Description of Fishery
Chautauqua Creek flows northerly for over 15 miles before entering Lake Erie near Westfield. Each October through April, the creek offers one of the top Lake Erie steelhead runs in western New York. The lower section has long been a steelhead hot spot. Completed in 2012, a fish passage project at the Westfield Water Works Dam now provides steelhead access to an additional 10 miles of stream, winding through a deep, forested gorge. The lowest section of creek also receives runs of Lake Erie brown trout in fall and smallmouth bass in spring. There are a total of 8.5 miles of public fishing rights easements on Chautauqua Creek. A 1.3 mile catch and release only, artificial lures only section is located directly below the Westfield Water Works Dam.

Trout Fishing Regulations
All of Chautauqua Creek (except section below): Trout and salmon; open all year, 12 inch minimum size, daily limit 3 per person.
S. Gale Street Bridge upstream 1.3 miles to Westfield Water Works Dam: Trout and salmon; open all year, catch and release, artificial lures only.
Check fishing regulation guide for other Great Lakes tributary regulations that may apply.

Primary Fish Species
Rainbow Trout
Brown Trout
Smallmouth Bass

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.
Fish passage at Westfield Waterworks Dam. Upstream end of Catch and Release Section.
Chautauqua Creek
Map 2

Legend
- Left Bank PFR
- Right Bank PFR
- Major Road
- Railroad Lines
- Local Streets/Roads
- Streams and Ponds
- Stream Flow

0 0.5 1 Miles

*Right and left bank as you are looking downstream

Fish passage at Westfield Waterworks Dam. Upstream end of Catch and Release Section
Chautauqua Creek
Map 3

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Chautauqua Gorge State Forest

Chautauqua Creek

0 0.5 1 Miles

Jones Rd
Sherman Westfield Rd
Napper Rd
Lyons Rd
Putnam Rd
Nettle Hill Rd
Summedale Rd
Hannum Rd
Hannum Rd
Route 430
Sherman Mayville Rd
Redwing Rd

Map 3