

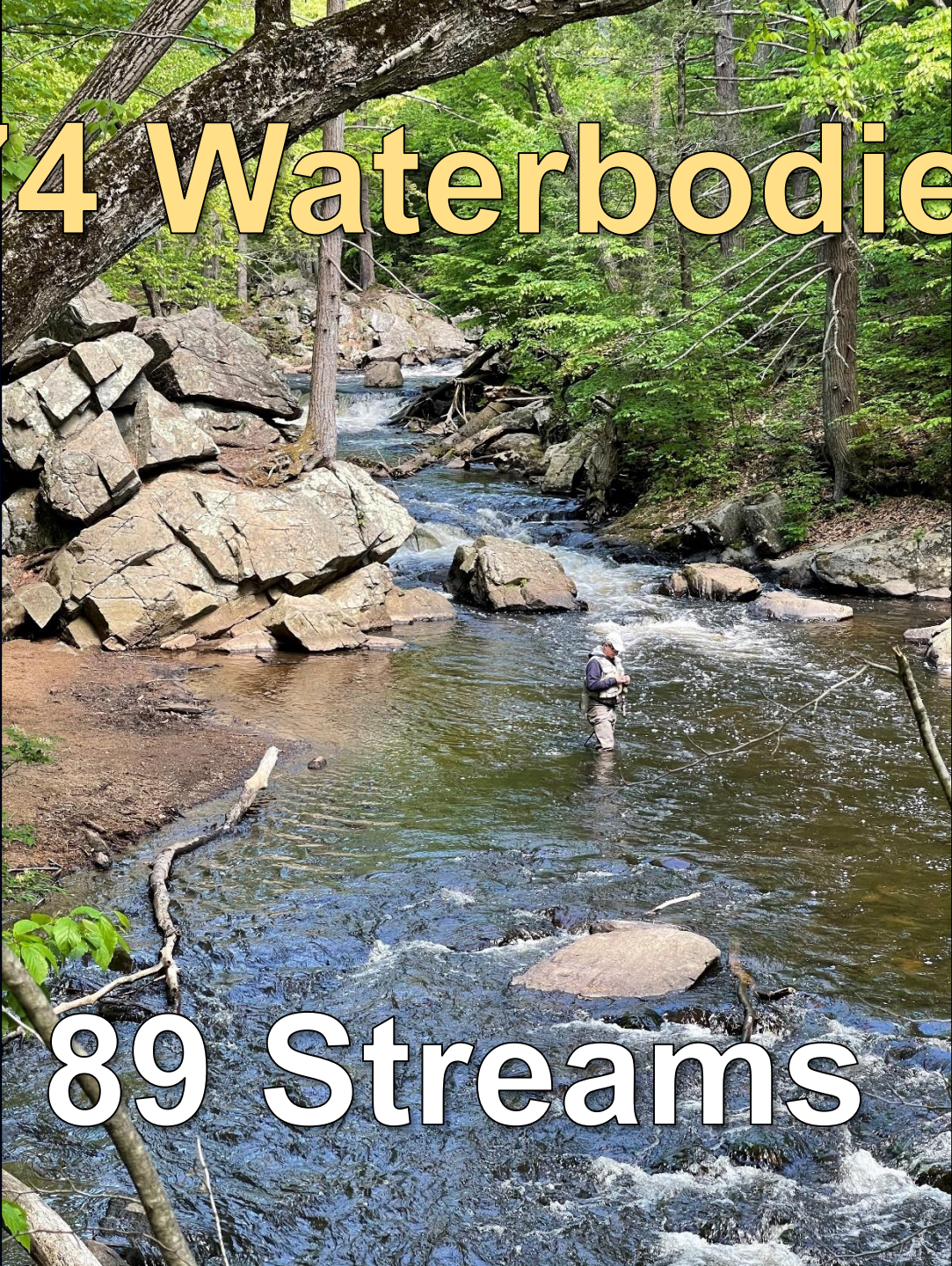


# 2022 Spring Trout Program





# 174 Waterbodies



89 Streams




# 85 Lakes





570,000 trout



- **Biologists**
  - **Conservation Officers**
  - **Stocking Crews**
  - **Fish & Game Council**
  - **Public**
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- A person wearing a blue jacket, green waders, and a blue cap is standing on a concrete ledge covered with brown leaves. They are holding a white net over a river. Several fish are jumping out of the water, creating splashes. The background shows a rocky riverbank.



# 2022 Spring Trout Stocking Plan

## Return to 7-weeks in-season (3 weeks of preseason)

### Normal regulations





# Pandemic Considerations (2020–2021)

## Accelerated Stocking Schedule

- Clear fish from hatchery as quickly as possible to reduce loading days.
  - (close interactions among staff and public)
- Clear raceways in case of COVID outbreak among staff.
- Reduce staff interactions with public during stocking.
- Spread anglers out to reduce opening day crowds.
  - (catch & release period prior to opening day)
- Reduce anglers fishing out of state.

# Normal vs. Accelerated vs. 2022



	Normal	2020 - 2021	2022
Total Trout	570,000+	570,000+	570,000+
Preseason weeks / trout	3 / <b>184,000</b>	4 / 500,000	3 / <b>254,000</b>
Preseason closure	yes	April 1 (C&R)	yes
In-season weeks / trout	7 / <b>386,000</b>	1 / 70,000	7 / <b>316,000</b>
In-season closures (14)	yes	no	yes
Bonus Broodstock ponds	yes	no	yes
Use of Volunteers	yes	no	no

## Why return to normal?

- We believe this is the product our constituents want.
- Our messaging has been consistent (F&G Council, Digest, public stakeholder meetings, etc.)
  - As COVID-19 concerns lessen, so should our modifications
- Society trending towards normal (though we took a hit in Dec/Jan)
- Fortunate not to have high trout mortality with increased densities.





# Trout Allocation Methodology

## Streams / Rivers

### Physical Factors

- Flow / size of stream (CFS)
- Length of stocking influence

### Biological Factors

- Seasonal or Year-round water – (can the waterbody support trout part of the year or year-round)

### Social Factors

- Land ownership (public vs private)
- Parking
- Angler Interest

## Lakes / Ponds

### Physical Factors

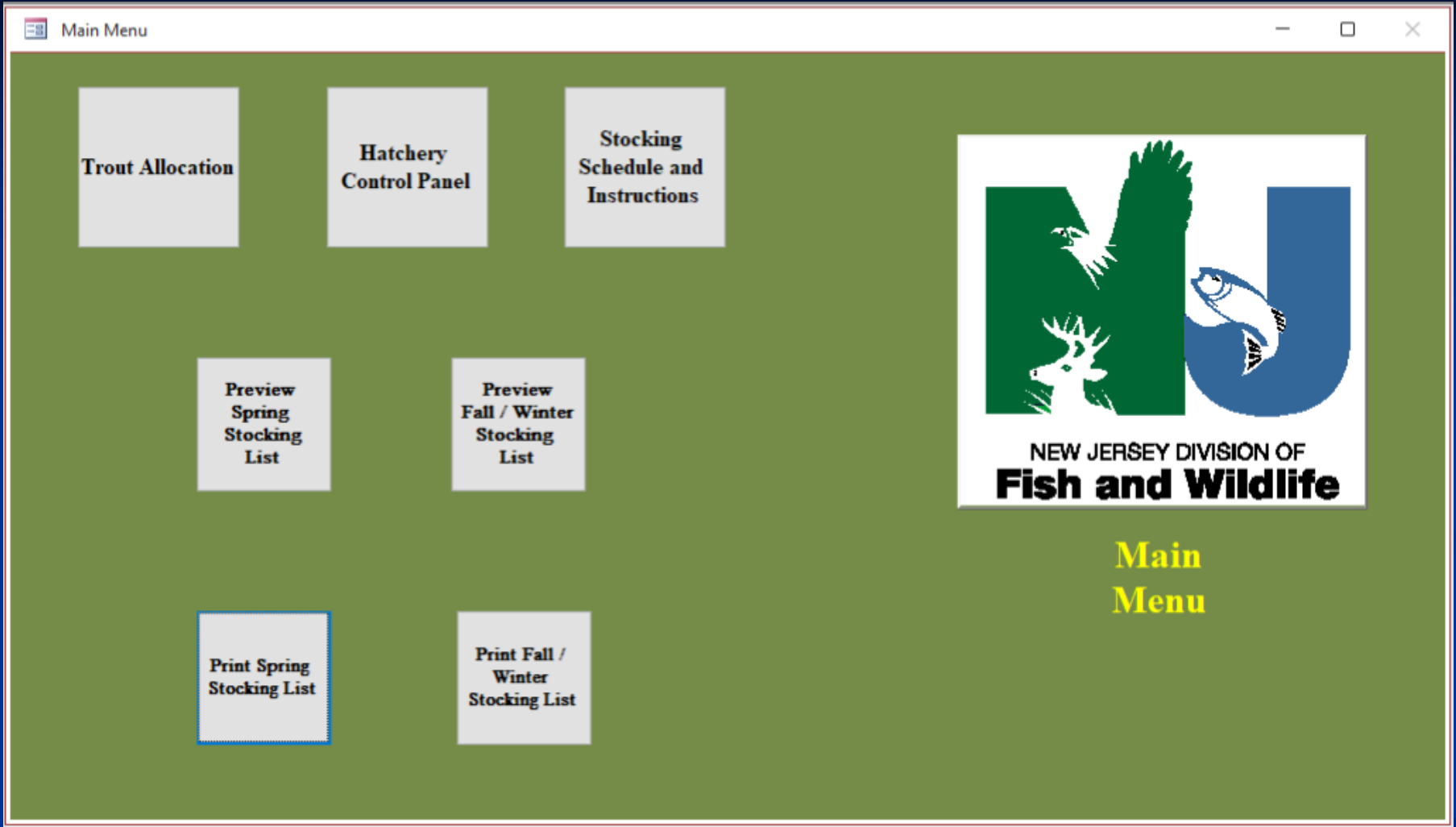
- Surface Area (size in acres)

### Biological Factors

- Seasonal or Year-round water – (can the waterbody support trout part of the year or year-round)

### Social Factors

- Population Density (municipalities adjacent to lake)
- Angler Access – Open shoreline / boat access
- Other trout stocked opportunities nearby



# Allocation Program



# 2022 Changes / Updates



# 2022 Changes / Updates

## W/B Papakating Creek (Sussex)

- Two stocking points were dropped, and one new point was added along the W/B Papakating Creek
- New GIS data allows us to see that we were previously stocking a tributary to the W/B Papakating
- We will now be stocking only the mainstem of this stream
- This will result in 190 additional fish for W/B Papakating Creek



# 2022 Changes / Updates

## Hohokus Brook (Bergen)

- Added 2 new stocking location.
- This results in 550 additional fish for Hohokus Brook in 2022



# 2022 Changes / Updates

## Mill Pond (Bergen)

- Mill Pond will not be stocked this spring due to increased sedimentation from storms
- Siltation was already relatively high at this site and was severely impacted by strong summer storms



# 2022 Changes / Updates

## Franklin Pond Creek (Sussex)

- Franklin Pond Creek stocking will be altered due to road construction on Route 23
- Stocking will continue at four locations downstream of the road construction



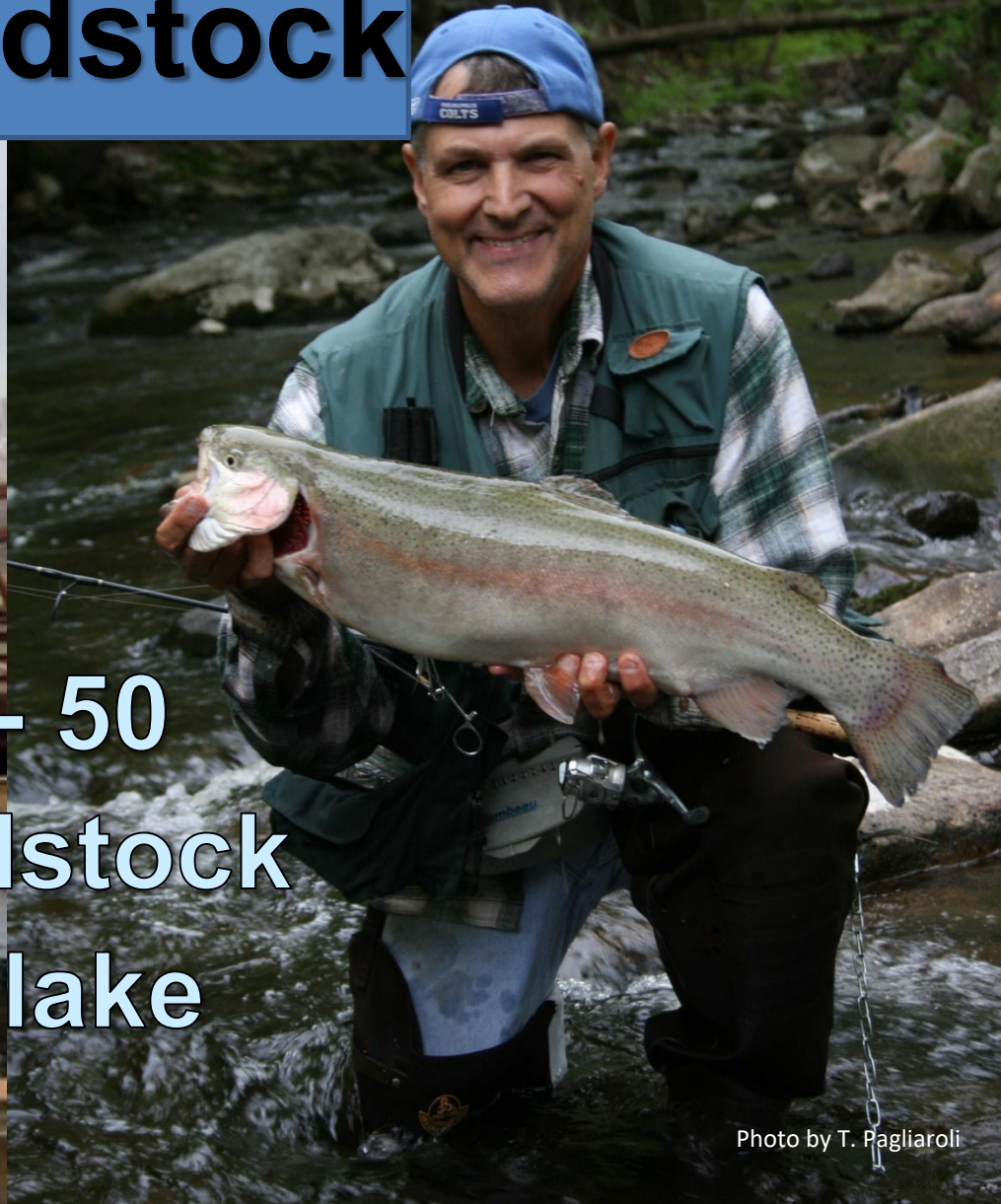
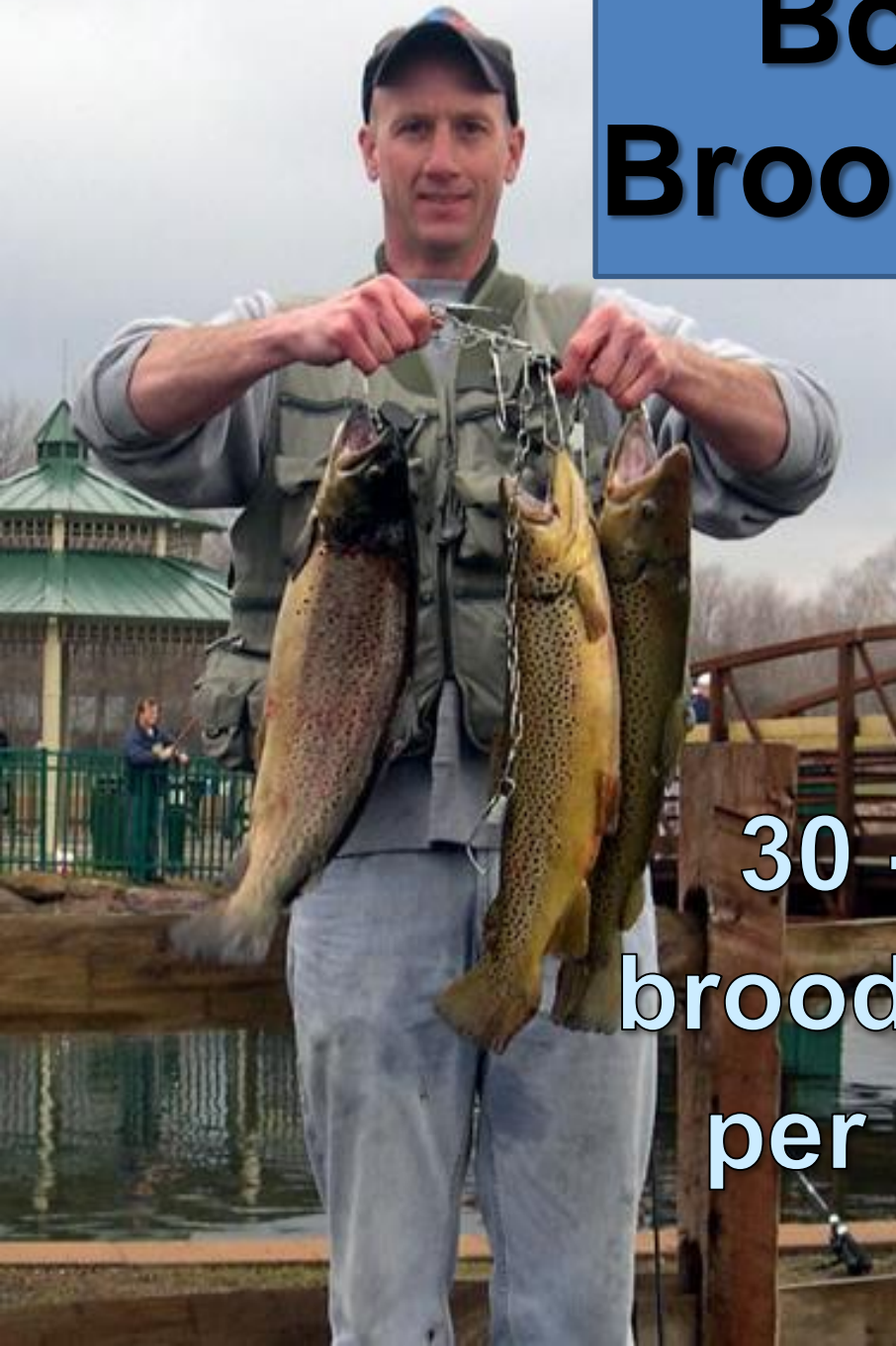
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## Ken Lockwood Gorge (Hunterdon)

- The access road has not been maintained after several damaging storm events
- Vehicle access is restricted to the two outer parking lots
- Anglers may still park at either end of the Gorge to access the entire stretch on foot
- There is no change to the number of trout being stocked



# Bonus Broodstock



30 - 50  
broodstock  
per lake

# Bonus Broodstock



Birch Grove Park Pond (50)

Burnham Park Pond (30)

Crystal Lake (50)

Dahnert's Lake (30)

Franklin Lake (30)

Lower Echo Park Pond (30)

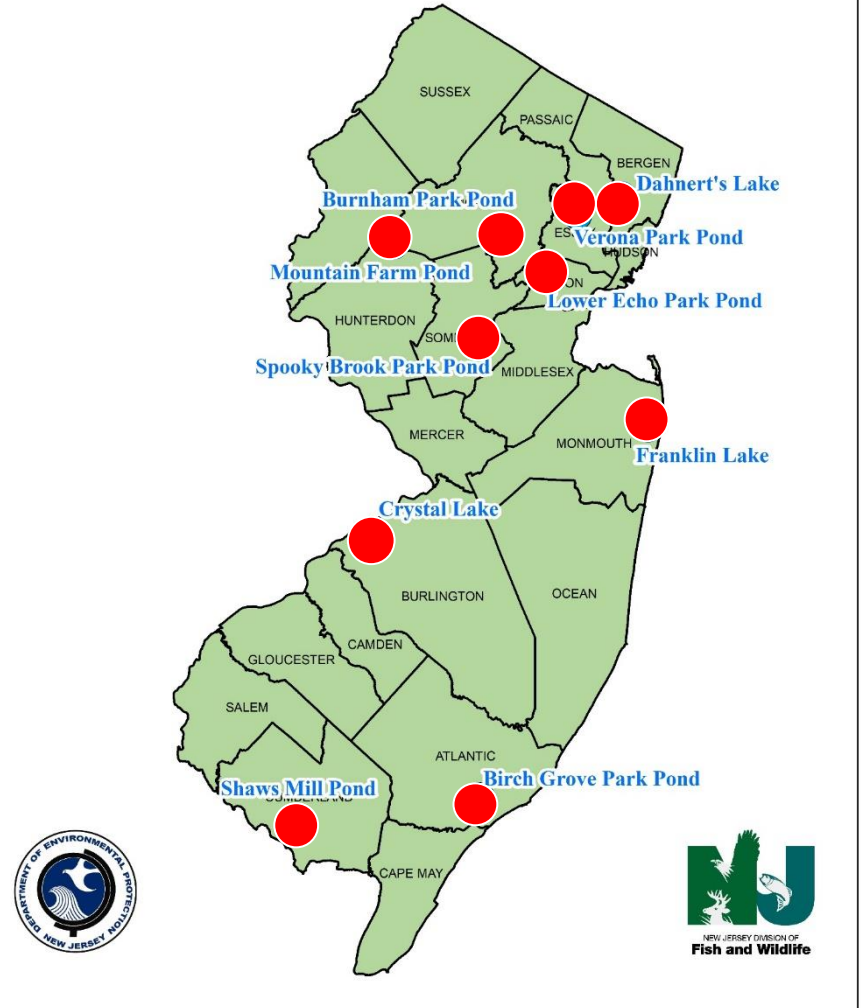
Mountain Farm Pond (30)

Shaws Mill Pond (50)

Spooky Brook Park Pond (50)

Verona Park Pond (50)

## 2022 SPRING TROUT STOCKING PROGRAM BONUS BROODSTOCK WATERS





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## Spring Trout Allocations and In-Season Stocking Days

### Trout Production/Stocking To Again Exceed Spring Targets

The alphabetical listing of trout-stocked waters showing stocking dates and numbers of fish to be stocked provides quick reference for each waterbody's weekly spring trout allocation. For the seven week in-season period, the day of the week that stocking is scheduled is also provided.

**This schedule is subject to change;** any deviations will be noted in the [Stocking Updates](#) section of the 2019 Trout Stocking Schedule Page and on the 24-hour Trout Stocking Hotline ([609-633-6765](tel:609-633-6765)).

Anglers should consult the [2019 NJ Freshwater Fishing Digest](#), pages 18 - 23, for a complete description of all trout fishing regulations, including special regulations and in-season stocking closures that may apply to individual trout-stocked waters. Since 2015 all trout stocked are Rainbow Trout only.

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Waterbody	Pre-Season Stocking Period	In-Season Stocking Period												Total # Trout		
	Mar 18 - Apr 5 # Trout	[M = Monday; Tu = Tuesday; W = Wednesday; Th = Thursday; F = Friday]														
		Week 1 Apr 8 - 12 #Trout Day	Week 2 Apr 15 - 19 #Trout Day	Week 3 Apr 22 - Apr 26 #Trout Day	Week 4 April 29 - May 3 #Trout Day	Week 5 May 6 - 10 #Trout Day	Week 6 May 13 - 17 #Trout Day	Week 7 May 20 - 24 #Trout Day								
Alexauken Creek	280	0		280	W	0		280	W	0		0		0		840
Alms House Pond	100	100	Th	100	W	100	Th	0		0		0		0		400
Amwell Lake	390	290	Th	290	W	290	W	0		0		0		0		1,260
Andover Jct Brook	170	0		170	M	0		170	Th	0		0		0		510
Assunpink Creek	560	0		220	W	220	W	220	W	220	W	0		0		1,440
Barbour's Pond	420	320	Tu	320	Tu	320	W	0		0		0		0		1,380
Beaver Brook (Morris)	350	0		140	W	140	Th	140	W	0		0		0		770
Beaver Brook (Warren)	660	0		270	M	270	Th	270	Th	270	Th	0		0		1,740
Big Flat Brook - Upper (above Steam Mill Bridge)	760	0		270	W	270	W	270	W	270	Th	0		0		1,750
Big Flat Brook - Lower (below Steam Mill Bridge)	10,900	4020	F	3,580	F	3,580	F	3,580	F	3,580	F	2,240	F	2,240	F	32,910
Birch Grove Park Pond	400	300	W	300	W	300	Tu	0		0		0		0		1,300
Black River	1,680	0		670	Th	670	Th	670	Th	670	Th	420	Th	420	Th	5,200



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## Fishing Access Locations on Trout Waters County Listing

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Please note that this is only a partial list of major fishing access sites. Other locations and waterbodies will be stocked as well.

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County	Name	Township	Location	Directions
Atlantic	Birch Grove Park Pond	Northfield City	Birch Grove Park	Garden State Parkway to exit for Rt. 563 South. Right onto Burton Ave. Make right into park entrance.
	Hammonton Lake	Hammonton Town	Hammonton State Park	White Horse Pike (Rt. 30) in Hammonton. Turn onto 561 (N), turn into Hammonton State Park on right.
	Heritage Pond	Absecon	Heritage Park	Garden State Parkway to exit 40 to E. White Horse Pike (Rt. 30). Left on Mill Rd. Park entrance on left just past New Jersey Avenue. Parking lot in park.
Bergen	Dahnert's Lake	Garfield	Dahnert's Lake County Park	I-80 take exit 61,south on River Dr., left onto Outwater Lane and right on Midland Ave.
	Hackensack River	Old Tappan	Old Tappan Rd.	Garden State Pkwy exit 168 to Washington Ave. East to Westwood Ave., changes to Demerest Avenue to Cedar Lane (N) to Piermont Ave. (E) to Rivervale Road (N) to Old Tappan Rd.(Rt. 116) - dirt parking area at 90 degree bend in road.
	Hackensack River	Rivervale	Rivervale Rd.	Garden State Pkwy exit 168 to Washington Ave. (E) to Westwood Ave., changes to Demerest Ave. to Cedar Lane(N) to Piermont Ave. (E) to Rivervale Road (S), past library parking lot, down hill to ballfield.
	Hohokus Brook	Ridgewood	Graydon Park	At the intersection of Linwood Ave. and N. Maple Ave.,
	Hohokus Brook	Waldwick	Police pistol range in Boro park	Wycoff Ave.(Rt.502) to Hopper Ave. to Sherman Ave. - several parking lots at end of road
	Indian Lake	Little Ferry Boro	Indian Lake	Rt. 46 to traffic light circle with Bergen Turnpike, proceed North on Bergen Tpke (Rt. 121) for 1/4 mile, turn left on Lakeview. Indian Lake on right.
	Mill Pond	Park Ridge Boro	Mill Pond	Pascack Road (Rt. 63) North in Park Ridge. Bear right on Mill Rd, pond on right immediately following curve. Mill Pond is also known as Silver Lake.
	Pascack Creek	Hillsdale	Hillsdale Ave.	Garden State Pkwy exit 168 to Washington Ave. (E) to Pascack Rd. (N) to Hillsdale Ave.(Rt. 112) (E) - dirt parking area opposite church.
	Pascack Creek	Westwood	Lake Street Park	Garden State Pkwy exit 168 to Washington Ave. (E) to Westwood Ave. (Rt. 110) to Kinderkamack Ave. (N) to Lake St. East to park.
	Pascack Creek	Westwood	Unnamed Park	Garden State Pkwy exit 168 to Washington Ave. (E) to Westwood Ave. (Rt. 110) - in park
	Potash Lake	Oakland Boro	Potash Lake	Rt. 287 (exit 57) or Rt. 202 to West Oakland Ave. Entrance on West Oakland Ave.
	Ramapo River	Mahwah	Bergen County Reservation	Rt. 202, Mahwah in the Bergen County Reservation, - very large paved parking lot.
	Ramapo River	Mahwah / Oakland	Midvale Mt. Rd Bridge	Rt. 202 to Midvale Mt. Rd Bridge (Glen Gray Rd), small dirt lot and street parking.
	Ramapo River	Oakland	Roosevelt Blvd.	from Rt. 202, take Navajo Way to Lake Shore Dr. to Lenape Lane to Roosevelt Blvd. - soccer field at end
	Ramapo River	Oakland	River Rd. & Oak St.	Rt. 287 (exit 58), Rt. 202 S. to Oak St., large dirt lot on River Rd. & Oak St.
	Saddle River	Ho-ho-kus	Hollywood Ave. Park	Intersection of East Saddle River Rd. (Rt. 75) and Hollywood Ave. - large dirt parking lot
Saddle River	Ridgewood	Saddle River County Park: Wild Duck Pond Area	In Saddle River County Park: Wild Duck Pond Area - off Ridgewood Ave., paved parking area	

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Name	County	Township	Location	Directions
Alexauken Creek	Hunterdon	Lambertville	Alexauken Creek Rd	From Flemington, take Rt. 202 south. Then take Rt. 179 south (Lambertville exit). Right on Mt. Airy/Queen Rd. (Rt. 605). Left on Alexauken Creek Rd.
Alms House Pond	Sussex	Hampton	Alms House Pond	Rt. 519 N, in Newton, (off Rts. 206/94), to Rt. 655 North. Pond is located 1/4 mile, next to library, on right.
Amwell Lake	Hunterdon	East Amwell	Amwell Lake WMA	Rt. 31 - dirt road with sign for lake opposite Linvale - Harbourton Rd. (Rt. 579)
Andover Jct. Brook	Sussex	Andover	A & P shopping center	Junction of Routes 206 & 517 - behind shopping center
Assunpink Creek	Mercer	Washington	Rt. 130	Rt. 195, exit onto Rt. 130. Proceed north for approx. 3.5 miles to bridge over Assunpink Creek. Parking for approx. 20 vehicles.
Assunpink Creek	Mercer	Washington	Old Trenton Road	Rt. 295, Exit 5 onto Rt. 130 North for approx. 1 mile. Left onto Rt. 526 Robbinsville-Allentown Road for 3.3 miles. Right onto Rt. 535 Old Trenton Road to bridge crossing. Parking for 6 to 10 cars.
Assunpink Creek	Mercer	Hamilton	Mercerville-Quakerbridge Rd.	Take Rt. 295, Exit 65 to Sloan Ave, east for 0.7 miles. Left onto Rt. 533 Mercerville-Quakerbridge Road, 1.7 miles to Assunpink Creek bridge. Parking at bridge for approx. 3 cars. Additional parking at nearby fields, approx. 200 yds. from creek.
Assunpink Creek	Mercer	Lawrence	Carnegie Road	Rt. 295, Exit 67, onto Rt. 1 south for 1.3 miles. Take jug handle to cross Rt. 1 onto Carnegie Road. 1/2 mile to Assunpink Creek. Parking at bridge for approx. 10 cars.
Barbours Pond	Passaic	Woodland Park	Garret Mountain Reservation	Rt. 80 to Exit 56 (Squirrelwood Rd.) Right on Rifle Camp Rd., Left on Mountain Ave. Entrance to park on Mountain Ave. Pond located on right after entering park. Parking lots.
Beaver Brook	Morris	Rockaway	Ford Rd. Bridge	Rt. 80 to Green Pond Rd. to Morris Ave. to Ford Rd. - roadside parking
Beaver Brook(Warren)	Warren	Hope	Lake Just-it Rd. Bridge	Rt. 519 to Lake Just-It Rd, first bridge. (state property near church property) - parking.
Big Flat Brook	Sussex	Montague	Stokes State Forest - Crigger Rd. Bridge	Rt. 206 (Culver's Gap) to Sunrise Mountain Rd..(one way road) to Crigger Rd. bridge; or take Flatbrookville Rd. North off Rt. 206, to Grau Rd., right onto Crigger Rd., parking lot before bridge (do not go further -rd is one way from opposite direction).
Big Flat Brook	Sussex	Sandyston	Stokes State Forest - Lk. Ocquittunk Campground	Rt. 206, to Flatbrook Rd.(N. of entrance to Stokes State Forest) to Campground.
Big Flat Brook	Sussex	Sandyston	Stokes State Forest - Flatbrookville Rd.	Pull-offs and parking lots located off Flatbrookville Rd., between Rt. 206 and Lake Ocquittunk Campground.
Big Flat Brook	Sussex	Sandyston	Rt. 206 bridge	Rt. 206 bridge - Hainesville. Parking area by bridge. Upstream boundary of Fly Fishing Area.
Big Flat Brook	Sussex	Sandyston	County Rt. 560 bridge (Schaffers bridge) & adjacent roads	Parking lot by bridge. Dirt/gravel roads upstream (un-named) and downstream (Brooks Rd.) of bridge parallel the stream have pull-offs. Fly Fishing Area.
Big Flat Brook	Sussex	Sandyston	Flatbrook-Roy WMA - Three Bridges Parking Lot	From intersection at Peters Valley, take Walpack Rd. (Flatbrookville Rd.) south approx. 3/4 mile. At sharp bend in road, go straight onto a gravel road - 1/4 mile to river (or can take Brook Road off Rt. 560). HANDICAPPED ACCESS POINT - dirt parking lot. Blewitt Tract immediately upstream - Fly Fishing Area.
Big Flat Brook	Sussex	Sandyston	Flatbrook-Roy WMA - parking lot at Roy Bridge	Rt. 206 (Tuttles Corner) to Rt. 560 to Ennis Rd. (Rt. 615) to Kuhn Rd. to Walpack Rd. - 1 1/2 miles south of Peters Valley off Walpack Rd (Rt. 615 / Flatbrookville Rd.). Dirt parking lot.
Big Flat Brook	Sussex	Walpack Twp.	Main Street Bridge	Walpack Center - Main Street bridge off Rt. 615 (Flatbrookville Rd.). Pull-offs around bridge.
Big Flat Brook	Sussex	Walpack	Walpack Valley Campground	Off Rt. 615 (Flatbrookville Rd.) - public angling allowed (parking fee may be charged).

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## Trout Stocked Water

The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife stocks trout in this waterbody and public fishing is allowed at this location.

Anglers, respect the landowners and their property to keep this location open for public fishing.

Do not litter, deface property, or destroy vegetation.

2018 GENERAL TROUT REGULATIONS	MINIMUM SIZE	DAILY LIMIT
January 1 – March 18	9"	4 trout*
March 19 – April 7 to 8 AM	closed to all fishing**	
April 7 at 8 AM – May 31	9"	6 trout*
June 1 – March 17, 2019	9"	4 trout*

\*\* Fishing is permitted during the period March 19 – April 7 at 8 AM on lakes Hopatcong, Mountain, ~~Prospect~~, Shenandoah, and ~~Santaquarry~~, and the section of Lawrence Brook from Devilsden Mill Rd. to Church Lane. All trout caught during this period must be immediately released.



**\*ALL BROOK TROUT CAUGHT WITHIN THE BROOK TROUT CONSERVATION ZONE MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY**

(Brook Trout Conservation Zone includes all waters located west of I-287, north of Rt. 202, up to the Delaware R.)

Fishing license required  
Trout stamp required for trout fishing  
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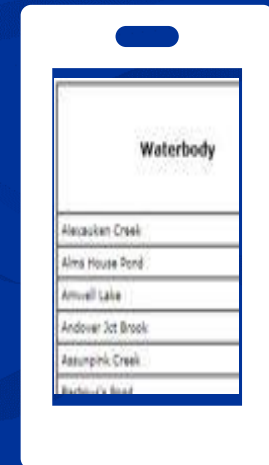
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