

Regulations in red are new this year.

### 2016 General Trout Fishing Information

- Opening day of trout season: Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 8 a.m.
- To fish for trout or salmon, a valid annual New Jersey fishing license and trout stamp are both required for residents at least 16 years and less than 70 years of age plus all non-residents 16 years and older.
- Waters stocked with trout in the spring are listed below (those with no in-season closures) AND on page 20 (those with in-season closures). **Note:** Special regulations may apply on some of these waters, or sections thereof.
- During the three weeks prior to opening day, all ponds, lakes or sections of streams are stocked with trout, except Trophy Trout Lakes. These waters are closed to fishing for all species from March 21 to April 9 at 8 a.m. Exceptions: Lake Hopatcong, Mountain Lake, Lake Shenandoah,

- Lawrence Brook (section from Davidson's Mill Rd. to Farrington Lake dam), Prospertown Lake and Swartswood Lake are open year round to fishing. However, all trout caught during this period (above) must be released immediately. Seasonal and Year-round Trout Conservation Areas and designated Holdover Trout Lakes (see pages 21–22) are also open to fishing but are catch-and-release only for trout. Fishing is not permitted on seasonal trout conservation areas from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. on April 9, 2016. Round Valley and Merrill Creek Reservoirs (Trophy Trout Lakes) are open to year-round fishing; trout may be harvested within the regulations as shown on page 22.
- **After opening day, trout stocked waters are open to fishing, including the days they are stocked, unless specifically listed with**

**in-season closures (page 20). In-season closures also apply to designated Seasonal Trout Conservation Areas (page 21).**

- Only one daily creel limit of trout may be in possession. Once the creel limit is reached, an angler may continue to fish provided any additional trout caught are immediately returned to the water unharmed.
- **When fishing from the shoreline, no more than three fishing rods, hand lines or combination thereof may be used.**
- Separate stringers or buckets must be used for each angler's catch.
- Containers in boats may hold only the combined daily creel limit for each legal angler on board.
- Fish and Wildlife reserves the right to suspend stocking when emergency conditions prevail.

### Spring Trout Stocked Waters With No In-Season Fishing Closures

After opening day, these waters may be fished on the day they are stocked.

**Note:** All waters listed are stocked with trout pre-season (the three-week period preceding opening day) except Round Valley and Merrill Creek reservoirs. The number in parentheses indicates the anticipated number of in-season stockings (from April 4 through May 22). A zero indicates the water will be stocked only during pre-season. For details on what's being stocked and when, call the **Trout Hotline at (609) 633-6765**. This recorded message is updated weekly. (Spring stocking: April–May; Fall stocking: October; Winter stocking: November.) Or visit our website at [NJFishandWildlife.com](http://NJFishandWildlife.com) where you will also find directions to public-access portions of trout-stocked waters.

#### Atlantic County

- Birch Grove Park Pond—Northfield (3)
- Hammonton Lake—Hammonton (3)
- Heritage Pond—Absecon (3)

#### Bergen County

- Dahner's Lake—Garfield (4)
- Hacksack River—Lake Tappan to Harriot Ave., Harrington Park (4)
- Hohokus Brook—Forest Rd. to Saddle River (4)

- Indian Lake—Little Ferry (4)
- Mill Pond—Park Ridge (3)
- Pascack Creek—Orchard St., Hillsdale, to Lake St., Westwood (4)
- Potash Lake—Oakland (3)
- Saddle River—Lake St. to Dunkerhook Rd., Fair Lawn (5)
- Tenakill Brook—Closter, entire length (3)
- Whites Pond—Waldwick (4)

#### Burlington County

- Crystal Lake—Willingboro (4)
- Laurel Pond—Mt. Laurel (3)
- Pemberton Lake—Pemberton (3)
- Rancocas Creek, Southwest Br.—Medford, Mill St. Park to Branch St. bridge (4)
- Sylvan Lake—Burlington (3)

#### Camden County

- Gloucester City Pond—Gloucester (4)
- Grenloch Lake (see Gloucester County)
- Haddon Lake—Audubon (0)
- Oak Pond—Sicklerville (3)
- Rowands Pond—Clementon (3)

#### Cape May County

- Ponderlodge Pond—Villas (4)
- Tuckahoe Lake—Tuckahoe (4)

#### Cumberland County

- Cohansey River—Dam at Seeleys Pond to powerline above Sunset Lake, Bridgeton (4)
- Giampietro Park Lake—Vineland (0)
- Mary Elmer Lake—Bridgeton (3)
- Maurice River—Willow Grove Lake dam to Sherman Ave., Vineland (4)
- Shaws Mill Pond—Newport (3)
- South Vineland Park Pond—Vineland (3)

#### Essex County

- Branch Brook Park Lake—Newark (4)
- Diamond Mill Pond—Millburn (3)

- Rahway River, W/Br.—Campbells Pond to Glen Ave.—Milburn (3)
- Verona Park Lake—Verona (4)

#### Gloucester County

- Greenwich Lake—Gibbstown (3)
- Grenloch Lake—Turnersville (3)
- Harrisonville Lake—Harrisonville (3)
- Iona Lake—Iona (3)
- Swedesboro Lake—Swedesboro (3)
- Westville Lake—Westville (0)

#### Hudson County

- West Hudson County Park Pond—Harrison (0)
- Woodcliff Lake—James J. Braddock Park, North Bergen (4)

#### Hunterdon County

- Alexauken Creek—West Amwell, entire length (2)
- Amwell Lake—East Amwell (3)
- Beaver Brook—Clinton Twp., entire length (2)
- Capoolong Creek—Pittsstown, entire length (5)
- Delaware-Raritan Feeder Canal—Bulls Island to Hunterdon/Mercer County line (6)
- Hakihokake Creek—Holland Twp., entire length (2)
- Lockatong Creek—**Route 12 to confluence with Delaware-Raritan Feeder Canal** (5)
- Mannys Pond—Union Twp. (3)
- Mountain Farm Pond—Lebanon Twp. (3)
- Mulhockaway Creek—Pattensburg, source to Spruce Run Reservoir (5)
- Neshanic River—Kuhl Rd. to Rt. 514 (2)
- Nishisakawick Creek—Frenchtown/Everittstown, entire length (2)
- Rockaway Creek—Readington Twp., entire length (4)
- Rockaway Creek, S/Br.—Lebanon to Whitehouse, entire length (5)
- Round Valley Reservoir—Clinton Twp. (1)
- Sidney Brook—Grandin, entire length (1)
- Spruce Run—Glen Gardner and Lebanon Twp., entire length (5)

## OPENING DAY of TROUT SEASON

- ▶ April 9, 2016      April 6, 2019
- April 8, 2017      April 11, 2020
- April 7, 2018

Wickecheoke Creek—Covered Bridge, Rt. 604, Sergeantsville to Delaware River (2)

### Mercer County

Assunpink Creek—Assunpink Site 5 dam upstream of Rt. 130 bridge to Carnegie Rd., Hamilton Twp. (4)  
 Colonial Lake—Lawrence Twp. (3)  
 Delaware-Raritan Canal—Mulberry St., Trenton to Alexander St., Princeton (4)  
 Delaware-Raritan Feeder Canal—Hunterdon/Mercer County line to Wilburtha Rd. bridge (6)  
 Rosedale Lake—Rosedale (3)  
 Stony Brook—Woodsville to Port Mercer (4)

### Middlesex County

Hook's Creek Lake—Cheesecake State Park (3)  
 Ireland Brook—Farrington Lake to point 500 ft. upstream of Riva Ave. (2)  
 Lake Papaiani—Edison (0)  
 Lawrence Brook—Dam at Davidson's Mill Pond to 2nd RR bridge (Raritan Railroad) below Main St., Milltown, excluding Farrington Lake from Church Lane to Farrington Dam (4)  
 Manalapan Lake—Monroe Twp. (3)  
 Roosevelt Park Pond—Edison Twp. (3)

### Monmouth County

Echo Lake—Southard (3)  
 Englishtown Mill Pond—Englishtown (3)  
 Franklin Lake—West Long Branch (3)  
 Garvey's Pond—Navesink (3)  
 Hamilton Fire Pond—Neptune (3)  
 Hockhockson Brook—Hockhockson Rd. to Garden State Parkway bridge (northbound) (5)  
 Holmdel Park Pond—Holmdel (3)  
 Mac's Pond—Manasquan (0)  
 Mingamahone Brook—Farmingdale, Hurley Pond Rd. to Manasquan River (5)  
 Mohawk Pond—Red Bank (4)  
 Shark River—Hamilton, Rt. 33 to Remsen Mill Rd. (5)  
 Spring Lake—Spring Lake (3)  
 Topenemus Lake—Freehold (3)  
 Yellow Brook—Heyers Mill Rd. to Muhlenbrink Rd., Colts Neck Twp. (2)

### Morris County

Beaver Brook—Rockaway, entire length (3)  
 Burnham Park Pond—Morristown (4)  
 Drakes Brook—Flanders, entire length (3)  
 Hibernia Brook—Hibernia, entire length (5)  
 India Brook—Mountainside Ave. to Rt. 24, Ralston (5)  
 Lake Hopatcong—Lake Hopatcong (3)  
 Lake Musconetcong—Netcong (3)  
 Mt. Hope Pond—Mt. Hope (3)  
 Passaic River—**Black Brook confluence** to Rt. 24, Chatham Borough (4)  
 Pequannock River—(see Passaic Co.)  
 Pompton River—Pequannock Twp. (see Passaic Co.)  
 Russia Brook—Jefferson Twp., Ridge Rd. to Lake Swannanoa (2)  
 Speedwell Lake—Morristown (4)  
 Whippany River—Tingley Rd., Morris Twp. to Ridgedale Ave., Morristown (2)

### Ocean County

Lake Shenandoah—Lakewood, Ocean County Park (3)  
 Pohatcong Lake—Tuckerton (4)

Prospertown Lake—Prospertown (3)

### Passiac County

Barbour's Pond—West Paterson (3)  
 Clinton Reservoir—Newark Watershed (3)  
 Green Turtle Pond—Long Pond Ironworks State Park, Hewitt (3)  
 Oldham Pond—North Haledon (3)  
 Pequannock River—Rt. 23, Smith Mills to Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike, Pompton Lakes (6)  
 Pompton River—Pompton Lake to Newark-Pompton Turnpike (4)  
 Ringwood Brook—State line to Sally's Pond, Ringwood State Park (5)  
 Sheppard Lake—Ringwood State Park (3)

### Salem County

Harrisonville Lake—Harrisonville (3)  
 Maurice River—Willow Grove Lake dam to Sherman Ave., Vineland (4)  
 Schadler's Sand Wash Pond—Penns Grove (3)

### Somerset County

Lamington River—Rt. 523 (Lamington Rd.) at Burnt Mills to jct. with the N/Br. of Raritan River (4)  
 Middle Brook, E/Br.—Martinsville, entire length (2)  
 Passaic River—(See Morris Co.)  
 Peapack Brook—Peapack-Gladstone, entire length (5)  
 Raritan River—Jct. of Raritan River N/Br., and S/Br., to Rt. 206 bridge (4)  
 Rock Brook—Zion, entire length (1)  
 Spooky Brook Park Pond—Franklin (0)


### Sussex County

Alm's House Pond—Myrtle Grove, Hampton Twp. (3)  
 Andover Junction Brook—Andover, entire length (2)  
 Big Flat Brook, Upper—Saw Mill Pond, High Point State Park to 100 ft. above Steam Mill Bridge on Crigger Rd., Stokes State Forest (4)  
 Blue Mountain Lake—Delaware Water Gap Nat'l Recreation Area (3)  
 Clove Brook—Jct. of Rt. 23 and Mt. Salem Rd. to Rt. 565 bridge (5)  
 Culver's Creek—Frankford Twp., entire length (5)  
 Dry Brook—Branchville, entire length (3)  
 Franklin Pond Creek—Hamburg Mtn. WMA, entire length (5)  
 Glenwood Brook—Lake Glenwood dam to state line (2)  
 Lake Aeroflex—Andover (3)  
 Lake Hopatcong—Lake Hopatcong (3)  
 Lake Musconetcong—Netcong (3)  
 Lake Ocquittunk—Stokes State Forest (3)  
 Little Flat Brook—Sandyston Twp., entire length (5)  
 Little Swartswood Lake—Swartswood (3)  
 Lubbers Run—Byram Twp., entire length (5)  
 Neldon Brook—Swartswood, entire length (2)  
 Papakating Creek—Plains Rd. bridge to Rt. 565, Lewisburg (2)  
 Papakating Creek, W/Br.—Libertyville, entire length (2)  
 Pond Brook—Middleville, entire length (5)  
 Saw Mill Pond—High Point State Park (3)  
 Silver Lake—Hamburg Mountain WMA (0)  
 Stony Lake—Stokes State Forest (3)  
 Swartswood Lake—Swartswood (3)  
 Trout Brook—Middleville, entire length (2)  
 Wawayanda Creek—Vernon, entire length (5)  
 Wawayanda Lake—Vernon (3)

### Union County

Green Brook—Rt. 527, Berkeley Heights to Rt. 22, Scotch Plains (2)  
 Lower Echo Park Pond—Mountainside (3)  
 Milton Lake—Rahway (4)  
 Nomahegan Park Pond—Cranford (0)  
 Passaic River—(See Morris Co.)  
 Rahway River—I-78 bridge, Springfield to St. George Ave. (Rt. 27), Rahway (4)  
 Seeleys Pond—Berkeley Heights (3)  
 Warinanco Park Pond—Roselle (0)

### Warren County

Beaver Brook—Silver Lake Dam to Pequest River (4)  
 Blair Creek—Hardwick Center to Blair Lake (2)  
 Blair Lake—Blairstown (3)  
 Brookaloo Swamp - Hope, entire length (2)  
 Buckhorn Creek—Roxburg, entire length (2)  
 Columbia Lake and Gatehole—Knowlton Twp. (3)  
 Furnace Brook—Oxford, entire length (2)  
 Furnace Lake—Oxford (3)  
 Honey Run—Knowlton-Hope township line to Beaver Brook, Hope Twp. (2)  
 Jacksonburg Creek—Jacksonburg, entire length (2)  
 Lopatcong Creek—Rt. 519 Harmony Twp., to South Main St., Phillipsburg (5)  
 Merrill Creek Reservoir—Stewartsville (1)  
 Mountain Lake—Liberty Twp. (0)  
 Pohatcong Creek—Mt. Bethel to Rt. 31 (2)  
 Pophandusing Creek—Oxford Rd., Hazen to Delaware River (2)  
 White Lake—Hardwick Twp. (3) 

## “Hook a Winner” Program

This year the Division of Fish and Wildlife will be jaw-tagging more than 1,000 rainbow trout for release in New Jersey waters. These tagged trout will be stocked primarily during weeks one and two of in-season stocking, April 6–17. If you are a lucky angler who lands one of these fish, send your name, address, fish tag number and location of catch to:

Pequest Trout Hatchery  
 605 Pequest Road, Oxford, NJ 07863  
 Attn: Hook a Winner Program

In recognition of your catch, a certificate and award patch will be mailed.



Pequest Hatchery staff Jessica Kimmel (seasonal) and Technician Tom Bissonnette tag a rainbow trout for the Hook-A-Winner Program.

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### General Trout Fishing Regulations

BROOK, BROWN & RAINBOW TROUT (and their hybrids and strains)			
Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Exceptions
January 1–March 20	9 inches	4	1. Trout-stocked waters with spring in-season closures are closed to fishing 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on days listed for stocking (See listing below). 2. Special regulation areas (Catch and Release Areas, Year-Round and Seasonal Trout Conservation Areas, Trophy and Holdover Trout Lakes and Wild Trout Streams). 3. On lakes Hopatcong, Mountain, Prospertown, Shenandoah, Swartswood and the newly designated section of Lawrence Brook from Davidson's Mill Road bridge to the Church Lane bridge, fishing is permitted during the period March 21–April 9 at 8 a.m. All trout caught during this period must immediately be released. 4. Greenwood Lake and Delaware River—see separate regulations for boundary waters, pages 28–30.
March 21–April 9 at 8 a.m.	Fishing prohibited on trout stocked waters. Catch and release for trout in all other waters.		
April 9 at 8 a.m.–May 31	9 inches	6	
June 1–Dec. 31	9 inches	4	

LAKE TROUT REGULATIONS			
Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Exceptions
Jan. 1–Dec. 31	15 inches	2	Trophy Trout Lakes (Round Valley Reservoir, Merrill Creek Reservoir), see page 22

### Trout Stocked Waters Closed to Fishing on Spring In-season Stocking Dates

After opening day, these waters are closed to fishing from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on their designated stocking dates. Closures apply to all tributaries for 100 feet from the main channel. **There are no closures for ANY waters in the fall. Trout Stocking Hotline: (609) 633-6765.**

TROUT STOCKED WATERS CLOSED TO FISHING (5 A.M. TO 5 P.M.) ON SPRING IN-SEASON STOCKING DATES			
Stocking Dates	Waterbody	County	Location
<b>MONDAYS</b> April 11, 18, 25 May 2, 9, 16, 23	Manasquan River	Monmouth	Rt. 9 bridge downstream to Bennetts Bridge, Manasquan WMA
	Metedeconk River, N/Br.	Ocean	Aldrich Rd. bridge to Ridge Ave.
	Metedeconk River, S/Br.	Ocean	Bennetts Mill dam to twin wooden foot bridge, opposite Lake Park Blvd. on South Lake Dr., Lakewood
	Rockaway River	Morris	Longwood Lake dam (Jefferson Twp.) to Jersey City Reservoir in Boonton
	Toms River	Ocean	Rt. 528, Holmansville, to confluence with Maple Root Branch, and Rt. 70 bridge to Rt. 571 bridge (Exception: the section regulated as a Year Round Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.)
	Wallkill River	Sussex	Lake Mohawk dam to Rt. 23, Hamburg
<b>TUESDAYS</b> April 12, 19, 26 May 3, 10, 17, 24	Pohatcong Creek	Warren	Rt. 31 to Delaware River
	Raritan River, S/Br.	Morris, Somerset, Hunterdon	Budd Lake dam to junction with N/Br. Raritan River (Exception: the sections regulated as Catch and Release, and Year-Round Trout Conservation Areas; see separate regulation.)
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b> April 13, 20, 27 May 4, 11, 18, 25	Raritan River, N/Br.	Somerset	Peapack Rd. bridge in Far Hills to junction with S/Br. Raritan River
<b>THURSDAYS</b> April 14, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26	Black River	Morris	Rt. 206, Chester to the posted Black River Fish & Game Club property at the lower end of Hacklebarney State Park
	Paulinskill River, and E/Br. and W/Br.	Sussex, Warren	Limecrest RR spur bridge on E/Br., Sparta Twp., and Warbasse Jct. Rd. (Rt. 663) on W/Br., Lafayette Twp., to Columbia Lake
	Ramapo River	Bergen	State line to Pompton Lake (excluding Potash Lake)
<b>FRIDAYS</b> April 15, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20, 27	Big Flat /Flat Brook	Sussex	100 ft. above Steam Mill bridge on Crigger Rd. in Stokes State Forest to Delaware River (Exception: the section regulated as Catch and Release.)
	Musconetcong River	Sussex, Morris, Warren and Hunterdon	Lake Hopatcong dam to Delaware River including all main stem impoundments except for Lake Musconetcong (Exception: the section regulated as a Year Round Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.)
	Pequest River	Warren and Sussex	Source downstream to Delaware River (Exception: the section regulated as a Seasonal Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.)
	Wanaque River	Passaic	Greenwood Lake dam to Wanaque Reservoir dam and from Wanaque Ave. bridge, Pompton Lakes to jct. with Pequannock River, excluding the Wanaque and Monkville reservoirs.

### Catch and Release Areas

Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Restrictions
Jan. 1–Dec. 31	Catch and release only		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Only artificial lures and flies may be used.</li> <li>2. All trout must be released immediately and unharmed. A person may not have any trout in their possession.</li> <li>3. Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited.</li> <li>4. Fishing is permitted during the spring in-season stocking closures which apply to the rivers.</li> </ol>
Catch and Release Waterbody (County)			Driving Directions *
<b>Big Flat / Flat Brook</b> (Sussex) Rt. 206 bridge downstream to the Roy Bridge on Mountain Rd., a distance of 4.2 miles, including the portion known as the Blewett Tract.			Upper boundary: Rt. 206 bridge, approx. 1.6 miles north of entrance to Stokes State Forest (Coursen Road). Lower boundary: Rt. 206 north, app. 1 mile past Stokes State Forest entrance, turn left on Rt. 560. At Layton bear left on Bevans Rd. (Rt. 640) towards Walpack. Continue south 3.4 miles (NPS Rd 615), left onto Fish and Wildlife Rd. to Roy Bridge.
<b>Raritan S/Br—Ken Lockwood Gorge</b> (Hunterdon) Section of S/Br within the Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area (approx. 2.2 miles).			Ken Lockwood Gorge — Road in gorge is closed to through traffic. Route 31 to Rt. 513. Upper boundary: Turn right at Hoffman's Crossing Rd., take first right after bridge. Lower boundary: Turn right onto Silverthorne-Cokesbury Rd., turn left after crossing river. Park only in designated areas.

### Trout Conservation Areas (TCAs)

YEAR ROUND TCAs			
Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Restrictions (in effect year round)
Jan. 1–March 20	15 inches	1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Only artificial lures may be used.</li> <li>2. Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited.</li> <li>3. Fishing is permitted during the spring in-season closures which apply to the river. All trout caught during these periods must be released immediately.</li> </ol>
March 21–April 9 at 8 a.m.	Catch and release only		
April 9 at 8 a.m.–Dec. 31	15 inches	1 (see #3 at right)	
Year Round TCA Waterbody (County)			Driving Directions *
<b>Musconetcong River—Point Mountain Stretch</b> (Hunterdon/Warren) Penwell Rd. bridge downstream to Point Mountain Rd. bridge (approx. 1.2 miles)			Rt. 31 to Rt. 57 E. Upper boundary: turn right on Penwell Rd. Lower boundary: turn right on Point Mountain Rd. Parking areas located near each bridge.
<b>Raritan S/Br—Claremont Stretch</b> (Morris) End of Angler's Anonymous property (private) downstream to confluence with Electric Brook (approx. 1.1 miles)			From light in Long Valley on Rt. 513 (Mill Rd.) and Rt. 517, go north on Schooley's Mt. Rd. Take immediate right after bridge onto Fairview Rd. Parking area approximately 1 mile on right. Follow path to river.
<b>Toms River</b> (Ocean) End of Riverwood Park (Tom's River Twp.) downstream to Rt. 571 bridge (approx. 1 mile)			Rt. 195 (Exit 21) to Rts. 527/528 S. (Cedar Swamp Rd./ Veterans Hwy.) to Rt. 527 S. (Whitesville Rd.) to Riverwood Dr. to entrance of Riverview Park.
SEASONAL TCAs			
Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Restrictions
Jan. 1–March 20	15 inches	1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Only artificial lures may be used.</li> <li>2. Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited.</li> <li>3. Pequest River—fishing is not permitted during the first six in-season stocking closure dates. (See Trout Stocked Waters Closed to Fishing on Spring Stocking Dates, page 20). Fishing is permitted during the last in-season stocking closure date (May 27), but all trout caught between 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. must immediately be released.</li> </ol>
March 21–April 8	Catch and release only		
April 9 (12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m.)	Fishing prohibited		
April 9 at 8 a.m.–May 22 Gear restrictions do not apply	9 inches	6	
May 23–Dec. 31	15 inches	1	
Seasonal TCA Waterbody (County)			Driving Directions *
<b>Pequanock River</b> (Morris/Passaic) Railroad trestle below Appelt Park, Bloomingdale, downstream to Hamburg Turnpike bridge, Pompton Lakes (approx. 1.3 miles)			I-287 (Exit 53). Proceed west on (Paterson) Hamburg Turnpike .34 miles. Right on Brant Ln. Railroad trestle below Appelt Park is the upstream boundary.
<b>Pequest River</b> (Warren) Conrail Railroad bridge, located upstream of the Pequest Trout Hatchery Access Road, downstream to Rt. 625 (Pequest Furnace Rd.) bridge (approx. 1.4 miles)			Rt. 31 to Rt. 46 E, approx. 4 mi. to Pequest Trout Hatchery; paved parking lot.

\* Directions to public-access portions on other trout stocked waters are available at [NJFishandWildlife.com/accesswater.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/accesswater.htm)

# Trout Fishing

## 2016 REGULATIONS

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### Trout Lakes

TROPHY TROUT LAKES				
Waterbody (County)	Species	Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Merrill Creek Reservoir (Warren)	Brown & Rainbow Trout and their hybrids	Open year round	15 inches	2
		Jan. 1–Sept. 15	15 inches	2
	Lake Trout	Sept. 16–Nov. 30	Catch and release only	
		Dec. 1–Dec. 31	15 inches	2
Round Valley Reservoir (Hunterdon)	Brown & Rainbow Trout and their hybrids	Open year round	15 inches	2
		Jan. 1–Sept. 15	15 to less than 24 inches AND greater than or equal to 24 inches	6 AND 1
	Lake Trout	Sept. 16–Nov. 30	Catch and release only	
		Dec. 1–Dec. 31	15 to less than 24 inches AND greater than or equal to 24 inches	6 AND 1

HOLDOVER TROUT LAKES				
Waterbody (County)	Species	Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Clinton Reservoir (Passaic)	Brook, Brown & Rainbow Trout and their hybrids	Jan. 1–March 20	9 inches	2
Lake Aeroflex* (Sussex)		March 21–April 9 at 8 a.m.	Catch and release only	
Lake Wawayanda* (Sussex)		April 9 at 8 a.m.–May 31	9 inches	4
Sheppard Lake (Passaic)		June 1–Dec. 31	9 inches	2
Tilcon Lake* (Morris)	Landlocked Atlantic Salmon	Jan. 1–March 20	12 inches	2
White Lake (Warren)		March 21–April 9 at 8 a.m.	Catch and release only	
		April 9 at 8 a.m.–Dec. 31	12 inches	2

\*Waterbodies stocked with salmon

### Wild Trout Streams

Location	Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Restrictions
Statewide	Jan. 1–April 9 at 8 a.m.	Catch and release only		1. Only artificial lures may be used. 2. Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited.
Statewide (exceptions below)	April 9 at 8 a.m.–Sept. 15	9 inches	2	
Pequannock River, Van Campens Brook and Wanaque River. See designated sections below.	April 9 at 8 a.m.–Sept. 15	12 inches Brown Trout	2 combined	
		9 inches Rainbow & Brook Trout		
Statewide	Sept. 16 – Dec. 31	Catch and release only		

#### Wild Trout Streams (entire length unless otherwise indicated)

<b>Bear Creek</b> (Southtown) <b>Bear Swamp Brook</b> (Mahwah) <b>Black Brook</b> (Clinton WMA) <b>Burnett Brook</b> (Ralston) <b>Cold Brook</b> (Oldwick) <b>Dark Moon Brook</b> (also known as Bear Brook) (Johnsonburg) <b>Dunnfield Creek</b> (Worthington S.F.) <b>Flanders Brook</b> (Flanders) <b>Hance's Brook</b> (Penwell) <b>Hickory Run</b> (Califon) <b>India Brook</b> (source to Mountainside Ave., Mendham) <b>Indian Grove Brook</b> (Bernardsville)	<b>Jackson Brook</b> (source to Hedden Park Lake, Mine Hill Twp.) <b>Ledgewood Brook</b> (Ledgewood) <b>Little York Brook</b> (Little York) <b>Lomerson Brook</b> (also known as Herzog Brook) (Pottersville) <b>Merrill Creek</b> (Stewartsville) <b>Mill Brook</b> (Montague) <b>N/Br. Rockaway Creek</b> (Mountaintown) <b>Parker Brook</b> (Montague) <b>Passaic River</b> (source to Rt. 202, Bernardsville) <b>Pequannock River</b> (Oak Ridge Rd. bridge in Newark Watershed, down-	stream to railroad bridge immediately upstream of Charlottesville Res. and from Rt. 23 bridge at Smoke Rise downstream to the Rt. 23 bridge at Smith Mills) <b>Rinehart Brook</b> (Hacklebarney S.P.) <b>Rocky Run</b> (Clinton Twp.) <b>Saddle River</b> (state line to Lake St., Upper Saddle River) <b>Stephensburg Creek</b> (Stephensburg) <b>Stony Brook</b> (Stokes S.F.) <b>Stony Brook</b> (Washington Twp., Morris Co.) <b>Teetertown Brook</b> (Lebanon Twp.) <b>Trout Brook</b> (Hacklebarney S.P.)	<b>Turkey Brook</b> (Mt. Olive) <b>Van Campens Brook</b> (Del. Water Gap Nat. Rec. Area) <b>Wanaque River</b> (Wanaque Reservoir Dam downstream to Wanaque Ave. bridge—Pompton Lakes) <b>West Brook</b> (source downstream to Windbeam Club property) <b>Whippany River</b> (source to Tingley Rd., Mendham Twp.) <b>Willoughby Brook</b> (also known as Buffalo Hollow Brook) (Clinton Twp.)
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### Boundary Waters (see page 28)

Locations	Species	Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Delaware River	All trout species	April 16 at 8 a.m.–Oct. 15 (Trout caught at other times must be released immediately.)	No minimum	5