Public Fishing Rights Maps

Lime Lake Outlet & McKinstry Creek

Description of Fishery
Lime Lake Outlet originates from Lime Lake in the northeast Cattaraugus County town of Machias. It flows north to join Elton Creek in the Village of Delevan. McKinstry Creek is an important tributary of Lime Lake Outlet. There are 4.4 miles of public fishing rights easements on Lime Lake Outlet and 4.2 miles on McKinstry Creek.

Lime Lake Outlet and McKinstry Creeks are wild trout streams which have not been stocked with trout in several years. These streams have excellent, reproducing populations of wild brown trout and wild rainbow trout. Some wild brook trout are found in the upper section of McKinstry Creek. Recent DEC surveys estimate the population of adult wild trout to be 1,150 fish per stream mile in Lime Lake Outlet and 800 fish per stream mile in McKinstry Creek.

Trout Fishing Regulations
Lime Lake Outlet & McKinstry 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.
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*Right and left bank as you are looking downstream
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