Public Fishing Rights Maps

Black River - Salmon Run Section

**About Public Fishing Rights**

Public Fishing Rights (PFR’s) are permanent easements purchased by the NYSDEC from willing landowners, giving anglers the right to fish and walk along the bank (usually a 33’ strip on one or both banks of the stream). This right is for the purpose of fishing only and no other purpose. Treat the land with respect to insure the continuation of this right and privilege. Fishing privileges may be available on some other private lands with permission of the land owner. Courtesy toward the land-owner and respect for their property will insure their continued use.

These generalized location maps are intended to aid anglers in finding PFR segments and are not survey quality. Width of displayed PFR may be wider than reality to make it more visible on the maps. Please look for this PFR sign to ensure that you are in the right location and have legal access to the stream bank.

For more information on this creek or if you believe PFR marked areas on these maps are incorrect or missing PFR signs, please call the Region 8 Fisheries office: (585) 226-2466.

**Fish Species Present**

- Brown Trout
- Chinook Salmon
- Rainbow Trout
- Coho Salmon
- Smallmouth Bass
- Walleye

**Description of Fishery**

The Black River drains approximately 1,920 square miles of New York. The section from the Mill Street Dam in Watertown downstream to Lake Ontario supports runs of Chinook and Coho Salmon (Sept. to Nov.), steelhead (Oct. to April) and brown trout (year round). Brown trout have a spawning run in the fall from Lake Ontario and are stocked during the spring, providing a year-round opportunity.

Quality smallmouth bass and walleye fishing can also be had from their season openers through season closure or ice-in, whichever comes first.

Seasonal regulations for Great Lakes Tributaries apply from September 1 through March 31.

**Location**

Jefferson County
Legend

- Boat Launch
- Angler Parking
- Village/Hamlet
- Left Bank PFR
- Right Bank PFR
- Cooperative Agreement
- Major Road
- Railroad Lines
- Local Streets/Roads
- Streams and Ponds
- Municipal Parks
- DEC Lands
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Map 1

*Right and left bank as you are looking downstream*
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