Public Fishing Rights Maps

Otselic River

Description of Fishery

The Otselic River flows through Madison, Chenango, and Cortland counties and stretches from the town of Otselic to Cincinnatus. There are 23 miles of Public Fishing Rights (PFR’s) along this large sized mostly open river. Both stocked and wild brown trout are present in the river along with some wild brook trout. Smallmouth bass and walleye can also be found in the lower section of river. The Otselic River is stocked annually with around 14,000 one year-old brown trout (8-9”) and 2,000 two year-old brown trout (12-15”).

Fishing Regulations

Statewide Angling Regulations apply EXCEPT as noted below:

Trout - Any Size, Limit 5 with no more than 2 longer than 12”, April 1 - Oct 15

EXCEPT Oct 16 - March 31, Catch and release ONLY, Artificial lures ONLY

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Fish Species Present

Brown Trout

Brook Trout

Smallmouth Bass

Walleye

Location

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 7 Fisheries office: (607) 753-3095 ext. 213.
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Public Fishing Rights Areas

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- Angler Parking
- Left Bank PFR
- Right Bank PFR
- Footpath
- Major Road
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