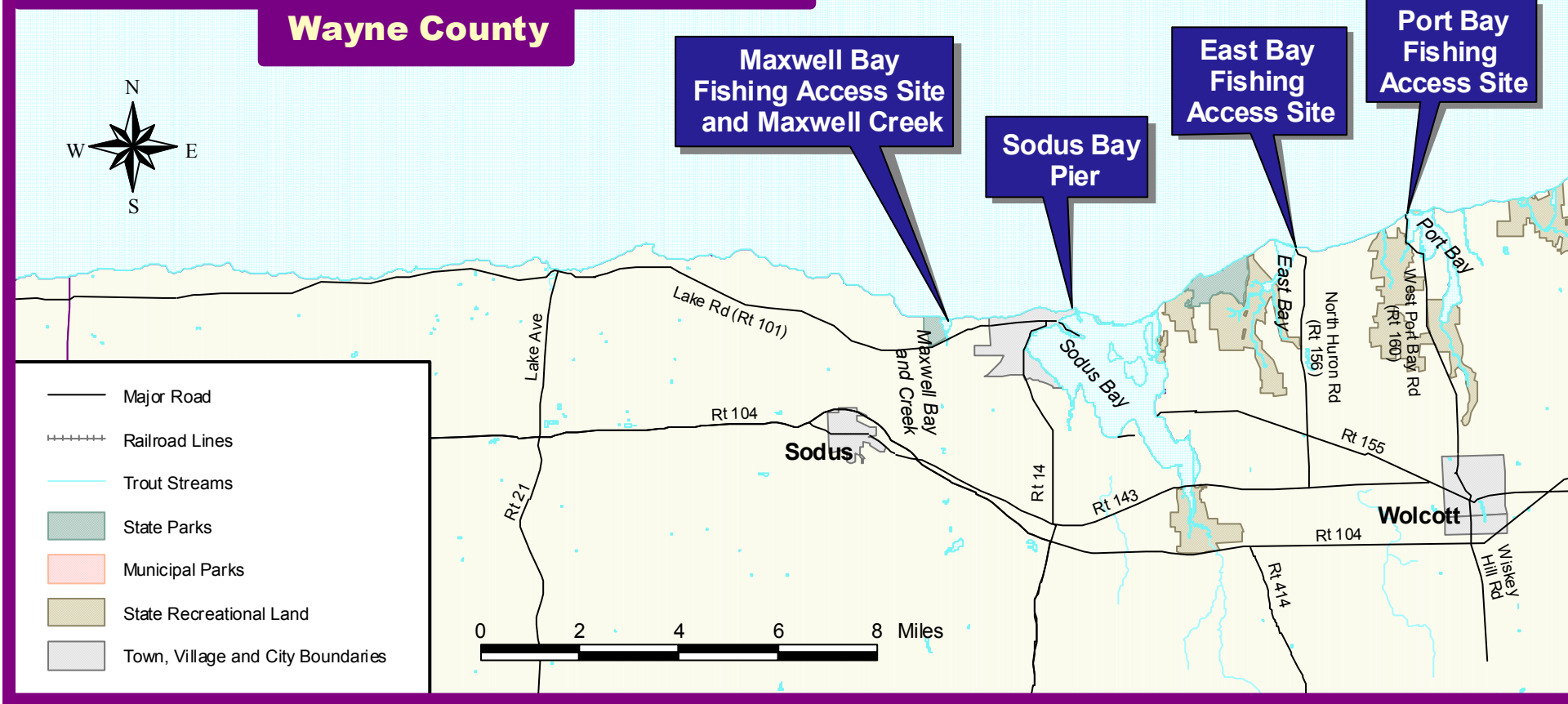


Lake Ontario Public Fishing Areas

Wayne County



Along the shores of Orleans, Monroe and Wayne Counties, Lake Ontario offers some of New York State's most exciting opportunities for freshwater fishing. The development of the chinook salmon, coho salmon, rainbow trout (steelhead) and brown trout fisheries has provided anglers with the chance of hooking trophy size fish throughout the year. Although you may think you need a boat to enjoy this fabulous fishing, you will be pleasantly surprised at the excellent opportunities for shore based anglers. As Lake Ontario's shallower nearshore waters begin to warm in late March, brown trout, rainbow trout (steelhead), coho salmon, lake trout and occasionally chinook salmon move into the shallows, providing prime shore fishing through mid-May. The coho salmon and rainbow trout begin a slow retreat back to deeper water in late April, but brown trout remain close to shore typically into June. Most anglers cast small, heavy silver lures from the shoreline, piers or jetty access points. In addition to the excellent coldwater opportunities, other species such as smallmouth bass, yellow perch, sunfish and freshwater drum provide anglers with non-stop action throughout the year.

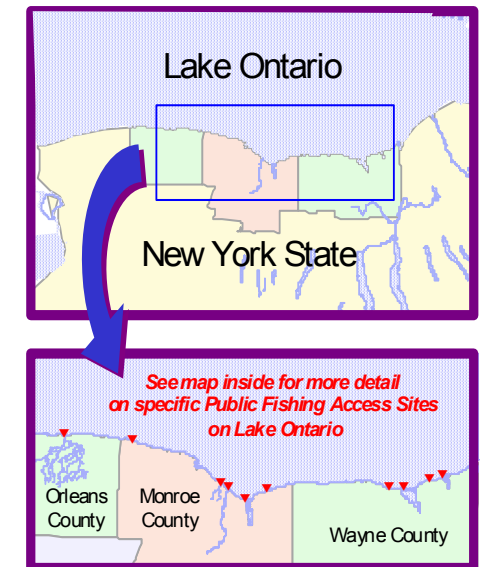
At times, the fishing pressures can be heavy and fishing etiquette can go a long way in making everyone's day a pleasurable one. Elbow room to fish is a common courtesy. Fishing right up to another angler could disturb a pod of feeding fish and no one appreciates this type of conduct. Pleasant conversations are OK, so long as fish within casting range are not disturbed.



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Public Fishing Information

Lake Ontario Near Shore Fishing Access Sites



The near shore fishery of Lake Ontario offers anglers many opportunities to take advantage of some of New York State's best fishing. This brochure describes ten great public fishing areas offered on the shore of Lake Ontario in Orleans, Monroe and Wayne Counties.

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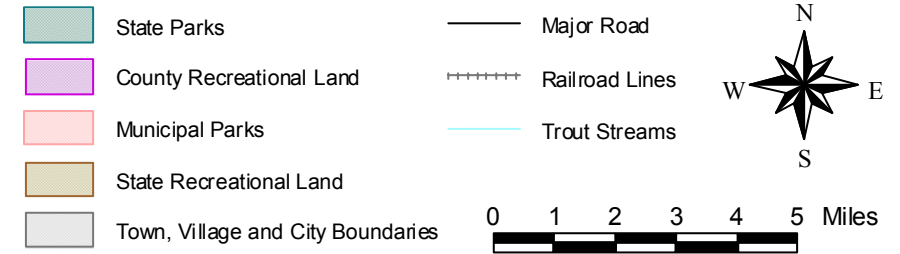
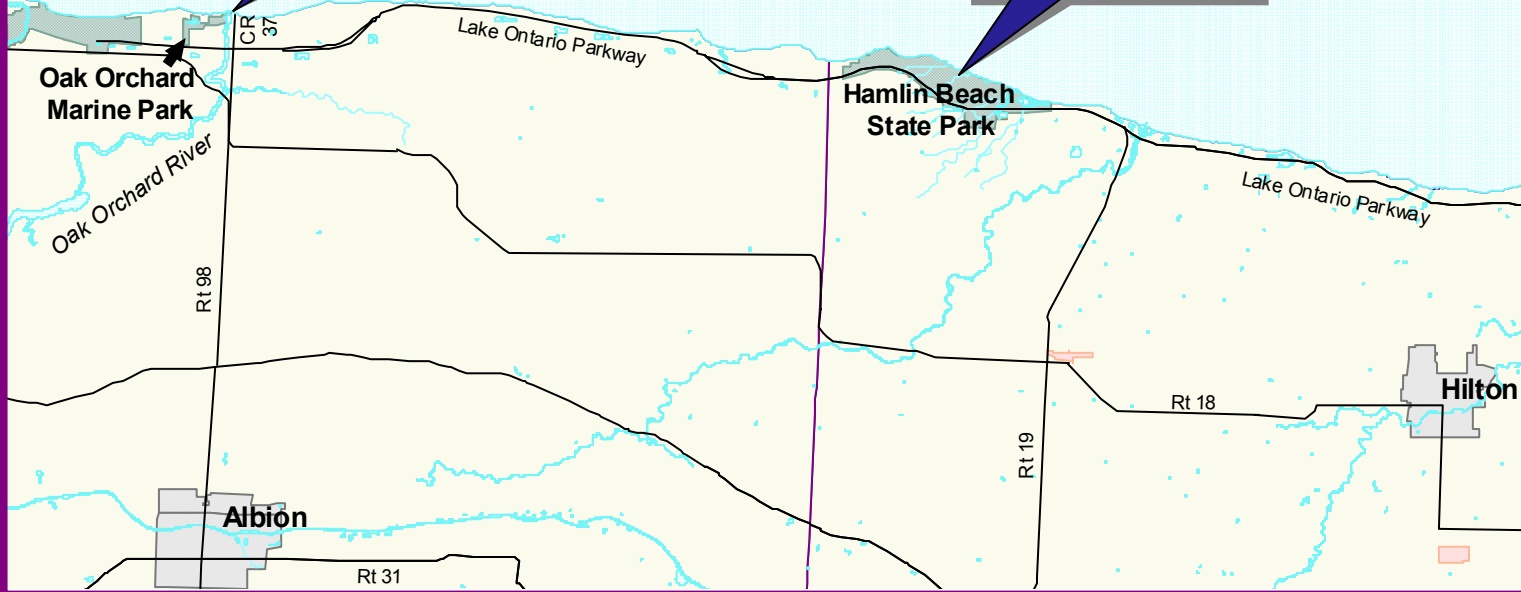
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Lake Ontario Public Fishing Areas

Orleans & Monroe Counties

Oak Orchard Piers

Hamlin Beach State Park Jetties

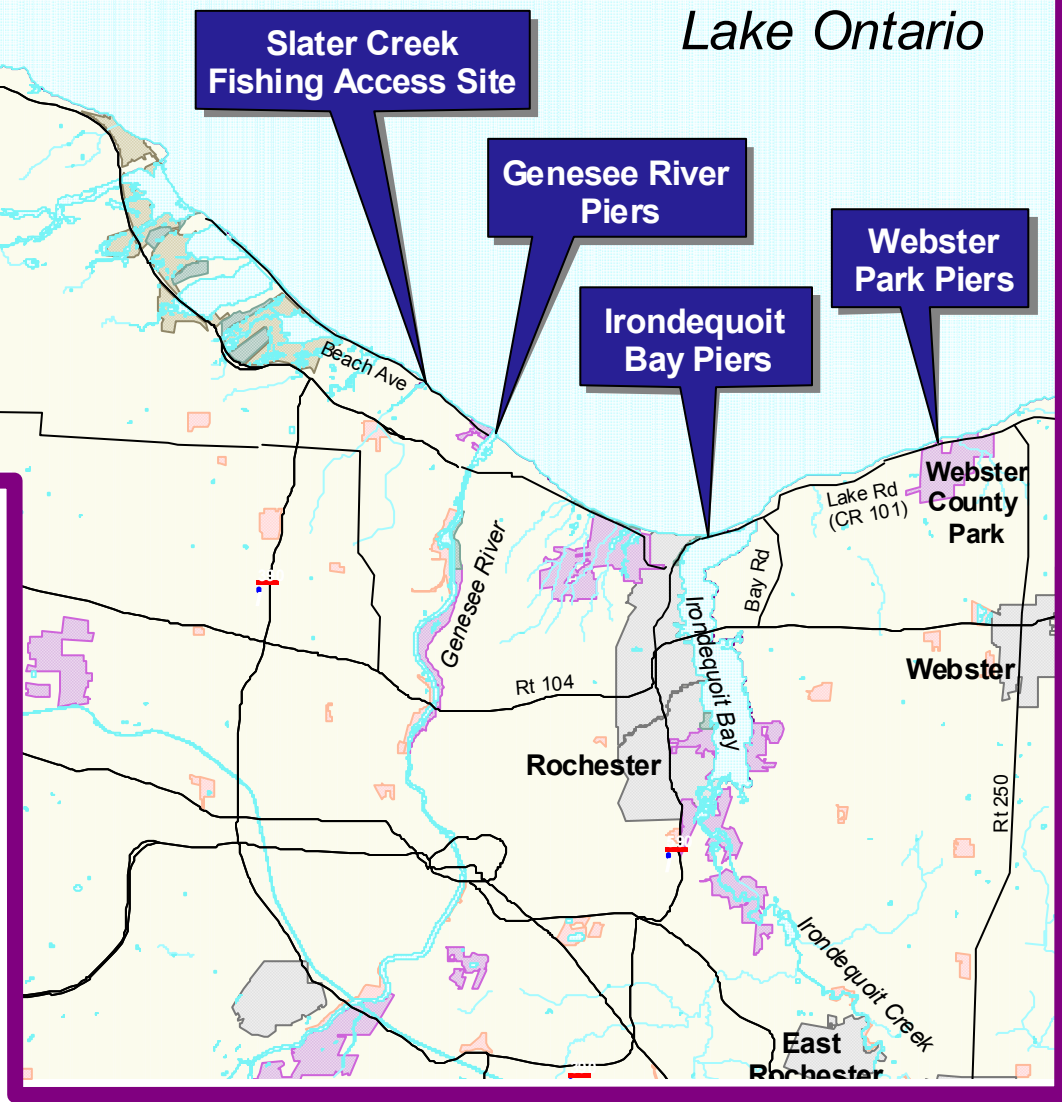


Slater Creek Fishing Access Site

Genesee River Piers

Irondequoit Bay Piers

Webster Park Piers



Fishing Regulations

For fishing regulations concerning Lake Ontario see [New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Fishing Regulations Guide – Great Lakes Regulations - Special Regulations for Lake Ontario](#) or visit the website at www.dec.state.ny.us

Each year the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) stocks over 200,000 brown trout, 255,000 chinook salmon, 62,000 rainbow trout (steelhead), 48,000 coho salmon and 20,000 atlantic salmon in this three county area of Lake Ontario.

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.