



Pequest Open House

And

Sportsman's Flea Market

March 29-30, 2014

Open 10 am - 4 pm daily

Celebrating 31 years of trout production!

The History of the Pequest Trout Hatchery

The Pequest Trout Hatchery is NJ's premier trout production facility. Located in the Pequest Valley, it sits above an aquifer of cold, clean water making it the perfect site for raising trout.

Construction on the hatchery began in 1980 and was completed in 1982.

More than one million brook, brown and rainbow trout eggs from hatcheries in West Virginia and Massachusetts were originally used to get things started. Fish were hand-selected to serve as broodstock, and this process still continues today.

In the fall, eggs from adult trout are fertilized and placed in incubators where they remain until they hatch. Upon hatching, the sac-fry are moved from the incubators to tanks in the nursery building where they remain for three months. After that, the fingerlings are then moved outside to the raceways where they remain for another year.

By mid-March the hatchery trucks are busy stocking more than 600,000 trout in over 200 lakes, streams, and rivers statewide. Pequest also provides anglers with fall and winter stocking programs, as well as a sea run brown trout program.

Things to Do At the Event

- Kids' Trout Fishing (ages 8-16) in our Fishing Education Pond - all equipment provided - register the day of the event
- Kiddie Trout Tank (ages 4-8) - equipment provided
- Fisheries and wildlife management demonstrations and exhibits
- Fly tying demonstrations
- Giant mobile aquarium
- Wildlife artists, taxidermists and carvers
- Kids crafts and hands-on activities
- Fishing and wildlife guides and outfitters
- Displays and demonstrations by conservation groups
- Beginners archery range (ages 10 and up) - all equipment provided
- Shotgun and archery hunter education classes - must register online to participate
- And more!



Visit our website at www.njfishandwildlife.com for information. Our main entrance is located on Route 46 in Oxford, NJ - 9 miles west of Hackettstown in scenic Warren County. For GPS directions, our address is 605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ.

