Public Fishing Rights Maps

Little Conewango & Elm Creeks

Description of Fishery
Little Conewango Creek flows through the Village of Randolph and joins Conewango Creek in western Cattaraugus County. There are 8.0 miles of public fishing rights easements on Little Conewango Creek. Nearby Randolph State Fish Hatchery stocks Little Conewango Creek with 2,650 yearling brown trout and 200 two-year-old brown trout each spring. The stream also has a small population of wild brown trout.

Elm Creek drains into Little Conewango Creek just upstream of Randolph. There are 0.4 miles of public fishing rights easements on Elm Creek, with an additional 0.5 miles of public access in Randolph Village Park. Elm Creek is not stocked with trout, however it supports an excellent population of wild brown trout. Recent DEC surveys showed a wild brown trout population of 927 adult fish per mile of stream. Since 2006, Elm Creek has been managed with a year-round fishing season. From October 16 to March 31, fishing is restricted to catch and release only, artificial lures only.

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

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

Primary Fish Species
Brown Trout

Location

Cattaraugus County

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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Little Cowewango Creek
Map 2

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

*Right and left bank as you are looking downstream