Public Fishing Rights Maps

Ischua Creek

Description of Fishery
Ischua Creek begins near the Village of Machias in eastern Cattaraugus County, then flows southerly for over 20 miles, eventually joining with Oil Creek at Maplehurst. Over 17 miles of Ischua Creek are stocked with brown trout. The section in and upstream of Franklinville contains some wild brown trout. There are a total of 17.2 miles of public fishing rights easements on Ischua Creek.

The wild brown trout population of Ischua Creek is variable in the Franklinville area. Recent DEC surveys estimate the number of adult wild brown trout to be 104 fish per stream mile, however in some years there have been as many as 500 fish per stream mile. In addition, each spring the DEC stocks 4,725 yearling brown trout, 3,325 yearling brook trout and 1,500 two-year-old brown trout from the creek mouth to just upstream of Franklinville. Stocked yearling trout average 9 inches long and stocked two-year-old brown trout average 14 inches long.

Trout Fishing Regulations
Ischua Creek: Trout; open April 1 - Oct 15, any size, daily limit 5 per person with no more than 2 longer than 12 inches.

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.
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Map 1

Legend
- Start of Footpath
- Angler Footpath
- City/Village
- Left Bank PFR
- Right Bank PFR
- Major Road
- Railroad Lines
- Local Streets/Roads
- Streams and Ponds
- Stream Flow

*Right and left bank as you are looking downstream
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