

### Public Fishing Rights

Public Fishing Rights (PFRs) are permanent easements purchased by the NYSDEC from landowners, giving sportsman the right-of-way to fish and walk along the bank (usually a 33-foot strip on one or both banks of the stream). This right is for the purpose of fishing and no other purpose. Treat the land as if it were your own to ensure the continuation of this right and privilege.

Fishing privileges are available on some private lands. Landowner courtesy and respect for their property will ensure their continued use.

See the map in this brochure for details on the Public Fishing Rights Areas on Cayuta Creek and McCorn Creek



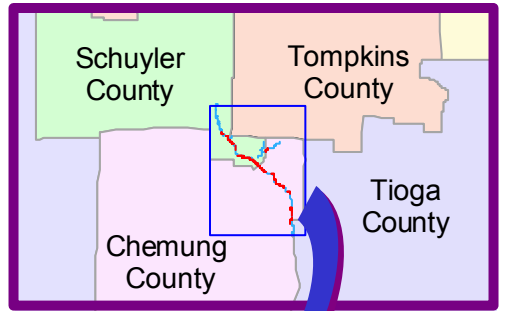
Look for these signs to be sure you are in the right location

*At times, fishing pressure can be heavy and proper stream etiquette can make everyone's day a pleasurable one. Remember, elbow room to fish is a common courtesy. Try to pass the stationary or slow-moving angler by getting noiselessly out of the water and re-entering as far away as practical. Keep in mind that wading right up to another angler could disturb a pod of feeding fish, which no one appreciates. Pleasant conversations are OK, so long as you don't disturb other anglers.*



### Public Fishing Information

# Cayuta Creek McCorn Creek



Cayuta Creek originates at Cayuta Lake in Schuyler County, flows southeast through part of Chemung County

and eventually joins the Susquehanna River south of the Town of Waverly in Tioga County. Cayuta Creek contains primarily brown trout, both stocked and wild fish, and offers good trout fishing. McCorn Creek, a secondary tributary of the Cayuta Creek, has a healthy population of wild brown trout and also offers good trout fishing.

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## Fishing Regulations

Cayuta Creek: Trout all year, any size, daily limit 5 per person with no more than 2 fish over 12" **EXCEPT the area described below.**

Cayuta Creek from the Rt. 223 bridge downstream to the Wyncoop Creek Rd bridge: Trout all year, minimum length 12", daily limit 2 per person, **Artificial lures ONLY.**

McCorn Creek and all tributaries of Cayuta Creek: Trout April 1 – October 15, any size, Daily limit 5 per person with no more than 2 fish over 12".

## Methods for Releasing Fish

1. Use barbless hooks, they are easier to remove.
2. Play a fish no longer than necessary. To do so decreases its chance of survival.
3. Wet your hands before touching a fish that is to be released-dry skin removes the mucous coating on trout. Avoid touching the gills.
4. Use of a landing net increases the survival rate of trout.
5. Gently push the hook out and cradle the fish in your hand, underwater and facing upstream.
6. After a moment, allow the fish to swim free. If the fish turns upside down, catch it and revive it as stated above.

Cayuta Creek contains brown trout, some wild, but mostly stocked fish. Each year the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) stocks over 12,000 brown trout including a large number of two-year-old fish in Cayuta Creek. McCorn Creek has a healthy, reproducing population of wild brown trout.

