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A Summary of Regulations and Definitions for Recreational Fishing in Connecticut

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Purpose of this Document

To provide a concise, easy to read, summary of the sport fishing regulations and definitions. Please note that this document may not be current as laws and regulations may have changed since the printing of this document. Every effort has been made to ensure the information provided here is accurate, however, for legal purposes the official regulations/definitions are found on the web page of the Connecticut Secretary of State.

We encourage the use of the digital versions, freshwater and saltwater, found on the DEEP Fisheries Division web page as web-based content can be modified or updated immediately as required.



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General Fishing License Information

Fishing fuels conservation! 100% of your investment in a fishing license comes to DEEP's Bureau of Natural Resources. These funds are used to support programs that feed your passion. Examples include; trout rearing and stocking, purchase of pike, walleye, and channel catfish, land acquisition for conservation and fishing access, maintenance of boat ramps, restoration of migratory fish species, monitoring of resident fish populations (marine and freshwater), and education. Thank you for your continued support.

A fishing license is required for all persons age 16 or older.

Fishing licenses are:

- Issued on a calendar year basis and expire on December 31st,
- Can be purchased online 24/7 at <https://portal.ct.gov/CTOutdoorLicenses>,
- Discounted by 50% for Connecticut residents who are age 16 or 17,
- Not required for anyone under age 16,
- Free for Connecticut residents age 65 or older.

Freshwater Specific: A Trout and Salmon Stamp is required for all persons age 16 and older when:

- A. Taking (keeping any trout or salmon) or
- B. Fishing in a water designated as:
 - Trout Management Area (Rivers)
 - Trout Park
 - Wild Trout Management Area Class 1, 2, or 3
 - Atlantic Salmon Management Area

Marine/Saltwater Specific: License Reciprocity-under reciprocity agreements with Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York, anglers holding a valid Marine Waters Fishing License in any of these states may fish in the marine district and land marine fish in this state (CT). CT residents holding a valid Marine Waters Fishing License for CT may also fish in the marine district of Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York.

Note: Connecticut residents must hold a valid Connecticut marine waters fishing license to fish in CT (meaning a CT resident cannot use a Marine Waters Fishing License from Maine to fish in CT waters and claim reciprocity).

What is New for 2023

Inland

Seasons: Removes the closed season for fishing on all lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams. *(Legal access to get to the water is still required. For example a park may have hours when the park is closed to all activity).* Establishes a statewide “Catch and Release” season for trout and kokanee from March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April (start of Catch and Keep).

Extends the season on trout management lakes to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April (start of Catch and Keep) previously it was March 31.

Retains prohibition for fishing in thermal refuges to protect trout seeking refuge in cold-water tributaries as indicated by signs posted by CT DEEP.

Species: Revises the statewide daily creel limit for trout and kokanee to be 5 trout daily AND 5 kokanee daily (previously 5 of either, 8 in aggregate).

Waterbodies: Establishes the following special trout regulations on East Twin Lake and Lake Wononskopomuc: During the period from 6:00 a.m. on the second Saturday in April through the last day of February the daily creel limit for trout shall be five, not more than one of which may be a brown trout, and the minimum length for brown trout shall be twenty-two inches. During the period from March first through 6:00 a.m. on the second Saturday in April, inclusive, the daily creel limit for trout shall be one and the minimum length limit shall be twenty-two inches.

Adds Long Pond (North Stonington) and Lake Wononskopomuc to the list of Trout Management Lakes.

Prohibits ice fishing on Factory Pond (Salisbury), Lake Chamberlain (Bethany), Lake Saltonstall (Branford, East Haven), Maltby Lakes (Orange, West Haven), Lake McDonough (New Hartford, Barkhamsted) and Shenipsit Lake (Ellington, Tolland, Vernon).

Gear: Establishes use of two devices per person when ice fishing on East Twin Lake or on Lake Wononskopomuc. This may be two (2) tip ups, two (2) jigging rods or one of each.

Definitions: Establishes a definition for Cast Net, Inline Circle Hook and Culling. Revises the definition of Closed Season to conform with the definition provided in state statute.

Marine

Striped Bass - Emergency change to slot range. As of 5/26/2023 keeper slot range is 28 to 31 inches. This is a decrease from 28-35 inches at the start of 2023.

Scup: Increased minimum length to 10.5 inches when fishing from a boat and decreased to 9.5 inches when fishing from shore, including Enhanced Opportunity Shore Locations. Established a season from May 1 to December 31.

For hire charter boats: May 1 - August 31 and November 1 - December 31; 30 fish, 10.5” min. length. September 1 - October 31; 40 fish, 10.5” min. length.

Black Sea Bass: Minimum length remains 16 inches. Private boat or shore angler season May 19-June 23 and July 8 - December 1; 5 fish. Closed to fishing June 24 - July 7. *For hire charter boats:* May 19 -August 31; 5 fish and September 1 - December 31; 7 fish.

Default (Statewide) Freshwater Species Regulations

The following regulations apply unless otherwise specified in the section for special regulations for Lakes/Ponds and Rivers/Streams.

Alewife/Blueback Herring



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
25 (in aggregate) Lakes and ponds only	N/A	Angling = Year Round Scoop Net = April 1 to June 15	Angling or Scoop Net only from lakes listed in notes section below

Notes and Information

The taking of anadromous alewife and blueback herring from all CT waters is currently prohibited. Landlocked Alewife only may be taken from: *Amos Lake, Ball Pond, Beach Pond, Candlewood Lake, Crystal Lake (Ellington), Highland Lake, MT Tom Pond, Quassapaug Lake, Quonnipaug Lake, Squantz Pond, Uncas Lake, and Waramaug Lake.*

American Eel

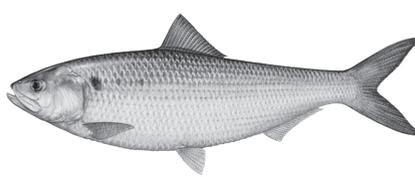


Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
25	9 inches	Year-Round	Angling, Ice Fishing, Spearing, Bobbing, Bow and Arrow, 2 Eel pots in the marine district only

Notes and Information

Spearing and bow and arrow use prohibited in streams or stream sections stocked with trout. Spearing prohibited in all lakes and ponds. The taking of elver eel, glass eel, and silver eel is prohibited.

American Shad



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
6 (in aggregate with Hickory Shad)	N/A	Year-Round (CT River system only)	Angling

Notes and Information

Harvesting American Shad is only allowed in the Connecticut River and its tributaries.

Atlantic Salmon



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
Naugatuck River, Shetucket River and Housatonic River (below the Derby Dam)			
Dec. 16 to Aug. 31 = 1 Sept. 1 to Dec. 15 = 0 (Catch and Release)	N/A	Year-Round	Angling (Single fly or artificial lure with a single free-swinging hook. Additional weight may not be added to the line)
Lakes and Ponds			
1	Same as trout if applicable	Year-Round	Angling, Ice Fishing
Notes and Information			
Snagging is prohibited. A Trout and Salmon Stamp is required to keep a salmon or to fish in an Atlantic Salmon Management Area.			

Bait Species

Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
No Limit if for personal use only	N/A	Year-Round	Bait Traps, Bait Seines, Cast Net, Umbrella Nets, Angling, Ice Fishing, Hand (see the definition section for rules and specifications).
Notes and Information			
<p>BAIT SPECIES The following species of fish, amphibians, aquatic insects and crustaceans may be taken by sport fishermen for personal use (a recreational fishing license is required). A commercial bait dealer license is required to collect for sale or to sell.</p> <p>Inland District: Fish that are legally acquired may be used as bait except for black bass (large-mouth and smallmouth), chain pickerel, northern pike, trout, salmon, carp and goldfish. Legal bait species include; Common shiner, golden shiner, fallfish, creek chub, spottail shiner, blacknose dace, longnose dace, pearl dace, bluntnose minnow, fathead minnow, cutlips minnow, chub sucker, white sucker, killifish, mummichog, Atlantic & tidewater silverside, sand lance, frogs (except northern leopard frog), crayfish (except rusty crayfish), perch bugs, hellgrammites and mayfly nymphs. Invasive species are not legal to use for bait.</p> <p>Marine District: all bait species listed for the inland district plus bay anchovy; sheepshead minnow; mullet species; green crabs, fiddler crabs, hermit crabs, Asian (Japanese) shore crab (<i>Hemigrapsus sanguineus</i>), shrimp (families Crangonidae, Palaemonidae and Penaeidae).</p>			

Black Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth)

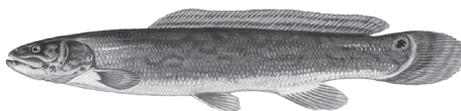


Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
6 (in aggregate)	Lakes/Ponds/CT River = 12 inches Rivers/Streams = N/A	Year-Round	Angling, Ice Fishing

Notes and Information

Regulations for minimum length and daily limit are different in Bass Management Lakes and the Bulls Bridge Bass Management Area

Bowfin, Lamprey, Tench, Sucker



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
No Limit	N/A	Year-Round	Angling, Ice Fishing, Spearing, and Bow and Arrow

Notes and Information

Spearing and Bow and Arrow use prohibited in streams or stream sections stocked with trout. Spearing prohibited in all lakes and ponds.

Bullhead (Brown and Yellow)



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
No Limit	N/A	Year-Round	Angling, Ice Fishing, hand, and bobbing

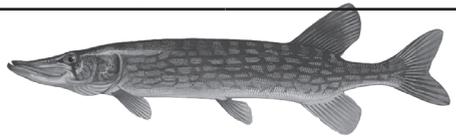
Burbot -The taking of burbot is prohibited in all waters

Catfish (Channel and White)



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
6 (in aggregate)	N/A	Year-Round	Angling, Ice Fishing, hand and bobbing
Notes and Information			
The daily creel limit is 3 catfish in aggregate at Community Fishing Waters			

Chain Pickerel



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
Lakes/Ponds = 6 River/Stream = N/A	Lakes/Ponds = 15 inches River/Stream = N/A	Year-Round	Angling, Ice Fishing

Common Carp (including Mirror, Leather, Ghost, or Fantail variations)



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
5, only 1 fish may be over 30"	N/A	Year-Round	Angling, Ice Fishing, Spearing, Bow and Arrow
Notes and Information			
Spearing and Bow and Arrow use prohibited in stream sections stocked with trout. Spearing prohibited in all lakes and ponds. Different daily creel and size regulations apply for bow and arrow fishing in some waters and in Trophy Carp Waters.			

Hickory Shad - See Marine Regulations

Kokanee



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
5	N/A	6:00 AM second Sat. of April - last day of Feb.	Angling, Ice Fishing
0 (Catch and Release)	N/A	March 1 to 6:00 AM second Sat. of April	Angling, Ice Fishing

Northern Pike and Tiger Muskie



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
2 (in aggregate)*	26 inches*	Year-Round	Angling, Ice Fishing

Notes and Information

*Lake Lillinonah minimum length is 38 inches, daily limit of 1 Pike or Tiger Muskie (not both). Connecticut River has 24 inch minimum length. Bantam Lake and Little Pond have different rules.

Panfish



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
No Limit	N/A	Year-Round	Angling, Ice Fishing

Notes and Information

Panfish include the following; Calico Bass (Black Crappie), All species of sunfish (except Banded Sunfish), Yellow Perch, and Rock Bass. White Perch are listed separately.

Smelt



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
50-lake and pond only	N/A	Year-Round	Angling, Ice Fishing

Notes and Information

Lakes and Ponds only; taking of smelt from rivers/streams is prohibited.

Striped Bass - See Marine Regulations

Sturgeon -The taking of sturgeon is prohibited in all waters

Trout (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Tiger)



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
5 (in aggregate)	N/A	6:00 AM second Sat. of April - last day of Feb.	Angling, Ice Fishing
0 (catch and release only)	N/A	March 1 to 6:00 AM second Sat. of April	Angling, Ice Fishing

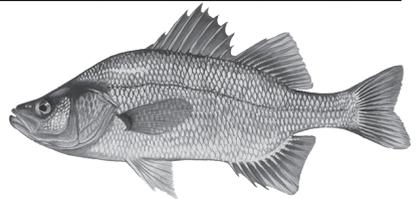
Notes and Information
 Different regulations apply in many waters including; Trout Management Areas, Trout Management Lakes, Trophy Trout Areas, Trout Parks, Wild Trout Management Areas, Sea- Run Trout Streams, Tidal Waters and Tributaries, and in the Marine District.

Lake Trout

Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
5 (in aggregate)	20 inches	6:00 AM second Sat. of April - last day of Feb.	Angling, Ice Fishing
0 (catch and release only)	20 inches	March 1 to 6:00 AM second Sat. of April	Angling, Ice Fishing

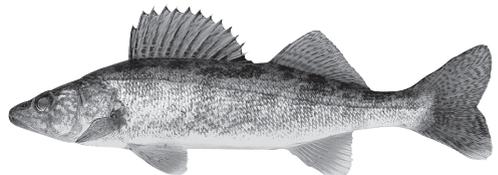
Notes and Information
 Lake Trout are occasionally donated to Connecticut by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and stocked into selected lakes for an immediate fishery. Lake Trout are not produced by the CT Fisheries Division, nor is there a program to manage this species.

White Perch



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
Inland = No Limit Marine = 30	Inland = N/A Marine = 7 inches	Year-Round	Angling, Ice Fishing

Walleye



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season	Legal Methods
2	18 inches	Year-Round	Angling, Ice Fishing

Saltwater (Marine) Species Regulations

Alewife/Blueback Herring - The taking of Alewife or Blueback Herring is prohibited in the Marine District.

American Eel - See Inland Regulations

American Shad - See Inland Regulations

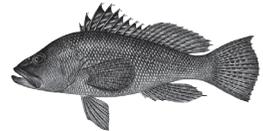
Atlantic Salmon Fishing for Atlantic Salmon is prohibited within the Marine District

Atlantic Cod



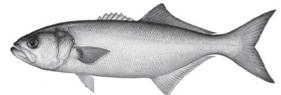
Daily Creel Limit	Length	Season
5	21 to 28 inches	August 1 - April 30
Check the NOAA web page for changes to these regulations		

Black Sea Bass



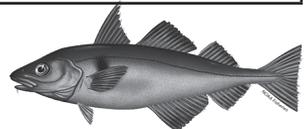
Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season
5	16 inches. Length excludes tail filament (tendril)	May 19 to June 23 July 8 to December 1
See https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Saltwater-Fishing-Guide/Species-Regulations for Party/Charter Boat regulations.		

Bluefish



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season
3 Daily limit includes "snapper blues"	N/A	Year-Round
See https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Saltwater-Fishing-Guide/Species-Regulations for Party/Charter Boat regulations.		

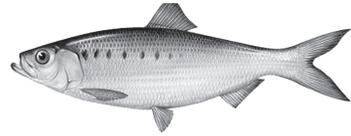
Haddock



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season
No Limit	18 inches	Year-Round
Check the NOAA web page for changes to these regulations		



Hickory Shad



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season
6	N/A	Year-Round
Daily creel limit In aggregate with American Shad		

Menhaden (Bunker)



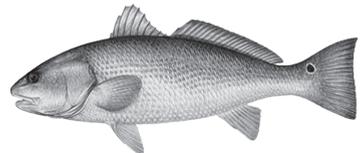
Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season
50 fish or 5 gallons whichever is greater	N/A	Year-Round
Gill netting Menhaden: A personal use license is required (\$100.00), which allows the use of a single gill net, not more than 60 feet in length and 3 inch minimum mesh size. The taking of all other species is prohibited. Call 860-434-6043		

Pollock



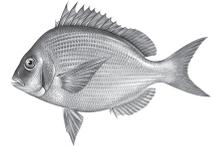
Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season
No Limit	19 inches	Year-Round
Check the NOAA web page for updated regulations		

Red Drum



Daily Creel Limit	Maximum Length	Season
1	up to 27 inches	Year-Round
No person may possess any red drum greater than 27 inches measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. Red drum greater than 27 inches must be returned to the water from which taken.		

Scup (Porgy)



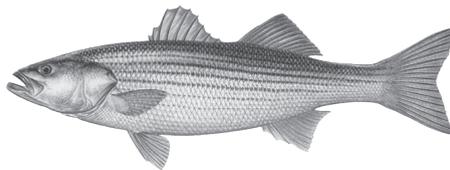
Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season
30	9.5 inches shore fishing 10.5 inches boat fishing	May 1 to December 31
See https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Saltwater-Fishing-Guide/Species-Regulations for Party/Charter Boat regulations.		



Trout (all species)



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season
2	15 inches	Year-Round



Striped Bass effective 5/26/2023

Daily Creel Limit	1
Keeper Slot Range	28-31 inches as of May 26, 2023
Season	Year-Round

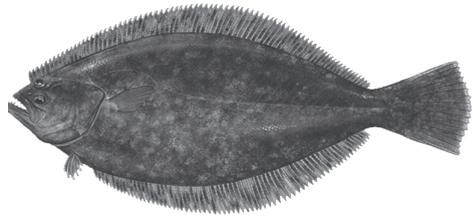
Any striped bass less than 28 inches or greater than 31 inches (measured from the snout to the tip of the tail) must be immediately released.

No spearing or gaffing. However, striped bass that are legally taken by spearing in another state may be landed in CT.

An inline circle hook is required when fishing for striped bass and using bait (whole, cut, or live natural bait). This does not apply when fishing with artificial lures tipped with bait (tube and worm, bucktail jig, etc.)

No person shall land or possess on the waters of this state or on any parcel of land, structure, or portion of a roadway abutting tidal waters of this state any striped bass from which the head or tail has been removed or otherwise rendered unidentifiable as a striped bass or unable to be measured.

Summer Flounder (Fluke)

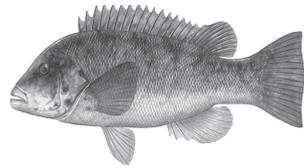


Daily Creel Limit	4
Minimum Length	18.5 inches
Season	May 4 to October 9

Reduced minimum length of 17 inches at Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing Access Sites (see p. 63).

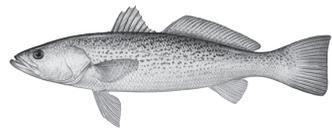
If filleted on board each fillet must meet the minimum size or the carcass of the fish from which the fillet came must be retained. This rule shall not be construed to prevent filleting of fish on shore or dockside.

Tautog (Blackfish)



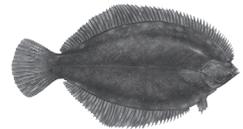
Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season
2	16 inches	April 1 to April 30
2	16 inches	July 1 to August 31
3	16 inches	October 10 to November 28

Weakfish



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season
1	16 inches	Year-Round
Check the NOAA web page for updated regulations		

Winter Flounder



Daily Creel Limit	Minimum Length	Season
2	12 inches	April 1 to December 31

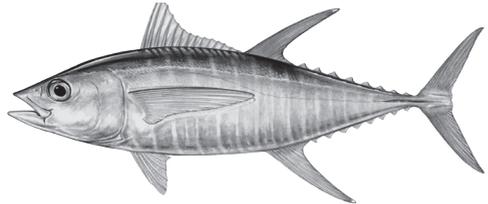
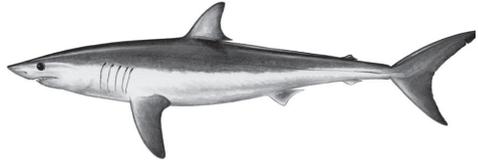
White Perch - See Inland Regulations

Sharks and Tunas

A Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit is required to take, possess, or land any shark species except for smooth or spiny dogfish. To obtain a HMS permit see the NOAA web page or call 888-872-8862



NOAA HMS
Web page



CRABS, LOBSTER, SHELLFISH AND SQUID



DEEP's Blue Crab fact sheet



Blue Crab

Daily Creel Limit	N/A
Minimum Length	Hardshell 5 inches tip to tip of spikes Softshell 3.5 inches tip to tip of spikes
Season	May 1 to November 30
Legal Methods	Scoop net, Hand line, Dip net, Trot line, Star crab trap, Circular crab trap (not more than 26 inches in diameter), Semi-circular cylindrical trap (12 inches or less in diameter). All devices must be attended at all times.

No fishing license is required to take blue crabs for personal use. Prohibited: possession of uncooked blue crab meat without the body and shell attached, possession of more than 2 claws per body, possession of egg bearing females, use of Chesapeake-style crab traps.



Jonah Crab

50 Crab Daily Limit. No license required to take Jonah Crab for personal use.

Lobster

Personal use lobster license required (\$60.00) to take lobster by skin diving, SCUBA diving, hand capture, or up to 10 lobster pots (pot tags required). Info - call 860-434-6043

Shellfish (Clams, Mussels, Oysters, Scallops)

Personal use requires a town shellfishing license. Contact the town where you plan to harvest shellfish for permit information.

Squid

No license required to take squid for personal use when using a squid jig.

Shoreline Fishing and Property Rights:

Connecticut's intertidal shore belongs to the people. Under the common law public trust doctrine, the public may freely use land and waters waterward of the mean high water line to fish. The Public trust area includes beaches, rocky shores, and open waters along tidal and navigable waters. Fishing in the public trust area is not trespassing; the DEEP encourages anglers to enjoy their rights to use the public trust lands for fishing. However, anglers should also respect the rights of adjacent landowners by not crossing private property without permission and leave the shoreline area CLEAN AND LITTER FREE.

License Reciprocity in the Marine District:

Under reciprocity agreements with Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York, anglers holding a valid Marine Waters Fishing License in any of these states may fish in the marine district and land marine fish in this state (CT). CT residents holding a valid Marine Waters Fishing License for CT may also fish in the marine district of Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York.

Note: Connecticut residents must hold a valid Connecticut marine waters fishing license to fish in CT (meaning a CT resident cannot use a Marine Waters Fishing License from Maine to fish in CT waters and claim reciprocity).

Fishing Regulations in an App

The Fisheries Division has partnered with the world's largest fishing app, FishBrain to provide Connecticut's fishing regulations at your finger tips. Simply download the app for FREE (premium features do require a paid subscription) and view the regulations for your location or pan to a waterbody of interest.



FISHBRAIN

Lakes and Ponds

This section of the fishing guide provides information about fishing and boating regulations for many lakes and ponds with public access. There may be additional waters located in municipal parks, on land trust property, or other properties accessible to the public that are not listed here. Please be sure to note any signage on site indicating allowable use, access, or other rules.

Lakes/Ponds that Follow Default (Statewide) Fishing Regulations

Bold indicates stocked with trout by CT DEEP

Anderson Pond (Blue Lake), North Stonington	Nells Rock Reservoir (Hope Lake), Shelton
Ashland Pond, Griswold	North Street Pond, Milford
Backwater Pond, Thompson	Pachaug Pond, Griswold
Baldwin Pond, Meriden	Page Park Lagoon, Bristol
Baummer Pond, Naugatuck	Pine Lake (Shelton Reservoir #2), Shelton
Beachland Pond, West Hartford	Quillian Reservoir, Ansonia
Besse Park Pond, Torrington	Salmon Brook Pond, Glastonbury
Black Rock Lake, Thomaston	Salters Pond, Manchester
Branford Supply Ponds, Branford	Sawmill Pond, Ledyard
Bull Pond, Harwinton	Simsbury Town Park Ponds, Simsbury
Butternut Pond, East Windsor	Stateline Pond, Stafford
Christensen's Pond, Granby	Stroh Park Pond, Windsor
City Hall Pond, Milford	Taftville Pond, Lisbon
Dog Pond, Goshen	Tankerhoosen Lake, Vernon
Edgewater Park Pond, New Haven	Tollgate Pond, Greenwich
Factory Pond, Redding	Tyler Pond, Goshen
Ferridge Park Pond, West Hartford	Upper Fulton Park Pond, Waterbury
Fitchville Pond, Bozrah	Wards Millpond, Branford
Fountain Lake Reservoir, Ansonia	Washington Park Pond, Windsor
Glassgo Pond, Griswold	Whitney Flood Control Pond (Patten Brook), Stafford
Lake Hayward (Shaw Lake), East Haddam	Wood Creek Pond, Norfolk
Hurlburt Pond, Putnam	Zeiner Pond (Lake Winfield), Bristol
Hyde Pond, Ledyard	Zemko Pond, Salem
Lake Stibbs, Southbury	
Lantern Hill Pond, North Stonington	
Leonard Pond, Kent	
Lilly Pond, Thompson	
Little Pond, Thompson	
Lower Fulton Park Pond, Waterbury	
Lower Storrs Pumping Station Pond, Mansfield	
Mansfield Training School Ponds, Mansfield	
McGrath Park Pond (Prospect Park Pond), Prospect	
Mill Woods Park Pond, Wethersfield	
Mohegan Lake, Fairfield	
Moosup Pond, Plainfield	

Lakes and Ponds with Special Fishing Regulations

The Fisheries Division makes use of a variety of tools to optimize some of the more popular game fish species. These tools (regulations) can be daily creel limits, minimum or maximum size limits, or limits on the type of gear that can be used. These regulations can, and do, vary by waterbody. This section of the fishing guide details waters that have special fishing regulations, access limitations, or boating rules.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY	WATERS WITH SPECIAL REGULATIONS
Bass Management	<i>Amos Lake, Bashan Lake, Billings Lake, Black Pond (Middlefield), Bolton Lakes, Colebrook River Lake, Coventry Lake, Gardner Lake, Halls Pond, Lake Hayward, Highland Lake, Lake Housatonic, Lake Kenosia, Maltby Lakes, Mamasasco Lake, Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Mashapaug Lake, Mohegan Park Pond, Moodus Reservoir, Mudge Pond, Pattagansett Lake, Pickerel Lake, Quinebaug Lake, Lake Saltonstall, Taftville Reservoir, West Side Pond, Wononskopomuc Lake, Wyassup Lake</i>
Trout Management Lakes	<i>Amos Lake, Black Pond (Woodstock), Candlewood Lake, Crystal Lake (Ellington), East Twin Lake, Highland Lake, Long Pond, Mohawk Pond, Quonnipaug Lake, Rogers Lake, Squantz Pond, West Hill Pond, Wononskopomuc Lake</i>
Trout Parks	<i>Black Rock Pond, Day Pond, Great Hollow Pond, McGovern Pond, Mohegan Park Pond, Pasture Pond, Schreeder Pond, Southford Falls Pond, Stratton Brook Park Pond, Valley Falls Park Pond, Wharton Brook Park Pond</i>
Community Fishing Waters	<i>Beaver Park Lagoon, Birge Pond, Bunnells Pond, Center Springs Park Pond, Colony Pond, Crescent Lake, Freshwater Pond, Keney Park Pond, Lakewood Lake, Mirror Lake, Mohegan Park Pond, Pickett's Pond, Rogers Park Pond, Stanley Quarter Park Pond, Upper Fulton Park Pond, Lake Wintergreen</i>
Northern Pike	<i>Bantam Lake, Little Pond</i>
Trophy Common Carp Waters	<i>Batterson Park Pond and Squantz Pond</i>
Bow and Arrow Carp Waters	<i>West Thompson Lake</i>
Boundary Waters <i>(Regulations may follow MA, RI, or NY)</i>	<i>Beach Pond, Breakneck Pond, Colebrook River Lake, Congamond Lakes, Hamilton Reservoir, Hazard Pond, Indian Pond, Keach Pond, Killingly Pond, Muddy Pond, Perry Pond</i>

The icons listed below are used within the Lake and Pond section to help identify waters with specific amenities that may be appropriate for your fishing trip.

AMENITY ICONS	
Icon	Description
	Shore based fishing opportunity
	Accessible for persons with disabilities
	Launch suitable for a trailed boat or car-top boat
	Launch suitable for car-top boat only
	Area is adequate for picnicking
	Child friendly fishing
	Camping on-site or nearby
	Fishing line recycling container on site
	Stocked with adult trout, adult catfish or both

The abbreviations listed below are used within the Lake and Pond section to indicate fish that are likely to be caught based upon sampling conducted by the Fisheries Division and angler reports.

FISH SPECIES ABBREVIATION CODES			
Code	Fish	Code	Fish
AE	American Eel	NP	Northern Pike
AS	Atlantic Salmon	RA	Smelt
BB	Brown Bullhead	S	Sunfish (Bluegill, Pumpkinseed)
CA	Common Carp	SMB	Smallmouth Bass
CB	Calico Bass	T	Trout (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Tiger)
CC	Channel Catfish	TM	Tiger Musky
CP	Chain Pickerel	WA	Walleye
K	Kokanee	WP	White Perch
LMB	Largemouth Bass	YP	Yellow Perch

Allen Brook Pond, Wallingford (SEE WHARTON POND)

Alexander Lake, Killingly (215 acres)

NO PUBLIC ACCESS

SPECIES: LMB SMB CP S BB WP YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: No public access. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. Motor size limit 12 cubic inches (Approx. 10 horsepower).

Amos Lake, Preston (113 acres)

SPECIES: T CP LMB BB AE YP S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Trout Management Lake:** From March 1 to 6:00 am second Saturday of April, Daily creel limit 1; 16" minimum length. **Bass Management Lake:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 18" protected slot. Daily creel limit 6 bass; only 1 may be 18" or greater. 8 MPH speed limit. See CT DEEP Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

Angus Park Pond (Eastbury Pond), Glastonbury (9.4 acres)

SPECIES: T CP LMB S BB YP



FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Access courtesy of the Town of Glastonbury. Fishing allowed 6:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday April–October 31. Boats and canoes prohibited.

Aspinook Pond, Lisbon/Griswold/Canterbury (301 acres)

SPECIES: LMB WP YP S CA CB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Informal boat access off Butts Bridge Road, no facilities. Butts Bridge is the demarcation line between the pond and the Quinebaug River.

Avery Pond, Preston (36 acres)

SPECIES: CP LMB S BB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Babcock Pond, Colchester (119 acres)

SPECIES: CP LMB S BB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Ball Pond, New Fairfield (83 acres)

SPECIES: T LMB S BB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Vessels with motors attached prohibited.

Bantam Lake, Morris-Litchfield (947 acres) 

SPECIES: NP LMB SMB CB S BB WP YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Northern Pike:* May 1 to November 30 the daily creel limit is 2 and minimum length is 26". From December 1 to last day of February the daily creel limit is 1 and minimum length is 36". From March 1 to April 30 closed to Northern Pike fishing. Motors are prohibited 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Use of internal combustion motors prohibited on the Bantam River between Bantam Lake and the inlet to Little Pond.

Barber Pond, Bloomfield (9.7 acres)   

SPECIES: S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Boat and canoes prohibited except between May 16 and October 31. Use of all motors prohibited.

Bashan Lake, East Haddam (273 acres)  

SPECIES: T CP LMB SMB CB YP S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit 6 bass; only 2 may be 16" or greater. 35 MPH speed limit days. 6 MPH limit 1/2 hour after sunset until 8:00 am

Batterson Park Pond, Farmington (140 acres)  

SPECIES: CA CC WA CP LMB CB YP WP S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trophy Common Carp Water:* Daily creel limit 1. Maximum length 26". All Common Carp over 26" must be released without avoidable injury. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Beach Pond, Voluntown/Rhode Island (372 acres)    

SPECIES: T K LMB SMB CP S WA YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES:

Boundary Water: CT or RI fishing license legal on entire pond. Rhode Island regulations apply for bass and pickerel (as below). No more than 6 tip ups may be used while ice fishing. **Bass**

(Largemouth and Smallmouth): Daily creel limit 5 bass (in aggregate), 12" minimum length.

Chain Pickerel: Daily creel limit 5, 14" minimum length. **All other species:** Connecticut statewide regulations apply.

Beachdale Pond, Voluntown (46 acres)  

SPECIES: S LMB YP BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Beaver Brook Ponds (Bibbins Ponds), Windham (20 acres)    

SPECIES: T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Boat and canoes prohibited except between May 16 and October 31. Motors prohibited.

Beaver Park Lagoon, New Haven (8.5 acres)

SPECIES: T CC AE LMB CA S BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Catfish*: Daily limit 3, No minimum length.



Beseck Lake, Middlefield (116 acres)



SPECIES: LMB YP CB S NP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit. Please refer to the CT DEEP Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

Bigelow Pond, Union (25 acres)



SPECIES: T YP LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Billings Lake, North Stonington (97 acres)



SPECIES: T CP LMB SMB CB YP S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake*: Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit 6 bass, Only 2 may be 16" or greater.

Birge Pond, Bristol (15.8 acres)



SPECIES: S CC LMB T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Catfish*: Daily limit 3, No minimum length.

Bishop Swamp (Jurovaty Pond), Andover (53 acres)



SPECIES: CB S LMB BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Informal car-top launch. Use of all internal combustion engines prohibited.

Black Pond, Meriden/Middlefield (76 acres)



SPECIES: T CC CP LMB BB CB YP S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake*: Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit 6 bass, Only 2 may be 16" or greater. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Black Pond, Woodstock (74 acres)



SPECIES: T SMB LMB CP BB CB YP S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Management Lake*: From March 1 until 6:00 am second Saturday of April, daily creel limit 1 trout, 14" minimum length. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 5 trout, not more than 1 of which, may be a Brook Trout that is 14" or greater. Motors limited to 5 horsepower.

Black Rock Pond, Watertown (9.5 acres)



SPECIES: T LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Park*: From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 2 trout (in aggregate) no minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp is required to fish. All vessels prohibited.

Bog Hollow Pond, Norwich

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: The use of vessels prohibited

Bolton Lakes, Lower, Middle, and Upper Bolton/Coventry/Vernon (346 acres)



SPECIES: CP LMB SMB CC YP S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit 6 bass, Only 2 may be 16" or greater. Motors limited to 6 horsepower.

Bolton Notch Pond, Bolton (17 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Informal car-top launch.

Breakneck Pond, Union/Massachusetts (92 acres)



SPECIES: CP LMB CB YP S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Boundary Water:* CT or MA fishing license legal on entire pond. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Motor vehicle access prohibited. Walk-in access approximately 1.2 miles from the North end of Bigelow Pond.

Broad Brook Mill Pond, East Windsor (19 acres)



SPECIES: S T LMB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of all motors prohibited.

Bunnells Pond (Beardsley Park Pond), Bridgeport (33 acres)



SPECIES: S CC T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Ice fishing prohibited. Fee may be required to access the park at certain times of the year. *Catfish:* Daily creel limit 3. No minimum length.

Burr Pond, Torrington (85 acres)



SPECIES: CC CP LMB CB YP S BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Butternut Park Pond, Middletown (SEE ROWAN'S POND)

Candlewood Lake, Danbury/New Fairfield/ Sherman/New Milford/Brookfield (5064 acres)



SPECIES: CA LMB SMB T WC WP BB CB YP S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Management Lake:* From March 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, daily creel limit 1 trout, 16" minimum length. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, daily creel limit 5 trout, no minimum length. 45 MPH daytime speed limit. 25 MPH speed limit from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise. .

Cedar Lake, Chester (69 acres)

SPECIES: T WA CP LMB YP S BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 6 MPH speed limit.



Center Springs Park Pond, Manchester (11.8 acres)

SPECIES: T CC LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Catfish:** Daily limit 3. No minimum length.



Chatfield Hollow Park Pond, Killingworth (SEE SCHREEDER POND)

Lake Chamberlain, Bethany (107 acres)

SPECIES: CP LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Shore fishing only. Ice fishing prohibited. Fishing by permit from the South Central Regional Water Authority. 203-562-4020. **Bass Management Lake:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit 6 bass, Only 2 may be 16" or greater.



Clarks Pond, Hamden (2 acres)

SPECIES: T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Boats and canoes are prohibited. Ice fishing prohibited. Pond is on South Central Regional Water Authority property. 203-562-4020..



Colebrook River Lake, Colebrook/Massachusetts (826 acres)

SPECIES: LMB T RA SMB WC

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Boundary Water:** CT or MA fishing license legal on entire lake from demarcation posters downstream to the dam. 20 MPH speed limit. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory, or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. **Bass Management Lake:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit 6 bass, Only 2 may be 16" or greater.



Colony Park Pond, (Abe Stone Park Pond), Ansonia (3.7 acres)

SPECIES: T CC LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Catfish:** Daily limit 3. No minimum length.



Compensating Reservoir, Barkhamsted/New Hartford

(SEE LAKE MCDONOUGH)

Congamond Lakes, Suffield/Massachusetts (465 acres)

SPECIES: CA LMB SMB T WC WP BB CB YP S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Boundary Water:* CT or MA fishing license is legal on entire lake. Not more than two hooks may be used during periods of open water fishing and not more than five hooks may be used when ice fishing. Any sinker or weight made from lead that weighs less than one ounce, and any lead jig (meaning any lead weighted hook) that weighs less than one ounce, is prohibited for use in all inland waters of the Commonwealth. The term lead sinker shall not include any other sinkers, weights, fishing lures or fishing tackle including, but not limited to, artificial lures, hooks, weighted flies, and lead core or other weighted fishing lines. **Massachusetts regulations apply as follows:** *Trout:* daily creel limit 3 in aggregate. *Bass:* daily creel limit 5 in aggregate, 12" minimum length. *Chain Pickerel:* daily creel limit 5, 15" minimum length.

Coventry Lake (Wangumbaug Lake), Coventry (373 acres)

SPECIES: WA T WC CB YP SMB LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit 6 bass, Only 2 may be 16" or greater. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory, or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. 6 MPH speed limit from sunset to 1 hour after sunrise all days and on Sundays noon to 4:00 pm from May 15 to September 15 and noon to 2:00 pm on July 4. 40 MPH speed limit all other times.

Crescent Lake, Southington (51.2 acres)

SPECIES: T CC LMB S CB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Catfish:* Daily limit 3. No minimum length. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Crystal Lake, Ellington/Stafford (183 acres)

SPECIES: T YP CP SMB LMB S WP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Management Lake:* From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, 12" to 16" protective slot limit. Daily creel limit 5 trout in aggregate, Only 1 may be 16" or greater. From March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, daily creel limit 1, 16" minimum length. 6 MPH speed limit from sunset to 9:00 am and on Sundays from noon to 3:00 pm. 45 MPH speed limit all other times.

Crystal Lake, Middletown (32 acres)

SPECIES: LMB S BB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Day Pond, Colchester (7.4 acres)

SPECIES: T S WC

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Park:* From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 2 (in aggregate), no minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. All vessels prohibited.

Dodge Pond, East Lyme (34 acres)

SPECIES: CP LMB S YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of all motors prohibited.

Dooley Pond, Middletown (19 acres)

SPECIES: CP LMB S YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.



Eagleville Lake, Coventry/Mansfield (77 acres)

SPECIES: CP LMB SMB YP BB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit. Brigham Road Bridge (Plains Road) is the demarcation line between the lake and the Willimantic River.



Eastbury Pond, Glastonbury (SEE ANGUS PARK POND)

East Twin Lake (Washing Lake), Salisbury (569 acres)

SPECIES: T YP CP K LMB S CB S BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Management Lake:* During the period from 6:00 a.m. on the second Saturday in April through the last day of February the daily creel limit for trout shall be five, not more than one of which may be a brown trout, and the minimum length for brown trout shall be twenty-two inches. During the period from March first through 6:00 a.m. on the second Saturday in April, inclusive, the daily creel limit for trout shall be one and the minimum length limit shall be twenty-two inches. Not more than two tip-ups, bobbers or floats, similar devices or hand-held jigging rods in any combination may be used at any one time when ice fishing. 35 MPH daytime speed limit. 6 MPH from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour after sunrise. Also 6 MPH within 200 feet of vessel or dock. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory, or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.



Factory Pond (Town Grove Pond), Salisbury (2 acres)

SPECIES: S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Children's pond- fishing is restricted to those under 16. Ice fishing is prohibited.



Farmill Reservoir (Isinglass Reservoir), Shelton (4 acres)

SPECIES: S LMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Permit required to fish, contact Aquarion Water Company at 203-452-3511. Ice fishing prohibited.



Fisher Meadow Pond (Spring Lake), Avon (41 acres)

SPECIES: S LMB CA YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Ice fishing prohibited per town ordinance.



Freshwater Pond, Enfield (8 acres)

SPECIES: T CC S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Catfish:* Daily limit 3. No minimum length.



Gardner Lake, Salem/Montville/Bozrah (529 acres)

SPECIES: WA T WC CB YP SMB LMB S CP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Largemouth and smallmouth bass: Daily creel limit 2 bass, 16" minimum length. 6 MPH speed limit from sunset to 8:00 am.



Gay City Pond, Hebron (5.1 acres)    

SPECIES: CP T BB S YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: All vessels prohibited.

Goodwin Park Pond, Hartford (4 acres) 

SPECIES: S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: No fishing allowed from the golf course grounds.

Gorton Pond, East Lyme (52 acres)  

SPECIES: LMB CB YP BB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Gould Manor Pond, Fairfield (2 acres)  

SPECIES: S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Children's pond- fishing is restricted to those under 16.

Great Hill Pond, Portland (76 acres) 

SPECIES: S LMB CP YP CB BB WC

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Informal car-top/carry in access only. Motors limited to 6 HP or less. 12 MPH speed limit.

Great Hollow Pond, Monroe (15 acres)    

SPECIES: T S YP LMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Park:* From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 2 (in aggregate), no minimum length. Proof of fishing license may be required for entry to Wolfe Park. A Trout and Salmon Stamp is required to fish.

Green Falls Reservoir/Pond, Voluntown (48 acres)      

SPECIES: T S LMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Griggs Pond, Woodstock (38 acres) 

SPECIES: S LMB YP BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Walk in access from route 198 only. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Halls Pond, Eastford/Ashford (82 acres)  

SPECIES: LMB S CP CB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12"-16" protective slot limit. Daily creel limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater. 8 MPH speed limit.

Hallville Pond (Indiantown Brook), Preston (10 acres)



SPECIES: S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Informal car-top access.

Hamilton Reservoir, Union/Massachusetts (412 acres)



SPECIES: LMB SMB BB CB YP S T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Boundary Water:** CT or MA fishing license is legal on entire lake. Not more than two hooks may be used during periods of open water fishing and not more than five hooks may be used when ice fishing. Any sinker or weight made from lead that weighs less than one ounce, and any lead jig (meaning any lead weighted hook) that weighs less than one ounce, is prohibited for use in all inland waters of the Commonwealth. The term lead sinker shall not include any other sinkers, weights, fishing lures or fishing tackle including, but not limited to, artificial lures, hooks, weighted flies, and lead core or other weighted fishing lines. **Massachusetts regulations apply as follows:** **Trout:** daily creel limit 3 in aggregate. **Bass:** Daily creel limit 5 in aggregate, 12" minimum length. **Chain Pickerel:** Daily creel limit 5, 15" minimum length.

Hampton Reservoir, Hampton/Eastford (88 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB YP CP BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Hancock Brook Lake, Plymouth (20 acres)



SPECIES: S T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Open 8:00 am to sunset (but no later than 8:00 pm). Walk-in access only after Labor Day weekend until Memorial Day weekend.

Hanover Pond, Meriden (70 acres)



SPECIES: LMB CA S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Steerage speed only. Town operated launch.

Hanover Reservoir, Canterbury/Sprague (21 acres)



SPECIES: S T LMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Walk-in access only off of Little River Road, Canterbury.

Hatch Pond, Kent (72 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB CP YP CB BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Lake Hayward, (Shaw Lake) East Haddam (82 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S CP CB YP BB AE

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Bass Management Lake:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12"-16" protective slot limit. Daily creel limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Hazard Pond, Voluntown / Rhode Island (15 acres)

SPECIES: S YP LMB T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Boundary Water:* CT or RI fishing license is legal on entire lake. RI regulations apply as follows. *Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth):* Daily creel limit 5 (in aggregate), 12" minimum length. *Chain Pickerel:* Daily creel limit 5, 14" minimum length. *Trout:* 8" minimum length year round. Daily creel limit 5 from second Saturday in April until November 30. Daily creel limit 2 from December 1 until the last day of February. No more than 6 tip ups per angler when ice fishing.

Helen Keller School Pond, Easton (1 acre)

SPECIES: S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Children's pond- fishing is restricted to those under 16.



Hewitt Fly Fishing Pond, (Gallup Pond)

North Stonington (2 acres)

SPECIES: T S YP LMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Fly fishing only. All vessels prohibited.



Hewitt Pond, (Lower Hewitt Pond) North Stonington (2 acres)

SPECIES: T S BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Operation of vessels with motors prohibited, except electric motors are allowed.



Higganum Reservoir, Haddam (31 acres)

SPECIES: T S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Public right of way is passable for cars. 8 MPH speed limit.



Highland Lake, Winchester (445 acres)

SPECIES: T YP CP SMB LMB S WP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Daily creel limit 2 bass in aggregate, 16" minimum length. *Trout Management Lake:* from 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, 12" to 16" protective slot limit. Daily creel limit 5 trout in aggregate, only 1 may be 16" or greater. From March 1 to 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April, daily creel limit 1, 16" minimum length. 6 MPH speed limit from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise and from 5:00 pm on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. 45 MPH speed limit on weekends and holidays.



Hodge Pond, Voluntown (10 acres)

SPECIES: S LMB YP CP BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Public right-of-way, carry in access only.



Hogback Reservoir, Colebrook/Hartland (SEE WEST BRANCH RESERVOIR)

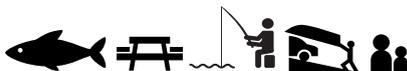
Holbrook Pond, Hebron (83 acres)

SPECIES: S LMB YP CB BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.



Hop Brook Lake, Middlebury (26 acres)



SPECIES: S T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Open 8:00 am to sunset (but no later than 8:00 pm). Walk-in access only after Labor Day weekend until Memorial Day weekend. Only electric motors are allowed. Ice fishing prohibited.

Hopeville Pond, Griswold (137 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB CP YP CB BB CC NP WC WP T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit. State operated launch is open from second Saturday in April until early October.

Hopewell Lake, Redding (SEE HUNTINGTON POND)

Horse Pond, Salem (13 acres)



SPECIES: S T BB CP LMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Lake Housatonic, Shelton/Derby/Monroe Oxford/Seymour (328 acres)



SPECIES: LMB SMB S CP CB YP WA WP WC CA

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Bass Management Lake:** Daily creel limit 2 bass in aggregate, 16" minimum length. From the Stevenson Dam to the Derby Dam. Boat launch at Indian Well State Park, opens for daytime (8:00 am to sunset) use on April 1. Park officially closes on September 30th. Boating and Fishing access may continue past this date. Contact Park Manager at 203-735-4311 for fall boating and fishing access. Minimum steerage speed within 25 feet of shore or dock. 45 MPH speed limit daytime, 25 MPH from 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise.

Howells Pond, Hartland (14 acres)



SPECIES: T S BB LMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Huntington Park Pond (Starret Pond, Lake Hopewell) Redding (15 acres)



SPECIES: T S LMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Indian Pond/Lake, Sharon/New York (196 acres)

SPECIES: S LMB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Boundary Water:** CT or NY fishing license legal on entire lake. New York regulations apply for taking bass as follows: Season opens 6:00 am second Saturday of April and closes November 30. Daily limit of 6 bass minimum length 12". Not more than 5 tip ups and 2 handheld jigging rods allowed when ice fishing.

Isinglass Reservoir, Shelton (SEE FARMILL RESERVOIR)

Kaatz Pond, Trumbull (2 acres)



SPECIES: S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Children's pond- fishing is restricted to those under 16.

Keach Pond, Thompson/Rhode Island (SEE PECK POND)

Keney Park Pond, Hartford (3 acres)



SPECIES: S T CC

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Catfish:** Daily limit 3. No minimum length.

Lake Kenosia, Danbury (60 acres)



SPECIES: LMB CC S BB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Bass Management Lake:** Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protective slot. Daily creel limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater. Internal combustion engines prohibited.

Killingly Pond, Killingly- Rhode Island (122 acres)

SPECIES: LMB SMB CP S YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES:

Boundary Water: CT or RI fishing license legal on entire pond. RI regulations apply as follows.

Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth): Daily creel limit 5 (in aggregate), 12" minimum length. **Chain**

Pickereel: Daily creel limit 5, 14" minimum length. **Trout:** 8" minimum length year round. Daily creel limit 5 from second Saturday in April until November 30. Daily creel limit 2 from December 1 until the last day of February. No more than 6 tip ups per angler when ice fishing. Motors are limited to 12 cubic inches (approximately 10 HP).

Lake of Isles, North Stonington (89 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB YP CP BB CB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Lakeville Lake, Salisbury (SEE WONONSKOPOMUC LAKE)

Lakewood Lake, (Great Brook Reservoir) Waterbury (73 acres)



SPECIES: CC LMB S YP WP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Catfish:** Daily limit 3. No minimum length.



Lake Lillinonah, Brookfield/Bridgewater/Newtown/ Southbury/New Milford (1547 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB SMB NP TM WP YP CB WC CA

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Northern Pike AND Tiger Muskie:* Daily creel limit 1 of either species (not both), 38" minimum length. From Bleachery Dam to the Shepaug Dam; 45 MPH speed limit daytime, 25 MPH from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.

Little Pond, Litchfield (15 acres)

SPECIES: NP LMB S BB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Northern Pike:* May 1 to November 30 the daily creel limit is 2 and minimum length is 26". From December 1 to last day of February the daily creel limit is 1 and minimum length is 36". From March 1 to April 30 closed to Northern Pike fishing. All other species open year-round.

Long Pond, Ledyard/North Stonington (109 acres)



SPECIES: T WA LMB CP S YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Management Lake:* From March 1 to 6:00 am second Saturday of April, Daily creel limit 1; 16" minimum length. 5 MPH speed limit.

Mad River Flood Control, Winchester (8 acres)

SPECIES: S T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: All vessels prohibited.



Maltby Lakes 1-2-3, West Haven (19-23-25 acres)



SPECIES: T LMB CC S CP YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protective slot. Daily creel limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater. Shore fishing only. Fishing by permit from the South Central CT Regional Water Authority (203) 562-4020. Ice fishing prohibited.

Mamasasco Lake, Ridgefield (89 acres)



SPECIES: LMB CB S YP BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protective slot. Daily creel limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Manitook Lake, Granby (57 acres)

SPECIES: S LMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 5 MPH speed limit in restricted areas. Use of motors in excess of 7.5 HP prohibited on Saturdays. Ice fishing is permitted on weekends only.

**Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Mansfield
Chaplin/Windham (460 acres)**

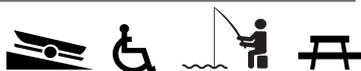


SPECIES: NP LMB T CB S CP YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protective slot. Daily creel limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater. Swimming prohibited. 8 MPH speed limit.

Mansfield Town Ponds, Mansfield (SEE BICENTENNIAL POND)

Mashapaug Lake, Union (287 acres)



SPECIES: WA LMB T SMB S CP YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protective slot. Daily creel limit 6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater. 10 MPH speed limit.

Lake McDonough (Compensating Reservoir)

Barkhamsted/New Hartford (391 acres)



SPECIES: T SMB LMB CP S YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 10 MPH speed limit. Boat launch owned and operated by MDC who charges parking and launch fees. Check the MDC web page or call 860-379-3036 for dates and hours of operation. Shore-based fishing allowed from sunrise to 9:00 pm along Route 219 year-round (when there is open water) where indicated by signage. Ice fishing prohibited.

McGovern Park Pond, West Hartford (1 acre)



SPECIES: S T LMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Park:* From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 2 (in aggregate), no minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Messerschmidt Pond, Westbrook (73 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S CP YP BB AE CB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: The operation of vessels with motors, except electric motors, is prohibited.

Mill Pond, Newington (2.7 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Children's pond- fishing is restricted to those under 16.

Millers Pond, Durham (33 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB YP T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Carry in boat access (300 yards).

Mirror Lake (Hubbard Park Pond), Meriden (7.4 acres)



SPECIES: S CC CA CB T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Catfish:* Daily limit 3. No minimum length. Ice fishing is prohibited per town ordinance.

Mitchell Pond, East Haddam (4 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Boats and canoes are prohibited.

Mohawk Pond, Cornwall/Goshen (16 acres)



SPECIES: T LMB YP S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Management Lake:* From March 1 until 6:00 am second Saturday of April, daily creel limit of 1 trout, 14" minimum length. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 5 trout, not more than 1 of which, may be a Brook Trout that is 14" or greater. Use of all motors prohibited.

Mohegan Park Pond (Spaulding Pond) Norwich (14 acres)



SPECIES: T LMB S CC

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Park:* From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 2 (in aggregate), no minimum length.. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. *Bass Management Lake:* Daily limit 2 bass 16" minimum length. *Catfish:* Daily limit 3 catfish, no minimum length. Ice fishing prohibited per town ordinance.

Mono Pond, Columbia (113 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB YP CP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Moodus Reservoir, East Haddam (486 acres)



SPECIES: LMB CB S CP YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 18" protective slot. Daily creel limit 6 bass, only 1 may be 18" or greater. 35 MPH speed limit days, 6 MPH speed limit from 1/2 after sunset until 8:00 am.

Morey Pond, Union/Ashford (45 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S BB CP YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Mt Tom Pond, Washington/Morris (56 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S WA T AS CB CP YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Atlantic salmon:* Daily limit 1. No minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to keep salmon. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Muddy Pond, Woodstock/Massachusetts (38 acres)

No public access.

SPECIES: S LMB YP CP BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Boundary Water:* CT or MA fishing license legal on entire pond. Connecticut regulations apply. 5 HP limit.

Mudge Pond (Silver Lake), Sharon (207 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S CC

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Largemouth and smallmouth bass: 12" to 18" protective slot. Daily creel limit 6 bass, only 1 may be 18" or greater. Motors limited to 7.5 HP. 6 MPH speed limit. Use of motors prohibited from 1/2 hour after sunset until sunrise and at any time within 200 feet of the town beach

Naubesatuck Lake, Mansfield (SEE MANSFIELD HOLLOW RESERVOIR)

North Farms Reservoir, Wallingford (64 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S BB CP YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Northfield Brook Lake, Litchfield (8 acres)



SPECIES: T S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Walk-in access only after Columbus Day until the second Saturday of April. Open 8:00 am until sunset.

Northfield Cutlery Company Pond, Litchfield (5 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Public right of way passable for cars.

Norwich Pond, Lyme (30 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB YP CP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Operation of motorboats prohibited.

Papermill Pond, Oxford (SEE SOUTHFORD FALLS POND)

Park Pond, Winchester (75 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S BB CP YP CB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Pasture Pond, Plainfield (1 acre)



SPECIES: T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Park:* From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily limit 2 (in aggregate), no minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Pattaconk Lake (Russel Jennings Pond)

Chester (56 acres)



SPECIES: T LMB S BB YP CC CB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Carry in boat access (75 yards). 8 MPH speed limit. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited during July and August.

Pattagansett Lake, East Lyme (128 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S CC CB CP YP AE

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* 12" to 18" protective slot. Daily limit 6 bass only one bass may be 18" or greater. 8 MPH speed limit. See CT DEEP Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

Peck Pond (Keach Pond), Thompson/Rhode Island (14 acres)

SPECIES: LMB SMB CP S YP T BB CB



FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES:

Boundary Water: CT or RI fishing license legal on entire pond. Rhode Island regulations apply as follows. **Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth):** Daily creel limit 5 bass (in aggregate), 12" minimum length. **Chain Pickerel:** Daily creel limit 5, 14" minimum length. **Trout:** 8" minimum length year round. Daily creel limit of 5 trout from second Saturday in April until November 30. Daily creel limit 2 trout from December 1 until the last day of February.

Perry Pond, Thompson/Massachusetts (4 acres)

SPECIES: LMB CP YP S BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Boundary Water:** CT or MA fishing license legal on entire pond. Connecticut regulations apply.

Pickereel Lake, Colchester/East Haddam (82 acres)



SPECIES: LMB CB S CP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Bass Management Lake:** 12" to 16" protective slot. Daily limit 6 bass only 2 bass may be 16" or greater. 8 MPH speed limit. See DEEP Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

Picketts Pond, Derby (9 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB T CC

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Catfish:** Daily creel limit 3 catfish, no minimum length.

Pierrepont Pond, Ridgefield (38 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Pine Lake, Shelton (7 acres)

SPECIES: LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Ice fishing prohibited.

Pine Acres Lake, Hampton (190 acres)

SPECIES: S BB LMB CP YP



FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Lake Pocotopaug, East Hampton (502 acres)

No public access.

SPECIES: S LMB YP CP BB WA CB WP SMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Walleye:** Daily Creel Limit 2, 20" minimum length. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited

Powers Lake, East Lyme (144 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S CP YP CB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Quaddick Reservoir, Thompson (408 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S BB YP CB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Launch open 8:00 am until sunset from April 13th through the last weekend before October 31.

Lake Quassapaug, Woodbury/Middlebury (297 acres)

No public access.

SPECIES: S LMB YP CP BB T CB SMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Trout:** Daily creel limit 1, 18" minimum length. **Bass:** Daily Creel Limit - 1 (in aggregate), 18" minimum length. Ice fishing prohibited. 6 MPH speed limit, except 25 MPH from Tuesday after Labor Day to 3rd Saturday of April. Use of motors prohibited 11:00 pm to 6:00 am

Quinebaug Lake (Wauregan Reservoir)

Killingly (88 acres)



SPECIES: LMB CB S CP CC T YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Bass Management Lake:** Daily limit 2 bass, 16" minimum length. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Quonnipaug Lake, Guilford (99 acres)



SPECIES: T LMB CP S YP BB SMB CC AE

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Trout Management Lake:** From March 1 to 6:00 am second Saturday of April, Daily creel limit 1; 16" minimum length. Motors limited to 6 HP. Operation of motorboats prohibited from 9:00 pm to 6:00 am

Rainbow Reservoir, Windsor (240 acres)



SPECIES: LMB CB S CP SMB YP WP BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 35 MPH speed limit.

Red Cedar Lake, Lebanon (127 acres)

SPECIES: S LMB YP CB CP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Informal car-top launch only, not maintained.



Rogers Lake, Lyme/Old Lyme (260 acres)

SPECIES: T LMB CP S YP BB AE CB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Management Lake:* from March 1 to 6:00 am second Saturday of April, Daily creel limit 1; 16" minimum length. Motors limited to 135 HP. 6 MPH speed limit sunset to 10:00 am. See CT DEEP Boater's Guide for additional regulations.



Rogers Park Pond, Danbury (2 acres)

SPECIES: S CC T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Catfish:* daily creel limit 3 catfish, no minimum length.



Roseland Lake, Woodstock (96 acres)

SPECIES: LMB S CP YP CB CA T BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Access courtesy of Roseland Park. Open sunrise to sunset (closed Thanksgiving and Christmas), unimproved boat launch and fishing dock. Visit Roseland Park web page for additional information about the park.



Ross Pond, Killingly (31 acres)

SPECIES: LMB S CP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.



Rowan's Pond (Butternut Park Pond)

Middletown (3 acres)

SPECIES: S CC T LMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Catfish:* Daily creel limit 3 catfish, no minimum length.



Saint Martha's Pond, Enfield (1 acre)

SPECIES: T BB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Access courtesy of the property owner fishing is allowed April 1 until August 31.



Lake Saltonstall, East Haven/Branford (422 acres)

SPECIES: LMB CB S WP CC T YP WA

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Daily limit 1 bass, 18" minimum length. Use of live bait prohibited. Fishing by permit from South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority 203-401-2654. Boat rental available. No outside vessels allowed. Ice fishing prohibited.



Saugatuck Reservoir, Easton/Redding/Weston (827 acres)



SPECIES: LMB T SMB WA S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Permit required to fish from Aquarion Water Company 203-452-3511. Fishing permitted from west shoreline only. Boating, wading, or flotation devices are prohibited. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory, or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. Ice fishing prohibited.

Savin Lake, Lebanon (49 acres)



SPECIES: LMB CP S YP BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Schreeder Pond (Chatfield Hollow Park Pond)

Killingworth (4 acres)



SPECIES: T LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Park:* From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 2 (in aggregate), no minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. Walk-in access only during off season.

Scoville Reservoir, (Woodtick Reservoir)

Wolcott (121 acres)



SPECIES: S CC T LMB YP CP CB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Shore fishing is allowed within designated fishing areas. Fishing within the conservation zone is prohibited. Operation of vessels prohibited from sunset to sunrise. Use or possession of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Seymour Reservoirs (1-2-3-4), Seymour (5-35-12-37 acres)

SPECIES: LMB S CP YP BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Walk in access only.



Shaw Lake, Colchester (SEE LAKE HAYWARD)

Shelton Reservoir 2, Shelton (SEE PINE LAKE)

Shenipsit Lake, Ellington/Tolland/Vernon (532 acres)



SPECIES: LMB CB S SMB WP CC T YP T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of boats restricted to those stored on site.

Contact the Shenipsit Lake boat storage facility 860-875-1850 for additional information. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory, or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. Ice fishing prohibited.

Silver Lake, Berlin (146 acres)



SPECIES: S CC LMB YP CP CB BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit. See CT DEEP Boater's Guide for exemptions.

Sochrin Pond, Seymour (2 acres)

SPECIES: S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Children's pond- fishing is restricted to those under 16.



Somersville Mill Pond, Somers (41 acres)

SPECIES: LMB T S CP CB YP BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 6 MPH speed limit. Unimproved town launch.



Southford Falls Pond (Papermill Pond), Oxford/Southbury (2.4 acres)

SPECIES: T LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Trout Park:** From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, Daily creel limit 2 (in aggregate), no minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. Walk-in access only during off season.



South Spectacle Pond, Kent (85 acres)

SPECIES: CB S LMB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Walk in access only. Public right of way is NOT passable for cars.

Spaulding Pond, Norwich (SEE MOHEGAN PARK POND)

Squantz Pond, New Fairfield/Sherman (270 acres)

SPECIES: T LMB SMB CP S YP WP CA WA

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Trout Management Lake:** From March 1 to 6:00 am second Saturday of April, Daily creel limit 1; 16" minimum length. **Trophy Carp Water:** Daily creel limit 1, 26" maximum length. All Common Carp over 26" must be released without avoidable injury. Motors on boats launched from Squantz Pond State Park are limited to 25 HP. 45 MPH daytime speed limit, 25 MPH from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise. Fishing from shore prohibited behind fence along the shoreline within the State Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



Stanley Quarter Pond, New Britain (6.4 acres)

SPECIES: S LMB T CC

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: **Catfish:** Daily creel limit 3 catfish, no minimum length.



Starret Pond, Ridgefield (SEE HUNTINGTON POND)

Stillwater Pond, Torrington (94 acres)

SPECIES: S LMB T CC YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.



Stratton Brook Pond, Simsbury (2.3 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Park:* From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 2 (in aggregate), no minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Taftville Reservoir, Norwich (25 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Access through Raymond Ouellet Park. *Bass Management Lake:* Daily creel limit 2 bass only 2 bass, 16" minimum length.

Tetreault Pond, Killingly (39 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB CP YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Twin Brooks Park Pond, Trumbull (4 acres)



SPECIES: S T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Ice fishing prohibited by town ordinance. *NOTE:* A permit maybe required to access the park. This pass may be acquired free by anglers wishing to fish the waters by visiting the Trumbull Parks and Recreation Department.

Uncas Lake (Hog Pond), Lyme (69 acres)



SPECIES: T LMB S CP YP AE

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Operation of motorboats prohibited.

Valley Falls Pond, Vernon (4.1 acres)



SPECIES: T LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Park:* From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 2 (in aggregate), no minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Walkers Reservoir (East), Vernon (5.1 acres)



SPECIES: T LMB S YP BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: All vessels prohibited.

Wangumbaug Lake, Coventry (SEE COVENTRY LAKE)

Lake Waramaug, Kent/Warren/ Washington (656 acres)



SPECIES: T LMB S CP YP WC SMB BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Carry in access in Lake Waramaug State Park. Boating access is also available to the public at the town boat launch in Washington (fee and inspection required). Boats and trailers failing inspection for aquatic invasive species will not be allowed to use the launch. Days and hours vary seasonally, contact the Washington Parks and Recreation Department at 860-868-1519 for more information.

Warner Pond (Kazan’s Pond), Newtown (11.7 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Walk-in access only.

Wauregan Reservoir, Killingly (SEE QUINEBAUG LAKE)

West Branch Reservoir (Hogback Reservoir)

Hartland/Colebrook (201 Acres)



SPECIES: LMB S SMB T YP RA

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory, or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

West Hill Pond, Barkhamsted/New Hartford (261 acres)



SPECIES: T K LMB CP S YP BB RA SMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Management Lake:* From March 1 to 6:00 am second Saturday of April, Daily creel limit 1; 16” minimum length. 15 MPH speed limit except 6 MPH between sunset and sunrise. 8 HP motor limit from Memorial Day through September 15th. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory, or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

West Pequonnock Reservoir, Monroe (1.4 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Permit required to fish contact Aquarion Water Company at 203-452-3511. Ice fishing prohibited.

West Side Pond, Goshen (42 acres)



SPECIES: T LMB YP S BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* 12” to 16” protective slot. Daily limit 6 bass only 2 bass may be 16” or greater. 8 MPH speed limit. See CT DEEP Boater’s Guide for summer exemption.

West Thompson Lake, Thompson (239 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S YP BB CA WP SMB CP CB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Common Carp:* When fishing with bow and arrow; Daily Creel limit of 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30”.

West Twin Lake (Washinee Lake), Salisbury (290 acres)

SPECIES: LMB CP S YP CB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 35 MPH daytime speed limit except 6 MPH from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour after sunrise and when within 200 feet of any vessel or dock. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory, or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

Wharton Pond (Allen Brook Pond) Wallingford (5 acres)



SPECIES: T S

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Trout Park:* From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 2 (in aggregate), no minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Williams Pond (Lake Williams), Lebanon (7.3 acres)



SPECIES: LMB CP YP S BB CB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: Informal car-top access from dam on Route 207.

Winchester Lake, Winchester (246 acres)



SPECIES: S LMB YP NP YP CB BB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 8 MPH speed limit.

Lake Winnemaug, Watertown (113 Acres)



SPECIES: LMB S CB WP BB YP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 7 MPH speed limit. Vessels with internal combustion engines attached prohibited.

Lake Wintergreen, Hamden (44 acres)



SPECIES: S CC T LMB

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Catfish:* Daily creel limit 3 catfish, no minimum length. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

Wononskopomuc Lake (Lakeville Lake),



Salisbury (348 acres)

SPECIES: T LMB YP S BB CP

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* 12" to 16" protective slot. Daily limit 6 bass only 2 bass may be 16" or greater. *Trout Management Lake:* During the period from 6:00 a.m. on the second Saturday in April through the last day of February the daily creel limit for trout shall be five, not more than one of which may be a brown trout, and the minimum length for brown trout shall be twenty-two inches. During the period from March first through 6:00 a.m. on the second Saturday in April, inclusive, the daily creel limit for trout shall be one and the minimum length limit shall be twenty-two inches. Not more than two tip-ups, bobbbers or floats, similar devices or hand-held jigging rods in any combination may be used at any one time when ice fishing. Motors restricted to 112 cubic inches (approximately 10 HP). Town operated boat launch open daily from 7:00 am to 8:00 PM from second Saturday in April through Labor Day. From Labor Day through October 31st launch open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm weekdays and from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon weekends. Boat Livery. Fee charged to launch. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory, or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

Wyassup Lake, North Stonington (99 acres)



SPECIES: LMB S YP BB AE CP T

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: *Bass Management Lake:* Daily limit 2 bass, 16" minimum length. 8 MPH speed limit, see CT DEEP Boaters Guide for summer exemption.

Lake Zoar, Oxford/Monroe/Southbury/Newtown (909 acres)



SPECIES: SMB LMB WA CA CB YP WP WC

FISHING REGULATIONS AND MISC. RULES: 45 MPH daytime speed limit, 25 MPH from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise

Rivers and Streams

This section of the fishing guide provides information about fishing regulations for many rivers and streams, portions of which, have public access. There may be additional waters located in municipal parks, on land trust property, or other properties accessible to the public that are not listed here. Please be sure to note any signage on site indicating allowable use, access, or other rules. Always request permission prior to fishing on private property.

Rivers/Streams that Follow Default (Statewide) Fishing Regulations

Bold indicates portions are stocked with trout by CT DEEP

Aspetuck River, Easton-Weston

Bartlett Brook, Lebanon

Beaver Brook, Barkhamsted

Beaver Brook, Franklin-Sprague

Bible Rock Brook, Haddam-Middletown

Bigelow Brook, Eastford-Union

Bladens River, Woodbridge-Seymour

Branford River, Branford

Broad Brook, Ellington

Bungee Brook, Woodstock

Butternut Brook, Litchfield

Byram River, Greenwich

Candlewood Hill Brook, Haddam

Cedar Swamp Brook, Stafford

Cedar Swamp Brook, Sterling

Choate Brook, Preston

Copps Brook, Stonington

Delphi Brook, Stafford

Denison Brook, Voluntown

East Swamp Brook, Bethel

Exeter Brook, Lebanon

Falls River, Essex-Westbrook

Farmill River, Monroe-Shelton-Stratford

Fivemile River, Thompson-Putnam-Killingly

Flat Brook, East Hampton

French River, Thompson

Freshwater Brook, Enfield

Furnace Brook, Stafford

Gillette Brook, Somers

Green Falls River, N. Stonington-Voluntown

Gulf Stream, Somers

Haleys Brook, Groton

Hall Meadow Brook, Goshen-Torrington

Hop Brook, Middlebury-Waterbury

Hop River, Bolton-Coventry

Hunts Brook, Montville-Watertown

Indiantown Brook, Ledyard-Preston

Joe Clark Brook, Ledyard

Jordan Brook, Waterford

Kettletown Brook, Southbury

Kitt Brook, Canterbury

Laurel Brook, Middletown

Leadmine Brook, Harwinton

Little River, Canterbury-Hampton

Lowden Brook, Voluntown

Mary Brown Brook, Putnam

Mashamoquet Brook, Pomfret

Middle River, Stafford

Mill Brook, Cornwall

Mill Brook, Woodstock

Mine Brook, Portland

Morrissey Brook, Sherman

Mount Hope River, Ashford-Mansfield

Mount Misery Brook, Voluntown

Muddy River, North Haven

Myron Kinnie Brook, Voluntown

Nepaug River, New Hartford

Nonewaugh River, Woodbury

Northfield Brook, Litchfield-Thomaston

Oxoboxo Brook, Montville

Pachaug River, Voluntown

Parmalee Brook, Durham

Pattaconk Brook, Chester

Pond Brook, Newtown

Ponset Brook, Haddam

Poquetanuck Brook, Preston

Quanduck Brook, Killingly-Sterling

Reservoir Brook, Portland

Rippowam River, Stamford

Roaring Brook, Haddam

West Branch Saugatuck River, Weston-Westport

Sawmill Brook, Sherman

Scantic River, East Windsor-Enfield-Somers

Seth Williams Brook, Ledyard

Shepaug River, Roxbury

Shewville Brook, Preston

Skungamaug River, Coventry
 Snake Meadow Brook, Plainfield-Sterling
 Sprain Brook, Woodbury
 Still River, Eastford-Woodstock
 Still River, Danbury
 Stony Brook, Suffield
 Sugar Brook, Plainfield
 Sumner Brook, Middletown
 Susquetonscut Brook, Bozrah-Lebanon
 Taylor Brook, Woodstock
 Tenmile River, Cheshire

Tenmile River, Lebanon-Columbia
 Wappoquia Brook, Pomfret
 Weekepeemee River, Woodbury
 Wepawaug River, Orange-Milford
 West River, Guilford
 Whetsone Brook, Killingly
 Whiting River, North Canaan
 Willow Brook, Cheshire
 Wyassup Brook, North Stonington

Rivers and Streams with Special Fishing Regulations

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY	WATERS WITH SPECIAL REGULATIONS
Trout Management Areas (TMA)	Coppermine Brook, Farmington River, Hammonasset River, Hockanum River, Housatonic River, Mianus River, Mill River (Fairfield), Mill River (Hamden), Moosup River, Naugatuck River, Pequabuck River, Salmon River, Saugatuck River, Tenmile River (Kent), Willimantic River, Yantic River
Wild Trout Management Areas (WTMA) Can be Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3	Beacon Hill Brook, Beaver Brook (Scotland), Blackberry River, Deep Brook, East Aspetuck River, East Branch Naugatuck River, Eightmile River (Southington), Farm River, Fenton River, Freeman Hill Brook, Furnace Brook (Cornwall), Hawleys Brook, Little River (Oxford), Macedonia Brook, Merrick Brook, Mill River (Fairfield), Morgan Brook, Norwalk River, Pease Brook, Pootatuck River, Quinnipiac River, Roaring Brook (Glastonbury), Roaring Brook (Willington), Salmon Brook (Glastonbury), Salmon Brook (Granby), Shunock River, Stony Brook (Montville), Tankerhoosen River, Wachocastinook Brook,
Trout Parks	Branch Brook, Chatfield Hollow Brook, Eightmile Brook (Oxford), Kent Falls Brook, Natchaug River, Stratton Brook
Trophy Trout Areas	Natchaug River, Naugatuck River, Pequonnock River, Pomperaug River, Salmon River, Shetucket River
Sea-Run Trout Streams	Eightmile River (Lyme), Farm River, Hammonasett River, Latimer Brook, Mianus River, Oil Mill Brook, Saugatuck River, Whitford Brook
Tidal Waters and Tributaries	Some or all of the following; Coginchaug River, Connecticut River, Farmington River, Housatonic River, Mattebesset River, Mystic River, Naugatuck River, Niantic River, Quinnipiac River, Salmon River, Shetucket River, Thames River, Yantic River
Atlantic Salmon Management Areas	Naugatuck River, Shetucket River
Trophy Carp Waters	Connecticut River and Coves, CT River Tidal Tributary sections (Farmington River, Mattebesset River, Coginchaug River, Salmon River)
Bow and Arrow Carp Waters	Coginchaug River (below Route 3), Connecticut River and Coves (below Arrigoni Bridge), Housatonic River (below Derby Dam), Mattebesset River (below Route 3), Thames River and coves, Quinnipiac River (below Route 40) Shetucket River (below Greenville Dam), Yantic River (below Indian Leap falls)

RIVER/STREAM ACCESS: The bottom of a river or a stream is not public by default and may be private property. As such, waters can be posted as “No Trespassing”. Public access for fishing in rivers and streams is restricted to rights-of-way designated by posters or by permission of the landowner. On sections of streams leased by the state, fishermen must wade or stay near the stream bank as indicated by posters. When in doubt ask permission and always be courteous and respectful.

Bantam River, Litchfield: Fly fishing only where indicated by signs downstream of Stoddard Road.

Beacon Hill Brook, Beacon Falls: From Route 63 to Naugatuck River, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 3. Trout:* 9” minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Beaver Brook, Scotland: Within the Talbot Wildlife Management Area, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 1. Trout fishing* is catch and release only, gear limited to barbless single hook artificial lures or barbless single hook flies only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Blackberry River, Canaan: From downstream of the confluence with the Whiting River, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 3. Trout:* 9” minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Blackledge River, Glastonbury/Marlborough: From Route 94 crossing downstream to the Salmon River, *Trout:* 9” minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Branch Brook, Watertown: Within Black Rock State Park, *Trout Park.* Daily creel limit 2 trout. Statewide season. No minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Bunnell Brook, Burlington: From Covey Road crossing downstream to the Farmington River, *Trout:* 9” minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Chatfield Hollow Brook, Killingworth: Within Chatfield Hollow State Park, *Trout Park.* Daily creel limit 2 trout. Statewide season. No minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Coginchaug River, Middletown: From Route 3 crossing downstream to the Mattebesset River, *Tidal Waters and Tributaries. Trout:* harvest allowed year-round, daily creel limit of 2 trout, 15” minimum length. *Trophy Common Carp Water:* Daily creel limit 1 fish, 26” maximum length except when fishing with a bow and arrow the daily Creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30”.

Connecticut River: Entire river in CT: *Tidal Waters and Tributaries. Trout:* Harvest allowed year-round, daily creel limit 2 trout, 15” minimum length. *Trophy Common Carp Water:* Daily creel limit 1 fish, 26” maximum length, except when downstream of Arrigoni Bridge, including coves, when fishing with a bow and arrow the daily Creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30”. *Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass* daily creel limit 6, 12” minimum length, *Northern Pike:* Daily creel limit 2, 24” minimum length. *Alewives/Blueback Herring:* special closures are in effect.

Coppermine Brook, Bristol: From Artisan Street to Pequabuck River, *Trout Management Area. Trout Fishing* is catch and release only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Deep Brook, Newtown: From Wasserman Way to the Pootatuck River, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 1. Trout Fishing* is catch and release only, gear limited to barbless single hook artificial lure or barbless single hook fly only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. *NOTE: includes portions of the Pootatuck River above and below Deep Brook as posted with signs by CT DEEP.*

East Aspetuck River, Washington/New Milford: From Lake Waramaug to the Housatonic River, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 3. Trout:* 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Eightmile Brook, Oxford: Within Southford Falls State Park, *Trout Park.* Daily creel limit 2 trout. Statewide season. No minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Eightmile River, Lyme: From Foxtown Road to the dam at Mount Archer Road, *Trout:* Daily creel limit 5 trout, 9" minimum length. *Sea-Run Trout Stream:* Downstream of dam at Mount Archer Road to Connecticut River. *Trout:* Daily creel limit 2 trout. 15" minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

East Branch Eightmile River, Lyme: From Witch Meadow Road to the Eightmile River, *Trout:* 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

East Branch Naugatuck River, Torrington: From Newfield Road to the confluence with the West Branch Naugatuck River, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 3. Trout:* 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Eightmile River, Southington: The entire river in Southington, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 1. Trout Fishing* is catch and release only, gear limited to barbless single hook artificial lure or barbless single hook fly only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Farm River, Branford/East Haven: From Mill Road (downstream of Pages Millpond) to the I-95 crossing, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 3. Trout:* 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. *Sea-Run Trout Stream:* Downstream of I-95 crossing, *Trout:* Daily creel limit 2 trout. 15" minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Farmington River/West Branch Farmington River, Hartland/Windsor: *Trout Management Area:* Goodwin Dam (Hogback) downstream to old bridge abutments from September 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April *Trout Fishing* is catch and release only. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until August 31st the daily creel limit is 2 trout, 12" minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Old bridge abutments to Route 219 bridge, *Trout Fishing* is catch and release only year-round. Barbless hooks required. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Route 219 bridge to Route 177 bridge, from September 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April *Trout Fishing* is catch and release fishing only. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until August 31st daily creel limit 2 trout, 12" minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Route 177 bridge to Rainbow Reservoir, *Trout:* daily creel limit 5 trout, 9" minimum length.

Tidal Waters and Tributaries: From mouth of tailrace canal below Rainbow Dam to Connecticut River, *Trout:* harvest allowed year-round, daily creel limit 2 trout, 15" minimum length. *Trophy Common Carp Water.* Daily creel limit 1, 26" maximum length.

Fawn Brook and West Branch Fawn Brook, Marlborough: Downstream of Slocum Road, *Trout:* 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Fenton River, Willington/Mansfield: The entire stream within Willington and Mansfield, **Wild Trout Management Area Class 3. Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Freeman Hill Brook, Burlington: Upstream of Route 69 through Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area, **Wild Trout Management Area Class 1. Trout Fishing** is catch and release only, gear limited to barbless single hook artificial lure or barbless single hook fly only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Furnace Brook, Cornwall: Upstream of Housatonic River along Route 4 as posted by CT DEEP, **Heather Reeves Wild Trout Management Area Class 2. Trout:** 12" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Hammonasset River, Madison: From Lake Hammonasset Dam to Chestnut Hill Road, **Trout Management Area. Trout Fishing** is catch and release only from September 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until August 31st daily creel limit 2 trout, 9" minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. **Sea-Run Trout Stream:** From Chestnut Hill Road to breached dam (300 feet upstream of River Road), daily creel limit of 2 trout, 9" minimum length. Downstream of breached dam to Route 1, **Trout:** Daily creel limit 2 trout. 15" minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Hawleys Brook, Easton/Weston: Within Trout Brook Valley Property, **Wild Trout Management Area Class 1. Trout Fishing** is catch and release fishing only, gear limited to barbless single hook artificial lure or barbless single hook fly only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Hockanum River, Manchester: From Route 84 crossing in Vernon downstream to the I-84 crossing in Laurel Marsh, **Trout Management Area. Trout Fishing** is catch and release only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Housatonic River, Salisbury/Milford: From Route 112 bridge to Routes 4 and 7 bridge, **Trout Management Area. Trout Fishing** is catch and release only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. Gear restricted to fly fishing only within the 3-mile section upstream of the Routes 4/7 bridge as posted with signs by CT DEEP. From June 15 to September 15 fishing prohibited within 100 feet of thermal refuges as posted with signs by CT DEEP.

Bull's Bridge Dam to Route 7 bridge (Gaylordsville), **Trout Management Area and Bass Management Area. Trout fishing and Bass fishing** catch and release only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. June 15 to September 15 fishing prohibited within 100 feet of thermal refuges as posted with signs by CT DEEP.

Downstream of Lake Housatonic Dam (Derby), **Tidal Waters and Tributaries. Trout:** harvest allowed year-round, daily creel limit 2 trout, 12" minimum length. **Common Carp:** When fishing with a bow and arrow the daily creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30". **Atlantic salmon:** from September 1 to December 15 catch and release only. From December 16 to August 31 daily creel limit of 1, no minimum length. Gear restricted to single fly or lure with a free-swinging hook. No additional weight may be added to the line.

Jeremy River, Marlborough: Downstream of Grayville Road to Salmon River, **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Judd Brook, Colchester: Downstream of Old Colchester Road to Jeremy River, **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Kent Falls Brook, Kent: Within Kent Falls State Park, **Trout Park.** Daily creel limit 2 trout. Statewide season. No minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Latimer Brook, East Lyme: Downstream of I-95 crossing, **Sea-Run Trout Stream:** Daily creel limit 2 trout. 15" minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Little River, Oxford: From Towner Lane downstream to Park Road crossing, **Wild Trout Management Area Class 3.** **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Macedonia Brook, Kent: Within Macedonia Brook State Park, **Wild Trout Management Area Class 3.** **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. From Bog Hollow Brook to Route 341 crossing, **Wild Trout Management Area Class 1. Trout Fishing** is catch and release only, gear limited to barbless single hook artificial lure or barbless single hook fly only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Mad River, Winchester: Downstream of Grantville Road to Farmington River, **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Mattabeset River, Middletown: From Route 372 crossing downstream to the Connecticut River, **Tidal Waters and Tributaries.** **Trout:** harvest allowed year-round, daily creel limit 2 trout, 15" minimum length. **Trophy Common Carp Water:** Daily creel limit 1 fish, 26" maximum length, except when downstream of Route 3 fishing with bow and arrow; daily creel limit of 12, not more than 3 carp may be greater than 30".

Meadow Brook, Colchester: Downstream of Route 16 to Jeremy River, **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Merrick Brook, Scotland: Within Talbot Wildlife Management Area and upstream as posted with signs by CT DEEP, **Wild Trout Management Area Class 1. Trout Fishing** is catch and release only, gear limited to barbless single hook artificial lure or barbless single hook fly only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Mianus River, Greenwich/Stamford: From Merribrook Lane upstream 1 mile to dam, **Trout Management Area. Trout Fishing** is catch and release fishing only from September 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. Gear restricted to single hook flies and artificial lures only. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until August 31st daily creel limit 2 trout, 9" minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. **Sea-Run Trout Stream:** Entire stream above dam north of Boston Post Road, except for the TMA as described above. **Trout:** From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until last day of February, daily creel limit 2 trout, 9" minimum length.

Mill River, Fairfield: From the confluence with Canoe Brook (as posted with signs by CT DEEP) to the Merritt Parkway crossing, **Wild Trout Management Area Class 1. Trout Fishing** is catch and release only, gear limited to barbless single hook artificial lure or barbless single hook fly only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. **Trout Management Area:** From the Merritt Parkway Crossing to Lake Mohegan, **Trout Fishing** is catch and release only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Mill River, Hamden: Within Sleeping Giant State Park, **Trout Management Area. Trout Fishing** is catch and release only from September 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until August 31st the daily creel limit 2 trout, 9" minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Moosup River, Plainfield: From Route 14 bridge to the Quinebaug River, **Trout Management Area. Trout Fishing** is catch and release only year-round. Gear restricted to fly fishing within the lower half of the section as posted with signs by CT DEEP. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Morgan Brook, Barkhamsted: From West Hill Pond to the Farmington River, **Wild Trout Management Area Class 3. Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Mystic River, Groton: Downstream of the confluence of Haleys Brook and Whitford Brook, **Tidal Water and Tributaries. Trout** harvest allowed year-round, daily creel limit 2 trout, 15" minimum length.

Natchaug River, Eastford/Mansfield: The entire river, **Trophy Trout Stream.** Daily creel limit 2 trout. Statewide season. No minimum length. **Trout Park:** Within Natchaug State Forest Daily creel limit 2 trout. Statewide season. No minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Naugatuck River, Torrington/Ansonia: From confluence of East and West Branches to the Route 118 bridge, **Trophy Trout Stream:** Daily creel limit 2 trout. Statewide season. No minimum length. From June 15 to September 15 fishing prohibited within 100 feet of thermal refuges as posted with signs by CT DEEP.

Route 118 bridge to Thomaston Dam, **Trout Management Area, Trout Fishing** is catch and release fishing only year-round. Gear restricted to single fly or lure with a free-swinging hook from September 1 to March 31. Fishing prohibited within 100 feet of thermal refuges from June 15 to September 15 as posted with signs by CT DEEP. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. **Atlantic Salmon Management Area:** From September 1 to December 15 catch and release only. From December 16 to August 31 daily creel limit of 1 salmon, no minimum length. Gear restricted to single fly or lure with a free-swinging hook. No additional weight may be added to the line.

Thomaston Dam to Kinneytown Dam, **Trophy Trout Stream:** Daily creel limit 2 trout, Statewide season. No minimum length. Fishing prohibited within 100 feet of thermal refuges from June 15 to September 15 as posted with signs by CT DEEP.

Prospect Street (Naugatuck) to Route 42 bridge **Atlantic Salmon Management Area:** From September 1 to December 15 Atlantic salmon fishing is catch and release only. From December 16 to August 31 daily creel limit of 1 salmon, no minimum length. Gear restricted to single fly or lure with a free-swinging hook. No additional weight may be added to the line. Fishing prohibited within 100 feet of thermal refuges from June 15 to September 15 as posted with signs by CT DEEP. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. **Trophy Trout Stream:** Daily creel limit 2 trout, no minimum length.

Downstream of Kinneytown Dam, **Tidal Water and Tributaries: Trout:** harvest allowed year-round, daily creel limit 2, 15" minimum length. **Atlantic salmon:** September 1 to December 15 catch and release only. From December 16 to August 31 daily creel limit of 1, no minimum length. Gear restricted to single fly or lure with a free-swinging hook. No additional weight may be added to the line. Closed to all fishing within 100 feet of thermal refuges from June 15 to September 15 as posted with signs by CT DEEP. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to keep Atlantic salmon.

Niantic River, East Lyme/Waterford: Downstream of the confluence with Latimer Brook, *Tidal Water and Tributaries*. **Trout:** harvest allowed year-round, daily creel limit 2 trout, 15" minimum length.

Norwalk River, Redding/Norwalk: The entire stream in Wilton and Ridgefield upstream of Wolf Pit Road, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 3*. **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Oil Mill Brook, Waterford: Downstream of I-95 crossing, *Sea-Run Trout Stream*: Daily creel limit 2 trout, 15" minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Pease Brook, Lebanon: Within Pease Brook Wildlife Management Area, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 3*. **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Pequabuck River, Bristol: From King Street to Route 177 bridge, including a section of Coppermine Brook, *Trout Management Area*. **Trout Fishing** is catch and release year-round. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. Rest of river outside of the TMA **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Pequonnock River, Trumbull: From Whitney Avenue Bridge to Daniels Farm Road, includes Trumbull Basin, *Trophy Trout Stream*: Daily creel limit 2 trout. Statewide season. No minimum length. *NOTE: A parking permit is required to park on streets adjacent to the Trumbull Basin and many Trumbull municipal parks. This pass may be acquired free by anglers wishing to fish the waters by visiting the Trumbull Parks and Recreation Department.*

Pine Brook, East Hampton: Downstream of Sexton Road to the Salmon River, **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Pomperaug River, Woodbury/Southbury: The entire river, *Trophy Trout Stream*: Daily creel limit 2 trout. Statewide season. No minimum length.

Pootatuck River, Newtown: From approximately 1/2 mile above and below the confluence with Deep Brook as posted with signs by CT DEEP, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 1*. **Trout Fishing** is catch and release only, gear limited to barbless single hook artificial lure or barbless single hook fly only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Quinnipiac River, Southington: The entire river in Southington to Cheshire Street (Cheshire) *Wild Trout Management Area Class 1*. **Trout Fishing** is catch and release only, gear limited to barbless single hook artificial lure or barbless single hook fly only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. *Tidal Water and Tributaries:* Downstream of Route 5 bridge to New Haven Harbor; **Trout:** Harvest allowed year-round, daily creel limit 2 trout, 15" minimum length. **Common Carp:** When downstream of Route 40 and fishing with a bow and arrow, the daily Creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30".

Raymond Brook, Hebron: Downstream of Old Colchester Road, **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Roaring Brook, Glastonbury: From Route 94 to the Connecticut River, *Eric C. Schluntz Wild Trout Management Area Class 3*. **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Roaring Brook, Stafford/Willington: From Route 190 to the Willimantic River, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 3*. **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Safstrom Brook, East Hampton: Downstream of Tartia Road, **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Salmon Brook, Glastonbury: Downstream of Addison Pond to the Connecticut River, **Wild Trout Management Area Class 2. Trout:** 12" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Salmon Brook and East Branch, Granby: From Route 20 to the Farmington River **Wild Trout Management Area Class 3. Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. Rest of river upstream of the WTMA, **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Salmon Brook, West Branch, Granby: Downstream of Route 179 to Salmon Brook, **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Salmon River, Colchester/Haddam: From confluence of Blackledge River and Jeremy River to the Route 16 bridge **Trout Management Area. Trout Fishing** is catch and release only From September 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until August 31st daily creel limit 2, 9" minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. **Note: Gear restricted to fly fishing only in the middle of this section as posted with signs by the CT DEEP.**

Route 16 bridge to Route 151 bridge, **Trophy Trout Stream:** From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until the last day of February, daily creel limit 2 trout, 9" minimum length.

Downstream of the Route 151 bridge, **Tidal Waters and Tributaries: Trout:** harvest allowed year-round, daily creel limit 2 trout, 15" minimum length. Fishing prohibited within 100 feet of thermal refuges June 15 to September 15 as posted with signs by CT DEEP. **Trophy Common Carp Water:** Daily creel limit of 1, 26" maximum length. When fishing with a bow and arrow, the daily Creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30".

Sandy Brook, Colebrook: From State Line downstream to Still River, **Trout:** 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Saugatuck River, Westport: From Dorrs Mill Dam to the Merritt Parkway crossing, **William "Doc" Skerlick Trout Management Area. Trout Fishing** is catch and release only from September 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until August 31st daily creel limit 2 trout, 9" minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. Gear restricted to fly fishing. **Sea-Run Trout Stream:** Downstream of Wood Dam (Westport), **Trout:** Daily creel limit 2 trout. 15" minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Shetucket River, Windham/Norwich: The entire river above Greenville Dam, **Trophy Trout Stream. Trout:** Daily creel limit 2. Statewide season. No minimum length. Fishing prohibited within 100 feet of thermal refuges June 15 to September 15 as posted with signs by CT DEEP. **Atlantic Salmon Management Area:** From Scotland Dam to Occum Dam from September 1 to December 15 Atlantic salmon fishing is catch and release only. From December 16 to August 31 daily creel limit of 1 salmon, no minimum length. Gear restricted to single fly or lure with a free-swinging hook. No additional weight may be added to the line. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. **Tidal Waters and Tributaries** below Greenville Dam, **Common Carp:** When fishing with a bow and arrow the daily Creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30". **Trout:** harvest allowed year-round, daily creel limit 2 trout, 15" minimum length.

Shunock River, North Stonington: The entire stream in North Stonington *Wild Trout Management Area Class 3. Trout:* 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Still River, Winchester/Colebrook: From confluence with the Mad River to the Farmington River, *Trout:* 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5.

Stony Brook, Montville: The entire stream in Montville, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 3. Trout:* 9" minimum length. Statewide season. Daily creel limit 5. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Stratton Brook, Simsbury: Within Stratton Brook State Park, *Trout Park:* Daily creel limit 2 trout. Statewide season. No minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Tankerhoosen River, Vernon: The river and its tributaries as posted with signs by CT DEEP within the Belding Wildlife Management Area, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 1. Trout Fishing* is catch and release only, gear limited to barbless single hook artificial lure or barbless single hook fly only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Tennmile River, Sherman/Kent: The entire river, *Trout Management Area and Bass Management Area: Trout Fishing and Bass Fishing* is catch and release fishing only year-round. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Thames River, Norwich/Groton: Entire river including coves. *Tidal Waters and Tributaries: Trout:* harvest allowed year-round, daily creel limit 2 trout, 15" minimum length. *Common Carp:* When fishing with a bow and arrow the daily creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30".

Wachocastinook (Riga) Brook, Salisbury: Downstream of South Pond within MT. Riga Corporation property as posted with signs by CT DEEP, *Wild Trout Management Area Class 1. Trout Fishing* is catch and release fishing only, gear limited to barbless single hook artificial lure or barbless single hook fly only. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish.

Whitford Brook, Stonington: Downstream of the Route 184 bridge, *Sea-Run Trout Stream. Trout:* Daily creel limit 2 trout. 15" minimum length. Harvest allowed year-round.

Willimantic River, Willington/Tolland: From confluence with Roaring Brook downstream to Route 74 bridge, *Cole Wilde Trout Management Area. Trout Fishing* is catch and release year-round. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. Gear restricted to fly fishing.

Yantic River, Bozrah/Norwich: From Barstow Road downstream to the bridge at the junction of Schwartz Road and Fitchville Road, *Trout Management Area:* From September 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April *Trout Fishing* is catch and release only. From 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April until August 31st daily creel limit 2 trout, 9" minimum length. Trout and Salmon Stamp required to fish. Gear restricted to fly fishing in sections near the upper and lower boundaries as posted with signs by CT DEEP.

Tidal Waters and Tributaries: downstream of waterfall at Lovers Leap. *Trout:* harvest allowed year-round, daily creel limit 2 trout, 15" minimum length. *Common Carp:* When fishing with a bow and arrow the daily Creel limit is 12, not more than 3 of which can be greater than 30".

Freshwater Definitions and Regulatory Terms

The following are provided as a simple summary of the legal definitions as listed on the Secretary of State web page within the sport fishing regulations. They do not apply to taking fish from licensed commercial hatcheries, private waters legally registered with DEEP, or to commercial fishing in the inland district. Information on commercial fishing is available on our web page. For legal use and purposes refer to the official definitions found on the web page of the Secretary of State.

ANGLING Fishing with hook and line, which must be personally attended. No more than three lines, with or without rods, may be used at one time, except in the designated Trout Management Areas, Wild Trout Management Areas, Trout Parks, Sea-run Trout Streams and Trophy Trout Streams where the maximum number of lines that can be used is two, with or without rods. Each line may have any combination of hooks, flies or lures, among which not more than three hooks may be baited.

BAIT Any bait species, animal, vegetable, or their parts, living or dead, used with a hook for the purpose of attracting and catching fish. Any fish legally acquired, except largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, northern pike, trout, salmon, carp and goldfish may be used as bait.

BAIT FISHING means taking or attempting to take bait species, for personal use as bait or food, by use of a bait seine, bait trap, cast net, umbrella net, scoop net or by hand.

BAIT SEINE means a seine or net which, for the purpose of this regulation, does not exceed fifteen feet in length and four feet in depth and is used for the taking of bait species.

BAIT TRAP means a glass, wire or wooden device which does not exceed twenty inches in length and fifteen inches in diameter and is used for the taking of bait species.

BAIT SPECIES The following species of fish, amphibians, aquatic insects and crustaceans may be taken by sport fishermen for personal use (a recreational fishing license is required), but may only be sold if taken under an inland commercial bait license. Common shiner, golden shiner, fallfish, creek chub, spottail shiner, blacknose dace, longnose dace, pearl dace, bluntnose minnow, fathead minnow, cutlips minnow, chub sucker, white sucker, killifish, mummichog, Atlantic & tidewater silver-side, sand lance, frogs (except northern leopard frog), crayfish (except rusty crayfish), perch bugs, hellgrammites and mayfly nymphs. Invasive species are not legal to use for bait. The legal methods for taking the bait species listed above are as follows:

Rivers & streams: Bait species may be taken at any time with seines not over 15 feet long and 4 feet deep, bait traps not over 20 inches long and 15 inches in diameter, and umbrella nets not over 4 feet by 4 feet. Cast nets may be used for bait in waters designated as "tidal rivers and tributaries".

Lakes & ponds: Bait species may be taken at any time with bait traps not over 20 inches long and 15 inches in diameter and umbrella nets not over 4 feet by 4 feet. Seines shall not be used in lakes and ponds except those designated by the DEEP as open to commercial taking of bait. Where posted, taking, use or possession of fish as bait is prohibited in lakes and ponds.

All inland waters: During the open season for fishing, the species listed above may also be taken by hand, angling, and scoop net.

BARBLESS HOOK A curved, pointed device, without a barb, used to catch fish. Barbless hooks may be single, double or treble, and each point must be without a barb. For the purposes of this regulation, hooks manufactured with a barb are considered barbless if the barb has been bent down to the hook, broken off or otherwise made ineffective.

BOBBING Fishing with a ball or mass of worms or other bait attached to a hookless line held in the hand or a line attached to a rod held in the hand.

BOW AND ARROW FISHING means fishing by use of a compound bow, longbow, recurved bow or crossbow by which an arrow is propelled. Arrows shall have barbed heads and be attached to the bow, or to a fishing reel attached to the bow. Any fish taken by bow and arrow shall be part of the possession limit of the individual taking such fish and shall not be released to the waters where taken. Common carp, bowfin, tench, white suckers, American eels and sea lampreys may be taken with a bow and arrow in lakes and ponds as well as in streams and stream sections **not stocked with trout** only during the open season for fishing in those waters. A fishing license is required.

BOUNDARY WATER a lakes/pond forming a common boundary between CT and another state. Regulations may be for CT, the other state, or a combination thereof. Listed in RCGA 26-112-46 (a).

BUBBLE FLOAT A type of float that is attached to a fishing line or leader and can be filled with water to adjust its buoyancy.

CAST NET means a circular or conical net with a round weighted opening that is cast and then retrieved by hand using lines attached to its margins, and is used to take fish or bait species. The use of cast nets to take fish or bait species in the inland district is prohibited, except in waters designated as "tidal waters and tributaries".

CHILDREN'S FISHING AREA Waters set aside in whole or in part, as indicated by posters, where fishing is restricted to children under sixteen years of age.

CLOSED SEASON means that period of time during which fishing for any species of fish, except trout, is prohibited.

CULLING or HIGH-GRADING means discarding or returning a previously retained fish to the water in order to retain a more desirable fish of the same species or species group. Culling is prohibited except that an individual fishing for black bass in a fishing tournament or derby that has been permitted by CT DEEP may cull provided said individual has not yet attained their possession limit for black bass.

DAILY CREEL LIMIT means the quantity or number of fish of a species or species group that can be taken by an individual during the period from 12:01 a.m. to midnight. In the inland district an individual that has attained their daily creel limit of fish for a species or species group may continue fishing for said fish provided all fish so taken are immediately returned, without avoidable injury, to the waters from which taken.

DOWNRIGGER A device, supplemental to a fishing line, used to deploy, via an electric or handpowered winch, reel or spool that projects over the side or stern of a boat and is used as a hoist, main line and terminal weight, one or more fishing lines to a desired depth in the water column.

FISHHOOK or HOOK A curved, pointed device, with or without barb, used to catch fish. Hooks may be single, double or treble and each point shall be considered as a single hook.

FISHING OR SPORT FISHING Taking or attempting to take fish. In the inland district, fishing is limited to angling, bow and arrow fishing, bobbing, ice fishing, snagging or snatching, spearing, scoop netting, and taking or attempting to take fish by hand.

FLOAT (BOBBER) Any buoyant object attached to a fishing line. No floats may be used unless personally attended.

FLY A single or double hook dressed with hair, feathers, tinsel, thread, yarn or similar material to which no bait, spinner, spoon, plug or other device is added.

FLY FISHING Angling with the use of a fly reel, fly rod, fly line, leader and a fly or flies. Extra weight may be built into the fly in its construction, as in a weighted nymph, and additional weight may be attached to the leader or line. "Tenkara" fishing is considered to be fly-fishing. The use of strike indicators is permitted.

GAFF A spear or hook, with or without a handle, used for holding or lifting fish. The use of a gaff to land or assist in landing a fish is prohibited in the inland district.

HAND-HELD JIG A rod, jig stick or line held in the hand used for fishing through the ice.

ICE FISHING means fishing through the ice with tip-ups, bobbers or floats, similar devices or hand-held jigs. When ice fishing, except on some waters, anglers may not use more than six tip-ups, floats (bobbers), similar devices, or hand-held jigs or any combination thereof not exceeding six in the aggregate may be used at one time. Not more than three baited hooks, with or without attractors, or three ice flies, or three artificial lures, or any combination thereof not exceeding three in the aggregate may be used with each tip-up, float (bobber), or similar device or hand-held jig. Devices must be personally attended. The name and address of the user must be legibly stamped on or attached to all devices.

INLAND DISTRICT Is the area inland of the demarcation lines as listed on Marine/Inland Demarcation table.

INLINE CIRCLE HOOK is a fish hook on or which the point and barb are not offset from the plane of the shank and the bend of such hook, and such point, is perpendicular to such shank.

LAKES AND PONDS are all natural and artificial impounded bodies of water listed by the Secretary of the State as lakes, ponds and reservoirs, and includes their flood waters, including temporary and seasonal pools resulting therefrom and all coves and lagoons contiguous thereto.

LEADCORE LINE A fishing line constructed with a metal core.

LICENSE RECIPROCITY: Marine licenses only (does not apply to inland district). Residents with a valid saltwater license from the state of Maine, Massachusetts, New York, or Rhode Island, may fish in Connecticut's marine district (and CT residents may do the same). Note CT Residents must hold a valid CT Marine License to fish in Connecticut's marine district.

MAXIMUM LENGTH Means the largest total length of a species or species group that can be legally possessed Measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. No person shall possess any fish greater than the lengths specified and any fish greater than the maximum length, shall, without avoidable injury, be immediately returned to the water from which taken.

MINIMUM LENGTH Means the smallest total length of a species or species group that can be legally possessed as measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. No person shall possess any fish less than the lengths specified and any fish less than the minimum length, shall, without avoidable injury, be immediately returned to the water from which taken.

PANFISH Includes yellow perch, white perch, calico bass, rock bass, and all species of sunfish.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FISHING AREA means an area set aside for the exclusive use by persons with physical disabilities when such restriction is indicated by posters.

POSSESSION LIMIT means the total number of fish of any species or species group that may be legally possessed by one person, either on the person, on the waters of the inland district, or the shores of such waters, or in any type of vehicle. Any fish placed on a stringer, in a container, cooler, live well or similar device, or otherwise not immediately released to the water shall count against the possession limit. An individual that has attained their possession limit of fish for a species or species group may continue fishing for said fish provided all fish so taken are immediately returned, without avoidable injury, to the waters from which taken. Possession limit in the field shall not exceed the daily creel limit. Any fish in possession shall be intact to the extent that neither the heads nor the tails have been removed but gills and viscera may be removed. Possession limit shall not be construed to restrict the number of legally acquired fish that may be kept in storage in the home or in other storage facilities.

PRIVATE WATER A water that has meets specific requirements and has been registered with the state. A Private Water is exempt from state fishing regulations related to season, size, and creel limits. The owner and his/her guests do not need a license to take fish from the registered waterbody. Permits to stock fish are still required.

PRIVATELY STOCKED WATER A waterbody where fishing rights are owned or controlled by a club or association (but not designated as a Private Water). Any association owning or controlling the fishing rights in any stream or pond, the waters of which are stocked with fish by such association at no expense to the state, may request special open and closed seasons, daily creel and season limits, and legal lengths of species taken from such waters by applying for a “Special Fishing Regulation” permit.

SCOOP NET OR SCAP NET A manually operated, flexible mesh net attached to a hoop, which is attached to a handle. The hoop may not be over 36 inches across at the widest point and the mesh bag may not be more than 36 inches in depth at its deepest point. The use of any such net constructed of metal mesh or stiff plastic mesh is prohibited.

SET LINE A line with one or both ends secured to the shore, or to a fixed or buoyant object in the water which is used for fishing and is not personally attended. Use of set lines in the inland district is prohibited.

SLOT LENGTHS Length limits designated to reduce or increase the taking of fish by anglers.

- Protected slot lengths: Lengths between which fish may not be kept by anglers.
- Open slot lengths: Lengths between which fish may be kept by anglers

SNAGGING or SNATCHING The taking of fish by foul hooking, that is hooking fish in any part of the body other than the mouth. Snagging is prohibited in all waters in the Inland District for all species of fish and any fish so taken must be released immediately, except that, in tidal waters and tributaries, menhaden, alewives and blueback (glut) herring may be taken by these methods. Anglers are reminded that there currently is an emergency ban on the taking of anadromous alewife and blueback herring (see Broodstock Atlantic Salmon & River Herring).

SPEARING The use of any pointed instrument, with or without barbs, propelled solely by hand. Common carp, bowfin, tench, American eels, white suckers and sea lampreys may be taken by spearing in streams or sections of streams not stocked with trout during the open seasons for fishing in such waters. Prohibited in lakes and ponds. Underwater spear fishing and the use of any type of spear gun is prohibited in all waters within the Inland District.

STREAMS means all rivers, streams, brooks, creeks, and their flood waters, including temporary and seasonal pools resulting therefrom, and all coves, lagoons and canals contiguous thereto, but does not include that portion of impounded bodies of water on rivers, streams, brooks and creeks listed by the Secretary of the State as a lake, pond or reservoir

STRIKE INDICATOR Means a brightly colored, highly visible tab, sleeve or bead or similar material used in fly fishing. Such devices may be attached to the line or leader when used in areas restricted to fly fishing only.

TAKE or TAKING Killing, capturing or otherwise rendering into possession, any fish or bait species, or attempting to kill, capture or rendering into possession, or assisting in taking or attempting to take any fish or bait species.

TIDAL WATERS AND TRIBUTARIES include streams or portions thereof where there is a direct connection to Long Island Sound and may be influenced by tidal cycles. A list is provided in RCSA 26-112-46 (m).

TENKARA FISHING Angling with the use of a tenkara rod, tenkara line and a fly or flies, without the use of a reel of any type.

TROUT Include brook (charr), brown, lake, and rainbow trout and their hybrids.

Marine Definitions and Regulatory Terms

Applicability of Marine Recreational Fishing Regulations: Marine recreational fishing regulations apply “while on the waters of this state or on any parcel of land, structure, or portion of a roadway abutting tidal waters of this state.” Consistent with this regulation, regardless of where you caught your fish, (federal waters, another states’ waters) any fish in your possession must meet Connecticut regulations (size, season, possession limits) when you are in Connecticut waters. Any fish taken contrary to the minimum length, creel limit or open season regulations must, without avoidable injury, be returned immediately to the water from which taken.

BAIT These species can also be taken for personal use using Cast nets, minnow traps not larger than 20” long by 15” diameter, Umbrella nets not more than 4 feet in length or 4 feet in width, Scoop or Scap Nets no larger than 36” in diameter, Seines not longer than 30 feet in length, up to 2 eel pots, by hook and line, or by hand under recreational fishing licenses. (1) Golden shiner or “pond shiner” (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*); (2) common shiner (*Luxilus cornutus*); (3) fallfish (*Semotilus corporalis*); (4) creek chub (*Semotilus atromaculatus*); (5) spottail shiner or “river bait” (*Notropis hudsonius*); (6) bridle shiner (*Notropis bifrenatus*); (7) blacknose dace (*Rhinichthys atratulus*); (8) longnose dace (*Rhinichthys cataractae*); (9) pearl dace (*Margariscus margarita*); (10) bluntnose minnow (*Pimephales notatus*); (11) fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*); (12) cutlips minnow (*Exoglossum maxillingua*); (13) chub sucker (*Erimyzon oblongus*); (14) banded killifish (*Fundulus diaphanus*); (15) mummichog (*Fundulus heteroclitus*); (16) striped killifish (*Fundulus majalis*); (17) tidewater silverside (*Menidia beryllina*); (18) Atlantic silverside (*Menidia menidia*); (19) sand lance or “sand eels” (*Ammodytes* spp.); (20) bay anchovy (*Anchoa mitchilli*); (21) sheepshead minnow (*Cyprinodon variegatus*); (22) mullet species (*mugil* spp.); (23) frogs (except northern leopard frogs); (24) perch bugs; (25) helgramites; (26) mayfly nymphs; (27) other aquatic insects; (28) crayfish; (29) green crabs (*Carcinus maenas*); (30) fiddler crabs (*Uca* spp.); (31) hermit crabs (*Pagurus* spp.); (32) Asian (Japanese) shore crab (*Hemigrapsus sanguineus*); and (33) shrimp (families Crangonidae, Palaemonidae and Penaeidae).

CULLING OR HIGH GRADING means discarding or returning a previously retained fish to the water in order to retain a more desirable fish. Any fish placed on a stringer, in a container, cooler, live well or similar device, or otherwise not immediately released to the water shall count against the daily creel limit. Culling or high-grading is prohibited within the marine district. Note: This rule is not meant to prevent tagging and release of fish, other than striped bass, under a tagging program consistent with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's standards for scientific tagging programs. Fishing tournaments that meet certain criteria may be granted an exemption from the culling restriction by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. See section 26-159a-26 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

DAILY CREEL LIMIT is the maximum number of fish an individual engaged in sport fishing may possess or land while on the waters of this state or on any parcel of land, structure, or portion of a roadway abutting tidal waters of this state. This limit applies to each 24-hour daily period, from 12:01 a.m. to midnight, regardless how many trips a person may make in a day. Note this is an individual limit. Pooling landings among a group of fishermen in a party is not permitted. In other words, three anglers in a party fishing under a 3 fish limit do not get a total of 9 fish. Rather, each individual angler in the party is limited to 3 fish. This (creel limit) section shall not be construed to restrict the number of legally acquired fish that may be kept in storage in the home or other storage facilities, or in a commercial storage facility where seafood is handled, stored, processed or marketed.

LAND for sport fishing purposes, to "land" means to fail to immediately return any finfish, lobster, or crab, without avoidable injury, to the waters from which such species were taken. Any landed fish counts toward the daily creel limit.

MAXIMUM LENGTH Means the largest total length of a species or species group that can be legally possessed. Measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. No person shall possess any fish greater than the lengths specified and any fish greater than the maximum length, shall, without avoidable injury, be immediately returned to the water from which taken.

MINIMUM LENGTH is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. The tail may be pinched to achieve the longest length when measuring, but the minimum length does not include the tendril (dorsal tail filament) found on black sea bass. Fish measuring less than the identified minimum length must be released immediately, with avoidable injury.

MIXED COMMERCIAL AND SPORT FISHING TRIPS. No person engaged in sport fishing shall also, during the same trip for which the creel limit applies, possess any fish taken under commercial fishery trip limits. Note that commercial fishery possession limits apply to the aggregate of all persons on board, meaning if one person on a vessel is commercial fishing the entire vessel is limited to the commercial trip limit even if the other anglers on that vessel are sport fishing.

OPEN SEASON is the calendar period during which a species may be possessed or landed. Fish taken outside the open season must be released immediately, without avoidable injury.

POSSESS The term "possess" has the same practical meaning as "land" – failing to immediately return to the water from which such species were taken.

Demarcation Lines Between Inland and Marine District

An "All Waters" or "Marine Waters" fishing license is required downstream of the indicated lines or in areas designated as being entirely in the marine district. Unless indicated below, the demarcation line is the first bridge upstream from the mouth.

Waterbody	Location of Demarcation Line
Alewife Cove, New London-Waterford	Entirely in marine district
Back River, Groton	Entirely in marine district
Beebe Cove, Groton	Entirely in marine district
Blackhall River, Old Lyme	Route 156
Branford River, Branford	Montowese Street
Bride Brook, East Lyme	First railroad crossing
Bruces Brook, Bridgeport-Stratford	Stratford Avenue
Byram River, Greenwich	First railroad crossing
Clinton River, Clinton (Indian River)	Route 1
Connecticut River, Old Lyme-Old Saybrook	Interstate 95 bridge
Cove River, West Haven	Shore Route 122
Duck River, Old Lyme	Entirely in marine district
East Creek, Guilford	The gates at Guilford dock
East River, Guilford-Madison	Route 1
Farm River, East Haven	Route 142
Five Mile River, Darien-Norwalk	Route 136
Four Mile River, E. Lyme-Old Lyme	First railroad crossing
Goodwives River, Darien	Entirely in marine district
Graniteville Brook, Waterford (Millstone Brook)	First railroad crossing
Hammonasset River, Clinton-Madison.	Route 1
Hammonds Cove, Waterford.	Entirely in marine district
Horse Neck Brook, Greenwich.	Junction with mouth of harbor
Housatonic River, Milford-Stratford.	Merritt Parkway
Indian Harbor, Greenwich.	First railroad crossing
Indian River, Milford,	Route 162
Jordan Cove, Waterford.	First railroad crossing
Lieutenant River, Old Lyme.	Route 156
Menunketesuck River, Westbrook.	500 ft. north of Route 1
Mianus River, Greenwich.	Dam north of Boston Post Road
Mile Creek, Old Lyme.	Entirely in marine district
Mill River, Fairfield.	Dam at Harbor Road
Mill River, New Haven.	Tide gates at State Street
Muddy Brook, Westport.	Route 136
Mumford Cove, Groton.	Entirely in marine district

Waterbody	Location of Demarcation Line
Mystic River, Stonington-Groton.	500 ft. north of Route 1
Neck River, Madison.	Route 1
Negro Brook, Stratford.	Route 110
Noroton River, Darien-Stamford.	Boston Post Road
Norwalk River, Norwalk.	Wall Street
Oyster River, Milford.	Route 122
Oyster River, Old Saybrook.	Route 1
Palmer's Cove, Groton.	Entirely in marine district
Pattagansett Cove, East Lyme.	First railroad crossing
Patchogue River, Westport.	Route 1
Pawcatuck River, Stonington.	500 ft. north of Route 1
Pequonnock River, Bridgeport	North Avenue
Pequotsepos Cove, Stonington.	500 ft. north of Route 1
Poquonock River, Groton.	500 ft. north of Route 1
Pumpkin Ground Brook,	Stratford. Route 110
Quiambaug Cove, Stonington.	500 ft. north of Route 1
Quinnipiac River, New Haven.	Route 17
Rippowam River, Stamford.	First railroad crossing
Rooster River, Bridgeport.	North Avenue
Sasco Brook, Westport.	Buckleys Mill Dam above Route1
Saugatuck River, Westport.	Kings Highway
Shaws Cove, New London.	Entirely in marine district
Stonington Harbor, Lambert Cove and Quanaduck Cove, Stonington.	500 ft. north of Route1
Stony Brook, Westport.	Riverside Avenue
Thames River, Groton-New London.	500 ft. north of Route 1
Three Mile River, Old Lyme.	First railroad crossing
Tokeneke Brook, Darien.	Old Farm Road
Wepawaug River, Milford.	Route 162
Wequetequock River, Stonington	500 ft. North of Route 1A
West River, Guilford.	Route 146
West River, West Haven.	Tide gates at Orange Avenue
Winthrop Cove, New London.	Entirely in marine district

Fishing in Coastal State Parks

During regular hours, a vehicle parking fee is required for out-of-state vehicles to enter most state parks. There is no parking fee for CT registered vehicles. Parking fees are usually collected 8:00 am to 6:30 pm. Late day fees for Harkness, Hammonasset, Rocky Neck and Sherwood Island are \$7.00 for non-residents. For more information visit the web page for our state parks at www.ct.gov/deep/stateparks

Night Fishing Rules

Anglers entering a park by vehicle must obtain a vehicle permit in order to park and fish. Between the hours of 6:30 am and 8:00 am no vehicle will be allowed into the day use area of the park. Individuals entering the park without a vehicle do not require a permit, but must possess fishing tackle (rod, reel, bait, light, etc.) and engage in fishing.

Bluff Point, Groton Fishing allowed 24 hours per day. No parking fee. Walk-in access.

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Fort Trumbull, New London



Fishing allowed 24 hours per day. No parking fee. Walk-in access. Accessible for persons with disabilities.

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Ferry Landing, Old Lyme



Fishing allowed 24 hours per day. No parking fee. Walk-in access. Accessible for persons with disabilities.

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Hammonasset Beach, Madison



Fishing is allowed only at the Meigs Point jetty and at West Beach jetty during the peak season from 8:00 am to sunset. Night fishing is permitted along the entire beach. During the off season, night fishing is NOT allowed along the entire beach. ***Parking fees apply and are subject to change.***

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Harkness Memorial, Waterford Fishing is allowed on the beach, no swimming is allowed. ***Parking fees apply and are subject to change.***

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Rocky Neck, East Lyme Fishing is allowed on the jetty year-round. The entire beach and jetty is open to fishing during the off season. When there are no night rangers on staff and on major holiday weekends, there are no vehicles permitted in the park for night fishing. ***Parking fees apply and are subject to change.***

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Sherwood Island, Westport Fishing is allowed at Sherwood Point, East and West Jetties during the open season (April 15-September 30). The entire beach is open to fishing during the off season from 8:00 am to sunset. ***Parking fees apply and are subject to change.***

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Silver Sands, Milford Fishing is allowed throughout the area including the sand spit (Tombola) which extends out to Charles Island. PLEASE NOTE: SWIFT TIDAL CURRENTS during a flooding tide can make footing and passage dangerous and persons unfamiliar with the area may become stranded on the island. Hiking the Tombola while it is covered in water is prohibited. No parking fees.

Enhanced Shoreline Fishing Opportunity Locations

The minimum size for Summer Flounder (Fluke) is reduced to 17". Daily creel limits and open seasons are the same. Please note that access for many locations is controlled by the municipality. Fees for parking may be required.

Town/City	Location
Branford	Branford Point
Bridgeport	Pleasure Beach Family Fishing Pier
Bridgeport	Saint Mary's by the Sea
Bridgeport	Seaside Park
East Lyme	Cini Memorial Park
East Lyme	Hole-in-the-Wall Beach
East Lyme	McCook Park
East Lyme	Rocky Neck State Park
Fairfield	Ash Creek Open Space
Fairfield	Jennings Beach
Fairfield	Penfield Beach
Fairfield	Penfield Reef
Groton	Bluff Point State Park and Reserve
Groton	Eastern Point Beach
Groton	UCONN-Avery Point
Guilford	Chaffinch Island Park
Madison	Hammonasset Beach State Park
Milford	Connecticut Audubon Coastal Center
Milford	Gulf Beach
Milford	Silver Sands State Park
New Haven	Criscuolo Park
New Haven	Fort Nathan Hale Park
New Haven	Tomlinson Bridge Fishing Pier
New London	City Pier and Waterfront Park
New London	Fort Trumbull State Park
Norwalk	Calf Pasture Beach
Norwalk	Maritime Aquarium Park
Old Lyme	DEEP Marine Headquarters-Ferry Landing Park
Old Saybrook	Saybrook Point
Old Saybrook	South Cove Causeway

Town/City	Location
Stonington	Mystic River Park
Stonington	Stonington Point
Stonington	Stonington Town Dock Fishing Pier
Stratford	Bond's Dock
Stratford	Long Beach
Stratford	Point-No-Point
Stratford	Russian Beach
Stratford	Short Beach Park
Waterford	Harkness Memorial State Park
Waterford	Mago Point Park
Waterford	Waterford Beach Park
West Haven	Bradley Point Park
West Haven	Sandy Point
West Haven	Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary
Westport	Sherwood Island State Park



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