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Special Regulations by County



The following pages are a list of exceptions to the **STATEWIDE ANGLING REGULATIONS**.

- Trout waters where ice fishing is permitted are identified here.
- Regulations that appear in the Method column pertain to all fishing in the listed water.
- In some cases, you will be referred to the regulations tables for major resource blocks, such as the Great Lakes, Finger Lakes, Lake Champlain, Tidal Hudson River, Border Waters, and NYC Reservoirs.



REGION 1 • LONG ISLAND



Region 1

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Nassau County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--|
| All waters | Crappie | All year | 9" | 15 | |
| | Sunfish (Bluegill & Pumpkinseed) | All year | Any size | 15 | |
| | Yellow Perch | All year | 8" | 15 | |
| | Pickereel | 1st Saturday in May through March 15 | 18" | 3 | |
| All waters | Black Bass | 1st Sat in June – April 30 | Catch and release only | | Note: It is illegal to fish for bass during the period May 1 thru Friday preceding the 1st Sat in June |
| All ponds and lakes | Trout | All year | Any size | 3 | |
| All streams | Brown & Rainbow Trout | All year | Any size | 3 | |
| | Brook Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | Catch and release only | | |

Suffolk County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|------------------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------|--|
| All waters | Crappie | All year | 9" | 15 | |
| | Sunfish (Bluegill and Pumpkinseed) | All year | Any size | 15 | |
| | Yellow Perch | All year | Any size | 15 | |
| All waters except, Belmont Lake, Artist Lake, Blydenburgh Lake, Randall Pond | Black Bass | 1st Sat in June – Nov 30 | 12" | 5 | Note: It is illegal to fish for bass during the period May 1 thru Friday preceding the 1st Sat in June |
| | | Dec 1 – April 30 | Catch and release only | | |
| Fort Pond and Lake Ronkonkoma | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – Mar 15 | 18" | 3 | |
| Blydenburgh Lake | Black Bass | 1st Sat in June – Nov 30 | 12" | 5 | |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri before 1st Sat in June | Catch and release only | | |
| Artist Lake, Belmont Lake, Randall Pond | Black Bass | All Year | Catch and release only | | |
| All tidal streams | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | |
| All freshwater (non-tidal) lakes and ponds except East (Swan) Lk, Laurel Lk, Deep Pd. | Trout | All year | Any size | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| East (Swan) Lake | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | 10" | 3 | |
| Laurel Lake, Deep Pond | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| All freshwater (non-tidal) streams except Carmans River in Southaven County Park, Connetquot River in Connetquot River State Park and Nissequogue River in Caleb Smith State Park | Brown & Rainbow Trout | All year | Any size | 3 | |
| | Brook Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | Catch and release only | | |
| Connetquot and Caleb Smith State Parks | Trout | Park Regulations apply, permit required. Call (631) 581-1005 Connetquot, (631) 265-1054 Nissequogue. | | | |
| Carmans River (Southaven County Park) | Brook Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | Catch and release only | | |
| Carmans River (Southaven County Park) Special Regulations by River Section. Additional park regulations may apply. Call (631) 854-1414. | | | | | |
| From LIPA transmission lines at Gate G upstream to Yaphank Avenue | Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | Catch and release only | | Fly fishing only |
| From Cement Dam upstream to LIPA transmission lines at Gate G | Brown & Rainbow Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | 9" | 3 | Fly fishing only |
| From Cement Dam downstream to Hards Lake Dam | Brown & Rainbow Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | 9" | 3 | |



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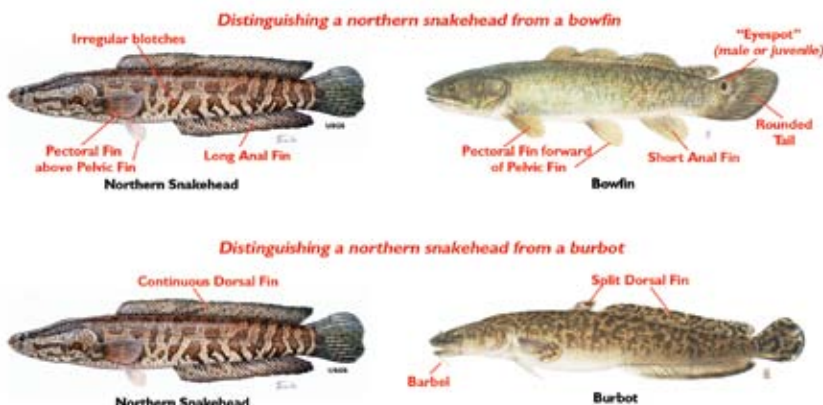


Special fishing regulations for waters in New York City.

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------------|---|--------|
| Bronx Indian Lake, Crotona Park, Van Cortlandt Lake | All Species | All Year | | Catch and release fishing only. All fish shall be returned to the water immediately. | |
| Kings (Brooklyn) Prospect Park Lake | All Species | All Year | | Catch and release fishing only. All fish shall be returned to the water immediately. | |
| New York (Manhattan) Central Park- all waters | All Species | All Year | | Catch and release fishing only. All fish shall be returned to the water immediately. | |
| Queens Baisley's Pond, Kissena Lake, Meadow Lake, Oakland Lake, Willow Lake | All Species | All Year | | Catch and release fishing only. All fish shall be returned to the water immediately. | |
| Richmond (Staten Island) Brooks Lake, Clove Lake, Willowbrook Lake, Wolfe's Pond | All Species | All Year | | Catch and release fishing only. All fish shall be returned to the water immediately. | |

SNAKEHEAD ALERT

Northern snakehead and other snakehead species are listed as species dangerous to native fish populations in New York and their possession or sale is strictly prohibited. These fish can seriously damage native fish communities. If you catch a snakehead, **DO NOT RELEASE IT**. Kill it, freeze it and report your catch to a local DEC office. Note that the northern snakehead can be confused with burbot and bowfin, two species native to New York. To determine if you have indeed caught a northern snakehead, review the distinguishing characteristics below:



3 lb. 8 oz. black crappie caught from New Croton Reservoir, Westchester County by Jack Toone on March 23, 2011.



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REGION 3 • SOUTHEASTERN NEW YORK



Region 3

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Dutchess County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|----------------------|--|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| All rivers and streams except Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | Artificial lures only |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | |
| Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | See Tidal Hudson River Regulations on page 35. | | | |
| Upton Lake, Sylvan Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Wappinger Creek downstream of dam in Pleasant Valley | Trout | All Year | Any size | 5 | |
| Indian Lake | Black Bass, Pickerel | See Border Waters regulations on page 39. | | | |
| Morgan Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |

Orange County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-------------|--|------------------------|-------------|--|
| All rivers and streams except Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish & Delaware River | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | Artificial lures only |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | |
| Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | See Tidal Hudson River Regulations on page 35. | | | |
| Askoti, Hessian, Round, Blue, Skannatati and Walton Lakes | Trout | All Year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Pickerel | All year | 15" | 5 | |
| Bashakill Marsh | Black Bass | All year | 12" | 5 | |
| | Lake Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 21" | 1 | Use or possession of baitfish prohibited |
| Delaware River, Greenwood Lake | All Species | See Border Waters regulations on page 39. | | | |
| Mongaup River from Rio Dam downstream to Route 97 bridge | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 3 | Artificial lures only |
| Ramapo River | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | |

Putnam County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|----------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| All rivers and streams except Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | Artificial lures only |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | |
| Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | See Tidal Hudson River Regulations on page 35. | | | |
| Bog Brook Reservoir, Boyd Corners Reservoir, Croton Falls Reservoir, Diverting Reservoir, East Branch Reservoir, Middle Branch Reservoir, West Branch Reservoir, Lake Gilead, Lake Gleneida | Lake Trout, Trout, Walleye | See NYC Reservoirs regulations on page 40. | | | |
| East Branch Croton River from Diverting Reservoir to East Branch Reservoir | Trout | All year | 14" | 1 | Artificial lures only |
| West Branch Croton River from Croton Falls Reservoir to East Branch Croton River | Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| West Branch Croton River from West Branch Reservoir to Croton Falls Reservoir | Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | 9" | 5 | |
| White Pond | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |

Rockland County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|------------|--|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| All rivers and streams except Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | Artificial lures only |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | |
| Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | See Tidal Hudson River Regulations on page 35. | | | |
| Ramapo River | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | |
| Hessian Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |



REGION 3 - SOUTHEASTERN NEW YORK

Sullivan County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|---|---|------------------------|-------------|---|
| All rivers and streams except the Delaware River | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Delaware River | Trout, Black Bass, Muske- lunge, Pickerel, Walleye | See Border Water Regulations on page 39. | | | |
| Bashakill Marsh | Pickerel | All year | 15" | 5 | |
| | Black Bass | All year | 12" | 5 | |
| Basket Creek and tributaries, Callicoon Creek from mouth to Hortonville, Hanksins Creek and tributaries from mouth to Falls at Mileses, Hoolihan Brook and tributaries, North Branch Callicoon Creek and tributaries from mouth to Gossweyler Pond above North Branch, Pea Brook and tributaries | Trout | 1st Sat after April 11 – Sept 30 | Any size | 5 | |
| Beaver Kill from State Road 206 (County Route 7) bridge in Delaware County downstream, Willowemoc Creek from iron bridge at Parkston downstream except section below | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | 9" | 5 | |
| Willowemoc Creek 1200 ft. above mouth of Elm Hollow Brook downstream 3.5 miles to second Route 17 Quickway bridge east of Roscoe | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Neversink River, from Neversink Reservoir downstream, except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 9" | 5 | |
| Neversink River and tributaries within the Neversink River Unique Area and owned by the people of the State of New York situated in the Towns of Thompson and Forestburgh and abutting that reach of the Neversink River from its confluence with Mercer Brook south to the Sullivan-Orange County line, except any portion thereof where the right to fish is privately owned. | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Crystal Lake, Hodge Pond | Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | 10" | 3 | Use or possession of baitfish prohibited |
| Lake Huntington, Loch Sheldrake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Mongaup River from Rio Dam downstream to Route 97 bridge | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 3 | Artificial lures only |
| Mongaup Pond* | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted Use or possession of baitfish prohibited |
| Neversink Reservoir, Rondout Reservoir | Lake Trout, Trout | See NYC Reservoir regulations on page 40. | | | |
| Swinging Bridge Reservoir | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| White Lake | Lake Trout | All year | 15" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | |

* In addition, the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited in Mongaup Creek downstream of Mongaup Pond.

Ulster County

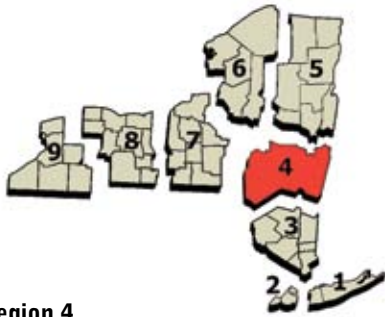
| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|----------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| All waters except Hudson River | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | |
| All rivers and streams except Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | See Tidal Hudson River Regulations on page 35. | | | |
| Alder Lake, Echo Lake | Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | 10" | 3 | Use of fish as bait prohibited |
| Ashokan Reservoir, Rondout Reservoir | Lake Trout, Trout, Walleye | See New York City Reservoir regulations on page 40. | | | |
| Esopus Creek | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 | |
| Honk Lake | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |

Westchester County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|------------|--|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| All rivers and streams except Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | See Tidal Hudson River Regulations on page 35. | | | |
| Amawalk Outlet from Amawalk Reservoir to Muscoot Reservoir | Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | 12" | 3 | Artificial lures only |
| Amawalk Reservoir, Cross River Reservoir, Kensico Reservoir, Muscoot Reservoir, New Croton Reservoir, Titicus Reservoir | Trout | See NYC Reservoir regulations on page 40. | | | |
| West Branch Croton River from Croton Falls Reservoir to East Branch Croton River | Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |



REGION 4 - EAST CENTRAL NEW YORK



Region 4

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Albany County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-------------|---|----------------|-------------|---|
| Hudson River from Troy Dam upstream to Bakers Falls in the Village of Hudson Falls and tributaries in this section to first barrier impassable by fish, Mohawk River below Route 32 bridge | All Species | All year | | | Catch and release fishing only. All fish shall be returned to the water immediately. Baitfish listed on page 19 may be possessed for use as fish bait. Use of tip-ups is permitted. |
| Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | | | | See Tidal Hudson River Regulations on page 35. |
| Thompsons Lake | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Normans Kill from Watervliet Reservoir downstream to the first barrier impassable to fish upstream of the Hudson River | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | 10" | 5 | Catch and release only Artificial lures only |

Columbia County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|--|
| Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | | | | See Tidal Hudson River Regulations on page 35. |
| Queechy Lake | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Kinderhook Creek, Adams Crossing downstream | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 | |

Delaware County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|---------|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|---|
| All streams and their tributaries that flow into the Delaware River in Delaware County downstream of Hancock | Trout | 1st Sat after April 11 – Sept 30 | Any size | 5 | |
| All unlisted tributaries to Pepacton Reservoir and to East Branch Delaware River upstream from Pepacton Reservoir highwater mark | Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | Any size | 5 | |
| Bush Kill, Tremper Kill, Terry Clove, Fall Clove, Platte Kill, Dry Brook, Batavia Kill | Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | 9" | 5 | |
| Trout Pond (Cables Lake), Huggins Lake | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 2 | Artificial lures only Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited |
| Launt Pond | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 10" | 3 | |
| Big Pond, Little Pond | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Mud Pond | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 3 | |
| Cannonsville Reservoir, Pepacton Reservoir | Trout | | | | See NYC Reservoirs regulations on page 40. |

East Branch Delaware River – Special Regulations by River Section below:

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|---|-------|---|----------|---|------------------------|
| From Pepacton Reservoir highwater mark upstream | Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | 9" | 5 | |
| From Pepacton Dam downstream to Shinhopple Bridge | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 2 | |
| | | All angling prohibited from Oct 16 – March 31 to protect spawning Trout | | | |
| From Shinhopple Bridge downstream to the mouth at Hancock | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 2 | |
| | | Oct 16 – Nov 30 | | | Catch and release only |
| All streams and their tributaries that flow in to the East Branch of the Delaware River between the villages of East Branch and Hancock | Trout | 1st Sat after April 11 – Oct 15 | Any Size | 5 | |

West Branch Delaware River – Special Regulations by River Section below:

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|--|---|---|-----|---|---|
| From Cannonsville Reservoir highwater mark upstream | Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | 9" | 5 | |
| From Cannonsville Dam downstream to the Route 17 overpass at Deposit | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 2 | |
| | | All angling prohibited from Oct 16 – March 31 to protect spawning trout | | | |
| From Route 17 overpass at Deposit downstream 2.0 miles | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | | | Catch and release only Artificial lures only |
| | | All angling prohibited from Oct 16 – March 31 to protect spawning trout | | | |
| From the lower limit of catch-and-release section in Deposit downstream to NY/PA border (1.7 miles below Hale Eddy Bridge) | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 2 | |
| | | All Angling prohibited from Oct 16 – March 31 to protect spawning trout | | | |
| Delaware River and West Branch Delaware River forming NY/PA border | Black Bass, Trout, Muskellunge, Pickerel, Walleye | | | | See Border Waters regulations on page 39. |
| Beaver Kill from State Route 206 (County Route 7) bridge downstream except sections below: | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | 9" | 5 | |
| Beaver Kill: 1) from Sullivan County line (below Roscoe) downstream 2.5 miles to the old railroad trestle and 2) from one mile upstream to 1.6 miles downstream of iron bridge at Horton | Trout | All year | | | Catch and release only Artificial lure only |
| Beaver Kill from Iron Bridge at Horton downstream to first Rt. 17 overpass | | | | | Angling prohibited July 1 through August 31 to protect thermally stressed trout |



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Greene County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|------------|-------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | | See Tidal Hudson River Regulations on page 35. | | |
| Greens Lake, Colgate Lake | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |

Montgomery County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|-----------------|------------|---|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Beardsley Lake | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Schoharie Creek | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |

Otsego County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|---|------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Arnold Lake | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Basswood Pond | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 10" | 3 | |
| Canadarago Lake | Yellow Perch | All year | Any size | 25 | |
| Crumhorn Lake | | | | | Tip-ups prohibited |
| Gilbert Lake | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | 12" | 3 | |
| | Yellow Perch | All year | Any size | 25 | |
| Goodyear Lake | Surfscum (Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Redbreast) | All year | Any size | 25 | |
| | Brown Trout | All year | 18" | 1 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Otsego Lake | LL Salmon | All year | 18" | 1 | |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 23" | 1 | |
| Susquehanna River from Otsego Lake Dam to Goodyear Lake | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 3 in any combination | |
| | LL Salmon | April 1 – Oct 15 | 15" | | |
| | Lake Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 21" | | |

Rensselaer County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|--|------------------|--|-------------|--|
| Hudson River from Troy Dam downstream and all tributaries in this section to the first barrier impassable by fish | Black Bass | | See Tidal Hudson River Regulations on page 35. | | |
| Glass Lake | Kokanee | All year | 12" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | |
| Hoosic River, Little Hoosic River | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 9" | 5 | |
| Kinderhook Creek, Adams Crossing downstream | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 | |
| Hudson River from Troy Dam upstream to Bakers Falls in the Village of Hudson Falls and tributaries in this section to first barrier impassable by fish, Mohawk River below Route 32 bridge | All Species | All year | Catch and release fishing only. All fish shall be returned to the water immediately. | | Baitfish listed on page 19 may be possessed for use as fish bait. Use of tip-ups is permitted. |
| Hudson River upstream of Lock C-4 and its associated dam, near Stillwater, NY | Use or possession of alewife or blueback herring prohibited | | | | |
| Second Pond, Long Pond, Shaver Pond | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Tomhannock Reservoir | Ice Fishing Season Jan 1 – March 15, daylight hours only. Fishing by permit only (available from City of Troy) | | | | |

Schenectady County

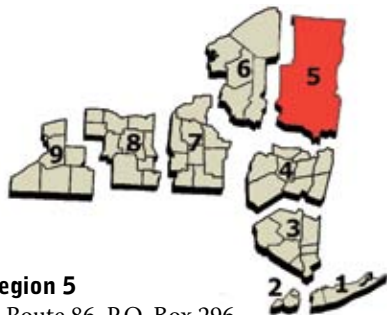
| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|------------|---|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Schoharie Creek from Route 20 bridge upstream | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 | |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Schoharie Creek from Route 20 bridge downstream | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |

Schoharie County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|------------|---|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Mallet Pond | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Schoharie Creek from Schoharie Reservoir downstream to Route 20 bridge | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 | |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Schoharie Creek from Route 20 bridge downstream | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Schoharie Reservoir | Trout | See New York City Reservoir regulations on page 40. | | | |
| Holding Pond | Trout | April 1 – October 15 | 10" | 3 | |



REGION 5 • NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK



Region 5

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Clinton County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|--|--|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Lake Champlain and tributaries to first barrier | All Species | See Lake Champlain regulations on page 38. | | | |
| Upper Chateaugay Lake, Chazy Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 21" | 3 | |
| | LL Salmon | All year | 15" | 3 | |
| Great Chazy River from Route 9B at Cooperville upstream to Perrys Mills Dam | Fishing prohibited March 16 until the opening of Walleye season in May | | | | |
| Saranac River from Imperial Dam upstream to the Millstone Monument located at the intersection of Sand Pond Road and NYS Rt 22B in Morrisonville | Trout | All year | 12" | 5 | |
| Saranac River from the Millstone Monument located at the intersection of Sand Pond Road and NYS Rt. 22B in Morrisonville upstream to Kent Falls Dam | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Saranac River from marked boundary 100 yards upstream of its confluence with the North Branch Saranac River upstream 1.4 miles to Stord Brook | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| North Branch Saranac River from mouth of Cold Brook upstream to Alder Brook | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | Artificial lures only |
| Fern Lake | Walleye | 1st Saturday in May through Mar 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |

In addition, the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited in the following waters: **Town of Black Brook**—Cranberry Pond, Mud Pond (two miles southwest of riverview), Mud Pond and **Town of Dannemora**—Mud Pond

Essex County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------|--|
| Lake Champlain and tributaries to the first barrier | All Species | See Lake Champlain regulations on page 38. | | | |
| Boquet River from Wadhams Falls upstream to Route 9N in Elizabethtown | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 9" | 5 | |
| Indian River | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | |
| West Branch Ausable River except section below: | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 | |
| West Branch Ausable River from mouth of Holcomb Pond Outlet downstream to marked boundary 2.2 miles downstream of Monument Falls | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| West Branch Ausable River from the Whiteface Ski Center bridge downstream to the Rt 86 bridge at the flume | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Bigsby Pond, Copperas Pond | Lake Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 15" | 3 | Tip-ups prohibited |
| | | Fishing prohibited Oct 16 – Mar 31 | | | |
| Eagle Lake, Conner Pond, Hudson River | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Upper and Lower Cascade lakes | Round Whitefish | Possession Prohibited | | | Use or possession of baitfish prohibited |
| First Lake of Essex Chain, Pharaoh Lake | Lake Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 15" | 3 | Use or possession of baitfish prohibited |
| Lake George and tributaries upstream to first barrier impassable by fish | Lake Trout, LL Salmon, Trout, Smelt | See Lake George under Warren County. | | | Use or possession of smelt prohibited. |
| Crane Pond | Lake Trout | All year | 15" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted. Use or possession of baitfish prohibited |
| Paradox Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 21" | 3 | |
| Mirror Lake, Lake Placid | Lake Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 15" | 3 | |
| Moose Pond (Town of St. Armand) | Black Bass | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | Any Number | Use or possession of baitfish prohibited |
| | Lake Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 15" | 3 | |
| Schroon Lake, Schroon River from Schroon Lake upstream to Alder Meadow Rd. | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 18" | 2 | |
| | LL Salmon | All year | 15" | 3 | |
| Ticonderoga Creek from lower falls upstream to Lake George | Lake Trout, LL Salmon, Trout | Lake Champlain regulations apply (page 38) | | | |
| Harris Lake, Franklin Falls Flow | Walleye | 1st Saturday in May through Mar 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |

In addition, the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited on all lands, lakes, ponds, and streams of the following geographic areas: Dix Mountain Wilderness, Giant Mountain Wilderness, High Peaks Wilderness, Hoffman Notch Wilderness, Hudson Gorge Primitive Area (except Hudson River), McKenzie Mountain Wilderness (except West Branch of the Ausable River), Pharaoh Lake Wilderness and Sentinel Range Wilderness (except East Branch Ausable River) and the following waters: **Town of Jay**—Clements Pond; **Town of Minerva**—Barnes Pond, Black Pond, Center Pond, Clear Pond, Deer Pond, First Lake (Essex Chain of Lakes), Hewitt Pond, Jackson Pond, Mud Pond (north of Clear Pond), Mud Pond (north of Third Lake Essex Chain), Nate Pond, Pine Lake, Rankin Pond, Little Rankin Pond; Second, Third and Fourth Lakes of Essex Chain; Sherman Pond, Stony Pond, Twenty Ninth Pond; **Town of Newcomb**—Beaver Pond (south of Lake Andrew), Cedar (or Roundtop) Pond, Cheney Pond (northwest of Split Rock Lake), Chub Pond, Clear Pond; Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Lakes of Essex Chain; Jackson Pond, Lake Andrew, Mud Pond (north of Clear Pond), Newcomb Lake (including Upper and Lower Duck Hole), Unnamed Pond (north of LeClaire Brook), Upper and Lower Preston Ponds, Henderson Lake; **Town of North Elba**—Big Cherry Patch Pond, Cameras Pond, McKenzie Pond, Tom Peck Pond, Upper and Lower Preston Ponds; **Town of North Hudson**—Bass Lake, Bloody Pond, Boreas Pond, Challis Pond, Courtney Pond, Deer Pond, Howard Pond, Moose Mountain Pond, Triangle Pond, Lower Twin Pond, Upper Twin Pond, White Lily Pond; **Town of St. Armand**—Moose Pond; **Town of Schroon**—Cotters Pond; **Town of Willington**—Morgan Pond (Cooperkill); **Town of Moriah**—Goose Puddle, Trout Pond

Franklin County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|---|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|
| All waters except Lake Colby | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 12" | 5 | |
| Lake Colby | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | LL Salmon | All year | 15" | 3 | |
| | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 | |
| Big Fish Pond, Little Fish Pond, St. Regis Pond | Lake Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 15" | 3 | Use or possession of baitfish prohibited |
| Lake Clear, Meacham Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | LL Salmon | All year | 15" | 3 | |
| Deer Pond (Town of Santa Clara) | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 | |
| Franklin Falls Flow, Lower Saranac Lake, Rainbow Lake | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Little Clear Pond, Little Green Pond, and their tributaries | Fishing prohibited to protect hatchery brood stock. | | | | |
| Follensby Clear Pond | LL Salmon | April 1 – Oct 15 | 15" | 3 | Tip-ups prohibited |
| Mountain Pond (Town of Brighton) | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Square Pond, Rollins Pond | LL Salmon | April 1 – Oct 15 | 15" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 21" | 3 | |
| Saranac River from Hough Brook at Union Falls Flow upstream to Franklin Falls Flow Dam | Fishing prohibited March 1 – May 15 to protect spawning Walleye | | | | |
| Whey Pond | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 3 in combination | Artificial lures only |
| Upper Saranac Lake | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted; |
| | Lake Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 23" | 3 | Tip-ups prohibited |
| Tupper Lake | Lake Trout | All year | 21" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |

In addition, the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited on all lands, lakes, ponds and streams of the following geographic areas:

St. Regis Canoe Area, High Peaks Wilderness (except Raquette River and Saranac River) and the following waters: **Town of Belmont**—Drain Pond; **Town of Brighton**—Barnum Pond, Black Pond (on Visitors Interpretive Center Property), Long Pond (north of Black Pond), Loon Pond, Lost Pond (0.4 mi. southwest of Mountain Pond), Mountain Pond, Slush Pond, Star Mountain Ponds (2), Upper Spectacle Pond; **Town of Duane**—Buck Pond, Clear Pond, Debar Pond, Skiff Pond, Winebago Pond; **Town of Franklin**—Hope Pond, Little Hope Pond, No Hope Pond (300 feet north of Hope Pond); **Town of Harrietstown**—Bear Pond, Meadow Pond (1/2 mile northwest of Lake Clear), Panther Pond, Porkchop Pond (0.6 mi. east of Upper Saranac Lake), St. Germain Pond (1/2 mile north of Lake Clear); **Town of Malone**—Malone Village Ice Pond; **Town of Tupper Lake**—Rag Pond (200 feet north of West Pine Pond), West Pine Pond; **Town of Santa Clara**—Bad News Pond (1000 feet northwest of Polliwog Pond), Black Pond (between Square Pond and Whey Pond), Duck or Echo Pond, Duell Pond (1/4 mile south of Little Green Pond), East Copperas Pond, Federation Pond (1/4 mile southeast of East Pine Pond), Frog Pond (650 feet north of Polliwog Pond), Grass Pond (1 1/4 mile northeast of Benz Pond), Little Black Pond (between Black and Square ponds), Green Pond (north of Follensby Clear Pond), Horseshoe Pond, Little Polliwog Pond, Madewaska Pond, Polliwog Pond, Rat Pond, Sunday Pond (southeast of Rat Pond), Sunrise Pond (east of Follensby Clear Pond), Track Pond (3/4 mile northeast of Floodwood Pond), Twelfth Tee or Gordon Pond (400 feet north of Green Pond), Whey Pond; **Town of Waverly**—Benz Pond, Little Clear Pond, Long Pond

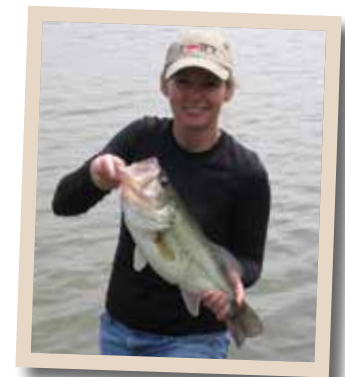
Fulton County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|--|-------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Canada Lake, Green Lake, Lily Lake, West Lake | Lake Trout | All year | 21" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | |
| East Caroga Lake, West Caroga Lake, Northville Pond, Great Sacandaga Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Kyser Lake | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Great Sacandaga Lake tributaries from the stream mouth to first highway bridge. Sacandaga River from the Bridge Street bridge in Northville upstream to the first crossing of Route 30. | Fishing prohibited March 16 until the opening of Walleye season in May | | | | |

In addition, the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited in the following waters: **Town of Bleeker**—Holmes Lake, County Line Lake, Mud Lake; **Town of Caroga**—Fish Hatchery Pond, Indian Lake, Otter Lake, Stewart Lake; **Town of Stratford**—Coglin Lakes, Fourth Lake, Goose Egg Lake, House Pond, Knapps Long Lake, Long Pond, Third Lake

WATERS AND STATE LANDS WHERE BAITFISH ARE PROHIBITED

The use or possession of fish as bait is prohibited on many trout waters and on certain units of state land (listed in Special Regulations by County pages). These restrictions are necessary to preserve trout fishing and maintain native fish communities. Baitfish can become established if they escape from a bait pail or get off a hook alive. Natural reproduction of trout can be severely reduced or eliminated by competing fish. Aquatic insects and other food items are less available to trout in the presence of competitors. The result is a rapid and dramatic decline in the total weight of trout in a pond after competing fishes become established.



Joelle Ernst with a 20" largemouth bass caught and released in Lake Champlain, Essex County on May 21, 2011.



Hamilton County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| All waters except Hudson River | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 12" | 5 | |
| Hudson River | Black Bass, Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Abanakee Lake (Town of Indian Lake) | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | Any size | 3 | |
| Lake Algonquin | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – Mar 15 | 18" | 3 | |
| Limekiln Lake, Great Sacandaga Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Blue Mountain Lake, Eagle Lake, Forked Lake, Gilman Lake, South Pond, Utowana Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 21" | 3 | |
| Lake Lila, First Lake of Essex Chain | Lake Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 15" | 3 | Use or possession of baitfish prohibited |
| Piseco Lake | Lake Trout | All year | 21" | 2 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | LL Salmon | All year | 18" | 2 | |
| Fawn Lake (Town of Lake Pleasant) | Lake Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 18" | 3 | Tip-ups prohibited; |
| | | Fishing prohibited Oct 16 – March 31 | | | |
| Fourth Lake of Fulton Chain | Trout | All year | 9" | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 21" | 3 | |
| | LL Salmon | All year | 15" | 3 | |
| Sacandaga Lake tributaries and outlet, Lake Pleasant tributaries | Fishing prohibited March 16 until the opening of Walleye season in May | | | | |
| Indian Lake (Town of Indian Lake), Lake Eaton, Lewey Lake, Raquette Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 21" | 2 | |
| | LL Salmon | All year | 15" | 3 | |
| Jennings Park Pond | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 3 | Use or possession of baitfish prohibited |
| Sagamore Lake | Lake Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 18" | 3 | |
| Round Lake to the boundary with Little Tupper Lake | Brook Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 3 | Artificial lures only Use or possession of baitfish prohibited |
| Seventh Lake, Sixth Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 18" | 3 | |
| | LL Salmon | All year | 15" | 3 | |
| Great Sacandaga Lake tributaries from the upstream mouth to first highway bridge. Sacandaga River from Bridge Street in Northville upstream to the first crossing of Route 30. | Fishing prohibited March 16 until the opening of Walleye season in May | | | | |
| Little Tupper Lake, Rock Pond & Rock Pond Outlet Stream between Rock Pond & Little Tupper Lake | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Catch and release only | Artificial lures only. | Use or possession of baitfish prohibited |
| Indian River (Town of Indian Lake) | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | |
| Lake Pleasant, Sacandaga Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | LL Salmon | All year | 15" | 3 | |
| Charley Pond Outlet (within W.C. Whitney Area) | Fishing prohibited July 1st – Sept 15th | | | | |

In addition, the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited on all lands, lakes, ponds and streams of the following geographic areas: Blue Ridge Wilderness, Buell Brook Primitive Area, Five Ponds Wilderness, High Peaks Wilderness (except Raquette River), Hudson Gorge Primitive Area (except Hudson River), Pigeon Lake Wilderness, Siamese Ponds Wilderness, Silver Lake Wilderness (except Sacandaga River), Little Moose Lake, West Canada Lakes Wilderness, William C. Whitney area and the following waters: **Town of Arietta**—Christian Lake, G Lake, Iron Lake, Jockeybush Lake, Little Moose Lake, Lower Sargent Pond, Middle Sargent Pond, Red Louse Lake; **Town of Hope**—Bennett Lake, Middle Lake, Murphy Lake; **Town of Indian Lake**—Barker Pond, Blue Ledge Pond, Bullhead Pond, First Lake (Essex chain of lakes), Grassy Pond, Little Grassy Pond, Lower Carter Pond, Lower Helms Pond, Middle Helms Pond, OK Slip Pond, Pine Lake, Pine Pond (east of Blue Mt. Lake), Pug Hole Pond, Tirrell Pond, Unknown Pond, Unnamed pond (3/4 mile east of Barker Pond), Upper Carter Pond, Upper Helms Pond; **Town of Inlet**—Bug Lake, Eagle Nest Pond, High Rock Pond, Icehouse Pond, Lost Ponds (3), Mitchell Ponds (2); **Town of Lake Pleasant**—Panther Mountain Pond; **Town of Long Lake**—Bog Pond, Clear Pond, High Pond, Loon Pond, Lost Pond, Louie Pond, Mays Pond, Mosquito Pond, Owls Head Pond, Raquette Lake Reservoir; **Town of Morehouse**—Bochen Lake, Squaw Lake, Unnamed Pond (1/4 mile southwest of Squaw Lake)



LIFE JACKETS

Every pleasure vessel, including canoes, kayaks and rowboats, must have on board at least one wearable personal floatation device (PFD) for each person on board. Children under 12 years of age on any vessel 65 ft. or less in length must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III PFD while underway.

NEW LAW: From November 1 – May 1, everyone must wear a life jacket when underway on pleasure boats less than 21 ft.

For more information on boating safety regulations, go to www.nysparks.com.



Saratoga County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|--|-------------------|---|-------------|-----------------------|
| Hudson River from Warren County line downstream to Washington County line east of Glens Falls | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Hudson River from Troy Dam upstream to Bakers Falls in the Village of Hudson Falls and tributaries in this section to first barrier impassable by fish, including Mohawk River below Route 32 bridge | All Species | All year | Catch and release fishing only. All fish shall be returned to the water immediately. Baitfish listed on page 19 may be possessed for use as fish bait. Use of tip-ups is permitted. | | |
| Kayaderosseras Creek from Saratoga Lake upstream to first railroad bridge | Fishing prohibited March 16 until the opening of Walleye season in May | | | | |
| Kayaderosseras Creek from first railroad bridge upstream | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | |
| Great Sacandaga Lake, Moreau Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Great Sacandaga Lake tributaries from lake upstream to first highway bridge | Fishing prohibited March 16 until the opening of Walleye season in May | | | | |
| Mohawk River from Lock 2 to Guard Gate 2 (Waterford Flight) | Use or possession of alewife or blueback herring is prohibited | | | | |
| Palmer Lake | Trout | April 1 – Sept 30 | Any size | 5 | |
| Saratoga Lake including Fish Creek downstream to the old railroad crossing between Staffords and Bryants bridges | Sunfish (Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Redbreast) | All year | Any size | 15 | Ice fishing permitted |

Warren County


| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|--|
| Brant Lake, Brant Lake Mill Pond, Brant Lake Outlet, Hudson River, Lake Luzerne, Trout Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Lake George and tributaries upstream to first barrier impassable by fish | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted; |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 23" | 2 | Use or possession of smelt prohibited |
| | LL Salmon | All year | 18" | 2 | |
| Glen Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Hour Pond, Jabe Pond, Little Jabe Pond, Peaked Mountain Pond, and their tributaries | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 3 | Artificial lures only |
| Lily Pond, Pack Forest Lake | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | |
| Schroon Lake, Schroon River from Schroon Lake downstream to Starbuckville Dam | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 18" | 2 | |
| | LL Salmon | All year | 15" | 3 | |
| Schroon River from Starbuckville Dam downstream | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | Any size | 3 | |
| | LL Salmon | All year | Any size | 3 | |
| Thirteenth Lake and tributaries and outlet downstream to Hudson River | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 | Use or possession of baitfish prohibited |
| | Salmon | April 1 – Nov 30 | 15" | 3 | |
| Palmer Pond | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 | |

In addition, the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited on all lands, lakes, ponds, and streams of the following geographic areas: Pharaoh Lake Wilderness and the Siamese Ponds Wilderness, and the following waters: **Town of Bolton**—Brown Pond; **Town of Chester**—Clear Pond, Palmer Pond; **Town of Hague**—Buttermilk Pond, Jabe Pond, Little Jabe Pond, Racket Ponds, Spectacle Ponds (2); **Town of Horicon**—Duck Pond, Long Pond, Round Pond; **Town of Johnsbury**—Crane Mountain Pond, Eagle Pond, Kibby Pond; **Town of Stony Creek**—New Lake, Wilcox Lake; **Town of Thurman**—Little Joe Pond, Lixard Pond, Shiras Pond, Un-named Pond (1 mi. northwest of Lixard Pond), Un-named Pond (2 miles east of Kibby Pond); **Town of Warrensburg**—Gay Pond, Viele Pond

Washington County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|------------------------------|--|---|-------------|--|
| Batten Kill from Vermont state line downstream to covered bridge at Eagleville | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Hoosic River | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 9" | 5 | |
| Lake Champlain and tributaries to first barrier | All Species | See Lake Champlain regulations on page 38. | | | |
| Lake George and tributaries upstream to first barrier impassable by fish | Lake Trout, Trout, LL Salmon | See Lake George under Warren County | | | Smelt: Use or possession of smelt prohibited |
| Hudson River from Troy dam upstream to Ft. Edward and tributaries in this section to first barrier impassable by fish, Mohawk River below Route 32 Bridge | All Species | All year | Catch and release fishing only. All fish shall be returned to the water immediately. Baitfish listed on page 19 may be possessed for use as fish bait. Use of tip-ups is permitted. | | |

In addition, the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited in the following waters: **Town of Dresden**—Black Mountain Ponds (2), Bumps Pond, Fishbrook Pond, Greenland Pond, Lapland Pond; **Town of Fort Ann**—Innan Pond; **Town of Jackson**—Dead Lake; **Town of Whitehall**—Sawmill Pond, Spruce Pond



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Daniel Germain with his 5 lb. 13 oz. state record brook trout caught from South Lake, Herkimer County on June 15, 2011.

Herkimer County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-------------|------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| First, Second, Third, and Fourth Lakes of Fulton Chain | Trout | All year | 9" | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 21" | 3 | |
| | LL Salmon | All year | 15" | 3 | |
| Limekiln Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Horn Lake, Evergreen Lake, Hidden Lake, Peaked Mountain Lake | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 3 | Artificial lures only |
| Moose River, Middle and South Branch of Moose River downstream of Moose River Plains Recreation Area, West Canada Creek from mouth upstream to Comstock Bridge | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| West Canada Creek from Trenton Falls Dam downstream to the first bridge (Comstock Bridge) below the mouth of Cincinnati Creek | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Stillwater Reservoir, Beardslay Lake, Kyser Lake | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Wheeler Pond, Clear Pond (Town of Webb) | Brook Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |

In addition, the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited in the following waters: All ponds and streams in the Five Ponds Wilderness, He-De-Ron-Dah Wilderness, Pepperbox Wilderness, Pigeon Lake Wilderness and the West Canada Lake Wilderness; also: **Town of Webb**—Bear Lake, Bubb Lake, Brewer Lake, Buck Lake (1/2 mile north of Hog Pond), Buck Pond (one mile west of Thirsty Pond), Clear Pond, Moss Lake, Nicks Lake, Big Otter Lake, Quiver Pond, Razorback Pond, Sis Lake, Tied Lake, Twitchell Lake, West Pond (0.6 miles southwest of Big Moose Lake), Wheeler Pond, Woods Lake

Jefferson County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|------------------------|--|----------------|-------------|--|
| All waters except Sandy Pond | Yellow Perch & Sunfish | All year | Any size | Any number | |
| All waters except Black River | Black Bass | 3rd Saturday in June through November 30 | 12" | 5 | Fishing for black bass (including catch & release) is prohibited outside of the open season. |
| Black River from Dexter Dam upstream, Indian River | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | |
| Black River from upstream tip of lower-most island to Mill St. Dam in Watertown | Walleye | Statewide angling regulations apply | | | |
| Sandy Pond | Yellow Perch & Sunfish | All year | Any size | 50 each | Ice fishing permitted |
| Clear Lake, Grass Lake, Hyde Lake, Sixtown Pond, Butterfield Lake | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Lake-of-the-Woods, Sixberry Lake | Lake Trout | All year | 21" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Lake Ontario, St. Lawrence River, and their tributaries to first barrier | LL Salmon | All year | 15" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Perch Lake | All Species | See Great Lakes regulations on pages 30-34. | | | Ice fishing permitted from Dec 1 through March 1. General angling regulations minimum lengths and daily limits apply |
| | | Closed to all fishing from March 2 through Nov 30. | | | |

Lewis County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|------------|--|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Black River, Deer River, West Branch Deer River, Beaver River | Black Bass | 3rd Sat June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | Artificial lures only |
| | | Dec 1 to Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | |
| Black River, East Branch Fish Creek from Rome Reservoir Dam downstream, Moose River | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Lake Bonaparte | Trout | All year | 9" | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 18" | 3 | |

In addition, the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited in the following waters: All ponds and streams in the Ha-De-Ron-Dah Wilderness; also: **Town of Croghan**—Clear Pond, Rock Pond, Seepage Pond, Trout Pond; **Town of Diana**—Green Pond, Sealy Pond, Silver Dawn Lake, Little Silver Dawn Lake; **Town of Greig**—Pitcher Pond; **Town of Watson**—Cleveland Lake, Evies Pond, Long Lake, Payne Lake



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Oneida County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|--|--|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Black River | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 Dec 1 through Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | 10" | 5 | Artificial lures only |
| | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Mohawk River from Barge Canal upstream to Delta Dam, Mohawk River from bridge in Westernville upstream to Lansing Kill, Moose River, Nine Mile Creek, Oneida Creek, Sauquoit Creek from Pinnacle Road in Sauquoit downstream | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Oneida Lake east of Route 81 bridge and tributaries upstream to first barrier impassable by fish, and Barge (Erie) Canal and tributaries upstream to Lock 22 | Walleye | 1st Sat May – March 15 | 15" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Black Bass | 1st Sat in May – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | Catch and release only 12" | 5 | Artificial lures only |
| Oriskany Creek from bridge in Deansboro downstream to Mohawk River | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 | Artificial lures only |
| | | Oct 16 – Mar 31 | Catch and release only | | |
| Oneida Creek from Peterboro Road downstream to NYS Thruway | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | |
| West Canada Creek, East Branch Fish Creek from Rome Reservoir downstream and West Branch Fish Creek, except for sections below: | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| West Canada Creek from Trenton Falls Dam downstream to the first bridge (Comstock Bridge) below the mouth of Cincinnati Creek | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Lansing Kill | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Fish Creek from Barge Canal upstream to junction of East and West Branches of Fish Creek, West Branch of Fish Creek from mouth upstream to dam in McConnellsville, East Branch Fish Creek from mouth upstream to the route 69 bridge in Taberg, Mohawk River from Delta Lake upstream to bridge in Westernville | Fishing prohibited March 16 until the opening of Walleye season in May | | | | |

In addition, the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited in the following waters: **Town of Forestport**—Brandy Lake, Round Pond

St. Lawrence County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|---|---|------------------------|---|--|
| All waters except as listed below: | Black Bass | 3rd Saturday in June through November 30 | 12" | 5 | Fishing for black bass (including catch & release) is prohibited outside of the open season. |
| All rivers and streams except the Raquette River impoundments and those covered by Great Lakes regulations | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | Fishing (including catch & release) for black bass outside of the open season is prohibited. |
| | Muskellunge | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 40" | 1 | |
| Black Lake including the Indian River from falls in Rossie downstream to the confluence with the Oswegatchie River | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 15" | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Cold Brook (on Cold Brook FWMA), Jordan river from Carry Falls Reservoir upstream to Franklin County line, South Branch Grass River from 0.5 mile downstream of Route 3 upstream to Grass River Flow | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Allen Pond | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 3 | |
| West Branch St. Regis River from Route 11B bridge upstream to Allen Falls Reservoir Dam | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| St. Lawrence River and tributaries to first barrier | All Species | See Great Lakes regulations on pages 30-34. | | | |
| Tooley Pond | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Lake Ozonia | Trout | All year | 12" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | LL Salmon | All year | 15" | 3 | |
| Pleasant Lake, Horseshoe Lake | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Little River (Towns of Fine, Clifton), Oswegatchie River from Cranberry Lake Dam downstream | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any Size | 5 | |
| St. Regis River from Ft. Jackson upstream to Franklin County Line | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Star Lake | Trout | All year | 9" | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 21" | 3 | |
| Trout Lake | Trout | All year | 9" | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Lake Trout | All year | 21" | 3 | |
| Tupper Lake | Lake Trout | All year | 21" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Pine, Boottree, Town Line, Deer and Horseshoe ponds in the Massawepie Conservation Easement Area, Tamarack Pond | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 3 | |
| Cranberry Lake | Northern Pike | 1st Sat in May – Mar 15 | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Oswegatchie River from north side of the lower most bridge, State Rt. 68, upstream to the dam in Ogdensburg | Fishing prohibited March 16 until the opening of walleye season in May. | | | | |

In addition, the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited in the following waters: All ponds and streams in the Five Ponds Wilderness, and Raquette-Boreal Wilderness Area, also: **Town of Clare**—Allen Pond; **Town of Colton**—Burntbridge Pond, Church Pond, Clear or Hedgehog Pond, Curtis Pond, Dog Pond, Townline Pond, Big Trout Pond, Little Trout Pond; **Town of Fine**—Long Lake, Nicks Pond, Round Lake, Streeter Lake; **Town of Parishville**—Clear Pond, Long Pond, Lilypad Pond; **Town of Piercefild**—Big Trout Pond, Black Pond, Boitree Pond, Bridgebrook Pond, Deer Pond, Horseshoe Pond, Little Trout Pond, Long Pond, Lows Lake (Bog River upstream of dam above Hitchens Pond), Massawepie Lake, Pine Pond, Round Pond, Townline Pond



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NATURAL SHORELINES ARE GOOD FOR FISHING

By keeping shorelines natural, you can help protect water quality and improve fish habitat. A shoreline without trees and shrubs can get washed away, making the water muddy and unsuitable for fish. If you live near a lake or a river, plant a buffer strip along the water's edge using trees, shrubs, wildflowers or other native plants. Trees and other vegetation filter pollution and provide shade, shelter, habitat, and food critical for bass, trout, and other fish to thrive and reproduce. Keep your favorite fishing spots well vegetated! For more tips and information, visit <http://water.epa.gov/type/lakes/index.cfm>



Broome County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Arctic Lake, Greenwood Lake, Nanticoke Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | Ice fishing permitted |
| Chenango River, Susquehanna River, Tioughnioga River | Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 30" | 1 combined | |
| | American Shad | All year | Catch and Release fishing only. All American Shad shall be returned to the water immediately. | | |
| Oquaga Creek from Old Route 17 bridge east of McClure downstream 3 miles to new Route 17 bridge west of Deposit | Trout | All year | | Catch and release only | Artificial lures only |
| Otselic River from mouth to Whitney Point Reservoir Dam, Susquehanna River in Binghamton between Rock Bottom Dam and Exchange Street bridge, Susquehanna River in the towns of Union and Vestal from the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad bridge downstream to Murphy's Island, Tioughnioga River from New York Route 26 bridge to US Route 11 bridge, Little Choconut Creek from mouth to Goudey Station Building Fishing prohibited March 16 until the opening of Walleye season in May | | | | | |
| Whitney Point Reservoir and Upper Otselic River upstream to Cortland County Route 169 bridge at Landers Corners | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | |

West Branch Delaware River Special Regulations by River Section below:

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|--|---|------------------|-----|------------------------|-----------------------|
| West Branch Delaware River: from Broome/Delaware Co. border downstream to Rte 17 overpass at Deposit | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 2 | |
| | All angling prohibited from Oct 16 – March 31 to protect spawning Trout | | | | |
| West Branch Delaware River: from Route 17 overpass at Deposit downstream 2.0 miles | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | | Catch and release only | Artificial lures only |
| | All angling prohibited from Oct 16 – March 31 to protect spawning Trout | | | | |
| West Branch Delaware River: from the lower limit of Trout catch and release section near Deposit downstream to NY/PA border (1.7 miles below Hale Eddy Bridge) | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 2 | |
| | All angling prohibited from Oct 16 – March 31 to protect spawning Trout | | | | |

Cayuga County

| Waters | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|---|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except those listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Cayuga Lake, Owasco Lake, Skaneateles Lake and their tributaries to first barrier | All Species | See Finger Lakes regulations | | | |
| Cross Lake, Seneca River | Northern Pike | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 22" | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Cross Lake, Seneca River from Jordan Rd. to Plainville Rd. in Onondaga Co. | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Dutch Hollow Brook from Owasco Lake upstream to the Route 38A bridge | Angling and dipnetting prohibited from March 16 until the opening of the Walleye season | | | | |
| Lake Ontario and tributaries to first barrier | All Species | See Great Lakes regulations | | | |
| Owasco Lake Outlet | All Species | Regulations in effect for Owasco Lake apply. See Finger Lakes regulations | | | |
| Salmon Creek | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| | | Oct 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |



Chenango County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Genegantslet Creek from first Route 220 bridge north of Smithville Flats upstream to mouth of Five Streams | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Guilford Lake, Mill Brook Reservoir | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | Ice fishing permitted |
| Chenango River, Susquehanna River | Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 30" | 1 combined | |
| | American Shad | All year | Catch and Release fishing only. All American Shad shall be returned to the water immediately. | | |
| Otselic River | Trout | April 1 – October 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| | | Oct 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial Lures Only |

Cortland County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Goodale Lake, Little York Lake, Cast-erline Pond, Tri-County Pond | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | Ice fishing permitted |
| East Branch Owego Creek, East Branch Tioughnioga River, West Branch Tioughnioga River, Otselic River | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| | | Oct 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Otselic River, Tioughnioga River, East Branch Tioughnioga River, West Branch Tioughnioga River | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Otselic River from County Rt. 169 bridge at Landers Corners downstream to Broome County line | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | |
| Skaneateles Lake and tributaries to first barrier | All Species | See Finger Lakes regulations | | | |
| Tri-County Pond | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | Ice fishing permitted |
| Tully Lake | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |

Madison County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|--|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Eaton Brook Reservoir | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | |
| Chenango Canal from Route 46 to Oriskany Creek | Trout | All year | 12" | 2 | Artificial lures only |
| Chittenango Creek from Route 20 north to Conrail railroad line (except as listed below) | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Chittenango Creek from the Town of Fenner/Town of Sullivan Town Line at mile marker 1219 on Rt. 13 to mile marker 1237 south of the Village of Chittenango Line | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Lebanon Reservoir, Leland Ponds | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | Ice fishing permitted |
| Oneida Creek from Peterboro Road to NYS Thruway | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | |
| Oneida Lake east of Route 81 bridge and tributaries upstream to the first barrier impassable by fish, and Barge (Erie) Canal & tributaries upstream to Lock 22 | Walleye | 1st Sat May – March 15 | 15" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Black Bass | 1st Sat May – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| | | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 12" | 5 | |
| East Branch Tioughnioga River, Otselic River | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| | | Oct 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Canaseraga Creek from Route 31 bridge upstream to Thruway, Chittenango Creek from mouth upstream to Conrail railroad line, Cowaselon Creek from mouth upstream to Route 13 | Fishing prohibited March 16 until the opening of Walleye season in May | | | | |



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Onondaga County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|---------------------|--|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Chittenango Creek from mouth upstream to Conrail railroad line | | Fishing prohibited March 16 until the opening of Walleye season in May | | | |
| Cross Lake, Seneca River | Northern Pike | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 22" | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Cross Lake, Seneca River from Jordan Road in Cayuga Co. to Plainville Rd. | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Green Lake in Green Lakes State Park | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Limestone Creek-mouth to Route 20, Butternut Creek-mouth to Route 20 | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Oneida Lake east of Route 81 bridge & tributaries upstream to the 1st barrier impassable by fish, and Barge (Erie) Canal & tributaries upstream to Lock 22 | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 15" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Black Bass | 1st Sat in May – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| | | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 12" | 5 | |
| Skaneateles Creek from Old Seneca Turnpike bridge north of Village of Skaneateles downstream 10.2 miles to the Jordan Road bridge in the village of Jordan | Trout and LL Salmon | April 1 – Oct 15 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Otisco Lake, Skaneateles Lake and their tributaries to first barrier | All Species | See Finger Lakes regulations on page 36. | | | |
| Jamesville Reservoir, Tully Lake | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |

Oswego County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-------------|--|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Lake Ontario and tributaries to first barrier impassable to fish | All Species | See Great Lakes regulations on pages 30–34. | | | |
| Redfield Reservoir | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Walleye | 1st Saturday in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | |
| Scriba Creek from mouth upstream to Fish Hatchery Dam | | Fishing prohibited March 16 until the opening of Walleye season in May | | | |
| Oneida Lake east of Route 81 bridge & tributaries upstream to the 1st barrier impassable by fish, and Barge (Erie) Canal & tributaries upstream to Lock 22 | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 15" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Black Bass | 1st Sat in May – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| | | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 12" | 5 | |

Tioga County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Catatonk Creek, Cayuta Creek | Black Bass | All year | Any size | 5 | |
| Cayuta Creek | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Owego Creek, East Branch Owego Creek, West Branch Owego Creek | Trout | April 1 – October 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| | | October 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Susquehanna River | Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 30" | 1 combined | |
| | American Shad | All year | Catch and Release fishing only. All American Shad shall be returned to the water immediately | | |

Tompkins County

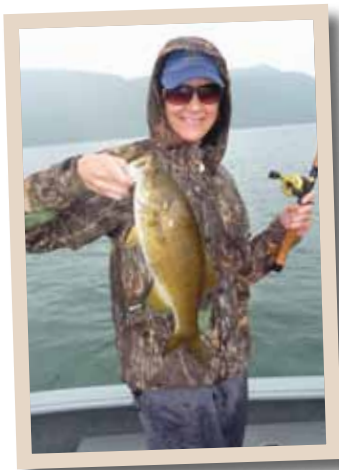
| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-------------|--|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Cayuga Lake and tributaries to first barrier impassable to fish | All Species | See Finger Lakes regulations on page 36. | | | |
| Fall Creek from Ithaca Falls upstream | Black Bass | All year | Any size | 5 | |
| Fall Creek from Route 38 bridge at Freeville upstream to bridge at Groton City | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Tri-County Pond | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | Ice fishing permitted |
| Salmon Creek above Ludlowville Falls, West Branch Owego Creek | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| | | Oct 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |





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Chemung County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Cayuta Creek (except section below) | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Cayuta Creek from the Wyncoop Creek Road Bridge upstream to the NY Route 223 bridge | Trout | All year | 12" | 2 | Artificial lures only |
| Chemung River and tributaries | Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 30" | 1 combined | |
| | American Shad | All year | Catch and Release fishing only. All American Shad shall be returned to the water immediately | | |
| Seneca Lake tributaries to first barrier | All Species | See Finger Lakes regulations on page 36. | | | |
| Park Station Pond | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |

Genesee County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------|----------------|---|--------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Oatka Creek | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |

In addition, the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited in the following water: **Town of Darien**—Harlow Lake.

Livingston County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Conesus Lake and Hemlock Lake and tributaries to first barrier | All Species | See Finger Lakes regulations on page 36. | | | |
| North McMillan Creek and Conesus Inlet Fish and Wildlife Management Area from Conesus Lake south to the dam, except the canal west of Conesus Inlet and that portion of the inlet north of the canal | | Fishing prohibited March 1 until the opening of Walleye season in May to protect spawning Walleye and Northern Pike | | | |
| Cohocton River, Mill Creek | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Spring Creek except Caledonia State Fish Hatchery property | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 2 | Artificial lures only |
| | | Oct 16 – Mar 31 | Catch and release only | | |
| Spring Creek on Caledonia State Fish Hatchery property as posted | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 8 am – 4 pm | 12" | 2 | Artificial lures only |
| | | Oct 16 – Mar 31 8 am – 4 pm | Catch and release only | | |

Monroe County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|-------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Lake Ontario and tributaries to first barrier | All Species | See Great Lakes regulations on pages 30–34. | | | |
| Oatka Creek except sections below | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Oatka Creek from Bowerman Road upstream 1.4 miles to Union St. and Wheatland Center Rd. upstream 2.5 miles to the mouth of Spring Creek | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 2 | Artificial lures only |
| | | Oct 16 – Mar 31 | Catch and release only | | |
| Oatka Creek from Union Street upstream 1.7 miles to Wheatland Center Road | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Spring Creek | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 12" | 2 | Artificial lures only |
| | | Oct 16 – Mar 31 | Catch and release only | | |



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Ontario County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-------------|------------------|---|---|--------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Canadice Lake, Canandaigua Lake, Honeoye Lake, Seneca Lake and tributaries of Canadice Lake, Canandaigua Lake and Seneca Lake to first barrier | All Species | | See Finger Lakes regulations on page 36 | | |
| Lake Ontario and tributaries to first barrier | All Species | | See Great Lakes regulations on pages 30–34. | | |

Orleans County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|-------------|------------------|---|---|--------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any Size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Lake Ontario and tributaries to first barrier | All Species | | See Great Lakes regulations on pages 30–34. | | |

Schuyler County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|-------------|---------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Cayuta Creek | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Cayuta Lake | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Seneca Lake and tributaries of Cayuga Lake and Seneca Lake to first barrier | All Species | | See Finger Lakes regulations on page 36. | | |

Seneca County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Cayuga Lake, Seneca Lake and their tributaries to first barrier | All Species | | See Finger Lakes regulations on page 36. | | |
| Seneca River | Northern Pike | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 22" | 5 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Trout, lake Trout, LL Salmon | All year | Any size | 5 | |

Steuben County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Keuka Lake and tributaries to first barrier | All Species | | See Finger Lakes regulations on page 36. | | |
| Chemung River and tributaries upstream of Route 17 west of Corning | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 10" | 5 | |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Chemung River, Tioga River | Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 30" | 1 combined | |
| Cohocton River except sections below | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Cohocton River from North Boundary of U.S. Veterans Facility upstream to Route 415 bridge and from north boundary of Avoca Village upstream to mouth of Neil Creek | Trout | All year | 12" | 2 | Artificial lures only |
| Mill Creek | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |

Wayne County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|-------------|------------------|---|---|--------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Lake Ontario and tributaries to first barrier | All Species | | See Great Lakes regulations on pages 30–34. | | |

Yates County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-------------|------------------|--|---|--------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Canandaigua Lake, Keuka Lake, Seneca Lake and their tributaries to first barrier | All Species | | See Finger Lakes regulations on page 36. | | |
| Keuka Outlet from first barrier upstream | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |

“ICE FISHING PERMITTED”

Where it appears in this guide, “Ice Fishing Permitted” means that any species, during its open season, may be taken from November 15th through April 30th by ice fishing. Persons required to have a fishing license must have a current license. No other DEC special permit is required. With few exceptions (as noted in the regional regulations sections), no more than five tip-ups and two hand lines may be used.





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Allegany County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Rushford Lake | Trout | April 1 – Nov 30 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Allen Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | 15" | 3 | Artificial lures only |
| Genesee River from Belmont Dam upstream to Pennsylvania State line except section below | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Genesee River from Route 19 bridge in Shongo downstream 2.5 miles | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Wiscoy Creek | Trout | April 1 – October 15 | 10" | 3 | |
| | | October 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| East Koy Creek | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| | | October 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |

Cattaraugus County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|--|---------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Allegany State Park | State Park regulations may apply, check with Park Police | | | | |
| Case Lake, Harwood Lake, New Albion Lake, Red House Lake, Quaker Lake | Trout | All year | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | Ice fishing permitted |
| Clear Creek from Wyoming-Cattaraugus County line upstream, Lime Lake Outlet, McKinstry Creek | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 9" | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| | | Oct 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Ischua Creek from 0.9 miles downstream to 1.3 miles upstream of Rt. 98 bridge in Cadiz | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Lime Lake | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Cattaraugus Creek downstream of Springville Dam | See Great Lakes Regulations on pages 30–34. | | | | |
| Elm Creek, Elton Creek, Mansfield Creek, Cattaraugus Creek upstream of Springville Dam | Trout | April 1 – October 15 | Any Size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| | | October 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |

Chautauque County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|---|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Bear Lake, Findley Lake | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – March 15 | 18" | 3 | Ice fishing permitted |
| Chautauque Lake and its tributaries and the Chadakoin River to Warner Dam | Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | 40" | 1 | Ice fishing permitted |
| | Walleye | 1st Sat in May – Mar 15 | 18" | 3 | |
| Cassadaga Lakes | Black Bass | 3rd Sat in June – Nov 30 | Possession of fish 12"–15" prohibited; possession of fish less than 12" or greater than 15" is permitted | 5 | |
| | | Dec 1 – Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Goose Creek | Trout | All year | Any Size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Lake Erie and tributaries to first barrier impassable by fish | See Great Lakes Regulations on pages 30–34. | | | | |



Jason Dundr with a 21" smallmouth bass he caught and released from Lake Erie, Chautauque County on May 21, 2011.



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Erie County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|--|-------------|--|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Lake Erie, Niagara River, and their tributaries to the first barrier, Cattaraugus Creek downstream of Springville Dam, Buffalo River and tributaries to first barrier impassable by fish, that portion of Ellicott Creek within Amherst State Park | All Species | See Great Lakes regulations see pages 30 and 34. | | | |
| Hosmer (Sardinia) Brook | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 9" | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| | | Oct 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Cattaraugus Creek upstream of Springville Dam | Trout | April 1 – October 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| | | Oct 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |

Niagara County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|-------------|--|----------------|-------------|--------|
| Lake Ontario, Niagara River, and their tributaries to first barrier | All Species | See Great Lakes regulations see pages 30 and 34. | | | |

Wyoming County

| Water | Species | Open Season | Minimum Length | Daily Limit | Method |
|---|---------|-------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| All waters except as listed below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| Wiscoy Creek except section below | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 10" | 3 | |
| | | Oct 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Wiscoy Creek from 0.5 mile upstream to 0.5 mile downstream of East Hillside Road Bridge | Trout | All year | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| Clear Creek from mouth to Wyoming-Cattaraugus County line | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | 9" | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| | | Oct 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |
| East Koy Creek, Cattaraugus Creek upstream of Springville Dam | Trout | April 1 – Oct 15 | Any size | 5 - with no more than 2 longer than 12" | |
| | | Oct 16 – March 31 | Catch and release only | | Artificial lures only |

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