Public Fishing Rights Maps

Clear Creek (Arcade)

Description of Fishery

Originating in the town of Freedom in northeast Cattaraugus County, Clear Creek flows northwest into Wyoming County and joins Cattaraugus Creek in the Village of Arcade. There are 5.5 miles of public fishing rights easements on this stream.

Clear Creek has healthy reproducing populations of wild brown and rainbow trout. The creek has not been stocked with trout since 1992. Recent DEC surveys estimate the population of adult wild brown trout to be 617 fish per stream mile and the population of adult wild rainbow trout to be 1,182 fish per stream mile. In the most recent survey, the largest brown trout sampled was 18.3 inches, while the largest rainbow trout was 11.3 inches.

Trout Fishing Regulations

Clear Creek: Trout; open April 1 - October 15, minimum size 9 inches, daily limit 5 per person with no more than 2 longer than 12 inches. October 16 - March 31; catch and release only, artificial lures only.

Primary Fish Species

Brown Trout

Rainbow 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.
See Cattaraugus Creek

Legend

- **P**: Angler Parking
- **City/Village**
- **Left Bank PFR**: Right Bank PFR
- **Local Streets/Roads**
- **County Boundary**
- **Streams and Ponds**
- **Municipal Parks**
- **Stream Flow**

*Right and left bank as you are looking downstream*