Description of Fishery

Canadaway Creek, located near Dunkirk and Fredonia in Chautauqua County, supports an excellent Lake Erie steelhead run from the creek mouth upstream to Laona Falls, a total of over 6 miles of stream. Steelhead can be found in the creek from mid-October into early May. There are 0.6 miles of public access on the DEC fishing access site off Route 5 and 0.2 miles of additional public fishing rights easements. The upper section of Canadaway Creek offers inland trout fishing opportunities. Near the Hamlet of Griswold, there are 1.6 miles of public fishing access within DEC Canadaway Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The section within the WMA is stocked with 250 yearling brook trout and 50 two-year old brown trout each spring.

Trout Fishing Regulations

Mouth to first impassable falls: Trout and salmon; open all year, 12 inch minimum size, daily limit 3 per person. Check fishing regulation guide for other Great Lakes tributary regulations that may apply.

Above impassable falls to headwaters: Trout; open April 1 - Oct 15, any size, daily limit of 5 with no more than 2 longer than 12 inches.

Primary Fish Species

Rainbow Trout

Brown Trout

Brook Trout

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 9 Fisheries office: (716) 372-0645.
Section is "landlocked", thus you need landowner permission to access this PFR.