (3)  
Delaware-Raritan Canal—Mulberry St., Trenton to

## Sea Run Brown Trout

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has stocked brown trout in the lower Manasquan River, Monmouth County. Anglers are asked to report all catches of brown trout that exhibit characteristics of a sea run.

These fish tend to develop a more silvery coloration, masking most of the body spots, after an extended time in salt water.

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



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

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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

Echo Lake—Southard (3)  
 Englishtown Mill Pond—Englishtown (3)  
 Garvey's Pond—Navesink (3)  
 Hamilton Fire Pond—Neptune (3)  
 Hockhockson Brook—Hockhockson Road to Garden State Parkway bridge (northbound) (5)  
 Holmdel Park Pond—Holmdel (3)  
 Mac's Pond—Manasquan (0)  
 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)  
 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)  
 Prospertown Lake—Prospertown (3)

### Passaic County

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

### Somerset County

Lamington River—Rt. 523 (Lamington Road) at Burnt Mills to jct. with the N/Br. of Raritan River (4)  
 Middle Brook, E/Br.—Martinsville, entire length (2)  
 Passaic River—(See Morris Co.)  
 Peapack Brook—Peapack-Gladstone, entire length (5)

Raritan River—Jct. of Raritan River N/Br. and S/Br., to Rt. 206 bridge (4)  
 Rock Brook—Zion, entire length (1)  
 Spooky Brook Park Pond—Franklin (0)

### Sussex County

Alms House Pond—Myrtle Grove, Hampton Twp. (3)  
 Andover Junction Brook—Andover, entire length (2)  
 Big Flat Brook, Upper—Saw Mill Pond, High Point State Park to 100 ft. above Steam Mill Bridge on Crigger Road, Stokes St. Forest (4)  
 Blue Mountain Lake—Delaware Water Gap Nat'l Recreation Area (3)  
 Clove River—Mt. Salem Rd. to Jct. of Rt. 23 and Mt. Salem Rd. to Rt. 565 bridge (5)  
 Culver's Creek—Frankford Twp., entire length (5)  
 Dry Brook—Branchville, entire length (3)  
 Franklin Pond Creek—Hamburg Mtn. 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 Swartwood Lake—Swartwood (3)  
 Lubbers Run—Byram Twp., entire length (5)  
 Neldon Brook—Swartwood, 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)  
 Saw Mill Pond—High Point State Park (3)  
 Silver Lake—Hamburg Mountain WMA (0)  
 Stony Lake—Stokes State Forest (3)  
 Swartwood Lake—Swartwood (3)

Trout Brook—Middleville, entire length (2)  
 Wawayanda Creek—Vernon, entire length (5)  
 Wawayanda 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

Barker's 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)  
 Buchhorn Creek—Roxburg, entire length (2)  
 Columbia Lake and Gatehole—Knowlton Twp. (3)  
 Furnace Brook—Oxford, entire length (2)  
 Furnace Lake—Oxford (3)  
 Honey Run—Swayze's Mill 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)  
 Pohatcong Creek—Mt. Bethel to Rt. 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)

## Hook A Winner Program

Once again this year, the Division of Fish and Wildlife will be jaw tagging more than 1,000 brook trout for release in New Jersey waters. If you are a lucky angler who lands one of these fish, send your name, address, fish tag number and location of catch to the Pequest Trout Hatchery, 605 Pequest Road, Oxford, NJ 07863, Attn: Hook a Winner Program. In recognition of your catch, a certificate and award patch will be mailed.

In addition, your name will be forwarded to the NJ State Council of Trout Unlimited and entered into their drawing for one of 12 rod and reel combinations to be held during the celebration of National Fishing Week, June 2–10, 2007.



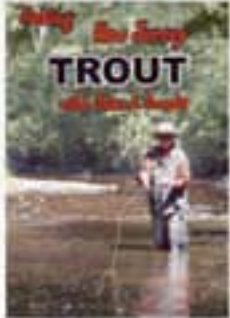
# General Trout Information

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### Trout Conservation Areas (TCAs): Driving Directions

	WATERBODIES	DIRECTIONS
Year Round TCAs	<b>Paulinskill, E/Br (Sussex County)</b> Limecrest railroad spur bridge downstream to its confluence with W/Br Paulinskill at Warbasse Jct. (approx. 2.25 miles)	Rt. 94/206 N., north of Newton, to Rt. 94 (Morris Farm Rd.) to Warbasse Junction Rd. (Rt. 663) to Garrison Rd. to bridge; pull-off parking. <i>or</i> Rt. 206 to Limecrest Rd. (Rt. 669), for approx. 6 mi. to Rt. 648 to bridge; pull-off parking.
	<b>Raritan S/Br. - Ken Lockwood Gorge (Hunterdon County)</b> Section of S/Br within the Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area (approx. 2.5 miles)	Rt. 31 to Rt. 513. Turn onto Hoffman's Crossing Rd. Take first right after bridge. Follow into Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area. Park in pull-off areas along dirt access road. <b>PROCEED WITH CAUTION - deep ruts.</b>
	<b>Raritan S/Br - Claremont Stretch (Morris County)</b> End of Angler's Anonymous property (private) downstream to confluence with Electric Brook (approx. 1.1 miles)	From Rt. 24 at light in Long Valley, go north on Schooley's Mt. Rd. Take immediate right after bridge onto Fairview Rd. Parking area approximately 1 mile on right. Follow path to river.
	<b>Toms River (Ocean County)</b> End of Riverview Park (Dover Twp.) downstream to Rt. 571 bridge (approx. 1 mile)	Rt. 195 (Exit 21) to Rts. 527/528 S. (Cedar Swamp Rd./ Veterans Hwy.) to Rt. 527 S. (Whitesville Rd.) to Riverwood Dr. to entrance of Riverview Park.

	WATERBODIES	DIRECTIONS
Seasonal TCAs	<b>Pequannock River (Morris/Passaic counties)</b> Rt. 23 bridge, at Smoke Rise, downstream to the Rt. 23 bridge at Smith Mills (approx. 1.2 miles)	Under Rt. 23 overpass; small dirt parking lot (downstream boundary of conservation area).
	<b>Pequest River (Warren County)</b> Conrail Railroad bridge, located upstream of the Pequest Trout Hatchery Access Road, downstream to Rt. 625 (Pequest Furnace Rd.) bridge (app 1.6 miles)	Rt. 31 to Rt. 46 E, approx. 4 mi. to Pequest Trout Hatchery, paved parking lot.
	<b>Musconetcong River (Warren County)</b> Penwell Road bridge downstream to Point Mountain Road bridge (approx. 1.2 miles)	Rt. 31 to Rt. 57 N. to Point Mt. Rd. (Rt. 629) to bridge; small parking lot on left over bridge (downstream boundary).



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# Trout Fishing

## 2007 REGULATIONS

### General Trout Fishing Regulations (For Brook, Brown & Rainbow Trout and Hybrids)

SEASON	MIN. SIZE	DAILY LIMIT	EXCEPTIONS
January 1 — March 18	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 and seasonal trout conservation areas, trophy and holdover trout lakes). 3) Lake Hopatcong, Prospertown Lake, Farrington Lake, Lake Shenandoah—fishing is permitted during the period March 19 — April 7 at 8 a.m. All trout caught during this period must immediately be released. 4) Greenwood Lake and Delaware River—see separate regulations for boundary waters, p. 22.
March 19 — April 7 a 8 a.m.	Fishing prohibited on all waters listed for trout stocking; all other waters—catch and release only (See exceptions at right)		
April 7 at 8 a.m. — May 31	7 inches	6	
June 1 — Dec. 31	7 inches	4	

### Lake Trout Regulations

SEASON	MIN. SIZE	DAILY LIMIT	EXCEPTIONS
Jan. 1 — Dec. 31	15 inches	2	Trophy Trout Lakes (see page 19)—Round Valley Reservoir, Merrill Creek Reservoir

### Trout Stocked Waters

General trout regulations apply; see above. Consult pages 14 and 15 for a complete list of trout stocked waters that can be fished beginning 8 a.m. April 7 including the days the waters are stocked. See below for a list of waters closed to fishing (5 a.m. to 5 p.m.) on dates listed for stocking.

**Trout Stocked Waters Closed to Fishing (5 a.m. to 5 p.m.) on Spring Stocking Dates** General trout regulations apply; see above. In addition, waters listed below are 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. **There are no closures for fall stocking.**

<b>MONDAYS</b> April 9, 16, 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21	<b>Manasquan River</b> — Rt. 9 bridge downstream to Bennetts bridge, Manasquan WMA <b>Metedeconk River, N/Br.</b> — Aldrich Rd. bridge to Ridge Ave. <b>Metedeconk River, S/Br.</b> — Bennetts Mill dam to twin wooden foot bridge, opposite Lake Park Blvd. on South Lake Drive, Lakewood <b>Rockaway River</b> — Longwood Lake dam (Jefferson Twp.) to Jersey City Reservoir in Boonton <b>Toms River</b> — Rt. 528, Holmansville, to confluence with Maple Root Branch, and Rt. 70 bridge to Rt. 571 bridge (Exception: the section regulated as a Year-round Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.) <b>Wallkill River</b> — Lake Mohawk dam to Rt. 23, Hamburg
<b>TUESDAYS</b> April 10, 17, 24 May 1, 8, 15, 22	<b>Pohatcong Creek</b> — Rt. 31 to Delaware River <b>Raritan River, S/Br</b> — Budd Lake dam to junction with N/Br. Raritan River (Exception: the section regulated as a Year-Round Trout Conservation Areas; see separate regulation.)
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b> April 11, 18, 25 May 2, 9, 16, 23	<b>Raritan River, N/Br.</b> — Peapack Rd. bridge in Far Hills to junction with S/Br. Raritan River
<b>THURSDAYS</b> April 12, 19, 26 May 3, 10, 17, 24	<b>Black River</b> — Rt. 206, Chester to the posted Black River Fish & Game Club property at the lower end of Hacklebarney State Park <b>Paulinskil River, and E/Br. and W/Br.</b> — Limecrest RR spur bridge on E/Br., Sparta Twp., and Warbasse Jct. Rd. (Rt. 663) on W./Br., Lafayette Twp., to Columbia Lake (Exception: The section of the E/Br. regulated as a Year Round Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.) <b>Ramapo River</b> — State line to Pompton Lake (excluding Potash Lake)
<b>FRIDAYS</b> April 13, 20, 27 May 4, 11, 18, 25	<b>Big Flat Brook</b> — 100 ft. above Steam Mill bridge on Crigger Rd. in Stokes State Forest to Delaware River <b>Musconetcong River</b> — Lake Hopatcong dam to Delaware River including all mainstream impoundments except for Lake Musconetcong (See Seasonal Trout Conservation Area regulations) <b>Pequest River</b> — source downstream to Delaware River (See Seasonal Trout Conservation Area regulations for Pequest) <b>Wanaque River</b> — Greenwood Lake dam to junction with Pequannock River, excluding Wanaque Reservoir, Monksville Reservoir

### Wild Trout Streams

SEASON	MIN. SIZE	DAILY LIMIT	RESTRICTIONS
April 7 at 8 a.m. — Sept. 15	7 inches (see #3 at right)	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 and Pequannock River is 12 inches.
Jan. 1 — April 7 at 8 a.m. and Sept. 16 — Dec. 31	Catch and Release Only		
<b>Bear Creek</b> (Southtown) <b>Bear Swamp Brook</b> (Mahwah) <b>Black Brook</b> (Clinton WMA) <b>Burnett Brook</b> (Ralston) <b>Cold Brook</b> (Oldwick) <b>Dark Moon Brook</b> (also known as Bear Brook) (Johnsonburg) <b>Dunfield Creek</b> (Del. Water Gap) <b>Flanders Brook</b> (Flanders) <b>Hance's Brook</b> (Penwell) <b>Hickory Run</b> (Califon) <b>India Brook</b> (source to Mountain Side Ave., Mendham)	<b>Indian Grove Brook</b> (Bernardsville) <b>Jackson Brook</b> (source to Hedden Park Lake, Mine Hill Twp.) <b>Ledgewood Brook</b> (Ledgewood) <b>Little York Brook</b> (Little York) <b>Lomerson Brook</b> (also known as Herzog Brook) (Pottersville) <b>Merrill Creek</b> (Stewartsville) <b>Mill Brook</b> (Montague) <b>N/Br. Rockaway Creek</b> (Mountainville) <b>Parker Brook</b> (Stokes S.F.) <b>Passaic River</b> (source to Rt. 202, Bernardsville)	<b>Pequannock River</b> (Oak Ridge Rd. bridge in Newark Watershed, downstream to railroad bridge immediately upstream of Charlottesville Res.) <b>Rhineharts Brook</b> (Hacklebarney S.P.) <b>Rocky Run</b> (Clinton Twp.) <b>Saddle River</b> (state line to Lake St., Upper Saddle River) <b>Stephensburg Creek</b> (Stephensburg) <b>Stony Brook</b> (Stokes S.F.)	<b>Stony Brook</b> (Washington Twp., Morris Co.) <b>Tetertown Brook</b> (Tetertown) <b>Trout Brook</b> (Hacklebarney S.P.) <b>Turkey Brook</b> (Mt. Olive) <b>Van Campens Brook</b> (Del. Water Gap; see Dunfield Ck.) <b>West Brook</b> (source downstream to Windbeam Club property) <b>Whippany River</b> (source to Tingley Rd., Mendham Twp.) <b>Willoughby Brook</b> (also known as Buffalo Hollow Brook) (Clinton Twp.)

### Year Round Trout Conservation Areas (see page 16)

SEASON	MIN. SIZE	DAILY LIMIT	RESTRICTIONS (in effect year round)
Jan. 1—March 18	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 closures which apply to the river. All trout caught during these periods must be released immediately.
March 19 — April 7 at 8 a.m.	Catch and Release Only		
April 7 at 8 a.m. — Dec. 31	15 inches	1 (see #3 at right)	

**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)

### Seasonal Trout Conservation Areas (see page 16)

SEASON	MIN. SIZE	DAILY LIMIT	RESTRICTIONS
Jan. 1—March 18	15 inches	1	1) Only artificial lures may be used. 2) Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited. 3) Pequest and Musconetcong Rivers—fishing is not permitted during the first six in-season stocking closure dates. (See Trout Stocked Waters Closed to Fishing on Spring Stocking Dates, p. 18). Fishing is permitted during the last in-season stocking closure date (May 25), but all trout caught between 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. must immediately be released.
March 19 — April 6	Catch and Release Only		
April 7 (12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m.)	Fishing Prohibited		
April 7 at 8 a.m.— May 20 Gear restrictions do not apply	7 inches	6	
May 21 — Dec. 31	15 inches	1	

**Pequanock 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 road downstream to Rt. 625 (Pequest Furnace Rd.) bridge, a distance of approx. 1.6 miles

**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
Jan. 1—March 18	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) After opening day and through May, fishing is prohibited from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on dates listed for stocking. (See Trout Water Closed to Fishing on Spring Stocking Dates, page 18.)
March 19 — April 7 at 8 a.m.	Fishing Prohibited		
April 7 at 8 a.m.— April 16 at 5 a.m. Gear restrictions do not apply except on Blewett Tract	7 inches	6	
April 16 at 5 a.m.—May 31	7 inches	6	
June 1—Dec. 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	Jan. 1—Dec. 31	15 inches	2
	lake trout	Jan. 1—Sept. 15 & Dec. 1—Dec. 31	15 inches	2
Round Valley Reservoir	brown & rainbow trout	Jan. 1 — Dec. 31	15 inches	2
	lake trout	Jan. 1 — Sept. 15 & Dec. 1 — Dec. 31	20 inches	1

### Holdover Trout Lakes

LOCATIONS	SPECIES	SEASON	MIN. SIZE	DAILY LIMIT
Clinton Reservoir Lake Aeroflex Lake Wawayanda Shepherd Lake Swartswood Lake White Lake (Warren Co.)	brook, brown, rainbow trout, and hybrids (see separate regulations for lake trout)	Jan. 1— March 18	7 inches	2
		March 19 — April 7 at 8 a.m.	Catch and Release Only	
		April 7 at 8 a.m. — May 31	7 inches	4
		June 1— Dec. 31	7 inches	2
	landlocked Atlantic salmon	Jan. 1— Dec. 31	12 inches	2







### Boundary Waters (see page 22)

LOCATIONS	SPECIES	SEASON	MIN. SIZE	DAILY LIMIT
Delaware River	all trout species	April 14 – Sept. 30 (trout caught at other times must be released immediately)	no min. size	5
Greenwood Lake	all trout species	Jan. 1— Dec. 31	no min. size	3

# Fishing Regulations








## SIZE, SEASON AND CREEL LIMITS

Certain waters are closed to fishing for all species from 12:01 a.m. March 19 to 8 a.m. April 7, 2007 because of trout stocking. Refer to pages 14-15 and pages 18-19 for complete lists and exceptions. For Delaware River and Greenwood Lake, see regulations on page 22.

	SEASON	LOCATION	MINIMUM SIZE	DAILY LIMIT
<b>Largemouth &amp; Smallmouth Bass</b>				
 <p>Largemouth Bass</p>  <p>Smallmouth Bass</p>	Jan. 1— April 14	Statewide (exceptions below)	12"	5 combined
	<b>April 15 — June 15 Catch &amp; Release Only (all waters)</b>	Lunker Bass Lakes: Assunpink, Parvin, Delaware Lakes, Splitrock Reservoir, Boonton Reservoir	15"	3 combined
	June 16 — Dec. 31	Conservation Regulations: Ryker Lake	15"	2 combined
<b>Northern Pike, Tiger Musky, Muskellunge</b>				
 <p>Northern Pike</p>  <p>Muskellunge</p>	Open Year Round	Statewide (exceptions listed below)	24" Northern Pike	2
	<b>March 20 — May 20 Catch &amp; Release only for Echo Lake Reservoir, Mercer Lake, Mountain Lake, Monksville Reservoir</b>		30" Tiger Musky & Muskellunge	2 combined
		Trophy Musky Waters: Mountain & Echo Lake Reservoir	40" Tiger Musky & Muskellunge	1 combined
	Conservation Regulations: Lake Hopatcong, Monksville Reservoir, Mercer Lake Greenwood Lake	36" Tiger Musky & Muskellunge		
<b>Chain Pickerel</b>				
 <p>Chain Pickerel</p>	Open Year Round	Statewide (exceptions below)	No minimum size	5
		Special Regulation: Lake Hopatcong, Swartswood Lake, Hammonton Lake	15"	
<b>Walleye</b>				
 <p>Walleye</p>	Jan. 1— Feb 28 <b>March 1 — April 30 Catch &amp; Release Only</b> May 1— Dec. 31	Statewide	18"	3
<b>Striped Bass (freshwater only)</b> Striped bass regulations are subject to change. Consult our Web site <a href="http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com">www.NJFishandWildlife.com</a> and the news media for updates.				
 <p>Striped Bass</p>	March 1— Dec. 31	Statewide	28"	2
<b>Hybrid Striped Bass (freshwater only)</b> Striped bass regulations are subject to change. Consult our Web site <a href="http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com">www.NJFishandWildlife.com</a> and the news media for updates.				
 <p>Hybrid Striped Bass</p>	Open Year Round	Statewide (exceptions below)	16"	2
	March 1 — Dec. 31	Raritan River downstream of Duke Island Park dam	28"	2

# Fishing Regulations

SIZE, SEASON AND CREEL LIMITS

	SEASON	LOCATION	MINIMUM SIZE	DAILY LIMIT
<b>American Shad</b>				
 American Shad	Open Year Round	Statewide	No minimum size	6
<b>Channel Catfish</b>				
 Channel Catfish	Open Year Round	Statewide	12"	5
<b>Crappie (Black and White)</b>				
 Crappie	Open Year Round	Statewide	8"	10 combined
<b>Other Species</b>				
  rock bass, white bass, white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, bullheads, white catfish, suckers, carp, bowfin, redbin pickerel  	Open Year Round	Statewide (exceptions below)	no minimum size	25 combined
		Conservation Regulation Ryker Lake	Sunfish 7" Yellow Perch no minimum size	10 combined 10
		Conservation Regulation Rainbow Lake (Salem Co.)	Sunfish 7"	10 combined
<b>Freshwater Baitfish</b> (See page 23 for complete description of gear types and restrictions)				
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, marginated madtom, all shiners, daces, minnows and American eel	Open Year Round Exceptions: Baitfish may not be taken in trout stocked waters from March 19 to June 15.	Statewide	No minimum except 6" for American eel	35 combined

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# Fishing Regulations

## DELAWARE RIVER AND GREENWOOD LAKE

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### 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 hooks of 3 burrs 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 New Jersey nonresident license or a Pennsylvania resident license. Pennsylvania also enforces an 8-inch minimum on American eel. Eels used as bait must be at least 6 inches in length and no greater than 8 inches.

Hook-and-line anglers 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 Calhoun Street 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 feet of an eel weir.

SPECIES	OPEN SEASONS	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT
Trout	April 14–Sept. 30	no minimum	5
Walleye	open year round	18"	3
Chain pickerel	open year round	12"	5
Muskellunge & hybrids	open year round	30"	2
Northern pike	open year round	24"	2
Largemouth & Smallmouth bass	Jan. 1–April 13 and June 16–Dec. 31	12"	5 combined
	April 14–June 15	catch & release only	catch & release only
Striped bass & hybrids upstream of Calhoun St. Bridge	March 1–Dec. 31	28"	2
Striped bass & hybrids Downstream of Calhoun St. Bridge	March 1–31 & June 1–Dec. 31		
Shortnose sturgeon Atlantic sturgeon	illegal to take—endangered species illegal to take		
Alewife and Blueback herring (Anadromous and landlocked forms)	open year round	no minimum	35 combined
American shad	open year round	no minimum	6
Hickory shad	closed season	-	None
All other freshwater species	open year round	no minimum	
Baitfish* (see Alewife & Blueback above)	open year round	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 and all through Sunday until 12 midnight. 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 fishers 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	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT
Trout	no closed season	none	3
Largemouth & smallmouth bass	Jan. 1–April 14 and June 16–Dec. 31	12"	5 combined
	April 15–June 15	catch & release only	catch & release only
Chain pickerel	no closed season	15"	5
Muskellunge & hybrids	no closed season	36"	1
Walleye	Jan. 1–Feb. 28 & May 1–Dec. 31	18"	3
Channel catfish	no closed season	12"	5
Black & white crappie	no closed season	8"	10 combined
Sunfish (bluegill, redbreast, pumpkinseed)	no closed season	none	50 combined
Yellow perch	no closed season	none	50
All other species	no closed season	none	none



### 2007 BAITFISH REGULATIONS

This is not the full law. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife for further details. All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal authorities. See separate regulations for Delaware River (p. 22). For marine waters, see Marine Issue of *New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest*.

#### Baitfish Species

Baitfish species: alewife (anadromous and landlocked 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, chubs and the American eel. **In the Delaware River between New Jersey and Pennsylvania, alewife and blueback herring (anadromous and landlocked forms) are regulated as food fish with a one-day possession limit of 35 in aggregate. (See separate regulations for boundary waters, p. 22)**

Season	Location	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Open Year Round Exception: season closed March 20 through June 15 on trout stocked waters and special regulation trout areas	statewide (freshwaters)	No minimum size except 6" for Am. eel	35 per day, species combined

**Notes:** Any person with a valid fishing license (or those under 16 and those 70 years or older) may take baitfish in fresh waters. Possession limit is one day's limit, regardless of the intent to use these fish. Baitfish may be taken from the fresh waters of the state in numbers greater than 35 per day, in lakes over 250 acres, under a special permit issued by Fish and Wildlife at its discretion. Contact (908) 236-2118 for application information.

Gear	Gear Description
Seine	Not over 50 feet long in ponds & lakes over 100 acres; in all other waters not over 30 feet in length, or half the width of the stream at point of use, whichever is less. <b>Exception:</b> In trout-stocked waters and special regulation trout areas a seine may not be more than 10 feet in length and 4 feet in depth.
Minnnow trap	Not larger than 24" in length with a funnel mouth no greater than 2" in diameter.
Umbrella net	No greater than 3.5 feet square.
Dip net	Not more than 24" in diameter; may be used only for alewife or blueback herring.
Cast net	No greater than 8 feet in diameter; may be used only in streams that are not trout-stocked or special regulation trout areas (may not be used in lakes).
Hook and line	<b>Maximum of nine single hooks or three hooks with three burrs per contrivance on all waters except the Delaware River where only three single hooks are permitted.</b>

### 2007 TURTLE AND FROG REGULATIONS

Species	Season	Location	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Snapping turtle	January 1 – April 30 and June 16 – December 31	statewide	No min. size	3 per day
Bull frog and Green frog	January 1 – March 31 and July 1 – December 31	statewide	No min. size	15 per day combined

#### Means of Take

Any person with a valid fishing license or those entitled to fish without a license may take snapping turtles, bull frogs, and green frogs by means of spears, hooks, dip nets (not more than 24" in diameter), traps or by hand. Snapping turtles may not be taken with a gun or bow and arrow. Snapping turtles, bull frogs, and green frogs may be taken in numbers greater than the daily limit under a special permit issued by Fish and Wildlife at its discretion. Contact (908) 236-2118 for application information.

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OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

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# Fishing License Lines

2007 REGULATIONS

A fishing license is required to fish the fresh waters of the state. Locations listed below mark the change from salt water (license not required) to fresh water. A fishing license is required **at and upstream** of these locations.

## 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—Whitecar 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 fresh waters.
2. Names of waters conform to those given on the United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Topographic Series Maps.

Regulations for use of wildlife management areas (WMAs) 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 New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400.

Fish and Wildlife 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 Fish and Wildlife 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 Fish and Wildlife.

### Target Practice

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

### 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

### Field Trials

Permits for use of Wildlife Management Areas for running of field trials may be granted by Fish and Wildlife.

### Dog Training and Exercising

Dogs may only be trained between Sept. 1 and April 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 New Jersey 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. Apply for your permit through our Web site at [www.NJFishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com). This permit should be displayed on your outer clothing while riding. For additional information on horseback riding permits, call (609) 259-2132.

### Fishing Tournament

Any club or organization that would like to use Fish and Wildlife wildlife management areas for fishing tournaments must secure a permit from the Division. An application must be submitted to obtain a use permit. No fee is required. Applications will be accepted in January at Fish and Wildlife's Southern Region office, 220 Anchor Rd., Sicklerville, NJ 08081 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 Fish and Wildlife 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 New Jersey 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

### Create Your Own WMA Map

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has a Web-based tool called i-MapNJ. Those with Internet access can create maps for any Wildlife Management Area. i-MapNJ provides a wealth of other environmental information, too!

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](http://www.state.nj.us/dep)**. Click the **i-MapNJ button in the left column**.

Those without Internet access can request a specific Wildlife Management Area by calling (609) 984-0547.

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White Perch

# Fish Identification

NEW JERSEY FRESHWATER FISHES



Largemouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass



Redbreast Sunfish



Pumpkinseed Sunfish



Bluegill Sunfish



Black Crappie



White Crappie



Channel Catfish



White Catfish



Brown Bullhead



White Sucker



American Shad



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# Waterbodies

Waterbody	Some of New Jersey's Finest Fishing Opportunities
<b>Assunpink Lake</b>	One of New Jersey's Lunker Bass Lakes. This lake is managed under special regulations. 15-inch size limit and three fish creel. This lake annually produces bass in excess of seven pounds. The well-defined creek channel and submerged grass are prime largemouth habitat. Texas-rigged plastic worms, crankbaits, rattletraps and black and blue jigs are great lures. Crappie fishing really heats up in the spring when fish move into the shallow flats with stumps.
<b>Farrington Lake</b>	Located in the heart of Central New Jersey, Farrington Lake is considered one of the best northern pike lakes in the state. The upper section of the lake — and in particular, the Riva Ave bridge — are focal points of angling activity each spring. Excellent largemouth bass, black crappie and sunfish populations also exist. A spring stocking of trout rounds out the extensive fishing opportunities.
<b>Greenwood Lake</b>	Situated on the New York – New Jersey border, Greenwood Lake is a walleye and muskie paradise. Walleye are frequently caught in the northeast section of the lake, south of Chapel Island. Muskie can be found in the lake's many grass beds, particularly those in close proximity to deep water. Largemouth bass and smallmouth bass abound and are frequently targeted by tournament anglers. Bass fishing enthusiasts should try the grass bed north of Fox Island.
<b>Lake Aeroflex</b>	One of only six holdover trout lakes within the state, Lake Aeroflex provides year-round trout fishing opportunities. This lake received recently reintroduced landlocked Atlantic salmon. The current state record dating back to 1951 (8 pounds) once swam in its depths. Lake Aeroflex also provides opportunities for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Nestled away in Sussex County, it's a great place to get away.
<b>Lake Hopatcong</b>	New Jersey's largest lake also hosts one of the most diverse fisheries in the state. Stocked annually both by Fish and Wildlife and the Knee Deep Club, this 2,600 acre lake receives three species of trout (rainbow, brook and brown), walleye, channel catfish, muskie and hybrid striped bass. The lake also has an excellent population of largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch and black crappie. Lake Hopatcong is considered a freshwater angling dream. During the winter, ice fishing is extremely popular for several species. River Styx, Woodport, and King's Cove are always great fishing locations for a variety of species.
<b>Manasquan Reservoir</b>	In the sixteen years since it was first filled, this reservoir has developed an excellent warmwater fishery. There are acres of structure in the form of underwater tree stumps, cabled log fish shelters and stone rip-rapped dikes. Standing timber, encompassing much of the perimeter, is vertical structure for black crappies. Pea-sized gravel provides the ideal spawning substrate for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Landlocked alewife herring are forage for 7-pound hybrid striped bass and large channel catfish. Tiger Muskies and muskellunge fill the repertoire of fishing opportunities at Manasquan Reservoir.
<b>Mercer Lake</b>	Largemouth bass fishing is excellent in this impoundment with the deepest waters only about 20 feet. Fish and Wildlife recently completed an artificial habitat project where over 300 discarded Christmas trees were placed in the lake for habitat. Muskellunge have been quite productive here because of a large gizzard shad forage base and a healthy panfish population. Crappie and channel catfish are readily caught fishing in around the lakes abundant structure.
<b>Merrill Creek Reservoir</b>	Boasting depths of over 200 feet, Merrill Creek is only one of two reservoirs within the state with developed lake trout fisheries. Excellent smallmouth bass population also exist with extensive offerings of rip-rapped dikes and standing timber. Managed for trophy rainbow and brown trout. Angling opportunities are enhanced by sightings of bald eagles that frequent the reservoir and large flocks of snow geese that visit each winter.
<b>Monksville Reservoir</b>	Situated between Greenwood Lake and the Wanaque Reservoir, Monksville Reservoir supports a dynamic fishery for muskellunge, walleye, largemouth and smallmouth bass. Standing and fallen timber abound in this reservoir. Bass anglers will find great success fishing around the standing timber. Muskie fishing is excellent. The deep-water area near the dam is great for walleye. Crappie also can be found in and around the timber. Lake trout were stocked in the fall of 2006; time will tell what fishing opportunities will develop.
<b>Parvin Lake</b>	One of New Jersey's Lunker Bass Lakes, Parvin annually produces bass in excess of six pounds. Fall fishing can be phenomenal as largemouth gorge themselves of gizzard shad. October, November and December may be cold but the fishing is hot. The six-foot hole in front of the swimming beach is a must fish spot!
<b>Round Valley Reservoir</b>	New Jersey's premier trout fishing experience is found nestled within Hunterdon's Cushetunk Valley, featuring perhaps the most southern reproducing population of lake trout that reach trophy proportions. Brown and rainbow trout are also generously stocked both by Fish and Wildlife and the Round Valley Trout Association. The reservoir's excellent largemouth and smallmouth bass are gaining notoriety here and are found in the shallower areas (less than 50 feet) where a combination of vegetation and rock hold the largest numbers.
<b>Salem Canal</b>	Actually a damned-up section of the Salem River, this shallow impoundment is one of South Jersey's most popular largemouth bass hot spots. This is a shallow water angler's dream with abundant trees and lily pads to flip a jig and spinnerbait around. Fishing for black and white crappies is excellent around shallow wood cover and bridge abutments.
<b>Spruce Run Reservoir</b>	Spruce Run provides some of the most diverse fishing opportunities of the two Hunterdon County reservoirs. Hybrid striped bass are regularly caught trolling deep water in the southern and central part of the lake. Large and smallmouth bass, channel catfish, northern pike, crappie and carp are all-time favorites. The flats in the northern fingers where Spruce Run Creek, Black Brook and Mulhockaway Creek enter the lake are lined with stumps, making these prime locations for largemouth bass and black crappie.
<b>Swartswood Lake</b>	An excellent all around lake for largemouth, smallmouth, yellow perch, sunfish and crappie with many shallow areas and lots of emergent vegetation along the northern and eastern shorelines. It is also the place to target that trophy walleye. Maximum depth is 40 feet; the bottom is littered with large rocks and boulders. A spring stocking of trout also provides seasonal trout fishing opportunities.
<b>Union Lake</b>	Largemouth bass and smallmouth bass are the two most popular species targeted by anglers at Union Lake. Areas such as the "road bed" and the "osprey nest" are classic Union Lake hot spots. Try using Texas-rigged plastic worms, black and blue jigs and crankbaits around grass edges and drop-offs. Crappie fishing is hot in October and November. Try fishing live minnows and 1/16 ounce jigs around brush piles in 10-20 feet.

# New Jersey's Finest

County	Size (acres)	Boat Access	Outboard and other Restrictions	Fee	Directions
Monmouth	225	New concrete ramp	Electric motors only	No	Exit 11 off Rt.195. At ramp's end go north Cox's Corner and follow Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd. straight to boat ramp.
Middlesex	290	Gravel/dirt ramp	Electric motors only	No	Take U.S. 1 south approx. 1.5 mi. to exit for Rt.171 South/U.S. 130 south. Follow U.S.130 South approx. 1.5 miles to third traffic light (Washington Place). Left on Washington Place.
Passaic	1920	Concrete Ramp Private marinas along SW side of the lake	Unlimited horsepower, with a 45 mph speed limit.	Fees vary	Take Rt. 287 to Rt. 511 north to Rt. 210 north.
Sussex	100	Gravel ramp	Electric motors only Open to fishing 24 hours a day.	No	Rt. 80 to Rt. 206 north. Approx.. 8 miles through Andover Borough. Turn right onto Goodale Road and follow it approx. 1 mile to park entrance on right.
Morris	2685	Concrete ramp Private marinas and state and County Parks	Unlimited horsepower 30 mph speed limit in effect on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from May 15 - Sept. 15	Fees vary	Rt. 80 to Exit 30 (Mt. Arlington).
Monmouth	720	Concrete ramp	Electric motors only Boaters must wear life vest at all times. Propeller or gas tank must be removed from gas motor.	Yes	Located in Howell Twp, Exit 28 off Rt. 195. Follow Rt. 9 to Windeler Rd.
Mercer	275	Concrete ramp	Electric motors only	No	Rt. 295 to Sloan Ave. east (Rt. 649), becomes Flock Rd. to Rt. 535 (Mercerville-Edinburg Rd./Old Trenton Rd.) to park entrance.
Warren	650	Concrete ramp	Electric motors only Boats must be at least 12 feet in length. Boat ramp is open from dawn until dusk.	Yes	Rt. 78, Exit 4, right at bottom of ramp. Turn right at blinking light onto Rt. 638, Washington Street. Cross diagonally over Rt. 57 and go up Montana Rd. Go 2 mi., bear left at Y-intersection. Turn left on Merrill Creek Rd.
Passaic	505	Concrete ramp	9.9 horsepower limit	No	East of the town of West Milford, take Rt. 513 (Marshall Hill Rd.) to Greenwood Lake Turnpike (Rt. 511).
Salem	95	Concrete ramp	Electric motors only	No	Rt. 55 to Exit 35/Garden Rd. (Follow signs for Parvin State Park). Turn left on Parvins Mill Rd. Go through blinking light. See ramp on right.
Hunterdon	2350	Concrete ramp	9.9 horsepower limit	No	Rt. 22 to Round Valley Access Rd. Turn left onto Rt. 629. Boat launch on the right. Additional access located within the Round Valley Recreation Area, located app. 1/2 mile further south off Round Valley Access Rd.
Salem	250	Concrete ramp located on Rt. 540; construction completion by spring 2007	Unlimited horsepower Use caution when navigating due to shallow waters.	No	From the east, follow Rt. 40 west. See ramp on left immediately after crossing small bridge over creek.
Hunterdon	1290	Concrete ramp Boat livery; open seasonally.	9.9 horsepower limit	Memorial Day to Labor Day	Rt. 78 to Rt. 31 north. Turn left onto Van Syckle's Rd. Recreation Area entrance located approx. 1 mile on left.
Sussex	494	Concrete ramp	Electric motors only	No	Take Rt. 94 to Rt. 610 or Rt. 622, which both lead to Swartswood's East Shore Dr. Ramp and park entrance off East Shore Drive
Cumberland	898	Concrete ramp	9.9 horsepower limit	No	Rt. 55 to Rt. 49 West to Carmel Ave. Turn right into parking lot.

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*By Pat Hamilton, Principal Fisheries Biologist  
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**N**ew Jersey's waterways provide an amazing variety of trout fishing opportunities. Hatchery-reared trout are stocked in all 21 counties and wild, stream-bred trout can be found scattered across the northern tier of the state. Jersey-fresh trout can be caught from the shores of lakes, ponds and streams, or anglers can don boots and wade streams to reach a trout's favorite hiding place. Boating is yet another way for anglers to zero in on hotspots for trout. Beginner and seasoned anglers can experience trout fishing during all four seasons thanks to Fish and Wildlife's multifaceted trout program.

Much of the excellent trout fishing anglers enjoy in New Jersey today is the result of a finely-tuned stocking program. The Pequest Trout Hatchery, located in Warren County, consistently produces healthy brook, brown and rainbow trout as a result of modern technology and a high quality water supply. Six production wells in the Pequest Valley continuously supply flowing water — up to seven thousand gallons per minute — at a constant temperature (52°F) year round. Clean, moving cold water is key to the success of this 23-year-old trout rearing facility. Nearby, the Hackettstown Fish Hatchery raises lake trout. Landlocked Atlantic salmon, a recent addition to our repertoire of salmonids, are obtained from a state fish hatchery in Massachusetts. Revenue generated by the sale of trout stamps helps offset the cost of raising and stocking trout.

The spring is undoubtedly Fish and Wildlife's most popular trout stocking program with 570,000 trout and 200 waters stocked during this season. Each spring waters are stocked with catchable-size brook, brown and rainbow trout averaging 10 -11 inches each. Large trout, weighing 3 to 5 pounds apiece known as broodstock or breeders, are also mixed in with the truckloads of trout early in the season. The hatchery trucks are

on the road daily over a ten-week period, from late March through May, delivering trout to designated waters.

### **New Jersey releases over 180,000 trout for Opening Day!**

During the three weeks just prior to opening day, 180,000 fish are stocked. That's over 30 percent of the entire spring trout allocation! Because fishing is prohibited on most trout-stocked waters during this pre-season period, these "untouched" trout aren't fair game until 8 a.m. on Opening Day in April. Many anglers eagerly anticipate this day, considered by many to be a harbinger of spring and one of the best times to catch your limit of trout. The remaining trout (390,000) are distributed during the seven-week in-season period following opening day. Enjoyable and productive trout fishing is still available into May and June, when trout-stocked waters become less crowded as some anglers turn their attention to warmwater fisheries such as bass, sunfish and catfish.

As summer approaches and water temperatures climb above 72°F, most of the spring trout stocked ponds, lakes and many streams become too warm to support trout. Yet a number of lakes and streams remain cold enough to sustain trout during the summer and provide good fishing year-round. Most of the 16 major rivers (those closed to fishing until 5 p.m. on spring stocking dates) harbor trout throughout the summer over all or portions of their length. For a sure bet, try fishing those sections covered by special regulations for these waters designated

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as Trout Conservation Areas or Fly Fishing Areas. Anglers can also catch trout during the summer in the Trophy Trout Lakes and Holdover Trout Lakes, provided they target deeper, colder water. These special regulation areas are described on pages 18 and 19.

### Impressive trout stocked for fall and winter fishing

As summer comes to a close and cooler temperatures again prevail, the fall and winter trout stocking programs kick in. In 2006, the Pequest Trout Hatchery began turning out larger trout (two-year olds, averaging 14 – 16 inches) for these two late-season stocking programs. The odds of hooking a big trout are in your favor!

In early October during the two-week stocking period, 20,000 trout are stocked into 16 rivers in northern and central Jersey, and 16 ponds in the central and southern portions of the state. Fall is an incredible time to fish for these large salmonids! Anglers can also make the most of the holiday season, as 24 additional lake are stocked immediately prior to Thanksgiving as part of the winter program. As winter descends and ice appears, fishing for trout heats up. Those big trout that elude anglers all winter will be awaiting anglers next spring.

### Lakers run deep in New Jersey reservoirs

New Jersey has several unique trout fishing opportunities which years ago were only available to those making the long trek to more northerly states or Canada. Lake trout, a deep dwelling salmonid, have been introduced into several reservoirs having suitable, deep-water habitat. Both Round Valley and Merrill Creek reservoirs provide endless hours of fishing for these deepdwelling giants! Lakers up to 32 pounds grace the waters of Round Valley, where natural reproduction supports the fishery.

Monksville Reservoir was recently added to this stocking program; but only time will tell of the fishery that ultimately develops. Learn how to fish for these trophy specimens on page 43.

### Catch monster sea-run brown trout

The sea-run brown trout program, initiated in 1997 on the Manasquan River, has yielded some big browns up to nine pounds. Surplus 8-inch brown trout from the Pequest Trout Hatchery are stocked annually each October in the river's tidal freshwater and brackish waters. These small fish migrate into the estuary where they may spend several years before returning to freshwater. Although these fish do not return in large numbers, but rather more individually or in small groups, they are big fish. Anglers have reported catching sea run browns up to 13 pounds! The prime time for fishing for these silvery brutes is during the fall and winter, particularly following a rain event when they are attracted by a surge of freshwater.

### Landlocked salmon offer unique opportunity

In May 2006, Fish and Wildlife expanded its trout stocking program by adding a new and exciting fish species into two deep-water Sussex County lakes (Lake Aeroflex and Lake Wawayanda) the hard-fighting landlocked salmon. This landlocked form of the Atlantic salmon does not migrate out to sea to complete their life cycle. When they reach maturity (several years after being stocked) the salmon may attempt to spawn in the tributaries and outlet streams of these lakes. However, it is unlikely that any resulting natural reproduction will be sufficient to maintain the fishery, so annual stockings of 7-inch yearlings are planned. This fishery will begin to take off in 2007 as the stocked salmon gorge on alewives (herring) and put on weight.

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### Rich colors saturate wild trout

The popular stocking programs run by Fish and Wildlife tend to overshadow a lesser-known opportunity available to trout anglers in New Jersey – wild trout fishing. Few anglers are aware of the many small brooks tumbling down the hills and mountains of north Jersey that contain naturally reproducing, wild trout populations. Wild trout are typically smaller and far less abundant than their hatchery-reared counterpart, but their coloration and beauty are unmatched. Fishing on a small stream which one can practically jump across, can be quite challenging, even for experienced anglers. Although wild trout are a renewable resource, intense fishing pressure on small populations could jeopardize their long-term survival. The small contingent of anglers who delight in fishing for wild trout typically release their catch, even when a legal-size trout is caught.

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### Spring Trout Stocking

Season opens April 7. See Trout Stocked Waters page 14 and Trout Regulations page 18.

### Fall Trout-Stocked Rivers and Lakes

Fall stocking will occur in the weeks beginning Oct. 2 and Oct. 8, 2007.

- Atlantic County**—Hammonton Lake
- Bergen County**—Ramapo River
- Burlington County**—Crystal Lake, Sylvan Lake
- Camden County**—Oak Pond, Grenloch Lake
- Cumberland County**—Giampetro Park Pond, Mary Elmer Lake, Maurice River
- Gloucester County**—Grenloch Lake, Greenwich Lake, Iona Lake, Swedesboro Lake
- Hunterdon County**—Musconetcong River, S/Br. Raritan River
- Mercer County**—Colonial Lake, Rosedale Lake
- Middlesex County**—Farrington Lake, Roosevelt Park Pond
- Monmouth County**—Manasquan River
- Morris County**—Black River, Musconetcong River, S/Br. Raritan River, Rockaway River
- Ocean County**—N/Br. & S/Br. Metedeconk River, Toms River
- Passaic County**—Wanaque River
- Salem County**—Schadlers Sand Wash Pond
- Somerset County**—N/Br. & S/Br. Raritan River
- Sussex County**—Big Flat Brook, Paulinskill River, Pequest River, Walkkill River, Musconetcong River
- Warren County**—Musconetcong River, Paulinskill River, Pequest River, Pohatcong Creek

### Winter Trout-Stocked Lakes

Stocking dates are Nov. 19 – 21, 2007.

- Atlantic County**—Birch Grove Park Pond
- Bergen County**—Mill Pond
- Camden County**—Haddon Lake, Rowands Pond
- Cumberland County**—Shaws Mill Pond
- Essex County**—Verona Park Pond
- Gloucester County**—Mullica Hill Pond
- Hudson County**—Woodcliff Lake
- Hunterdon County**—Amwell Lake
- Middlesex County**—Hook's Creek Lake
- Monmouth County**—Spring Lake, Topenemus Lake
- Morris County**—Mt. Hope Pond, Speedwell Lake
- Ocean County**—Lake Shenandoah
- Passaic County**—Barbours Pond, Green Turtle Pond
- Salem County**—Riverview Beach Pond
- Sussex County**—Lake Aeroflex, Lake Ocquittunk, Little Swartswood Lake, Silver Lake
- Union County**—Lower Echo Lake
- Warren County**—Furnace Lake

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## Largemouth bass



### General facts

One of the most sought after freshwater fish nationwide, largemouth bass can be found in almost every lake, pond, slow moving river or stream throughout the state. Their diverse diet offers the opportunity for anglers to use a variety of fishing techniques. Bass are a shallow water species for most of the year, often found in or near vegetation, brush piles, logs and stumps, rocks and docks. Targeting these types of structure will lead to many successful fishing trips.

### Prime Fishing Time

Season	Time of Day
Spring	Day time
Summer	Early morning, evening and night
Fall	Daytime
Winter	Daytime

### Seasonality

In early spring, largemouth bass move out of their deep wintering areas and onto shallow flats. Here they remain throughout the spring and into early summer. Higher mid-summer surface water temperatures cause bass to move slightly deeper in the lake in favor of cooler water. In late September and October, bass may school in open areas of the lake, feeding heavily in preparation for the upcoming winter. Winter can be another great time to catch bass, either ice-fishing or in open water.

### Gear:

*Fishing Rod* — 5.5 to 7 ft.

*Line* — 6 to 14 lb. test monofilament

### Key Fishing Areas:

Assunpink Lake, Cooper River Lake, Delaware Lake, Greenwood Lake, Lake Hopatcong, Manasquan Reservoir, Merrill Creek Reservoir, Monksville Reservoir, Newton Lake, Parvin Lake, Rainbow Lake, Round Valley Reservoir, Salem Canal, Splitrock Reservoir, Stone Tavern Lake, Union Lake, Lower Delaware River and Maurice River.

### Size:

Adults typically range 1- 6 lbs. (average 2 lbs.)

### Skillful Angler Award (min. size):

*Adult:* 6 lbs.

*Junior:* 4 lbs.

*Catch & Release:* 21 in.

### State Record:

10 lbs., 14 oz, Menantico Sand Pond (1980)

### Bait

Live minnows, worms or crayfish are common baits for bass fishing. A small split shot weight (size #7) can be added 6 to 9 inches above a #4 hook. A bobber is not necessary, but if preferred, should be placed 12 to 24 inches above the weight. Cast towards structure such as weeds, logs, stumps and docks. Slowly reel in excess line as necessary.

### Artificial Lures

**Spinnerbait** – A 3/8 oz., white or chartreuse spinnerbait with either a #4 willow leaf blade for clear waters, or a #4 Colorado blade in cold and muddy water. Cast in and around structure using a steady retrieve.

**Crankbait** – Use lures approximately 3 to 4 inches in size. Choose colors that mimic the fish on which bass naturally feed such as shiner, sunfish, yellow perch and others. Cast beyond structure and try a steady or varied retrieve.

**Plastic Worms** – Popular colors for bass are black, brown, green, pumpkin or white. Cast near structure, let sink, twitch, retrieve and cast again. *Examples:* Berkley Power Worm, Senko, Zoom Finesse Worm



In late March, try for big, pre-spawn bass in over-wintering holes near shallow spawning areas by casting a 1/4 to 1/2 oz. Rattletrap in shad color for clear water, chartreuse for stained or muddy water. In late June, cast a Texas-rigged plastic worm in and around vegetation.

For more information visit the following Web sites: [www.NJFishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com), [www.bassmaster.com](http://www.bassmaster.com), [www.flwoutdoors.com](http://www.flwoutdoors.com), [www.bassfan.com](http://www.bassfan.com), [www.bassfishin.com](http://www.bassfishin.com), [www.njbassfed.org](http://www.njbassfed.org), and [www.federationnationofnj.org](http://www.federationnationofnj.org).



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## Smallmouth bass



### General facts

Best known for their airborne leaps and sudden deep dives, smallmouth bass are one of the most exciting species to catch. They are found in medium to large streams and clear, deep lakes and reservoirs. Unlike their close cousins the largemouth bass, smallies prefer cool, clear, swift rivers and cool, deep, rocky lakes. Perhaps James A. Hensall said it best in his *Book of the Black Bass* (1881), "...inch for inch and pound for pound, the gamest fish that swims."

### Seasonality

Similar to largemouth, smallmouth bass become more active in the early spring when water temperatures rise above 50° F. Smallies seek out shallow spawning areas with gravel and rock adjacent to deep water. The summer heat results in a large number of smallmouths moving to deeper areas of the lake with dropoffs and mounds. In rivers and streams, summer smallies will concentrate around breaks in the current near deep water. In late September and October, smallmouths school heavily in open areas of lakes and rivers, feeding on available forage. When water temperatures drop below 50°F metabolism slows, prompting these fish to move into deepwater wintering areas.

Prime Fishing Time	
Season	Time of Day
Spring	Daytime
Summer	Early morning, evening and night
Fall	Daytime
Winter	Daytime

### Bait

Live minnows, worms, crayfish, and hellgrammites are common baits for smallmouth bass fishing. Add small split shot (size #7) 6 to 12 inches above a #2 hook. In rivers and streams, cast into current breaks and eddy areas, then let the bait drift and bounce along the bottom.

### Artificial Lures

**Crankbait** – Try a #9 floating rainbow trout Rapala. Use the recommended *Rapala Knot* and the slowest retrieve at which you can feel the lure working. For lakes, try a Rapala DT-6 in hot mustard or shad colors.

**Jigs** – A 3.5- to 4-inch green pumpkin tube bait with 1/8 to 1/4 oz. jig. Cast in slow current areas, let sink, twitch, retrieve a few turns and let sink again. Repeat.

**Spinners** – Use a size #2 silver or gold spinner with a slow retrieve. For lakes, try a chartreuse and white 3/8- to 1/2 oz. spinnerbait that has either gold or chartreuse-and-white willow leaf blades.



In the summer, wade the upper Delaware or Raritan River casting a shallow diving crankbait, or spinner. If fishing with crayfish or hellgrammites, keep them alive by storing in a container with wet burlap in your fridge or other cool place.

### Gear:

*Fishing Rod* — 5.5 to 7 ft.

*Line* — 6 to 14 lb. test monofilament

### Key Fishing Areas:

Canistear Reservoir, Clinton Reservoir, Echo Lake Reservoir, Manasquan Reservoir, Merrill Creek Reservoir, Monksville Reservoir, Oak Ridge Reservoir, Round Valley Reservoir, Splitrock Reservoir, Union Lake, N/Br and S/Br Raritan River and Delaware River.

### Size:

Adults typically range 1-4 lbs. (average 1.5 lbs.)

### Skillful Angler Award (min. size):

*Adult:* 4 lbs.

*Junior:* 3 lbs.

*Catch & Release:* 19 in.

### State Record:

7 lbs., 2 oz., Round Valley Reservoir (1990)

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## Walleye



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### Prime Fishing Time

Season	Time of Day
Spring	Early morning
Summer	Early morning, evening, night
Fall	Morning, early evening
Winter	Early evening

### Gear:

**Fishing Rod** — 5.5 to 7 ft.

**Line** — 6 to 14 lb. test monofilament

### Key Fishing Areas:

Canistear Reservoir, Delaware River, Greenwood Lake, Lake Hopatcong, Monksville Reservoir, and Swartswood Lake.

### Size:

Adults typically range 2 - 8 lbs. (average 3 lbs.)

### Skillful Angler Award (min. size):

*Adult:* 6 lbs.

*Junior:* 4.5 lbs.

*Catch & Release:* 24 in.

### State Record:

13 lbs., 9 oz., Delaware River (1993)

### General facts

In terms of popularity, walleye fishing is the fastest growing sport fishery in the country. New Jersey has created top-notch walleye fisheries that may rival many well-known walleye destinations in neighboring states. Due to minimal successful natural-occurring reproduction walleye populations are maintained through annual stocking programs. These trophy specimens are also noted for their excellent eating quality. Walleye prefer moderately deep, large lakes and reservoirs with rocky or gravel bottoms. They are found near the bottom, in and around structure such as rocks, stumps, drop-offs and weeds. Walleye are light sensitive, so they are most active in low light conditions (i.e., overcast days, choppy water, dawn, dusk) and at night.

### Seasonality

In the spring, *lake-dwelling* walleye move from deep wintering areas into the shallows to spawn. During the summer months, they can be found at moderate depths (15 – 30 feet), but may move into the shallow areas at night. As cooler fall temperatures prevail, walleye will begin to move into deeper wintering areas. In *river systems*, walleye reside below dams and islands, and at the mouths of tributaries during the late winter to early spring. During the summer, as with lakes, they can be found at moderate depths, which varies with stream size. In the late fall and winter, walleye seek out deep pool areas.

### Bait

Try minnows, leeches or night crawlers fished on a 1/8 to 3/8 oz. jig retrieved or drifted bouncing along the bottom. In lakes, drift a worm harness or plain-leadered hook or floating jig head with a slip sinker above the barrel swivel (Lindy rig-style) or bounce a sinker along the bottom. Drifting live alewife herring on a #6 hook suspended off the bottom using a 1/4 to 1/2 oz. egg sinker is a simple and very effective method for walleye.

### Artificial Lures

**Crankbait** – Use a 2.5- to 5-inch size crankbait. Popular colors include orange, firetiger, or black/silver. Troll or cast toward the shoreline. *Examples:* Rapala Husky Jerk or Wally Diver.

**Jig** – Use a 1/8- to 3/8-ounce jig, white or chartreuse, tipped with a plastic Mr. Twister or Sassy Shad bounced along the bottom. Use the lightest weight jig that will reach the bottom. Through the ice, in deeper areas of the lake, jig a Rapala Swimming Jig one-foot off the bottom using a repeated lift-and-pause motion.



In lakes, from mid-May to mid-June, cast crankbaits near shore at night to walleye feeding on alewives in the shallows. In the fall, try vertical jigging in deep areas in the early morning or evening. In the winter, on the Delaware River, bounce and retrieve a jig with a night crawler or a 6-in. motor oil-colored power worm.

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## Channel catfish

### General facts

The channel catfish is the largest member of the catfish family found in New Jersey. Stocked in 90 waterbodies throughout the state, they can be found in the Delaware River plus large lakes and small urban ponds. Channel catfish are generally bottom feeders, consuming nearly all aquatic life-forms including fish, insects and crustaceans. They feed mostly at night, using their barbels and sense of taste to locate food.



### Seasonality

During the winter, channel catfish are highly concentrated in deep water, lying almost dormant. Their activity increases as water temperatures reach 50° F. At 60° F, channels leave their wintering locations in search of food and will bite readily. Spawning begins when days become longer and water temperatures reaches 75° F. Prime fishing occurs during the summer months where channel catfish can be caught 24 hours-a-day with nighttime being the most productive fishing period.

### Prime Fishing Time

Season	Time of Day
Spring	Day and night
Summer	Early morning, evening and night
Fall	Day and night
Winter	Minimal activity

### Bait

Bottom fishing is the most common technique for channel catfish. Use a #6 to #1 hook, with several large (size #1) split shots attached one to two feet above the hook. A slip sinker rig can be made by threading a 3/4 to 2 oz. egg sinker on the line with a size BB split shot between the hook and sinker, 2 feet above the hook. Also, try a three-way swivel with a hook tied on a 2-foot leader on one eye and on the other eye a 3/4- to 2-ounce bell sinker tied to one foot of 4 pound test monofilament leader. If the sinker gets stuck, the lightweight leader will break and the rest of the rig will be salvaged.

**Cut Baits** – Use oily fish (1-inch chunks), dead shiners, shrimp, chicken liver, hot dogs, crayfish tails and commercial stink baits. Hook cut bait through the center, and replace them often.

**Live Baits** – Hook worms multiple times and leave an inch dangling. Hook large shiners near the dorsal fin, above the lateral line. For crayfish, insert hook on top-side where tail joins the body (parallel to length) so point of hook faces tip of tail.

### Gear:

**Fishing Rod** – 7 ft. medium action  
**Line** — 10 to 15 lb. test monofilament

### Key fishing areas:

Assunpink Lake, Cooper River Lake, Furnace Lake, Lake Hopatcong, Manasquan Reservoir, Mary Elmer Lake, Rising Sun Lake, Spruce Run Reservoir, Stone Tavern Lake and the Delaware River.

### Size:

Adults typically range from 2 to 3 lbs.; however, fish over 5 lbs. are common.

### Skillful Angler Award (min. size):

**Adult:** 10 lbs., 8 oz.  
**Junior:** 8 lbs.  
**Catch & Release:** 35 in.

### State Record:

33 lbs., 3 oz., Lake Hopatcong (1978)

### Artificial Lures

Although artificial lures are not commonly used to catch channel catfish, occasionally they do strike lures. A shallow-diving, chartreuse-colored crankbait may produce results.



Take advantage of a great **night bite** all summer long. Invite friends and line the shoreline of a lake or large river using forked sticks for rod holders. Expect nonstop action from channel cats plus anticipate strikes from additional species such as white catfish, bullheads, American eels and even striped bass.

For more information visit the following Web sites: [www.NJFishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com), [www.brotherhood-of-catfishermen.com](http://www.brotherhood-of-catfishermen.com), [www.catfishingamerica.com](http://www.catfishingamerica.com), [www.catfisherman.net](http://www.catfisherman.net), and [www.catfishing-tips.web1000.com](http://www.catfishing-tips.web1000.com).

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## Trout: Brook, Brown and Rainbow



### General facts

New Jersey offers extensive year round trout fishing opportunities through an aggressive stocking program encompassing over 200 waterways and extending across three seasons. Holdover and trophy trout lakes, trout conservation areas and naturally reproducing trout streams provide fishing opportunities that range from fishing for small native brook trout to trophy fisheries for lake trout.

### Seasonality

In early spring, lower water temperatures conducive to trout remain through the end of May. In designated holdover lakes, stocked trout can be found in relatively shallow water along the shoreline. By June, increasing temperatures limit trout fishing to designated Holdover Trout lakes, plus Seasonal and Year Round designated Trout Conservation Areas and naturally reproducing trout streams. Fish in designated holdover lakes will move to moderate depths of 20-50 feet as surface temperatures begin to increase. In the fall, as cooler temperatures prevail, trout can be found at all depths.

### Prime Fishing Time

Season	Time of Day
Spring	Morning, late afternoon
Summer	Morning, late afternoon
Fall	Morning, late afternoon
Winter	Morning, late afternoon

### Gear:

*Spinning Rod* — 5 to 6 ft.

*Line* — 4 to 8 lb. test monofilament

### Key Fishing Areas:

In early spring, over 570,00 trout are distributed among 200 lakes, ponds, rivers and streams throughout the state. In the fall, selected large streams throughout the state and lakes in central and southern portions of the state are re-stocked with 14- to 16-inch trout. Additional lakes are stocked prior to Thanksgiving for winter trout fishing opportunities. For more information concerning New Jersey's trout program, see page 31, trout stocked waters are listed on pages 14 and 15.

### Size (typical range):

Brook — 1/3-2 lbs. (avg. 1/2 lb.)

Brown — 1/3-4 lbs. (avg. 1/2 lb.)

Rainbow — 1/3-4 lbs. (avg. 1/2 lb.)

### Bait

Try earthworms, night crawlers, meal worms, salmon eggs, powerbait and minnows on a #6 to #10 hook. Place a small BB sized split shot 6 to 12 inches above the hook. In streams, cast towards opposite bank, in a slight upstream direction and allow to drift and bounce along the bottom. In lakes, fish on the bottom or add a bobber to suspend bait. From a boat, drift night crawlers, shiners or alewife herring using a slip bobber or egg sinker and suspend at desired depth.

### Artificial Lures

**Spinners** – Small spinners, silver, gold or black in color. Cast towards opposite bank, slightly upstream and retrieve. Also cast to undercut banks, overhanging vegetation and upstream-end of pools. *Examples:* Mepps No. 1, Rooster tail 1/16 oz. and Panther Martin 1/12 oz.

**Spoons** – Small spoons for seasonal lakes, large spoons for holdover lakes. Common colors include silver, gold, blue/silver, or firetiger. Troll shallow waters in early spring, moving deeper with the use of downriggers by mid-summer. *Examples:* Luhr Jensen's Needle Fish, Phoebe and Cleo. *Examples:* Storms Thunderstick, Rapalas (floating) and Yo-Zuri's Crystal Minnow.

**Crankbaits** – Small, minnow imitation-style crankbaits. Troll shallow waters in early spring, moving deeper with the use of downriggers by mid-summer.



Be sure to see Nonstop Trout-Jersey Fresh on page 31 for endless trout fishing opportunities.

For more information visit the following Web sites: [www.NJFishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com), [www.rvta.org](http://www.rvta.org), and [www.merrillcreek.com](http://www.merrillcreek.com)

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## Trout: Lakers and Landlocks

### General facts

New Jersey's trout fishing opportunities also include trophy-sized lake trout and most recently, landlocked Atlantic salmon have been reintroduced. Both landlocked salmon and lake trout prefer deep, cold lakes rich with oxygen. Round Valley Reservoir currently supports a naturally-reproducing lake trout population originally introduced in 1977 and may represent the southern-most population for this species in the United States.



Tyler Mason

### Seasonality

During early spring, landlocks and lakers can be found throughout the entire water column including shallower depths close to shore. As surface temperatures increase, they begin to seek cooler, deeper waters. Lake trout inhabit deep water areas from 40 to 120 feet. In Round Valley, 70 feet is a good starting point. In the summer, salmon can be located within the thermocline, the layer of water which separates the warmer top water and the cold denser water on the bottom. In Lake Wawayanda the thermocline is between 14 and 40 feet, and in Lake Aeroflex from 16 to 34 feet. In the fall, when the thermocline breaks up, salmon can be caught on the surface, at the mouths of streams flowing into the lake or along the shoreline. Lakers can be found congregating along rock dikes and dams. In the winter, salmon can be caught through the ice.

#### Prime Fishing Time

Season	Time of Day
Spring	Morning, late afternoon
Summer	Early morning
Fall	Anytime
Winter	Daytime

### Bait

Use alewife herring and golden shiners. When drifting live bait from a boat, use a #4 or #6 hook approximately 2 feet below a barrel swivel, with enough weight to bring the bait down to the desired depths. Insert hook near the dorsal fin, above the lateral line. For lake trout fish a foot or two off the bottom. For landlocks, fish as you would for brown trout by suspending the bait just above — or within — the thermocline in mid-summer and nearer the surface in spring and fall. Shoreline anglers can fish live bait on bobbers near drop offs with bait suspended 3 to 5 feet from the bobber.

### Artificial Lures

**Trolling** – Use 3- to 4-inch flutterspoons, chrome or chartreuse with some fluorescent orange on the lure. For lakers, target within 3 feet of the bottom using downriggers. *Examples:* #44 or #88 Sutton spoon; Luhr Jensen's Hood River or Oregon. Streamer flies are popular in New England's landlocked salmon waters. Troll shallow waters in early spring, moving deeper with the use of downriggers by mid-summer.

**Jigging** – Try a 1 to 2 oz. white bucktail jig or a silver or gold metal jigging spoon. Vertically jig by repeatedly dropping and lifting jig or spoon near the bottom; specific techniques vary. *Examples:* Hopkins, Kastmaster, and the Crippled Herring.

#### Gear:

*Fishing Rod* — 6 to 9 ft.

*Line* — 6 to 17 lb. test monofilament

#### Key Fishing Areas:

Round Valley and Merrill Creek Reservoir for lake trout;

Lake Aeroflex and Wawayanda Lake for landlocked Atlantic salmon.

#### Size:

Typical range: 2 - 4 lbs.

#### Skillful Angler Award (min)

Lake trout

*Adult:* 12 lbs.

*Junior:* 8 lbs.

*Catch & Release:* 31 in.

#### State Record:

Lake trout 32 lbs., 8 oz.  
Round Valley  
(2002)

Landlocked salmon 8 lbs.  
Lake Aeroflex  
(1951)



For lakers from January through March, try bucktails or spoons in 70- to 90-foot depths. For landlocked salmon, troll crankbaits, spoons or streamer flies near the surface after ice-out.

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## Hybrid striped bass



### General facts

A cross between a striped bass and white bass, the combined traits of these two species make hybrid striped bass a voracious game species. They are well adapted to several large lakes and reservoirs in the state. Unlike many other game species, the hybrid striped bass is a schooling species that prefers open water. Hybrid stripers occasionally congregate on drop-offs, points of land and sunken islands.

Hybrids feed predominantly on herring and are most active during periods of low light. Populations are maintained through an annual stocking program.

### Seasonality

In early spring, hybrids are found near stream channels, and at the mouths of tributaries. By mid-spring, through early fall, hybrids are suspended at moderate depths of 10 to 20 feet throughout the entire lake. They may move into the shallows and near the surface at night, following herring. In the summer at Spruce Run, fish in 12 feet of water or less, as oxygen levels bottom out as the water heats up. In Lake Hopatcong target depths 15 feet or less. As cooler temperatures prevail in the fall, they move to deeper wintering areas.

### Prime Fishing Time

Season	Time of Day
Spring	Day time
Summer	Evening
Fall	Daytime
Winter	Midday

### Gear:

*Fishing Rod* — 5.5 to 7 ft.

*Line* — 6 to 8 lb. test monofilament

### Key Fishing Areas:

Lake Hopatcong, Manasquan Reservoir and Spruce Run Reservoir.

### Size:

Adults typically range 2 - 8 lbs. (average 3 lbs.)

### Skillful Angler Award (min. size):

*Adult:* 8 lbs.

*Junior:* 6 lbs.

*Catch & Release:* 24 in.

### State Record:

16 lbs., 4 oz., Culvers Lake (1999)

### Bait

Live alewife or shiner suspended at 10 to 20-foot depths using a 1/4 to 3/4 oz. egg sinker or slip bobber, with a #6 or #4 hook depending on the size of your bait. A live or dead herring trolled using down riggers or in-line sinker. Chicken liver or night crawlers fished from the shoreline using an egg sinker to fish on the bottom. Fishing with an open bale or a very light drag setting is recommended by the pros to prevent loss of line and fish.

### Artificial Lures

**Crankbait:** A 2.5 to 5 in. black/silver, gold, or firetiger crankbait, trolled or cast towards shore or to surface feeding hybrids. *Examples:* Rapala Shad Rap, Rapala Husky Jerk, Storm Thunderstick or Storm Swimming Minnow. As for stick baits try a Thin-Fin, in purple and white/silver.

**Rattletrap:** A 1/4 to 1/2 oz. blue/silver rattle trap. Cast towards points and drop offs. *Examples:* Bill Lewis Rat-L-Trap or Rattlin' Rapala.



On summer evenings when hybrids move towards the surface feeding on herring, cast shallow running, minnow imitation crankbaits to the edge of the schooling herring.

For more information, visit the following Web sites: [www.NJFishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com) and [www.kneedeepclub.org](http://www.kneedeepclub.org).

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## Muskellunge



### General facts

The largest member of the pike family, muskellunge are one of the sport-fish most highly-prized by anglers. Reaching over 4 feet in length, Jersey muskies grow to trophy proportions that rival fish from many of the best waters in the country. This elusive fish is seldom abundant, with one adult fish per acre considered a good fishery. Known as the fish of 10,000 casts, muskellunge in New Jersey do not stick by that standard and are routinely caught with less effort. Muskies are generally a shallow-water fish, preferring areas of weeds, logs and other cover in both lake and river environments.

### Prime Fishing Time

Season	Time of Day
Spring	Daytime
Summer	Early morning, evening and night
Fall	Daytime
Winter	Daytime

### Seasonality

Fishing is relatively consistent from late spring to mid-fall, with September and October considered two of the best months. Most muskie fishing takes place during daylight hours, with the afternoon considered the most productive time of day. Muskies will move deeper as waters become increasingly warm in the summer months.

### Bait

Attach a #2/0 single hook or 1/0 treble hook to a 12-inch wire leader. Thread the hook through the lips or behind the dorsal fin of a 6- to 10-inch sucker, trout (purchased), or shiner and suspend the bait by attaching a float 2 to 3 feet above the leader. Exercise caution when using live bait to prevent killing muskies that may swallow the hook. If the hook has been swallowed, do not try to remove it but carefully cut the leader at the point closest to the mouth. When planning to catch and release these trophy specimens, use artificial lures.

### Artificial Lures

Cast large, 5- to 9-inch, sucker or perch colored crankbaits (*examples*: Believer or Swim Whiz), bucktail spinners (*example*: Mepps Musky Killer), or chartreuse spinnerbaits (1/2 to 1 oz.) around available structure and edges of weed beds. Retrieve quickly. Trolling these lures is often effective once the waters have warmed and the fish have moved deeper. The rule of thumb is smaller lures in the spring and larger lures during the fall. If muskies frequently follow the lure to the boat without striking, swirl the lure through the water in a figure eight pattern at the end of the retrieve.

### Gear:

*Fishing Rod* — 6.5 to 7.5 ft.

*Line* — 20 lb. test or greater monofilament with a 12 in. wire leader or 50 lb. test braided line with wire leader

### Key Fishing Areas:

Echo Lake Reservoir, Greenwood Lake, Lake Hopatcong, Manasquan Reservoir, Monksville Reservoir, Mercer Lake, Mountain Lake, and Delaware River. Developing fishery at Cooper River Lake.

### Size:

Adults typically range 10-30 lbs. (average 15 lbs.)

### Skillful Angler Award (min. size):

*Adult*: 20 lbs.

*Junior*: 15 lbs.

*Catch & Release*: 40 in.

### State Record:

42 lbs., 13 oz., Monksville Reservoir (1997)

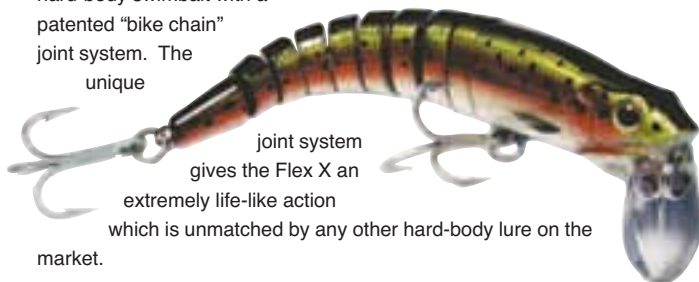


After ice-out, target shallow waters and tributaries flowing into the lake for some early season, pre-spawn muskies using bucktails and top-waters.

For more information visit the following Web sites: [www.NJFishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com), [www.bassmaster.com](http://www.bassmaster.com), [www.flwoutdoors.com](http://www.flwoutdoors.com), [www.bassfan.com](http://www.bassfan.com), [www.bassfishin.com](http://www.bassfishin.com), [www.njbassfed.org](http://www.njbassfed.org), and [www.federationnationofnj.org](http://www.federationnationofnj.org).

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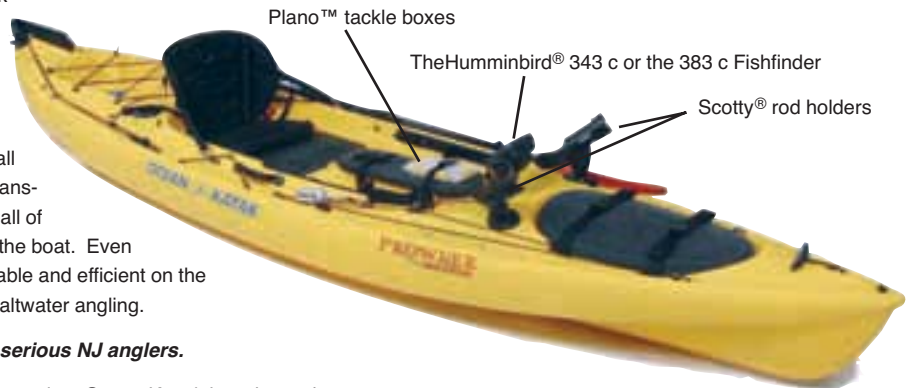
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# Skillful Angler Awards Program

The Skillful Angler Awards Program is designed to supplement the New Jersey Record Fish Program. It is comprised of three categories: Adult (for anglers age 16 and older), Junior (under age 16) and Catch and Release (based on length). A clear, side-view photo that allows accurate species identification must be included with each application. All photo entries become property of the Division of Fish and Wildlife and will not be returned.

The Skillful Angler Awards program acknowledges that many anglers catch freshwater and marine fish that are not record size, but are still worthy of recognition because the size and weight of the fish sufficiently tested the angler's skill. The program is open to resident and non-resident anglers. All fish must be caught in New Jersey waters using a hook and line during legally open seasons.

Anglers qualifying for a Skillful Angler award receive a certificate and a bronze pin to adorn their fishing hat or jacket. Only one pin and certificate per species regardless of category will be awarded annually to each participant, but an angler may submit applications for larger fish caught even after receiving a pin.

At the end of the year, special recognition is given to anglers who catch the largest fish in each species category. The winner of each category receives a special commemorative gift recognizing his or her accomplishment as the best of New Jersey's Skillful Anglers.

Fish must be measured from the tip of the nose (with mouth closed) to the tip of the tail. For Adult/Junior categories, fish must be weighed and measured by fishing license agents, tackle shops or authorized Fish and Wildlife fisheries biologists.

Minimum requirements for each freshwater species:

	Adult Weight (lbs., oz.)	Junior Weight (lbs., oz.)	Catch and Release (inches)
Largemouth bass	6	4	21"
Smallmouth bass	4	3	19"
Striped bass hybrid	8	6	24"
Striped bass	30	25	40"
Bullhead	2	1 lb., 8 oz	14"
Carp	25	20	35"
Channel catfish	10	8	29"
Crappie	2	1 lb., 8 oz	14"
Muskellunge	20	15	40"
Yellow perch	1 lb., 8 oz.	1	13"
Chain pickerel	4	3	24"
Northern pike	10	8	34"
American shad	7	5	24"
Brook trout	3	2	19"
Brown trout	8	5	25"
Lake trout	12	8	31"
Rainbow trout	5	3 lbs., 8 oz.	23"
Sunfish	1	12 oz.	9"
Walleye	6	4 lbs., 8 oz.	24"

**Note:** The New Jersey State Record Fish Program requires a separate application and is based on weight alone. Scale certification documentation and a weighmaster's signature are necessary. Other rules apply. Visit Fish and Wildlife's Web site at [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com) for a complete list of current state records.

## New Jersey Skillful Angler Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### Entry Category (check only one):

- Adult       Junior (16 years and under)  
 Catch and Release (Qualification based on length)

**Fish Species** (Angler must complete. Subject to verification by a state biologist.)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Weight** \_\_\_\_\_ lb.(s), \_\_\_\_\_ oz. **Length** \_\_\_\_\_ in. **Girth** \_\_\_\_\_ in.

**Date Caught\*** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **Time** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location** \_\_\_\_\_

### Caught from (check only one):

- Boat    Shore    Surf    Jetty  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Line Test Used** \_\_\_\_\_ **Reel Type** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rod Type** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lure/Bait** \_\_\_\_\_

### Certification for Adult and Junior Categories

Name of establishment where fish was measured and weighed

\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Weighmaster's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Weighmaster's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify:** 1.) this fish was caught in New Jersey waters in accordance with state laws and regulations; 2.) the entry was weighed on a certified scale (for Adult and Junior categories only).

### Applicant's

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Applications and photo must be submitted **within 30 days** of catching the fish. Applications for fish caught in December will be accepted only until January 31.

### Mail to:

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

# New Jersey State Record Freshwater Sport Fish

The Record Fish Program honors the largest species of fish caught in New Jersey. It revolves around a specific list of eligible freshwater and saltwater species, and is based on weight alone; there are no line classes. Scale certification documentation, specifically the Certificate of Inspection/Test Report and Registration Certificate issued by the New Jersey Office of Weights and Measures as well as a weighmaster's signature are necessary. Other rules apply.

The Record Fish Program now accepts 103 species: 31 freshwater, 72 saltwater. The objective of this program is to increase awareness of fishing opportunities for species that are regularly sought and routinely found in or off the New Jersey coast.

For more information, an application or a complete list of state record fish, visit New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Web site at [www.NJFishandWildlife.com](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com).

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)	59	12	2006	Mark Kronyak	Delaware River
Catfish, channel	33	3	1978	Howard Hudson	Lake Hopatcong
Catfish, white	14	4	2004	Timothy Jasko	Dallenbach Pond
Crappie, black	4	8	1996	Andy Tintle	Pompton Lake
Crappie, white	2	14	2005	Dean Montemore	Mill Pond
Eel, American	6	13	2005	David J. Payne	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
Perch, yellow*	4	4	1865	Charles Abbott	Crosswicks Creek
Pickereel, chain	9	3	1957	Frank McGovern	Lower Aetna Lake
Pickereel, redfin	1	13	1982	Gerald Humphrey	Lake Assunpink
Pike, Northern	30	2	1977	Herb Hepler	Spruce Run Reservoir
Salmon (landlocked)	8	0	1951	John Mount	Lake Aeroflex (formerly New Wawayanda)
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

## Stop the Spread of Invasive species!

Invasive Fish Species such as Northern snakeheads, flathead catfish, koi or goldfish must not be stocked or returned to the water! If you catch a northern snakehead or flathead catfish immediately call Fish and Wildlife at (908) 236-2118.

### Snakehead—INVASIVE (Do NOT Release!)

Note long anal fin.



### Bowfin—NATIVE (OK to Release!)

Note short anal fin.



### Flathead Catfish (Do NOT Release!)



Must have all three characteristics:

- 1) Upper white lobe on caudal fin,
- 2) Protruding lower jaw,
- 3) Tail NOT deeply forked

It is illegal to transport any fish, including game species, from one water-body to another. It is illegal to stock any fish in New Jersey without a Permit!



**ZEBRA MUSSELS** have already cost millions to boaters, industries, towns and cities in the Great Lakes and along the Mississippi.

- DRAIN all water from bait buckets and live wells
- REMOVE all weeds from boats and trailers
- CHECK boats and motors for zebra mussels
- DRY boats and trailers completely between launches

### DON'T HELP THEM SPREAD !

#### How to Identify It

- ❖ Zebra mussels look like small clams with a yellowish or brownish "D"-shaped shell, usually with alternating dark and light colored stripes.
- ❖ They can be up to two inches long, but most are under an inch. Zebra mussels usually grow in clusters containing numerous individuals and are generally found in shallow, nutrient rich water.
- ❖ Zebra mussels are the ONLY freshwater mollusk that can firmly attach itself to solid objects—rocks, dock pilings, boat hulls, water intake pipes, etc.

#### What to Do

- ❖ Note the date and precise location where the mussel or its shell was found.
- ❖ Take the mussel (several if possible) with you and store in rubbing alcohol. DO NOT THROW IT BACK IN THE WATER
- ❖ IMMEDIATELY call Dr. Michael Weinstein, New Jersey Sea Grant Headquarters, (732) 872-1300 extension 21

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# Health Advisory

## For Eating Fish And Crabs Caught In New Jersey Waters

### Fish Smart — Eat Smart



**F**ishing provides enjoyable and relaxing recreation. Fish are an excellent source of protein and other nutrients and play a role in maintaining a healthy, well-balanced diet. Many anglers enjoy cooking and eating their own catch. However, elevated levels of potentially harmful chemical contaminants, such as dioxin, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides and mercury have been found in certain fish and crabs in some New Jersey waters, and fish consumption advisories have been adopted to guide citizens on safe consumption practices.

The current list of fish consumption advisories consists of statewide, regional and waterbody-specific warnings for a variety of fish species and fish consumers. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health and Senior Services have prepared literature to help you make informed choices about which fish to eat and how to reduce your exposure to these harmful chemicals. The *Fish Smart-Eat Smart* Fish Advisory Guide includes contaminant information, advisory charts plus preparation and cooking methods to reduce contaminant levels, as well as specific guidelines, advice and prohibitions for people at high risk, such as children, pregnant women and women of child-bearing age. The *Fish Smart-Eat Smart* Fish Advisory Guide also includes Web site links to Pennsylvania, Delaware and New York for information about fish consumption advisories for shared waters.

**Check online for fish consumption advisories on the local water body in which you fish! Go to [www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr)**

The *Fish Smart-Eat Smart* Fish Advisory Web site now includes a Geographic Information System (GIS) map linked to current fish consumption advisories statewide. For example, to see the latest

mercury or PCB advisories for your area, just select the county by clicking on the map. The page will show the water body location, fish species and any advisories that apply. This new Web site feature makes it easy to find current fish consumption advisories for the specific water body in which you fish.

To reduce exposure to harmful chemical contaminants when preparing and eating the fish species taken from the identified waters, it is essential to follow the guidelines provided. The DEP encourages you to consult the *Fish Smart-Eat Smart* Fish Advisory Guide or Web site [www.FishSmartEatSmartNJ.org](http://www.FishSmartEatSmartNJ.org) when making decisions about eating recreationally caught fish and crabs.

The fish consumption advisories, *Fish Smart-Eat Smart* Fish Advisory Guide and *Fish Smart-Eat Smart* Fish Advisory Web site are each updated periodically and are available in print or online through these agencies:

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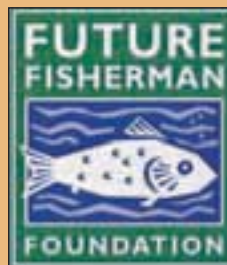


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Field Guide to Reptiles & Amphibians of NJ—CD	\$10	no	4
Field Guide to Reptiles & Amphibians of NJ—book/CD set	\$18	no	4
Fish Consumption Advisory PCB/Mercury	free	yes	1
Lake Survey Maps—specify waterbody	free	yes	1
Large Format Freshwater Fishing Digest	free	no	1
Licenses by Mail—Non-Resident & Resident		yes	1
List of Fishing Guides	free	yes	1
Manasquan River Fishing Access Areas	free	yes	1
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- 2 NJ DEP, Maps & Publications, Bureau of Revenue,  
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Contestants will create an original drawing or painting of a fish found in New Jersey, depicted in its natural habitat. The artwork may be acrylic, watercolor, oil, oil pastel, crayon or ink. Finished size should be approximately eight inches by 10 inches.

Entries must be postmarked by **Friday, March 10, 2006**. All entries become the property of Fish and Wildlife and cannot be returned.

This art and writing contest is based on the Aquatic WILD activity "Fishy Who's Who," designed for grades five through eight. For details and a full description of this educational activity, visit Fish and Wildlife's Web site: [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com). This activity helps teachers meet the following New Jersey Science Standards:

**5.5 Life Science**  
Grade 4: A1, A2  
Grade 6: C1  
Grade 8: B1, B2

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