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VERMONT FISHING SEASONS

Note: The season dates listed below are for some of Vermont's general fishing seasons. They apply to most Vermont waters, but not all. Prior to fishing, please reference pages 59–90 for special season and regulation information for specific waters, including seasonally closed waters.

Harvest Seasons

Trout and Landlocked Salmon	Second Saturday in April to last day of October
Trout and Landlocked Salmon (Lake Champlain)	No Closed Season
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	Second Saturday in June to last day of November
Pickeral, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, and Smelt	No Closed Season
Walleye (all waters except Chittenden Reservoir and the Connecticut River)	First Saturday in May to March 15, 2021
Chittenden Reservoir	First Saturday in June to March 15, 2021
Connecticut River	See Table 10 (page 90)

Catch and Release (see pages 59–90 for exceptions, including closed waters)

Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	Year-round, open-water fishing
Trout	Year-round, open-water fishing

Free Fishing Days

Summer Free Fishing Day	Second Saturday in June
Winter Free Fishing Day	Last Saturday in January

VERMONT FISHING LICENSES

Resident

Fishing (ages 18–65)	\$28.00
Youth Fishing (ages 15–17; under age 15, no license needed)	\$8.00
Permanent Licenses (residents only, age 66 or older)	\$60.00
Five-Year Fishing License	\$134.00
Three-Day Fishing ⁽¹⁾	\$11.00
Combination Fishing and Hunting	\$47.00
Five-Year Combination License	\$229.00
Youth Combination Fishing and Hunting (age 17 or under)	\$12.00

Nonresident

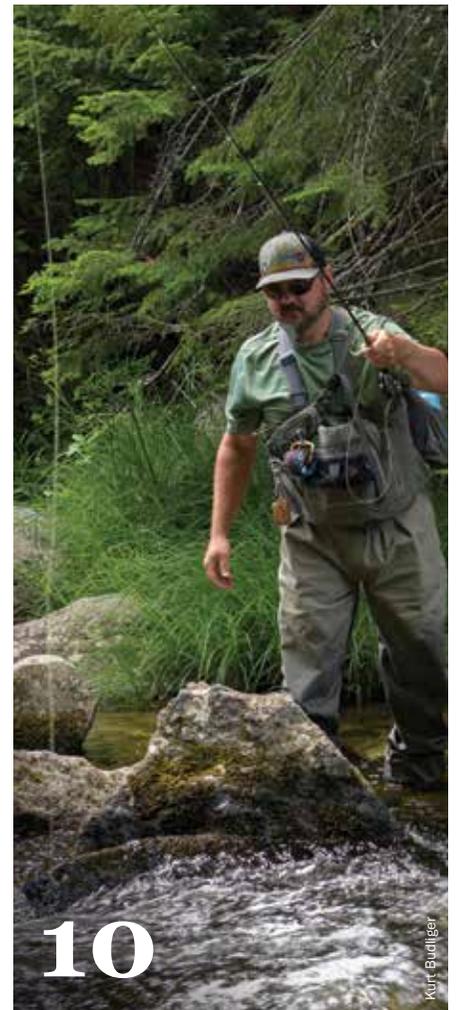
Fishing	\$54.00
Youth Fishing (ages 15–17; under age 15, no license needed)	\$15.00
Five-Year Fishing License	\$264.00
One-Day Fishing ⁽¹⁾	\$21.00
Three-Day Fishing ⁽¹⁾	\$23.00
Seven-Day Fishing ⁽¹⁾	\$31.00
Combination Fishing and Hunting	\$143.00
Five-Year Combination License	\$709.00
Youth Combination Fishing and Hunting (age 17 or under)	\$30.00

⁽¹⁾ Term Licenses: All dates are inclusive and consecutive.

ALL LICENSE FEES LISTED ARE FOR 2020.



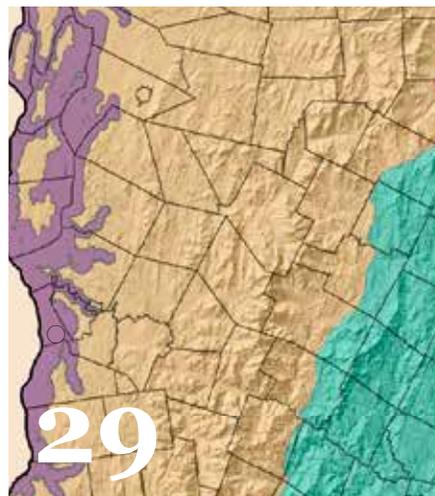
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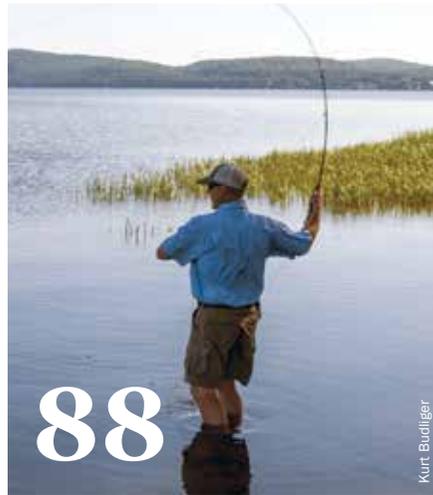
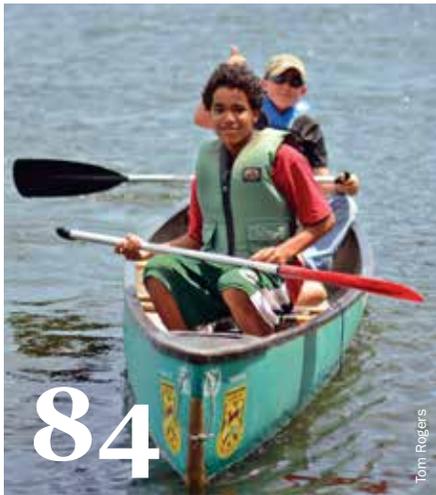
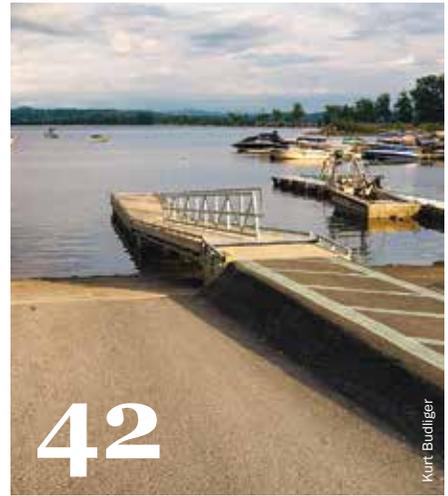


Cover Photo:

Danielle McAree of Burlington, VT proudly shows off this beauty of a walleye caught on Lake Champlain. During the 2019 fishing season Danielle caught more than five different fish species, all exceeding the minimum qualifying lengths of the Vermont Master Angler Program, earning her the title of Master Angler and bragging rights!

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Fish & Wildlife Laws

Vermont's fish and wildlife laws help protect, manage, control, and conserve the fish and wildlife of the state. Every individual who hunts, fishes, or traps is responsible for knowing the fish and wildlife laws. This lawbook provides the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's interpretation of fishing laws. It is formatted to make the laws easier to read and understand. For a complete wording of Vermont's fish and wildlife statutes and regulations, consult *Vermont Statutes Annotated, Part 4, Title 10*, available at town clerks' offices and on the internet at <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/title/10>. Any questions you have regarding these laws should be directed to your local game warden.



A Special Message From the Commissioner

Long-time Vermonters know that many of the best fishing holes are not next to the road, but require forethought and the willingness to step off the beaten path. In this year's Fishing Guide & Regulations, one of our great biologists encourages anglers to indulge in some trout fishing accessed by foot.

This year also marks a major change in baitfish regulation. For years, anglers have been asking the

department to re-examine the baitfish regulation put in place after a dangerous fish disease, VHS, was discovered in the Great Lakes. The regulation was designed to protect fish populations, but it made fishing with bait cumbersome.

More recent analysis by our biologists led to enacting a new regulation to establish

a better balance between protecting fisheries resources and providing angler opportunity. These changes include creating two baitfish zones, east and west, allowing for more transport of baitfish, except from a list of black-listed waters which are at high risk for disease or invasive species. See the article on page 6 and the regulation on pages 25–29 for more information.

This year is a great chance to get off the pavement to find new fishing holes, and it offers more opportunity to use baitfish. I hope you will find time to pick up your rod and get out there to explore Vermont's waters.

Louis Porter, Commissioner, Vermont Fish & Wildlife



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Vermont's Online Fishing Regulations Tool

Our Online Fishing Regulations Tool uses technology to make accessing regulation information quick and simple, whether you're at home planning your next Vermont fishing trip or out on the water!

Features of the Fishing Regulations Tool

Interactive Map System: Allows users to select any waterbody in the state and have instantaneous access to fishing regulations specific to that body of water.

Current Location Feature: The map works in coordination with the Global Positioning System (GPS) in many mobile devices, allowing users to view fisheries regulations for their current location.

Lookup Tables: Allows users to view regulations by selecting a waterbody, town, or county from a comprehensive lookup list.

Regardless of the pathway, the final result is a simple and clear list of fisheries regulations for all of Vermont's great fishing spots!

Visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com to use the tool!



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Step by Step

If you're new to fishing in Vermont or just checking out the latest regulations, follow these steps to make using this guide quicker and easier.

Step 1 Do you know where you're going to fish?

Yes

NO



Step 2

Go to the main **Map Guide** on page 43.

Locate the general area of the state where you want to fish (from Maps 1 to 15).

Step 3

Go to the individual **Maps 1 to 15** on pages 44 to 58 and determine the waterbody on which you want to fish.

The Maps will also help you identify important points of interest such as access points, boat ramps, and boundaries. It will also show stream section numbers (blue) and lakes (tan) that point to specific regulations in the Indexes. Almost all the stream section numbers and related regulations are in alphabetical order in the Indexes if not noted in the footer.

Step 4

Go to the alphabetical **Index of Rivers and Streams** on pages 59 to 70 or the **Index of Lakes and Ponds** on pages 71 to 83.

If you only know the waterbody by name (for example, Dog River) but not which towns the waterbody is in, this will point you to the right Map and you'll be able to identify the town.

Step 5

Identify any special regulations for that waterbody, including those for specific stream sections or lakes, in the **Index**. Special regulations override general regulations and must be followed.

The Index lists the correct Open Water and Ice Fishing Regulations Tables for that waterbody.

Step 6

Go to the **Table** for the waterbody you are planning to fish on pages 84 to 90.

Note length rules, legal methods, daily limits, and open seasons. These include:

If your waterbody — a river or stream — does not appear in a specific Index, go to page 84 **Table 1: General Regulations for Rivers and Streams** as this covers all the others except the Connecticut River.

If your waterbody — a pond or lake — does not appear in a specific Index, go to page 85, **Table 2: General Regulations for Lakes and Ponds** as this covers all the others except Lake Champlain.

You can also visit the department website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, for the Online Fishing Regulations Tool or call for more information, 802-828-1000.

Baitfish

“What’s New”



Courtesy of Vermont Fish & Wildlife

Vermont Fish & Wildlife has changed the way baitfish use is regulated to attain a better balance between protecting Vermont's fisheries resources and providing recreational angling opportunities. Effective January 1, 2020, new baitfish regulations will provide more opportunity to Vermont anglers while also protecting the health of Vermont's fish populations.

Why are baitfish regulations important?

Activities associated with the movement and use of baitfish are known to spread dangerous fish diseases and aquatic invasive species that can cause large scale fish die-offs or alter our native aquatic food webs. This can negatively affect the state's fisheries and impact Vermont's fishing economy and public welfare. By carefully managing the movement of baitfish through regulations, anglers can slow the spread of fish disease and invasive species, thus preserving quality fishing opportunities for current and future generations of anglers.

What's changed?

New regulations now allow for the movement of baitfish from one waterbody to another through a zone system. This is meant to provide more flexibility to anglers who might want to harvest baitfish in one waterbody and use it in another. In short, the new baitfish regulations do the following:

- ▶ Establish an east and a west baitfish zone within which baitfish can be used (not between). To see more about the east/west boundaries, see the Map Guide on page 29.
- ▶ Establish a list of black-list waters that have high fish disease or invasive species risk. Baitfish can be used on these waters but may not be used on other waters. Also see, Black-list Waters on pages 27–28.
- ▶ Extend the time that baitfish transportation receipts are valid from 4 days to 10 days.
- ▶ Establish new baitfish holding rules that account for baitfish zones and black-list waters.
- ▶ Allow commercial baitshops to harvest approved wild baitfish species from a baitfish zone (i.e rainbow smelt, white sucker, etc.) and sell them to anglers for use in that same baitfish zone. Also see, Commercial Bait Dealers on page 28.
- ▶ Allow anglers to harvest and move approved wild baitfish species from waterbodies through a wild baitfish endorsement that can be added at no cost to an angler's fishing/combination license.



The movement and use of baitfish are known to spread dangerous diseases that can cause fish die-offs.

I buy my baitfish to go fishing, what's changed for me?

Under the previous baitfish regulations, commercially purchased baitfish were only valid for the specific waterbody recorded on the baitfish transportation receipt. New baitfish regulations allow for the following:

- ▶ Purchased baitfish may only be used in the baitfish zone or black-list water recorded on the baitfish transportation receipt (valid for 10 days from the time and date of sale).
- ▶ A person may transport unused commercially purchased baitfish away from a waterbody and use it within 10 days in the same baitfish zone or black-list water as indicated on the receipt:

Zoned baitfish receipt (East Zone/West Zone)

- ↳ Can be used on multiple non-black-list waters in the same zone.
- ↳ Can be used on a black-list water in that zone, but once on that water it cannot be taken off the water.
- ↳ Cannot be used in a different baitfish zone other than what's on the receipt.

Black-list water baitfish receipt

- ↳ Can be used back and forth ONLY on that black-list water (Exception: commercially purchased rainbow smelt cannot be transported off the specific black-list water once they are brought onto it).

- ▶ A person transporting unused commercially purchased baitfish away from a waterbody to use later may store them in any non-black-list water within the baitfish zone listed on the baitfish transportation receipt as long as:
 - ↳ The baitfish did not come in contact with a black-list water, and
 - ↳ The baitfish cannot be stored in waters where baitfish use is prohibited.
- ▶ A person transporting unused commercially purchased baitfish away from a waterbody to use later may not store them in waters of a different baitfish zone. These baitfish must be kept in a closed container isolated from any flow of lake, pond, or stream water.

Want to learn more about using baitfish?

These changes to Vermont's baitfish regulations are meant to provide more angling opportunity to the public while still promoting healthy fish populations. Vermont Fish & Wildlife continues to work hard to ensure all anglers have the chance to make lifelong fishing memories with friends and family. Fishing in Vermont is getting better each year, so make sure you get out and enjoy all that Vermont fishing has to offer! ■



If you'd like to learn more about the baitfish regulations visit: vtfishandwildlife.com/using-baitfish-in-vermont



Courtesy of Vermont Fish & Wildlife

The new baitfish regulations provide more flexibility to anglers while still protecting the state's fisheries by allowing the movement of baitfish from one waterbody to another through a zone system.

Personal Harvest of Wild Baitfish



Creek Chub



Blacknose Dace



Northern Redbelly Dace



Common Shiner

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I want to harvest and use my own wild caught baitfish. What do I need to know?

Under the previous baitfish regulations, anglers were not able to harvest and use their own wild caught baitfish anywhere other than where it was caught. Under the new baitfish rules, any person who wants to use, sell, or transport personally harvested wild baitfish beyond the waterbody in which they were harvested must have a wild baitfish endorsement on their fishing/combination license. To obtain this endorsement, anglers must successfully complete a wild baitfish certification course. The course instructs anglers wanting to use wild harvested baitfish not only the legal requirements of personally harvesting baitfish but also the risks associated with moving baitfish and the potential to spread fish diseases and aquatic invasive species.

Why do I need a wild baitfish endorsement?

The wild baitfish endorsement course educates anglers on risks associated with the movement and use of baitfish. Moving wild caught baitfish increases the risk of spreading fish diseases and aquatic invasive species that can cause large scale fish die-offs or alter our native food web. This can negatively affect the state's fisheries and impact Vermont's fishing economy and public welfare. When an angler catches and transports personally harvested wild baitfish to another waterbody, they must accept increased personal responsibility in slowing the spread of fish disease and aquatic invasive species by taking proper precautions. The

wild baitfish endorsement is a means of educating anglers who want to catch and use personally harvested baitfish on the potential risks of moving baitfish to reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species and fish diseases.

How do I get a wild baitfish endorsement?

In short here's what you need to do to get a wild baitfish endorsement so you can catch and use your own wild baitfish.

- Go to www.vtfishandwildlife.com/wild-baitfish to review the wild baitfish certification course materials and learn the rules and regulations regarding harvesting and moving personally harvested wild baitfish.
- Successfully complete the wild baitfish certification quiz to be eligible to receive a wild baitfish endorsement.
- Once you've successfully completed the certification, go online to www.vtfishandwildlife.com to update your fishing or combination license to include your wild baitfish endorsement. This endorsement is a free add-on that you must have on your license.
- You're now ready to personally harvest and use wild baitfish! Be sure to have your fishing or combination license with your wild baitfish endorsement with you while you harvest, transport, or use personally harvested wild caught baitfish and be sure to follow all other pertinent baitfish rules.



To learn more about rules associated with catching and using your own wild baitfish and the endorsement course, please go to: www.vtfishandwildlife.com/wild-baitfish.

Off-Road

Brook Trout



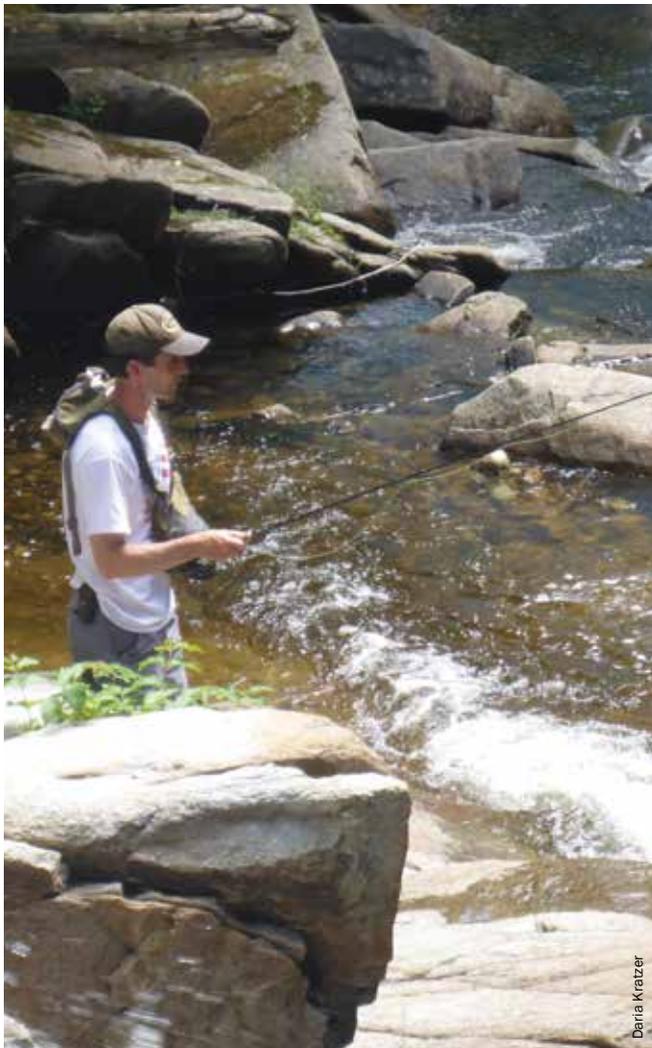
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Fisheries Biologist
Vermont Fish & Wildlife

Each fish species has a unique combination of features that endear them to certain subsets of the angling community. Some species are favored because of their large size. Some are beloved because of the challenging sport they provide in coaxing them to strike or landing

them once they do. Others are prized less for their performance in the water and more for their performance on the table. Still others hold a special place because of aesthetics, beauty both in the fish themselves and the places they're found. Such is the case with brook trout.



The author fishing a northeastern Vermont brook trout stream.

While brook trout are easily accessible throughout much of Vermont, some of the best and most fulfilling brook trout fishing can be had well off the beaten path. Road-side streams see more fishing effort simply because many anglers lack the initiative to walk more than a few steps away from their car or truck. While these road-side streams never get “fished out” completely, anglers selectively harvest the larger fish leaving behind smaller, educated fish that may have been hooked and released a few times. For these reasons, some of the best brook trout fishing, not to mention better scenery, might be just a few thousand steps away. Here are some basic clues to find hidden brook trout stream gems.

Cold Water, Deep Pools, Plenty of Cover

The single most important defining characteristic of brook trout biology is their need for cold water. If you find a Vermont stream with cold water, you are likely to find brook trout. How cold? A few years ago, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department performed a study to determine what factors were the most important predictors of brook trout abundance in northeastern Vermont. Biologists found that the best brook trout streams rarely exceeded 68°F, even in the summer.

They also found that brook trout tended to be more abundant in streams with deeper water and large amounts of woody material. Woody material, in the form of logs and branches contributed from the surrounding forest, provides hiding places for brook trout and can also increase depth by creating small impoundments upstream and plunge pools downstream.

Use a Map to Locate Hillside Streams and Public Access

Finding cold water is one of the most important considerations when planning a wilderness brook trout trip. Look for streams flowing off wooded hillsides. If the stream is small enough that the surrounding forest provides shade for most of the day, there is a good chance that it will be cold enough to support a fishable population of brook trout. One exception is pond outlet streams, which usually consist mostly of warm waters skimmed from the pond's surface. If in doubt, take the stream's temperature during a hot summer day. If it is less than about 68°F, it is cold enough for brook trout. A good map and a look at something like Google Earth can help with assessing the amount of forest cover along the stream and whether there are any ponds that might warm the water.

A map can also be helpful for determining land ownership, which is another important consideration when planning a wilderness fishing trip. Fortunately, Vermont offers several thousand acres of forested lands that are open to public access including state wildlife management areas, state forests, national forests, federal refuges, and private timber company lands with public access easements. A call to a local fisheries biologist might also help to narrow the search for good brook trout streams on publicly accessible lands. Or check the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com/wilderness-brook-trout, for maps, fishing tips and more. ■



Joe Norton

This would be considered a very big fish in most small brook trout streams.



Kurt Budliger

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department shows students how electrofishing can be used to sample wild brook trout populations.



The diverse and abundant sport fishing opportunities enjoyed each year by anglers across Vermont are a direct result of fisheries management and restoration activities conducted by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. These activities are funded through the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program — money generated by user purchases of fishing equipment and motor boat fuels. The department's fisheries management and restoration projects help maintain and restore healthy aquatic ecosystems, clean water, and good habitat, benefiting anglers by supporting and providing quality sport and recreational fishing opportunities across Vermont.

HELPFUL TIPS

Why Habitat Really Matters to the Wild Brook Trout

(and why they're so small)



Courtesy of Vermont Fish & Wildlife

There are many waterfalls and cascades that are only enjoyed by the rare few that venture off road in search of wilderness brook trout.

Depth and cover are important for brook trout because of the second most defining characteristic of brook trout biology, namely that it is really hard to be a brook trout.

Because of the brook trout's all-important need for cold water, they are often limited to relatively small, shallow streams. At least, that is the case in much of Vermont. Living in small, shallow streams is difficult for several reasons. Fish in tight quarters are easier targets for predators like mink, otters, herons, and kingfishers. It can be especially easy for predators during summer droughts when brook trout are forced to congregate in the relatively few deep pools or at cold spring seeps. Winter can be even more difficult as brook trout find themselves squeezed into even tighter quarters by ice sheets that can take up most of the water column.

This hard life is why stream-dwelling brook trout tend to be small. They only reach trophy proportions in ponds and larger rivers where they have adequate cold water, depth, and food to allow for multiple year survival and fast growth. In their

more typical small stream habitat, they have a high mortality rate, which means that each fish has a very high likelihood of dying of natural causes each year. In Vermont streams, approximately 90% of brook trout are less than 6 inches long, which roughly corresponds to 2 years of age. This is true even in streams that see little or no fishing effort. They don't have time to grow to large sizes, but they don't need to because they mature early, with some brook trout able to reproduce at age one and nearly all reproducing by age two. They are also prolific spawners, keeping the streams well-stocked with the next generation. The brook trout's high mortality and reproductive rates mean that anglers should feel good about keeping some fish for the table, especially on lightly fished back-country streams. If anglers don't harvest them, predators or Old Man Winter surely will.

HELPFUL TIPS

Aquatic Invasive Species Laws

PROHIBITED SPECIES: The possession of zebra mussels, quagga mussels, rusty crayfish, Asian clam, spiny water flea, fishhook water flea, and all aquatic plants is prohibited.

VESSEL INSPECTIONS: All watercraft operators are required to inspect their own vessels and trailers and remove and dispose of all aquatic plants and aquatic invasive species prior to launching and upon leaving a state water.

DRAINING OF VESSELS: Prior to leaving state waters, all watercraft operators are required to drain their vessels, trailers, and all other equipment of water, including water in live wells, ballast tanks, and bilge areas. When transporting vessels on the road, all drain plugs, bailers, valves, and other devices that are used to control the draining of water must be removed or placed in the open position. Bait buckets, water hauling, and emergency-response vehicles are exempted from this requirement.

MANDATORY BOAT INSPECTIONS: Boat inspections are mandatory whenever a Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) authorized inspection station is present, is open/staffed, and one's vessel is identified as requiring inspection. Refusing to comply with a mandatory inspection and decontamination is considered a violation of state law.

NOTE: the term "vessel" means any type of watercraft that can be used as a means of transportation on water, including boats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, personal watercraft, and so on.

Aquatic Invasive Species Identification

It is illegal to possess or transport the following aquatic invasive species found in Vermont:

Rusty Crayfish



Jeff Gunderson, Minnesota Sea Grant

An invasive crayfish species that can displace native crayfish and destroy aquatic habitat. Rusty crayfish can reach 5 inches in length and can be identified by dark reddish spots on either side of their shell and large, strong, smooth claws that can be a brownish-olive color or a reddish-brown color with black or orange tips.

Alewife



North American Native Fishes Association

Asian Clam



GB Nonnative Species Secretariat

Eurasian Watermilfoil



Alison Fox, University of Florida, Bugwood.org

Spiny Water Flea



Jeff Gunderson, Minnesota Sea Grant

Water Chestnut



B. Smorgans

Variable-Leaf Watermilfoil



Dennis Roberge, Courtesy of Maine VLMP

Zebra Mussel

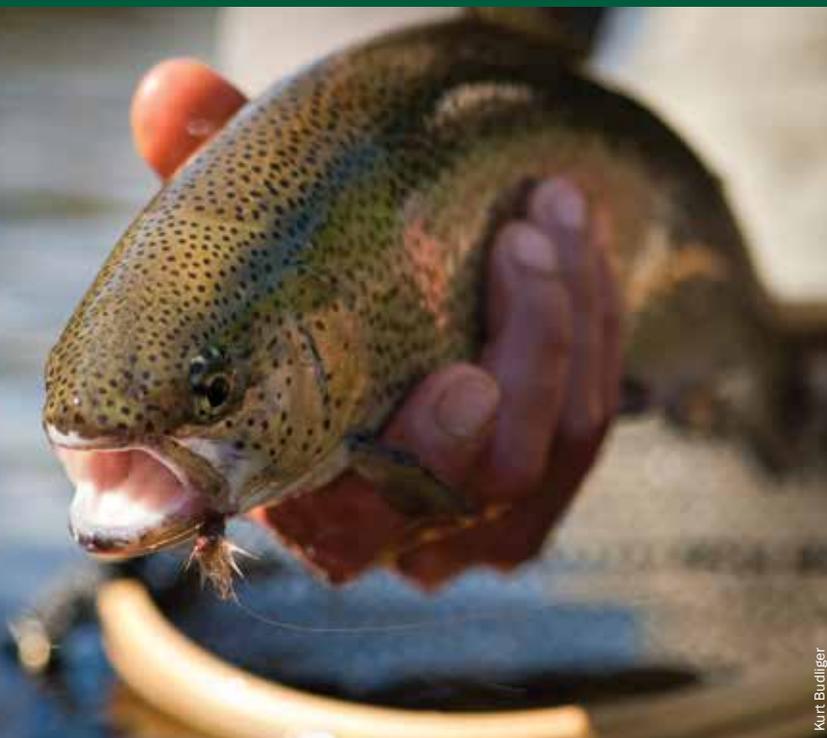


U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Note: Transporting any aquatic plant or aquatic plant part, zebra mussel, or quagga mussel on the outside of a vehicle, boat, personal watercraft, trailer, or other equipment is illegal. Violators are subject to a penalty of up to \$1,000.

Get a Grip on Your Fish

Are you holding your fish correctly?



Kurt Budiger

While some anglers prefer to harvest and eat their catch, others opt to practice catch and release. Vermont Fish & Wildlife offers several catch and release-only seasons along with regular fishing seasons to provide a diversity of angling opportunities, and the department has developed a series of tips that provide guidance on landing and safely releasing fish to ensure they will survive to be caught another day.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife views thousands of fish photographs each year showing some of the best fish catches annually from across the state. According to department fisheries biologists, one commonly seen mistake is how fish are held for a photograph before being released.

“Holding a fish horizontally, not vertically, is the best if you must hold a fish up for a photo,” said Shawn Good, fisheries biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. “There’s a lot of pressure on a fish’s internal organs when held out of the water, especially when held vertically. Fish live in a neutrally buoyant environment — the water helps support their internal organs. Holding a big fish vertically could cause internal damage.”

Good pointed out a couple of other key tips for holding fish.

“Using two hands to support the fish horizontally is the best way to lift a fish for a photo,” said Good. “A good way is to place one hand just under or behind the head and the other under the belly or around the narrow part just ahead of the tail.”

Additionally, Good cautions not to squeeze a fish’s side too hard, or bend its jaw down at an extreme angle as often seen when anglers hold bass.

“Also, keep your fingers out of the fish’s gills as they’re very sensitive and can cause the fish to bleed if damaged,” concluded Good.

Catch and Release Tips

ALWAYS BE GENTLE

Remove hooks carefully. Never rip out a hook!

Use the **“hook shake”** technique. Reach into the fish’s mouth and grasp the hook shank with fingers or pliers. Lift the fish and rotate the hook shank down and shake gently, allowing the fish to slide off the hook.

Hooked in the gills, throat, or stomach? Cut the hook off and leave it in. It will rust out of the fish in a short time period.



Consider using barbless hooks and replacing treble hooks.

Single hooks reduce injury and make live release quicker and easier on the fish.



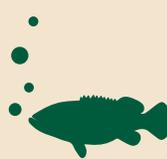
Before releasing a tired fish, cradle it in a swimming position.

Move it gently in an “s” pattern to force fresh water through its gills until the fish is able to maintain an upright position on its own.



Using live bait?

Watch your line and set the hook as soon as possible to avoid having the fish swallow the bait.



Keep the fish in the water, if possible.

Limit the fish’s contact with other objects to protect its slime coating, which is critical to fish health.



Don’t wear out the fish!

Exhausted fish are at higher risk of dying after release. Landing and releasing a fish quickly will improve its recovery.



Ice fishing?

Avoid exposing the fish to the freezing air. Unhook in the water.



Use the right size net!

Big fish shouldn’t be folded into small nets.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife offers many catch and release fishing opportunities to anglers, including special seasons and waters that are designated as catch and release only. To learn more, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fish.

Hey! Let Me Go!

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department works to protect and restore rare and endangered fish species. To help us in this effort, we're asking anglers to learn to identify these species and release them immediately if caught while fishing.

Muskellunge (or "muskie")



More than 50,000 muskies have been stocked in the Missisquoi region in an effort to bring this majestic fish species back to Lake Champlain. If these muskies survive and begin reproducing naturally, they will provide an exciting fishing opportunity in Vermont. They are sometimes difficult to distinguish from northern pike or chain pickerel, or the increasingly common pike-pickerel hybrid.

While anglers may legally target muskie statewide with artificial flies and lures, all muskie caught anywhere in Vermont must be released immediately.

Sturgeon



The lake sturgeon is listed as an endangered species in Vermont. Biologists have documented spawning activity in Vermont rivers that were historical sturgeon spawning sites, and they are working to restore sturgeon by improving habitat, restoring stream flow, removing obstructions in rivers, and lessening the impact of sea lamprey predation. Anglers may not target sturgeon and must release them if caught incidentally. Please report the sighting to the department.

Sauger



Sauger populations are declining across their range and Vermont is no exception. To help protect this fish, a new regulation prohibits anglers from harvesting sauger. Since walleye and sauger are similar in appearance, anglers should learn how to distinguish between the two. If a sauger is caught incidentally, anglers must release it and should report the sighting to the department.

SAUGER OR WALLEYE?

Please Learn the Difference

Black spots on dorsal fin

Dark, mottled coloration often present on sides



WALLEYE

SAUGER

Black membrane between last two or three spines on dorsal fin.
No dark spots on the membrane of the dorsal fin.

White tip on bottom of tail

License Information



Tom Rogers

Buying Your License

Anyone can apply for a fishing license. There is no requirement to have had a previous fishing license.

Important things to remember:

- Fill in your information as you wish it to appear on your license. Your printed license and a photo ID should be carried whenever you go fishing, hunting, or trapping.
- If you are purchasing a term fishing license (a fishing license for a shorter duration than the whole year), make sure you specify the day you plan to start fishing. Term fishing licenses are for consecutive days.
- If you are purchasing a hunting, combination, archery, or trapping license, you must have held a previous hunting, combination, archery, or trapping license in Vermont, any other state, or Canada, or have passed a state of Vermont-approved safety course. You may complete the license affidavit form certifying that you have held this type of license previously or passed a state of Vermont-approved safety course.

We offer three easy ways to purchase all fishing or combination licenses:

1. Go online to www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

You will need the following:

- **A printer to print your license.** Printing requires Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer. You can download the free Acrobat Reader software from our website.
- **A credit card.** We accept Visa, Discover, or MasterCard for payment.

Nice to have ready if you have one:

- **Your Conservation Identification Number or CID #.** You can look up your Conservation ID on the website or find it on your previous license.

2. Visit one of our district offices or authorized license agents. A list of license agents is available at www.vtfishandwildlife.com, or you can call us at (802) 828-1190 for an agent closest to you.
3. Print a license application from www.vtfishandwildlife.com, fill out, and send in with your payment.

Licenses Are Required

Any person engaged in fishing, hunting, or taking any wild animals must be properly licensed, except as listed below under exceptions. Wild animals are defined by law as ALL animals, including birds, amphibians, and reptiles, other than domestic animals.

License Possession

Appropriate licenses must be carried while hunting, fishing, trapping, or transporting fish, game, or furbearers. The licenses must be exhibited on demand of a state game warden or other enforcement officer, or the owner of the land on which such person is hunting, fishing, or trapping. See *Title 10 V.S.A. Section 4266*. An electronic or digital copy of the license is acceptable, except for minor children who are hunting with rifle or bow must still carry a paper license signed by their parent.

FREE Fishing Days

The second Saturday in June and the last Saturday in January are Free Fishing Days in Vermont. Residents and nonresidents may fish without a license. All legal fishing methods and limits apply.

My License Covers What?

Fishing licenses cover fishing throughout the year.

Combination licenses include a late-season bear tag and a November-season legal buck tag. They also cover small-game hunting. Add-on licenses are required for early season bear,

archery deer season, muzzleloader deer season, and turkey seasons (each with their own tags).

Resident Status

In order to obtain resident annual licenses, a person must have lived in Vermont for the six months immediately prior to applying for a license and NOT claimed residence elsewhere for any other reason.

An applicant for a resident lifetime license must have been a resident for at least 12 months or must be a dependent of a resident.

A nonresident student who is enrolled in a high school, college, or university within the state is entitled to a resident fishing, hunting, or combination license.

To qualify, the student must have successfully completed two successive semesters at his or her Vermont secondary school, college, or university, must present an admission card, and must pay the resident fee.

Exceptions to License Requirements

A resident owner of land in Vermont, his or her spouse, and minor children may hunt within the boundary of that land and take fish from a private pond within the boundary of that land without a license within season (except if their right to obtain a license is under suspension). A nonresident owner of land has equal privilege if his or her land is NOT posted (except if their right to obtain a license is under suspension). "Posted" means any signage that would lead a reasonable person to believe that hunting is prohibited on the land, except for "Safety Zone" signs. **Children under 15 never need a license to fish.**

Military Personnel

Any resident of Vermont who is serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or is performing, or is under orders to perform, a homeland

defense or stateside contingency operation for a period of 120 or more consecutive days may obtain at no cost a hunting or fishing license or combination hunting and fishing license.

A person who obtains a license under this provision may keep the license until it expires, whether or not the person continues to serve in the armed forces.

A nonresident member of the armed forces of the United States who is on active duty and stationed at a military, air or naval post, station or base within Vermont may buy a license to hunt or fish at the resident fee.

Any questions on eligibility for military licenses?

Call (802) 828-1190 or email fwlicensing@vermont.gov.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department
Attn: Licensing
1 National Life Drive, Dewey Building
Montpelier, VT 05620-3208

Permanent Licenses

Any Vermont resident who is 66 or older may apply for and purchase a permanent license on our website, at an authorized license agent, at our district offices, or by mail.

If a permanent license holder wishes to hunt for more than one archery deer, he/she must purchase additional archery licenses. If waterfowl hunting, he/she must also purchase state and federal duck stamps and register with H.I.P. each year.

Permanent licenses do not include duck stamps or entries into the moose and antlerless lotteries or permits.

Permanent Disability Licenses

A legally blind person who is a Vermont resident may apply for a free permanent fishing license. Information is available from the Fish & Wildlife office or www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

A Vermont resident who is paraplegic or who is certified by a physician to have permanent severe physical mobility disability may receive a free permanent fishing, hunting, or combination license, if qualified, with the proper proof of disability.

“Paraplegic” is a person with permanent paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement or loss of both legs. A Statement of Disability form is available from the office or our website.

A Vermont resident who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and who is 60 percent disabled due to a service-connected disability may receive a free

fishing or combination license, if qualified, upon presentation of a certificate issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs so certified by *Title 10 V.S.A. Section 4255*.

To see if you qualify for the license, call Licensing at (802) 828-1190. If you meet the requirements, you will need to present a copy of your VA documentation listing your service-connected disability rating. You can obtain a copy of this documentation from benefits.va.gov/benefits. If you qualify for a combination license, you will also receive turkey and muzzleloader deer licenses. If you qualify for an archery license, you will receive one.

Permanent licenses do not include duck stamps or entries into the moose and antlerless lotteries or permits.

Lifetime Licenses

A resident or nonresident lifetime fishing, hunting, or combination fishing and hunting license may be obtained from the Fish & Wildlife Department. Applications are available on our website or from the office. Fees are as follows:

- for children < 1 year old = 8x current adult license price;
- for children 1-15 years old = 16x current adult license price;
- for adults 16-24 years old = 31x current adult license price;
- for adults 25-64 years old = 26x current adult license price.



The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) ensures that, in participating states, nonresident violators will receive the same treatment as resident violators. IWVC member states reciprocate in the suspension or revocation of licenses and permits resulting from violation of hunting, fishing, or trapping laws.

If an individual's license or permit privileges are revoked in one compact member state, they are subject to suspension or revocation in all other member states. For example, if a Vermont resident has their hunting privileges suspended in Minnesota, their privileges may also be suspended in Vermont and in all other compact states. This helps prevent habitual violators from relocating their illegal activities to other member states.

The IWVC also has established procedures that cause a nonresident violator who fails to comply with the terms of a citation issued in a participating state to face the possibility of the suspension of their wildlife license privileges in their home state until the terms of the citation are met. The goal of the IWVC is to facilitate improved enforcement of hunting, fishing, and trapping laws through the cooperation of law enforcement units in member states.

Lifetime and Permanent License Renewal

If you intend to hunt, fish, or trap this year, you must update by reprinting your lifetime, permanent disability or permanent license regardless of whether or not you used your tags.

This statutory requirement has been put in place to allow the department to collect accurate harvest and licensing information for lifetime licenses. There is no penalty for the failure to renew.

This updated license will include current year tags. You may update your license at no cost online at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. If you are unable to go online, you can call (802) 828-1190 or go to any authorized license agent or Fish & Wildlife office. A license agent may charge you up to \$1.50 for a reprint.

Requirements for Hunting, Combination Hunting and Fishing, Archery, and Trapping Licenses

An applicant for a hunting, combination hunting and fishing, archery, or trapping license must present either

- A previous or current hunting, combination, archery, or trapping license from Vermont or any state or Canadian province; or
- A certificate or a letter of proof showing satisfactory completion of an approved hunter safety, archery, or trapping education course from Vermont or any other state or province; or

- A signed affidavit attesting to having a prior hunting, combination, archery, or trapping license from Vermont or any other state or province.

A person under age 16 must have his or her parent or guardian sign to obtain a hunting license.

NOTE: Federal firearms laws, found at 18 U.S.C. Sect. 922, prohibit certain individuals, including those convicted of felonies or any domestic violence offense, those subject to a final relief from abuse order, and unlawful users of controlled substances, from possessing centerfire and rimfire firearms. For a complete list of prohibitions, contact the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives at (802) 865-4020.

State Border Requirements

A person with a resident Vermont fishing license may take fish anywhere in the Connecticut River, subject to the regulations of Vermont and New Hampshire. Hunting licenses for residents and nonresidents are only valid to the New Hampshire state boundary, which is the low-water mark on the Vermont side of the Connecticut River. For Lake Champlain fishing license information, see Lake Champlain Regulations, page 88.

License Revocation

10 V.S.A. Sect. 4502 – the “Uniform Point System” – provides that hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses will be revoked based on the number of points received when a person is convicted of violating a fish or wildlife law.

Suspensions

- For 10 to 14 points accumulated in five years: one-year suspension.
- For 15 to 19 points accumulated in five years: two-year suspension.
- For 20 points or more accumulated in five years: three-year suspension.
- Conviction of carelessly or negligently wounding a person by gunshot, or manslaughter by the careless and negligent use of firearms, will, by statute, revoke the hunting license privilege or the right to obtain such license for five years.
- It is illegal to hunt, fish, or trap while a license or right to obtain a license is under suspension in Vermont or any other state that is a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.
- Landowners may not hunt, fish, or trap on their land if their license is suspended.
- Fine: up to \$2,000 and additional suspension period.
- Remedial Course: A person whose license is revoked with 15 or more points accumulated in five years must successfully complete a remedial course designed to teach hunters, trappers, and anglers correct legal and ethical behavior while hunting, trapping, and fishing.
- Suspension Per Family Court Orders: Vermont hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and permits may be suspended for failure to comply with child support orders of the Family Court. 15 V.S.A. Sect. 798(b).



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General Regulations and Definitions

“Take” and “Taking”: This means pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, capturing, trapping, disturbing, harrising, worrying, wounding, snaring, or netting fish, birds, or other animals. It includes placing, setting, drawing, or using any net or other device commonly used to take fish or wild animals, whether they result in taking or not. It includes every attempt to take and every act of assistance to another person in taking or attempting to take fish or wild animals.

Camping and Trespass: It is illegal to park, drive, or camp on another person’s land without permission of the landowner. You must immediately leave the property when the landowner requests it, whether the property is posted or not. Roadside or public highway turnouts are not legal for overnight camping.

Importation of Wildlife: It is illegal to bring live wild mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, or fish into Vermont without previously obtaining an importation permit from the Fish & Wildlife Department.

Interfering With Hunters, Anglers, and Trappers: It is illegal to intentionally interfere with someone who is lawfully taking fish or wild animals, or to disrupt the taking of any fish or wild animal by harassing or disturbing the fish or animal.

Interstate Highways: No one may legally travel on foot within the right-of-way or cross-boundary fences along interstate highways. Rest areas and pullouts are NOT access areas for hunting, fishing, or entering on adjacent lands unless posted as such.

Private Roads and Lands: Vermont law prohibits obstructing private driveways, barways, or gateways with motor vehicles. People shall not drive over private lands or enter these lands for the purpose of camping without the permission of the landowner.

Season Dates: All season dates in this book are inclusive.

Violators: A person who drives, transports, scouts, counsels, or otherwise aids another person in a violation, or who knowingly possesses, consumes, or otherwise shares in the proceeds of such a violation by receiving or possessing fish or wild animals, or any parts thereof, shall be punished as a principal.

Damage to Fish & Wildlife Property: A person who damages or destroys a wildlife facsimile (decoy) owned by the Fish & Wildlife Department shall pay restitution for its replacement or repair. Whoever intentionally or recklessly damages, injures, interferes with, or destroys any property, real or personal, belonging to or controlled by the state for fish, game, or wildlife purposes shall be fined not more than \$2,500 and pay restitution to repair or replace the damaged property.

Reimbursement for Illegally Taken Fish or Wildlife

In addition to any court penalties, anyone convicted of illegally taking, destroying, or possessing wild animals must pay, as restitution, into the fish and wildlife fund no more than the following amounts:

Big Game.....	\$2,000.00
Endangered Threatened Species (T10, 5401)	\$2,000.00
Small Game	\$500.00
Fish.....	\$25.00

Threatened and Endangered Species

Anyone who takes or injures a Vermont Threatened or Endangered Species is subject to either civil enforcement or criminal prosecution for a big game violation. Criminal penalties include up to 60 days incarceration, a \$500 to \$2,000 fine, a \$2,000 payment to the fish and wildlife fund, and restitution costs. Agency civil enforcement

penalties are capped at \$42,500 for a single violation. The complete list of threatened and endangered species is available on the Fish & Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com). The list includes lake sturgeon, channel darter, eastern sand darter, stonecat, timber rattlesnake, bald eagle, spruce grouse, beach heather, great laurel, Canada lynx, marten, little brown bat, and Indiana bat. Federal penalties also may apply.

Posted Property Under Fish & Wildlife Law

Hunting, fishing, or trapping on properly posted land is illegal without **written permission**. This includes land posted for hunting, fishing, or trapping **by permission only**. Properly posted land will have records filed with the town clerk and the Fish & Wildlife Department. See *Title 10, V.S.A., Sections 5201 to 5206*.

Whether the property is posted or not, a hunter or angler shall show their license if requested by the landowner.

It is illegal to damage or remove posters prohibiting hunting, fishing, or trapping.

A person must leave the land immediately on demand of the owner, whether the land is posted or not.

Posting and By Permission Only Signs

A landowner, or a person having the exclusive right to take fish or wild animals on land or the waters thereon may maintain signs stating that hunting, fishing, or trapping, or any combination of the three is **prohibited or by permission only**.

See *10 V.S.A. Appendix Sect. 14* for fish stocking requirements to post against fishing.

Permission Only signs shall state the owner’s name and a method by which to contact the owner or a person authorized to provide permission to hunt, fish, or trap on the property.

Posting and Permission Only Signs

- The owner or person posting the land shall annually record the posting at the town clerk's office for a fee of \$5.00.
- Signs must be not less than 8½ inches by 11 inches.
- Lettering and background on the signs must be of contrasting colors.
- Signs must be maintained at all times and dated each year.
- Signs must be erected on or near all boundaries, at each corner, and not over 400 feet apart.
- Signs shall not be considered void if other language is added, as long as a reasonable person would understand that hunting, fishing, or trapping are prohibited.

Safety Zone: A property owner may establish a 500-foot Safety Zone around an occupied dwelling, residence, barn, stable, or other building with signs provided by the Fish & Wildlife Department. These signs shall be placed at each corner of the Safety Zone and no more than 200 feet apart. Shooting is prohibited in the Safety Zone, and no wild animal may be taken within it without permission from the owner.

Sale or Purchase of Fish and Game

Sale and Purchase of Fish: A person shall not buy or sell a salmon, trout, lake trout, walleye, northern pike, muskellunge, black bass, or other fish specified by regulation, taken in this state, or imported from another state or country where sale of such fish is prohibited, except such fish reared in licensed propagation farms within the state. No person shall buy fish for resale without a Fish Buyer Permit issued by the commissioner.

Game Suppers: Game suppers may be held at any time by a church, volunteer fire department, fish and game club, or other nonprofit organization with a permit issued by a state game warden.

Wild animals and fish legally taken in this state, or another state or country, may be transported and sold as part of a game supper authorized by permit. Big game provided by the Fish & Wildlife Department may also be sold at such suppers. Migratory waterfowl, cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hare, and anadromous salmon may not be sold. Permits for game suppers must state the name of the organization holding the supper, as well as the date and location of the supper. A permit needs to be

applied for at least 10 days before the date of the supper. Contact the Law Enforcement Division of the Fish & Wildlife Department for a permit application.

Transportation of Fish or Game

Transportation of fish or game is only permitted in the presence of the person who took that fish or game. A person shall not transport fish or game

- Taken by someone else unless the person who took the fish or game accompanies it;
- During closed season for that fish or game;
- If it exceeds the number or limit of fish or game that may legally be taken in a day.

However, a person traveling on land between a temporary abode, such as a hunting camp, and his or her home may transport in one day the number of fish or game that may legally be taken in two days.

While on the waters of the state, a person may not transport more than one day's limit of fish unless the fish is frozen, processed, and packaged for storage.

Public Use of Fish & Wildlife Lands

Vermont Fish & Wildlife owns 99 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), two conservation camps, five fish culture stations, and other conservation lands totaling more than 145,000 acres throughout Vermont. WMAs were created for the conservation of fish, wildlife, and their habitats, and to provide people with opportunities to enjoy these resources through fish- and wildlife-based outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, trapping, and wildlife viewing and photography. Wildlife Management Area maps are available at www.vtfishandwildlife.com or at Vermont Fish & Wildlife District Offices.

Definitions

Commercial activity means any activity or service that produces income for any person, group, business, or entity, including any activity or service by any nonprofit entity where a fee is required or requested.

Emergency situation means an unintended or unforeseen situation that poses a risk to health or life of a person or animal.

Authorized Activities

- A. Hunting, fishing, trapping, target

shooting at *designated shooting ranges*, and associated activities in accordance with all applicable Vermont Fish & Wildlife laws and regulations (where WMA maps are referred to below, go to www.vtfishandwildlife.com for more information);

- B. Fish and wildlife viewing and photography;
- C. Boating, including launching and landing, for fish- and wildlife-based activities where not otherwise prohibited by any other relevant regulations or statutes;
- D. Dispersed, wildlife-based pedestrian activities, including walking, snowshoeing, swimming, cross-country skiing, and collection of shed antlers;
- E. Noncommercial picking of berries, nuts, fungi, and other wild edibles except ginseng;
- F. Guiding for purposes of fishing, hunting, and trapping;
- G. Camping for purposes of hunting, fishing, or trapping:
 - Nonprimitive camping with a portable shelter equipped with a self-contained, portable, sanitary toilet on sites designated by the department for this purpose, for no more than 16 days during the periods of May 1–31 and Sept. 1–Dec. 15; see WMA maps for designated campsite locations.
 - Primitive camping (occupying a site in a natural environment with no developed facilities, leaving the site in its original condition so there is no or minimal evidence of human visitation) on the following WMAs for no more than three consecutive nights; campsites must be at least 200 feet from any waterbody, property line, or road within the following WMAs: Arthur Davis, Atherton Meadows (not allowed south or east of Route 100), Bald Hill, Bill Sladyk, Birdseye, Buck Lake (not allowed June, July, August), Calendar Brook, Clover Hill, East Hill (not allowed on Hunting Rights Only parcels), Hawks Mountain, Les Newell, Middlesex, Middlesex Notch, Pine Mountain, Plymbsbury, Podunk, Pomainville (not allowed west of Route 7), Riley Bostwick, Roaring Brook (allowed only on WMA contiguous with Vernon Town Forest; not allowed on private inholdings and Hunting Rights

Only parcels), Roy Mountain, Steam Mill Brook (not allowed on Flagg Pond parcel), Victory Basin, Washington, West Fairlee, West Mountain, Whipple Hollow, Whipstock Hill, White River (not allowed east of the White River), Wild Branch, Willoughby Falls WMA (allowed only on main parcel in area not mapped as wetland, west of Tarbox Hill Rd and east of Interstate 91), Worcester Woods.

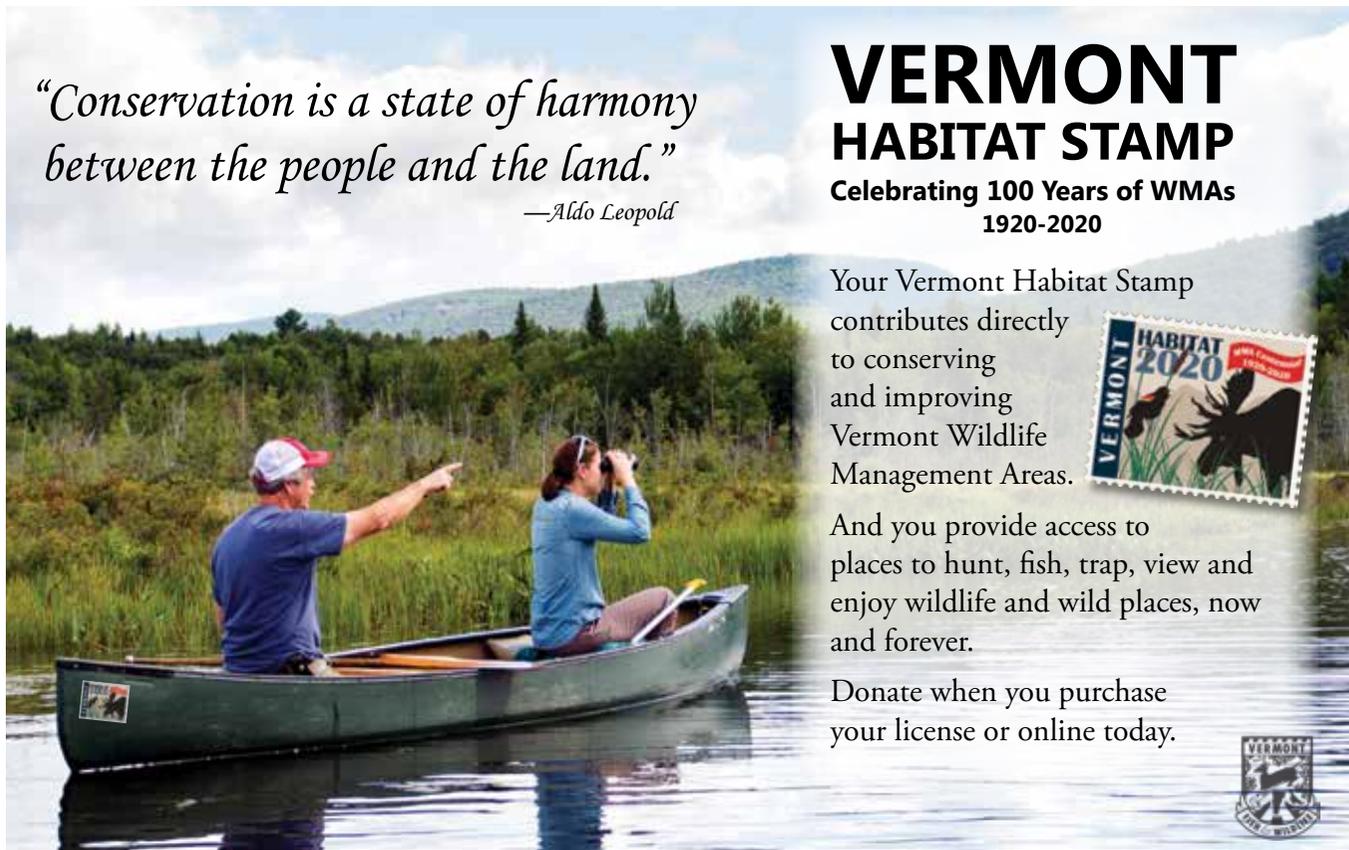
Prohibited Activities

- The operation of any ATV, UTV, or any wheeled or tracked motorized vehicle not registered for public highway use, except as provided under special permit from the commissioner issued in accordance with Vermont law and the Americans With Disabilities Act;
- Use of motorized vehicles, except on roads specifically designated for such use (see WMA maps);
- Snowmobiling, except as approved by the department and on designated corridors (see WMA maps);
- Horseback riding, dog sledding, nonmotorized cycle riding, or use of motorized vehicles, except on designated corridors (see WMA maps);

- Draft and pack animals, except for retrieval of legally harvested moose, deer, and black bear during the respective hunting season(s);
- Commercial activities, except for guiding for purposes of fishing, hunting, and trapping, or wildlife viewing;
- Artifact or fossil collection;
- Fires, except in emergency situations, or for nonprimitive and primitive camping as specified in this rule;
- Abandoning or disposing of any animal carcass, or their parts, except that portions of fish or game legally harvested on the property may be deposited on site during routine field processing for preservation and transport, or parts used in conjunction with legal trapping;
- Construction or placement of temporary or permanent structures, except for tree stands and ground blinds as specified for use on state Wildlife Management Areas under **General Hunting Information**, and duck blinds as specified under the **Game Bird Hunting** section of the Hunting/Trapping Guide;
- Collection of plants, trees, evergreen brush, or limbs, except wild edibles when allowed under of this rule;
- Use of any fireworks or pyrotechnic devices, except signal flares in an emergency situation;
- Feeding or baiting of wildlife, except if otherwise authorized by law;
- Taking of fish from a fish culture station, except during special events established by the department, including, but not limited to, fishing derbies, clinics, and educational events;
- Entering within 500 feet of any building or other associated infrastructure that is associated with a department fish culture station or conservation camp during times of the day other than those times posted for public use;
- Parking of vehicles, except while engaged in an authorized activity;
- All other activities not specifically authorized by this rule, or authorized in writing by the commissioner, including, but not limited to, parasailing, hang gliding, recreational rock climbing, and geocaching.

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—Aldo Leopold



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General Requirements, Definitions, and Prohibitions



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Fishing Licenses

Anyone fishing, in possession of, or transporting fish taken in Vermont waters or the Vermont/New Hampshire waters of the Connecticut River must be properly licensed and must carry the license on his/her person. The license must be shown on demand of a state game warden or other enforcement officer, or at the request of the owner of the land on which he/she is fishing.

See Table 10 (page 90) for specific Connecticut River fishing license requirements.

See Lake Champlain Regulations for reciprocal license information, page 88.

Shooting by Bow and Arrow or Spear Gun or Spearing

A person is required to hold a hunting or combination license to take fish by hand-held spear, spear gun, or shooting. A person is required to hold a fishing or combination license to take fish by bow or crossbow.

A person who takes a fish by hand-held spear, spear gun, bow or crossbow with line attached to arrow, in accordance with 10 V.S.A. App § 122, shall keep the fish in his or her possession until the fish is permanently removed from waters of the state and used or disposed of properly.

Hand-Held Spear: A manually powered spear used from above the water's surface.

Spear Gun: A pneumatic or rubber band-powered device, with a line not to exceed 20 feet attached to a spear, used from below the water's surface. Spear guns shall be loaded and discharged only beneath the surface of the water and shall be used while snorkeling/free diving only. Spearing while scuba diving is not permitted.

Fishing Methods

Angler

Any person engaged in the take or attempted take of fish, by any method.

Open-Water Fishing

Fishing by means of hook and line in hand or attached to a rod or other device in open water, or fishing by casting or trolling baited hooks, artificial flies, or lures is considered open-water fishing. A person may take fish only by using not more than two lines of which he or she has immediate control. Each line may not have more than two baited hooks or three artificial flies or two lures with or without bait.

Ice Fishing

Ice fishing is fishing by means of hook and line in hand or attached to a rod, tip-up, jack, or bob, where the angler is fishing through a hole in the ice, from the ice, or on an object supported by the ice. Fishing by casting or trolling baited hooks, artificial flies, or lures shall not be considered ice fishing. A person may take fish only by using not more than eight lines, except on Lake Champlain where no more than fifteen lines may be used. He or she must have immediate control over all lines. Each line may not have more than two baited hooks or three artificial flies or two lures with or without bait. Six lines are allowed on the Connecticut River.

Catch and Release

Catch and release is open-water fishing as explained elsewhere, except that fish must be released immediately where caught.

Fishing Tools

Baited Hook: A single shank hook with one, two, or three points that may be baited with natural or artificial bait or both.

Downrigger: A device used to deliver fishing lines to a desired depth, and when so used, not considered a fishing line.

Fly: A single pointed hook, dressed with feathers, hair, thread, tinsel, or any similar material wound on or about the hook to which no hooks, spinners, spoons, or similar devices have been added.

Lure: A man-made device designed to catch only one fish at a time, to include a spoon, plug, spinner, bait harness, tandem-hook streamer, or lead head jig.

Planer Board: A device used to deliver fishing lines to a desired location, and when so used, not considered a fishing line.

Seasons and Hours

It is illegal to take fish of a species unless the season for that species is open on those waters.

It is illegal to fish when no season is open in those waters, or if those waters are posted as closed by regulations of the Fish & Wildlife commissioner or board.

The legal fishing day is the 24-hour period beginning at 12:00 midnight and continuing until the next 12:00 midnight. During the open season, fish may be taken at any hour of the legal fishing day, except where a shorter legal fishing day is specified in the **General Fishing Regulations and Exceptions**, or where posted otherwise.

Free Fishing Days

Vermont has two Free Fishing Days during which anyone, resident or nonresident, may fish without a license. Vermont's summer free fishing day occurs each year on the second Saturday in June. Vermont's winter free fishing day occurs each year on the last Saturday in January. All legal fishing methods and limits still apply.

Limits

The daily limit refers to the number of fish legal to keep during the legal fishing day.

The possession limit is the number of fish caught on more than one legal fishing day that an angler or ice fisherman may have in his/her possession; equal to double the daily limit.

Cull Fish

Carp, tench, rudd, shad (alewife and gizzard shad), and goldfish are considered to be “cull fish.” Additional invasive/exotic fish species may be designated by the commissioner as “cull fish.”

Immediate Control

Open-Water Fishing

A person fishing by open-water fishing must have immediate control over his or her lines. Immediate control refers to such constant control as would enable an angler to respond without delay to a fish taking his or her bait, lure, or fly.

Ice Fishing

A person ice fishing shall, at all times, have immediate control over all lines they operate. A person ice fishing shall be able to visually observe lines they operate. Any line that indicates a fish shall be tended within 30 minutes.

Fish Length Restrictions and Filleting Fish

Fish with a length restriction may be filleted or consumed on the water so long as the head, vertebrae, and tail are retained intact to enable determination of fish length. The length of a fish is considered the longest straight line and flat distance from the tip of the fish’s snout to the tip of the longer lobe of its tail when the two lobes are forced together.

Foul Hooking

Foul hooking (PROHIBITED) is hooking a fish in any other part of the body than the mouth with a hook or hooks, or manipulating hooks to hook a fish in a body part other than the mouth. A person fishing by open-water fishing or ice fishing shall not take any fish unless it is hooked in the mouth. Any fish not hooked in the mouth shall be immediately released without unnecessary injury.

Snagging

Taking or attempting to take fish by snagging is PROHIBITED in all Vermont waters. Snagging shall mean the intentional hooking of a fish in a place other than the inside of the fish’s mouth. No person shall pull, jerk, or otherwise purposefully and/or repeatedly manipulate a hook, or hooks and line, to snag or hook a fish in any method other than to entice a fish into taking, by mouth, a hook, lure, or fly. Repeated and/or exaggerated jerking or pulling of the fishing line and/or hooks in any attempt to snag fish, whether it results in physically snagging a fish or not, shall be prima-facie evidence that snagging

has taken place. This shall not apply to the use of a gaff to land a fish that has been legally hooked.

Baitfish Use and Restrictions

Commercially Purchased Baitfish

Anglers may not import baitfish into the State of Vermont without a Fish Importation Permit except:

- A person may purchase baitfish from a New York baitshop for use in the Lake Champlain black-list water (as outlined on page 27) or a New Hampshire baitshop for use in the Connecticut River black-list water, provided the baitshop is Vermont-licensed, and the baitfish are accompanied by a Vermont-issued baitfish transportation receipt. Baitfish purchased in New York or New Hampshire for use on Lake Champlain or the Connecticut River must also adhere to the list of approved species in Vermont. For a description of the Lake Champlain and Connecticut River black-list waters please see the Black-list Waters section on page 27–28.

A person purchasing commercial baitfish must retain and show upon request a transportation receipt issued by a state-approved commercial bait dealer, authorizing transportation of baitfish overland by motorized vehicle. The receipt must contain the following information: 1) A unique receipt identification number, 2) Name/telephone number of the bait dealer, 3) date/time of sale, 4) species purchased, 5) quantity purchased, 6) baitfish zone or black-list water (limited to one) in which the baitfish will be used, and 7) the signature of purchaser.

A transportation receipt is valid for 10 days from the time and date of sale only for the baitfish zone or black-list water recorded on the receipt. For descriptions of black-list waters and baitfish zones please see the Baitfish Zones and Black-list Waters Map on page 29 and the Black-list Waters and Baitfish Zones sections on page 26–28.

Baitfish may be held beyond the 10-day period on the water in a pen or baitbox 25 cubic feet or less in volume. The baitbox must be marked with name, address, and telephone number of the owner and user.

A person may transport unused commercially purchased baitfish away from a waterbody and use it within 10 days in the same baitfish zone or black-list water as indicated on the transportation receipt:

Zoned baitfish receipt (East Zone/ West Zone)

- May be used on multiple non-black-list waters in the same zone.
- May be used on a black-list water in that specific zone, but once used on that water it cannot be taken off the water.
- May not be used in a different baitfish zone other than what’s indicated on the receipt.

Black-list water baitfish receipt

- May be used back and forth ONLY on the black-list water listed on the receipt (Note: Commercially purchased rainbow smelt may not be transported off the black-list water once brought onto the water)

A person transporting unused commercially purchased baitfish away from a waterbody for later use may hold them in any non-black-list water within the baitfish zone listed on the baitfish transportation receipt as long as:

- The baitfish did not come in contact with a black-list water, AND
- The baitfish may not be stored in waters where baitfish use is prohibited.

A person transporting unused commercially purchased baitfish away from a waterbody to use later may not store them in waters of a different baitfish zone. These baitfish must be kept in a closed container isolated from any flow of lake, pond, or stream water.

Commercially prepared and preserved baitfish and fish eggs available from retail stores may be purchased and used as bait, taken home, and kept for later use provided they are retained in the original packaging at all times.

Personal Baitfish Harvest

Personally harvested baitfish may be used on the same waterbody from which they were collected. A person may harvest and use only the following fish species (*Approved Species*) as bait: banded killifish, blacknose dace, bluntnose minnow, common shiner, creek chub, eastern silvery minnow, emerald shiner, fallfish, fathead minnow, golden shiner, longnose dace, longnose sucker, mimic shiner, northern redbelly dace, spottail shiner, white sucker. Rainbow smelt may be taken only by open-water/ice fishing.

Bluegill, pumpkinseed, rock bass, and yellow perch may be taken only by open-water/ice fishing and used for bait only in those waters where taken.

On Lake Champlain, alewife and white perch may be taken only by open-water/ice fishing and used as bait in Lake Champlain; Alewife may only be used/possessed if dead.

Except in Seasonally Closed Waters, baitfish may be taken for personal use by the following methods: a) minnow traps no longer than 18 inches with an entrance not exceeding 1 inch in diameter; b) dip nets, cast nets, and umbrella nets not exceeding a total of 51 square feet of mesh, or a seine net not exceeding 25 feet in length; c) open-water fishing/ice fishing by hook and line.

In Seasonally Closed Waters, the personal harvest of baitfish is only allowed between the second Saturday in April through Oct. 31, during open season for trout, and then only by open-water fishing or the use of minnow traps no longer than 18 inches with an entrance not exceeding 1 inch in diameter. Most lakes, ponds, and streams that follow Table 1 and Table 3 (pages 84 and 85) rules are Seasonally Closed Waters.

Anglers may hold baitfish on the water in a pen or baitbox 25 cubic feet or less in volume. All traps, nets, baitboxes or other holding receptacles capable of taking, holding or keeping live baitfish in public waters must be marked with the name, address, and telephone number of the owner and user.

The personal harvest of baitfish is prohibited on any waterbody of the state that is defined as closed to baitfish harvest. The department will maintain and make available a list of closed waters.

Personal Baitfish Harvest – Movement/Transport

Personally harvested baitfish taken from black-list waters may not be transported away or used on any other waterbody. For a list and description of black-list waters please see the Baitfish Zones and Black-list Waters Map on page 29 and the Black-list Waters section on pages 27–28.

Anglers who wish to use, sell, or transport personally harvested wild baitfish outside of the waterbody in which they were harvested must possess and show upon request a wild baitfish endorsement on their fishing/combination license. To obtain this wild baitfish endorsement, anglers must successfully complete a wild baitfish endorsement course online. To learn more about the rules associated with catching and using your own wild baitfish and to learn about the wild baitfish endorsement course please go to www.vtfishandwildlife.com/wild-baitfish and refer to the full baitfish regulation (10 V.S.A App. §141).

Anglers who possess a valid wild baitfish endorsement on their fishing/combination license may transport personally harvested baitfish away from a non-black-list water and use it in the same baitfish zone it was harvested in as long as the use of baitfish is allowed on that water. Refer to the Baitfish Zones and Black-list Waters Map on page 29 or the Index of Waters on

pages 59–83 to determine what baitfish zone a waterbody is located in.

Anglers who possess a valid wild baitfish endorsement on their fishing/combination license may hold personally harvested baitfish in any non-black-list water within the baitfish zone they were harvested in as long as:

- The baitfish did not come in contact with a black-list water, AND
- The baitfish may not be stored in waters where baitfish use is prohibited.

Anglers who possess a valid wild baitfish endorsement on their fishing/combination license may hold personally harvested baitfish in a different baitfish zone if the baitfish are kept in a container isolated from any flow of lake, pond, or stream water or outflows to such waters of the state.

Fish eggs may be collected from legally harvested fish from a Vermont water and used immediately as bait on that water unless that waterbody is closed to baitfish collection. Personally harvested fish eggs must not be transported and used in any other waterbody. It is illegal to transport fish eggs back and forth from the same waterbody for use as bait unless they have been processed in a manner approved by the department.

Personally Harvested Baitfish Sale

It is illegal for an angler to sell personally harvested baitfish except:

- Anglers may sell personally harvested baitfish to another angler while on the same waterbody where the baitfish were personally harvested.
- Anglers who possess a valid wild baitfish endorsement on their fishing/combination license may sell personally harvested rainbow smelt from a non-black-list water to a licensed commercial baitfish dealer as long as:
 - ▶ The dealer possesses a valid zone-specific commercial baitfish dealers permit for the same baitfish zone the rainbow smelt were harvested in.
 - ▶ The angler must complete and sign an affidavit specifying the waterbody where the personally harvested rainbow smelt were harvested from. This form will be provided from the department to the commercial baitfish dealer.

Approved Species of Fish for use as Bait

- Banded killifish
- Blacknose dace
- Bluntnose minnow
- Common shiner
- Creek chub

- Eastern silvery minnow
- Emerald shiner
- Fallfish
- Fathead minnow
- Golden shiner
- Longnose dace
- Longnose sucker
- Mimic shiner
- Northern redbelly dace
- Spottail shiner
- White sucker
- Rainbow smelt may be taken only by open-water/ice fishing and may be commercially sold as bait.
- Bluegill, pumpkinseed, rock bass, yellow perch may only be taken by open-water/ice fishing and used for bait only in those waters where taken and shall not be transported alive from waters where caught.

On Lake Champlain bluegill, pumpkinseed, rock bass, yellow perch and white perch may be taken by open-water fishing or ice fishing, may not be transported alive, may only be used for bait on Lake Champlain, and may not be commercially harvested or sold as bait. Alewife may only be used/possessed if dead.

All other species of fish are prohibited for use as bait.

Baitfish Zones

Baitfish Zone Dividing Line – A line extending from the Massachusetts border following Route 8A north to Route 112, north on Route 112 to Route 100 in Whitingham, north on Route 100 to East Jamaica, northwest on Route 30/100 to Rawsonville, north on Route 100 to Ludlow, north on Route 103/100 to Grahamville, north on Route 100 to Route 4/100, west on Route 4/100 to Killington, north on Route 100 to Morrisville, west on Route 15/100 to Hyde Park, north on Route 100 to Troy, north on Route 101 to Route 105, north on Route 105 to Route 243 in North Troy, north on Route 243 to the Canadian border.

Eastern Baitfish Zone – The baitfish zone including waters lying east of the Baitfish Zone Dividing Line.

Western Baitfish Zone – The baitfish zone including waters lying west of the Baitfish Zone Dividing Line.

Refer to the Baitfish Zones and Black-list Waters Map on page 29 and the Index of Waters on pages 59–83 to determine what baitfish zone a particular waterbody is located in.

Black-list Waters

- **Connecticut River (B-CT)** defined as all waters of the river including the bays, setbacks, and tributaries, only to the first highway bridge crossing said tributaries on the Vermont side. Also including the following tributaries to the following boundaries:
 - ▶ **Ottawaquechee River** to the top of the North Harland Dam in the town of Hartland
 - ▶ **West River** to the Interstate 91 highway bridge in the town of Brattleboro
 - ↳ Including Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro
- **Lake Champlain (B-LC)** (see 10 App. §122 Section 7.0) including setbacks at the same level and tributaries to the following boundaries:
 - ▶ **Dead Creek** to Panton Road bridge in Panton
 - ▶ **East Creek** to the falls in Orwell (downstream of Mount Independence Road)
 - ▶ **Lamoille River** to the top of the first dam (Peterson Dam) in Milton
 - ▶ **LaPlatte River** to the falls in Shelburne (under Falls Road bridge)
 - ▶ **Lewis Creek** to falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road)
 - ▶ **Little Otter Creek** to falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Road)
 - ▶ **Malletts Creek** to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (US 2 and US 7) in Colchester
 - ▶ **Mill River** in Georgia to the falls in Georgia (just upstream of Georgia Shore Road bridge)
 - ▶ **Missisquoi River** to the top of Swanton Dam in the Village of Swanton
 - ▶ **Mud Creek** to the dam in Alburg (just upstream of Route 78 bridge)
 - ▶ **Otter Creek** to the top of the dam in the city of Vergennes
 - ▶ **Poultney River** to Central Vermont Power Dam at Carver Falls in West Haven
 - ↳ Including **Coggman Pond**, West Haven
 - ▶ **Rock River** to the first Canadian border crossing
 - ▶ **Winooski River** to the Winooski One hydropower dam west of Main Street (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington
- **Lake Bomoseen (B)**
- **Lake Carmi (B)** including the outflow to the top of Mill Pond Dam in the town of Franklin

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- **Lake Memphremagog (B–M)** including the following tributaries:
 - ▶ **Clyde River** to the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse in Newport City
 - ▶ **Barton River** to the downstream side of the US Route 5 bridge southernmost and closest to the village of Barton
 - ▶ **Johns River** to the downstream edge of the bridge on Beebe Road (TH #3) in the town of Derby
 - ▶ **Halls Creek** to the headwaters
 - ▶ **Black River** to the top of the falls at Old Harmon Mill in the town of Coventry
- **Lake St. Catherine (B)** Including Lilly Pond and Little Lake
- **Batten Kill (B–BK)** and its associated tributaries including but not limited to:
 - ▶ **Bourn Brook**
 - ▶ **Bromley Brook**
 - ▶ **Chunks Brook**
 - ▶ **Dry Brook**
 - ▶ **Green River**
 - ▶ **Lye Brook**
 - ▶ **Mad Tom Brook**
 - ▶ **Mill Brook**
 - ▶ **Roaring Branch**
 - ▶ **Warm Brook**
 - ▶ **West Branch Batten Kill**
 - ▶ **White Creek**

Commercial Bait Dealers

Only persons operating a place of business and offering baitfish for sale to the public may apply for and hold a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit. Any person who buys baitfish for resale or sells baitfish is required to obtain a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit from the Commissioner except:

- A person who only sells commercially preserved baitfish which are chemically treated in a manner approved by the department and then packaged for retail sale does not require a permit.
- A person is selling personally harvested baitfish as outlined in the Personally Harvested Baitfish Sale section on page 26 does not require a permit.

Commercial bait dealers may sell the following fish species as bait: banded killifish, blacknose dace, bluntnose minnow, common shiner, creek chub, eastern silvery minnow, emerald shiner, fallfish, fathead minnow, golden shiner, longnose dace, longnose sucker, mimic shiner, northern redbelly dace, spottail shiner, and white sucker.

Commercial bait dealers may also sell rainbow smelt as bait, provided they are obtained from a fish hatchery approved by the commissioner or harvested and sold following the below conditions for either a waterbody-specific bait dealer or a zone-specific bait dealer.

Commercial bait dealers must declare in their permit application if they will be a statewide baitfish dealer, waterbody-specific baitfish dealer, or a zone-specific baitfish dealer (limited to one).

Statewide baitfish dealers are prohibited from possessing, buying, or selling wild caught baitfish.

- Baitfish sold by statewide baitfish dealers must originate from a fish hatchery approved by the commissioner and must hold or keep baitfish in waters drawn from a secure well, a municipal water source, or other water source approved by the Fish & Wildlife Department.
- Baitfish sold by statewide baitfish dealers may be used in waters throughout the state, except those waters listed as closed to baitfish use.

Waterbody-specific baitfish dealers must declare on their permit application the black-list water on which they are located.

- Waterbody-specific baitfish dealers may harvest wild baitfish only from the declared black-list water and offer them for sale and use only on that black-list water.
- Waterbody-specific baitfish dealers must have baitfish holding facilities that discharge only to their declared black-list waterbody and no other waters of the state.

Zone-specific baitfish dealers must declare on their permit application the non-black-list water and baitfish zone on which they are located.

- Zone-specific baitfish dealers may harvest and purchase wild baitfish only from non-black-list waters from the declared baitfish zone and offer them for sale and use only in that baitfish zone or black-list water within that baitfish zone, except those waters listed as closed to baitfish use.
- Zone-specific baitfish dealers must be located in the baitfish zone which they intend to harvest, purchase, hold, and sell baitfish unless otherwise permitted for on a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit.
- Zone-specific baitfish dealers may purchase personally harvested wild rainbow smelt as outlined in the Personally Harvested Baitfish Sale section on page 26 provided they maintain a list of smelt purchases which include the name, address,

telephone number, and signature of the angler who sold the smelt to the dealer, date of sale, quantity of smelt purchased, and waterbody of origin. Such a form will be provided by the Fish & Wildlife Department to the Commercial Bait Dealer.

- Zone-specific baitfish dealers are prohibited from harvesting or purchasing wild baitfish which have come into contact with a black-list water. Dealers are also prohibited from holding or keeping baitfish in water drawn from a black-list water.
- Zone-specific baitfish dealers must have baitfish holding facilities that discharge only to their declared baitfish zone unless other permitted for on a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit.

Commercial baitfish dealers which harvest wild baitfish must not operate dip nets, cast nets, or umbrella nets exceeding 51 square feet of mesh, or a seine net exceeding 125 feet in length, for the purposes of taking fish for bait, unless otherwise permitted for on a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit. Baitfish netting is prohibited in all seasonally closed waters, unless otherwise provided for on a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit.

All traps, nets, baitboxes, or other holding receptacles capable of taking, holding, or keeping live baitfish in public waters must be marked with the name, address, and telephone number of the owner and user.

The commercial harvest of baitfish is prohibited on any waterbody of the state that is defined as closed to baitfish harvest. The department will maintain and make available a list of closed waters.

A commercial bait dealer must provide to each customer at the point of sale a copy of a transportation receipt containing the following information: 1) A unique receipt identification number, 2) The name and telephone number of the bait dealer, 3) time and date of sale, 4) species purchased, 5) quantity purchased, 6) baitfish zone or black-list water (limited to one) in which the baitfish will be used, and 7) the signature of purchaser.

A transportation receipt is valid for 10 days from time and date of sale.

A Commercial Bait Dealer must keep receipts or records for each lot of wholesaled hatchery-raised or wild-caught baitfish introduced into their shop. Records must include name, address and telephone number of seller (for wholesaled baitfish), and date received, species identification, and quantity purchased or harvested, for wholesaled and wild-caught baitfish. The permit holder must retain the receipts and records for at least one year after the date of sale or harvest. Receipts or records must be provided to the department immediately upon request.

BAITFISH ZONES AND BLACK-LIST WATERS



Fish Stocking

A person shall not introduce fish into any public waters without a permit from the Fish & Wildlife Department.

Note: Updated requirements for persons stocking fish into private ponds and public waters took effect in 2018. Permit requirements have changed. Please consult the Fish & Wildlife Department website www.vtfishandwildlife.com for more information.

Fish Importation and Use of Imported Commercially Prepared Baitfish and Fish Eggs

It is unlawful for any person to bring into the state any fish that will be introduced into any waters of the state without an importation permit from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

These importation permits also require that the fish come from a fish hatchery approved by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

Before being imported into Vermont, dead baitfish or fish eggs must be commercially processed in a manner that allows the product to be stored without refrigeration or freezing to maintain the unopened product. Imported dead baitfish or fish eggs must be retained in the original package at all times during importation and transportation.

The importation and possession of dead fish for personal consumption or taxidermy purposes is exempt from this regulation provided any associated waste products are disposed of to guard against the introduction of fish diseases to state waters. Acceptable disposal methods include

- Placement of all fish waste products in an approved state landfill;
- Incineration of all fish waste products;
- Burial of fish on private land only, no less than one hundred feet from any public water.

For more information, go to www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Fishing Tournaments

Fishing tournaments are contests in which anglers or ice fishermen pay a fee to enter and in which the entrants compete for a prize based on the quality, size, or number of fish they catch. In order for a person or organization to hold a fishing tournament on the waters of Vermont, a permit must first be obtained from the Fish & Wildlife Department in Essex Junction [call (802) 878-1564]. Where appropriate, a fishing tournament

permit will contain a provision for live transport of fish by participants during the tournament. An angler may not enter a fish that was caught and confined to an enclosed area prior to the beginning of the tournament.

Fishing Houses

A fishing house is a fishing shanty, bob house, smelt shanty, tent, or other structure designed to be placed on the ice of the waters of Vermont for fishing or to be occupied for other purposes. These houses must have the name and address of the owner permanently and legibly affixed in waterproof paint or rustproof tag in a clearly visible place near the entrance outside of the shanty.

Tents or portable shelters are considered to be fishing houses if used for ice fishing and must be labeled with the name and address of the owner.

A fishing house shall not be placed on the ice before November 20, and it shall be removed with its contents and any surrounding debris before the ice becomes unsafe or loses its ability to support the fishing house out of the water, or before the last Sunday in March, whichever comes first.

Possession of Live Fish

No person shall have live fish in their possession that are transported in a manner that attempts to keep them alive when leaving waters of the state [10 V.S.A. Sect. 1251 (13)] except as follows:

- The person has been issued a scientific collection permit by the commissioner;
- The person has been issued a fish transportation permit by the commissioner;
- The person has been issued a breeder/s permit or fish importation permit by the commissioner.

Aquatic Nuisance Species

It is illegal to possess or transport an aquatic plant or aquatic plant part, zebra mussels, quagga mussels, rusty crayfish, Asian clam, spiny water flea, fishhook water flea, or other aquatic nuisance species to or from any Vermont waters on a vehicle, boat, personal watercraft, trailer, or other equipment.

Obstruction to Fish Passage

People are prohibited from preventing the passing of fish in any stream or outlet or inlet of a natural or artificial pond on any public stream, by means of a rack, screen, weir, or other obstruction, unless authorized by the commissioner of Fish & Wildlife.

State-Controlled Fishing Access Areas

Definitions

Commercial Activity is any activity or service that produces income to any entity or individual.

Nonprofit Charitable Organization means an entity organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Picnicking includes, but is not limited to, any activity that involves cooking, grilling, food preparation, and setup associated with eating (including setting blankets or tablecloths laid on the ground).

Camping includes any activity using a tent, camper, or motor home, or any activity involving preparation of an area for sleeping or any overnight sleeping.

Group Use is use actually or potentially involving 10 or more people or two or more vehicles at a time.

Parking is the leaving of motor vehicles or trailers unattended in an access area.

Motor Vehicles are all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscle power.

Vessel means motorboats, boats, kayaks, canoes, and sailboats.

Authorized Activities

In order of priority:

1. Open-water fishing, ice fishing, and the launching of any vessel to be used for fishing and parking of vehicles and trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with these purposes.
2. The launching of inboard and outboard motorboats engaging in any activity, and parking of vehicles and trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with that purpose.
3. Trapping, hunting, and parking of vehicles and boat trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with that purpose.
4. Launching of all nonmotorized vessels not used for commercial purposes, and parking of vehicles and boat trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with that purpose. Users shall launch from the designated nonmotorized launch site when such a site is identified.
5. ATVs and snowmobiles when being used solely for the purposes of ice fishing.
6. Permitted special uses.

HELPFUL TIPS

Streams Open to Year-Round Trout Fishing

The following stream sections are open to trout fishing year-round, according to the rules listed below:

Only artificial flies or lures may be used, except during the open season for trout (second Saturday in April through Oct. 31).

Catch and release only (trout must be immediately released where caught), except during the open season for trout.

During open season for trout, follow normal size restrictions, daily limits, and possession limits.

- **Black River** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Howard Hill Road bridge in Cavendish.
- **Deerfield River** From the Woods Road (Medburyville) bridge in Wilmington upstream approximately 2 miles to the VT Route 9W bridge in Searsburg.
- **East Creek (Rutland City)** From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approximately 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City.
- **Hoosic River** From the Vermont/New York border upstream to the Vermont/Massachusetts border.
- **Lamoille River** From the Lake Champlain boundary (top of Peterson Dam in Milton) upstream to the top of the Cadys Falls Dam in Morristown.
- **Lewis Creek** From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the State Prison Hollow Road (TH#3) bridge in Starksboro.
- **Missisquoi River** From the top of the Swanton Dam in Swanton to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.
- **Moose River** From the confluence with Passumpsic River upstream to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in St. Johnsbury.
- **Ompompanoosuc River** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Union Village Dam in Thetford.
- **Otter Creek** From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the Danby-Mt. Tabor Forest Road bridge (Forest Road #10) in Mt. Tabor.
- **Passumpsic River** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of Arnolds Falls Dam in St. Johnsbury.
- **Waits River** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Central Vermont Power Dam (Green Mountain Power Dam) in Bradford.
- **Walloomsac River** From the Vermont/New York border in Bennington upstream to the top of the former Vermont Tissue Plant Dam (downstream of Murphy Road) in Bennington.
- **West River** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Townshend Dam in Townshend.
- **White River** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the bridge on Route 107 in Bethel.
- **Williams River** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham.
- **Winooski River** From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the VT Route 2/100 in Duxbury and Waterbury.

NOTE

Check specific stream sections in **Index of Rivers and Streams** (pages 59–70) for other regulations.

Prohibited Activities

- Discarding of bottles, glass, cans, paper, junk, litter, food, or any other garbage or trash.
- Discarding of dead fish, wildlife, or portions thereof.
- Washing or cleaning of vehicles and equipment other than for the purpose of removing aquatic plants and organisms.
- Washing or cleaning of fish or wildlife.
- Camping.
- Picnicking.
- Making or maintaining fire of any kind.
- Water skiing.
- Swimming.
- Use of snowmobiles and ATVs, except for those being utilized solely for the purpose of ice fishing.
- Parking of vehicles and or trailers while the vehicle owner or user is not present at the access area or on the adjacent public waters except as otherwise permitted by the commissioner.
- Storage of vehicles and or trailers or placing of vehicles or trailers for sale.
- Withdrawal of water except as authorized under Authorized Users listed below.
- Parking in excess of 72 consecutive hours except that the commissioner may issue permits for longer parking when the commissioner determines that there will be no adverse impact on authorized uses found in Authorized Activities (page 30).
- Commercial activity except as authorized by Limited Commercial Activity described below.
- Activity that interferes with a priority use, such as, but not limited to, the

mooring or beaching of boats, using the ramp to rig a boat or boats thus obstructing use of the ramp, and the storing of boats or trailers at an access area.

- Group use not specifically authorized by the commissioner.
- Launching and recovery of sailboards, rafts, snow kites, and the parking of vehicles and trailers supporting these activities.
- All other activity that is not specifically permitted by this rule, unless specifically authorized by the commissioner.

Authorized Users

- Any person who is engaged in any authorized activity.
- Any group that has received approval for group use in accordance with this rule.
- Fire departments that have executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the commissioner for the installation and use of a dry hydrant. And then, only in accordance with their MOA. Fire departments may also use access areas without dry hydrants as emergency water sources to fight fires and will notify the local warden as soon as practicably possible.
- Individuals participating in a fishing tournament permitted under 10 V.S.A. §4613.

Limited Commercial Activity

Commercial activity at fishing access areas is limited to entities and persons taking part in activities authorized by Authorized Activities 1, 2, and 3 listed on page 30.

Special Permits

The commissioner may authorize special permits for entities or persons to use an access area for group use when the commissioner determines that there will be no adverse impact on authorized priority uses.

The commissioner may authorize the use of access areas by an educational institution or a nonprofit charitable organization conducting a fundraising event of limited duration, provided that the event will not conflict with a priority use of the access area.

Special permits shall not be issued and may be revoked immediately for activities that substantially interfere with authorized uses.

Permit fees shall be in accordance with the schedule of fees established under 10 V.S.A. §4132(e).

Speed Limit

The maximum speed on access areas shall be 15 miles per hour.

Littering

A person shall not leave trash on the ice, in the water, or on the shore or stream bank.

Lead Sinkers

It is illegal to sell, offer for sale, or use a lead sinker in Vermont. "Sinker" means any device that weighs one-half ounce or less and is attached to a fishing line for the purpose of sinking the line, and does not include other lead fishing-related items such as weighted fly line, lead-core fishing line, downrigger cannonballs, weighted flies, lures, spoons, or jig heads.



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HELPFUL TIPS

Ice Fishing for Trout, Salmon, and Bass

Ice fishing for trout, salmon, and bass is allowed on the following lakes from the third Saturday in January to March 15.

- **Big Averill Lake**, Norton and Averill
- **Big Salem Lake**, Derby
- **Caspian Lake**, Greensboro
- **Chittenden Reservoir**, Chittenden
- **Crystal Lake**, Barton
- **Echo Lake**, Charleston
- **Echo Lake**, Plymouth
- **Eden Lake**, Eden
- **Elligo Lake**, Craftsbury and Greensboro
- **Glen Lake**, Castleton, Fair Haven, and Benson
- **Harriman Reservoir**,
Whitingham and Wilmington
- **Harveys Lake**, Barnet
- **Island Pond**, Brighton
- **Joes Pond**, Cabot and Danville
- **Lake Bomoseen**, Castleton and Hubbardton
- **Lake Dunmore**, Leicester and Salisbury
- **Lake Fairlee**, Thetford, West Fairlee, Fairlee
- **Lake Hortonia**, Sudbury and Hubbardton
- **Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay)**,
Coventry, Derby, Newport City, and Newport
- **Lake Morey**, Fairlee
- **Lake Rescue**, Ludlow
- **Lake St. Catherine**, Wells and Poultney
- **Little Averill Lake**, Averill
- **Little Salem Lake**, Derby
- **Maidstone Lake**, Maidstone
- **Marshfield Reservoir (Mollys Falls Reservoir)**, Cabot
- **Miles Pond**, Concord
- **Nelson Pond (Forest Lake)**,
Calais and Woodbury
- **Newark Pond**, Newark
- **Norton Pond**, Norton
- **Parker Pond**, Glover
- **Peacham Pond**, Peacham
- **Pensioner Pond**, Charleston
- **Seymour Lake**, Morgan
- **Shadow Lake**, Glover
- **Somerset Reservoir**, Somerset
- **Sunset Lake**, Benson
- **Wallace Pond**, Canaan
- **Waterbury Reservoir**, Waterbury
- **Willoughby Lake**, Westmore
- **Woodbury Lake (Sabin Pond)**,
Calais and Woodbury

NOTE Length limits and daily limits are found in the Indexes and Tables (pages 71–89).

Always Open, Always Free

Fishing access areas offer an easy way onto the water



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Vermont Fish & Wildlife manages 196 fishing access areas that are free and open to anglers, hunters, trappers, and boaters — 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Included in the department's access program are

- 171 fishing access areas that provide boat launches for watercraft
- Fishing access areas on more than 130 unique bodies of water
- 34 fishing access areas on Lake Champlain alone
- 7 fishing access areas along the Connecticut River

Use our helpful interactive fishing access area map at www.vtfishandwildlife.com to plan your next trip on the water!

The state's 196 fishing access areas are identifiable by signs like this. They are always free and open to anglers, hunters, trappers, and boaters.



BEFORE YOU BACK DOWN THE RAMP:

1. "Load before you launch" — put all gear into your boat while in the parking lot, not on the ramp;
2. Loosen any tie-downs, insert plug;
3. Help **STOP** aquatic hitchhikers: **CHECK, DRAIN, DRY.** Make it a habit **BEFORE** launching and **BEFORE** leaving to carefully inspect and clean your vessel;
4. Back down ramp, launch and secure your boat to dock or on shore;
5. Immediately move and park your vehicle in the appropriate location.

Remember: SWIMMING OR SUNBATHING at access areas is prohibited.

Where the Fish Are

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Champlain Valley

LAKES AND PONDS	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	FISH SPECIES															
				RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	BROWN TROUT	RAINBOW SALMON	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGemouth PICKEREL	CHAIN PICKEREL	NORTHERN PHEASE	WALLEYE	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	BURBOT				
Arrowhead Mountain Lake	1	760	Ut							C	C	C	P	P	C	C	C	C	C
Lake Carmi	2	1,402	St							C	C	C		P	C	C	C	C	P
Cedar Lake (Monkton Pond)	5	123	St							C	C			C	P	C	P		
Lake Champlain	1 5 9	279,067	Xt	P	P	C	C	P	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Colchester Pond	1 5	186	Mc							C	C			C	C	C	P		
Dead Creek	5	753	Scr							P	C	C	P	P	C	C	P		
Dunmore, Lake	9	985	St	P		P	C	C	C	C				C	C	C	C	C	C
Fairfield Pond	1	446	Sud							C	P	C		C	C	C	C	P	
Fern Lake	9	69	Mc							C	P			C	C	C	C		
Indian Brook Reservoir	5	50	Mc	P						C				P	C	P	P	P	
Lake Iroquois	5	243	St							C	P	C	C	C	C	C	C		
Long Pond, Eden	2	97	Pc	P						C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P		
Long Pond, Milton	1	47	Pf							C	C	C	C	C	C	C			
Metcalf Pond	2	81	Mc							C				C	C	C	C		
Richville Reservoir	9	129	St							C	C			C	C	C	C		
Shelburne Pond	5	452	St							C	C			C	C	C	C		
Silver Lake	9	101	Sc	C	C	C				C	C						C	C	
Sugar Hill Reservoir	9	63	Uf	C													C	C	
Sunrise Lake	9	57	Pc							C	P	C							
Sunset Lake	9	202		C		P				C				C	P	C	C		
Winona Lake (Bristol Pond)	5	248	St							C	C	P	C		C	C	C	C	C

RIVERS AND STREAMS

RIVERS AND STREAMS	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	BROWN TROUT	RAINBOW SALMON	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGemouth PICKEREL	CHAIN PICKEREL	NORTHERN PHEASE	WALLEYE	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	BURBOT			
Browns River		P	P	C								P			
Huntington River		P	C	P											
Lamoille River		P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	P	P
Lamoille River North Branch		C	C	C											
Lemon Fair River						C	P	P	P	C	C				
Lewis Creek		P	P	C		P	P	P	P	P	P				
Middlebury River		C	C	C											
Missisquoi River		P	P	C		P	P	C	P	P	C	C	C	P	
New Haven River		C	C	C											
Otter Creek		C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		
Rock River						C	C	C	C	P	C	C			
Trout River		C	P	P											
Tyler Branch		C	C	P											
Winooski River		P	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	P	

ACCESS KEY: S = State; M = Municipal; G = Federal; U = Utility; P = Private; X = Multiple Owners; f = foot or carry in; ud = undeveloped; t = boats on trailer; c = cartop; r = regulated.

FISH SPECIES KEY: C = Common; P = Present.



Central Region

LAKES AND PONDS	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	FISH SPECIES																	
				RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	BROWN TROUT	RAINBOW SALMON	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGemouth PICKEREL	CHAIN PICKEREL	NORTHERN PHEASE	WALLEYE	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	BURBOT						
Berlin Pond	6	256	Mc										C		C	C	P	C	C		
Buck Lake	7	39	Sc										C					C	C	C	
Curtis Pond	6	72	St										C		C	C		C	P		
East Long Pond	7	188	Pf										P		C			C	P	C	
Eden, Lake	2	194	St							C					C		C	C	C	C	
Elmore, Lake	6	219	St												C	C		C	C	C	
Ewell Pond	7	51	St							C					C						
Forest Lake (Nelson Pond)	7	133	St							C	C	C		P	C		C	C	C	C	
Fosters Pond	7	61	St														C			C	
Green River Reservoir	2	554	Sc												C	P	C	C	C	C	
Lake Greenwood	7	91	St							C	C				C		C	C	C	C	
Lake Groton	7	414	Sr												C		C	C	C	C	
Halls Lake	7	85	Mt												C		C	C	C	C	
Harveys Lake	7	351	St							C	C	P		P	C		C		P	P	
Joels Pond	7	396	St							C	C			P	C		P	C	C	P	
Keiser Pond	7	33	St												C		C		P		
Kettle Pond	7	109	Sf							C							C		C	C	C
Levi Pond	7	22	Sf															C			
Marshfield Pond	7	68	Pc														P		P	P	P
Martins Pond	7	82	St							C									C		
Mirror Lake (No. 10 Pond)	7	85	St							C		P		P	C		C		C	C	C
Mollys Falls Reservoir	7	397	St							C	C				C	P	C	C	C	C	C
Mollys Pond	7	38	Pf												C		C				
Nichols Pond	7	171	Pc							P		P			C				C	P	C
North Montpelier Pond	7	72	St												C		C		C	C	
Noyes Pond (Seyon Pond)	7	39	Sr							C											
Osmore Pond	7	48	Sf							C										P	
Peacham Pond	7	340	St												C		C	C		C	C
Ricker Pond	7	92	Sc												C		C	C	C	C	C
Sabin Pond (Woodbury Lake)	7	142	St							C	C				P	C		C	C	C	C
Ticklenaked Pond	7	54	St												C		C	C	C	C	C
Valley Lake (Dog Pond)	7	88	Sc												C		C		C	C	C
Waterbury Reservoir	6	859	St							C	C				C		C		C	C	C
Wolcott Pond	3	74	St												C				P	C	C
Wrightsville Reservoir	6	190	St												C		C	C	C	C	C

RIVERS AND STREAMS

RIVERS AND STREAMS	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	BROWN TROUT	RAINBOW SALMON	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGemouth PICKEREL	CHAIN PICKEREL	NORTHERN PHEASE	WALLEYE	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	BURBOT
Dog River						C	C	C				
Gihon River						C	P	C				
Mad River						C	C	C				
Waits River						C	C	P				
Waterbury (Little) River						C	C	C				
Wells River						P	P					
Winooski River						C	C	C				

WHERE THE FISH ARE



Northeast Kingdom

LAKES AND PONDS	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	ACCESS															
				LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW TROUT	RAINBOW SALMON	YELLOW PERCH	NORTHERN PICKEREL	SMALLMOUTH BASS	BULLHEAD	CRAYFISH	BURBOT	RAINBOW TROUT	RAINBOW SALMON	YELLOW PERCH	NORTHERN PICKEREL	SMALLMOUTH BASS	BULLHEAD	CRAYFISH
Bald Hill Pond	3	108	St	P	C				P										P
Bean Pond	3	30	Sc	P														P	P
Beaver Pond	4	40	Sf	P															
Beck Pond	4	6	Sud	P															
Blake Pond	3	8	Sf	P															
Brownington Pond	3	139	St					C		C	C	C	P						
Caspian Lake	3	789	Mt		C	P	C	C	C								P	P	
Center Pond	4	79	St	P			P												
Charleston Pond	3	40	Uf					C		P	P	P	P						
Clyde Pond	3	186	Uc					C	P	C	C	C	C						
Coles Pond	7	125	Mc					C		P	P	P							
Comerford Reservoir	7	777	Ut		P	P		C		P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Cow Mountain Pond	4	10	Mf	P															
Crystal Lake	3	763	St		P		C	C		P	C	P	P						
Daniels Pond	3	66	St					C		C		P	P						
Derby Pond	3	207	St					C		C	C	C	P	P					
Duck Pond, Sutton	3	8	Sc	P															
Duck Pond, Waterford	8	16	Mud					C		C									
Echo Lake	3	550	St		C		C	C				C	P						C
Flagg Pond	3	111	Sud					C		C		P							
Forest Lake	7	132	St			P						P							
Great Averill Lake	4	828	St	P			C	P											
Great Hosmer Pond	3	140	St					C		C	C	P	P						
Halfway Pond	4	22	Sf							P									
Hardwick Lake	7	145	Sc					P		P		P	P						
Holland Pond	4	325	St		P	P		P		C		P							
Horse Pond	3	32	Sc					C		P		P							
Island Pond	4	626	St	P	C	C		P	C	P	C	P	C	C	C				P
Jobs Pond	3	39	St	C															
Lake Elligo	3	174	St	C	C	C	P	C		C	P	C	C	C	C				P
Lake Memphremagog	3	5,966	St	P	P	P	P	C	C	P	C	C	C	C	C	C			P
Lake Parker	3	250	St					C		C	C	C	C						
Lake Willoughby	3	1,653	St		C		C	P	C	P									C
Lewis Pond	4	68	Gc	P								C							
Little Averill Pond	4	467	Pt	P			C	P											
Little Hosmer Pond	3	180	St					C		P	P	P	P						
Long Pond, Sheffield	3	38	Sf					C											
Long Pond, Westmore	3	90	St	P			P											P	
Long Pond, Greensboro	3	100	Sf					C		P		P	P						
Lower Symes Pond	7	57	Sud					C		C		C							
Lyford Pond	7	33	Sc					C		P	P	P	P						
Mackville Pond	7	11			P			P											
Maidstone Lake	4	745	St	C	C		C					P	C	P					C
May Pond	3	116	St	P														P	
Miles Pond	8	215	St					C		C	C	C	P	P					
Moore Reservoir	4	1,235	Ut		P	P		C		P	P	C	P	P	P	P			
Neal Pond	8	185	St					C		P	C	P	C	P					
Newark Pond	3	153	St	C	P			C				C	P						
Norton Pond	4	583	St					C	C	C	C	P	C	P					
Notch Pond	4	22	Sc	P															
Nulhegan Pond	4	37	Pf					P		P		P							
Paul Stream Pond	4	20	Sf					C				P	P						
Pensioner Pond	3	173	St					C		C	C	C	P						
Perch Pond	2	7	Pc	P															
Round Pond, Holland	3	14	Sf							P									
Round Pond, Sheffield	3	13	Sf					P				C	P						
Salem Lake	3	764	St		P		P	C	C	P	C	P	C	C	P				P
Seymour Lake	3	1,769	St		P	C	C	C	P		P	C	P	P					C
Shadow Lake, Concord	8	128	St					C		C	P	P	P						
Shadow Lake, Glover	3	210	St	C		P		C		P	C	P	P						

Northeast Kingdom (cont.)

LAKES AND PONDS	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	ACCESS															
				LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW TROUT	RAINBOW SALMON	YELLOW PERCH	NORTHERN PICKEREL	SMALLMOUTH BASS	BULLHEAD	CRAYFISH	BURBOT	RAINBOW TROUT	RAINBOW SALMON	YELLOW PERCH	NORTHERN PICKEREL	SMALLMOUTH BASS	BULLHEAD	CRAYFISH
South America Pond	4	29	Pf	P															
Spectacle Pond	4	103	St		P								C		C	C	C	C	C
Stannard Pond	7	25	Sf	P															
Stiles Pond	8	154	Sud										C		C		C	C	C
Turtle Pond	4	27	Sf													P		P	
Unknown Pond, Averys Gore	4	19	Sf	P															
Unknown Pond, Ferdinand	4	12	Sf	P															
Upper Symes Pond	7	20	Sf										P		P			P	
Vail Pond	3	16	Sud		P														
Wallace Pond	4	532	St			C			P	C			C		C	C	P		
West Mountain Pond	4	60	Sc	P															
Wheeler Pond, Barton	3	15	Sc	P															P
Wheeler Pond, Brunswick	4	66	Sud										P			P		P	P
Zack Woods Pond	2	23	Sc	P															P

RIVERS AND STREAMS

RIVERS AND STREAMS	MAP NUMBER	ACCESS	LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW TROUT	RAINBOW SALMON	YELLOW PERCH	NORTHERN PICKEREL	SMALLMOUTH BASS	BULLHEAD	CRAYFISH	BURBOT
Barton River				P	P	P			P		
Black River				P	P	P			P		P
Clyde River				P	P	P	P		P	P	P
Connecticut River				P	P	P			P	P	P
Granby Stream				P							
Lamoille River				P	P	P					
Madison Brook				P							
Millers Run				P							
Missisquoi River				C	P	C					
Moose River				P	P						
Nulhegan River				P							
Nulhegan River Black Branch				P							
Nulhegan River East Branch				P	P						
Nulhegan River North Branch				P							
Passumpsic River				P	P	P					
Passumpsic River East Branch				P							
Passumpsic River West Branch				P	P						
Paul Stream				P							
Stevens River				P	P						
Willoughby River				P	P	P					

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Brook Trout

Salvelinus fontinalis



Cold-water species

Vermont's only native stream-dwelling trout. Actually a char, they have worm-like markings against a greenish back, and their flanks are covered with light yellowish spots, with small bright red spots surrounded by blue halos along the lateral midsection. They have squarish tails, hence the nickname "squaretails."

Rainbow Trout

Oncorhynchus mykiss



Cold-water species

A true native to the American West, rainbow trout were introduced in Vermont in the 1800s. Their tail and flanks are heavily spotted with small, well-defined black spots, and their flank usually has a pink or reddish stripe, for which they are named. Migratory lake-run rainbow trout are silverish in color and are called steelhead.

Pumpkinseed

Lepomis gibbosus



Warm-water species

A small, brightly colored sunfish that is representative of a group of fish called "panfish," which in Vermont includes bluegill, redbreast sunfish, rock bass, and black crappie. Panfish rarely exceed 10 inches, but they are excellent eating, abundant, and fun to catch for anglers of all ages.

Brown Trout

Salmo trutta



Cold-water species

A true trout, brown trout were first brought to Vermont from their native Europe in 1892. They have a light brown overall color, especially in streams, with dark spots intermixed with reddish-orange spots along their flanks, with each spot surrounded by a light halo.

Brown Bullhead

Ameiurus nebulosus



Warm-water species

The "horned pout" are the most common member of the catfish family in Vermont. They have smooth, olive-brown to dark-brown flanks with a sharp, stout spine on the leading edge of their dorsal and pectoral fins. They have a broad, flat mouth surrounded by six whisker-like barbels.

Smallmouth Bass

Micropterus dolomieu



Warm-water species

Closely related to largemouth bass, except they prefer cooler, clearer waters, and when their mouth is closed, their upper jaw extends only to just below their eye. Their flanks are golden green to brownish bronze, with eight to 15 dark, thin vertical bars.

Lake Trout

Salvelinus namaycush

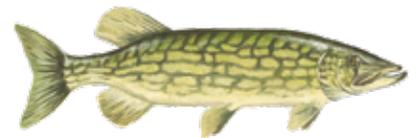


Cold-water species

A native to many of Vermont's deep, cold lakes, and like brook trout, are actually a char. They have a forked tail, white leading edges on their lower fins, and irregular light spots against a background color that ranges from light olive green to gray.

Chain Pickerel

Esox niger



Warm-water species

Chain pickerel is a member of the same family that includes northern pike. Unlike pike, pickerel have fully scaled gill covers, and their tail, dorsal, and anal fins have no conspicuous spots or blotches. Their flanks are a light, golden green, with dark, chain-like markings.

Yellow Perch

Perca flavescens



Cool-water species

One of Vermont's favorite food fishes and common to waters throughout the state. A schooling fish, yellow perch have golden-yellow flanks with six to eight dark vertical bars. In late winter and early spring, spawning males develop bright orange lower fins.

Landlocked Atlantic Salmon

Salmo salar



Cold-water species

Identical to seagoing Atlantic salmon. They have a forked tail, silvery flanks, and black spots on the upper half of their body. Unlike lake-dwelling brown trout, which they can closely resemble, salmon have no spots on their adipose and tail fins.

Largemouth Bass

Micropterus salmoides



Warm-water species

The largest member of the sunfish family in Vermont, largemouth bass have a large, round mouth when open, and when their mouth is closed, their upper jaw extends well past their eye. Their flanks are light green to golden green, with a pronounced horizontal bar.

Rainbow Smelt

Osmerus mordax

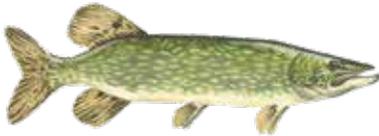


Cold-water species

A small, slender schooling fish found in Vermont's deeper and colder lakes, rainbow smelt have a strongly forked tail and iridescent silver flanks. They are a favorite forage fish of trout and salmon, and are popular with ice fishermen.

Northern Pike

Esox lucius



Cool-water species

A long, slender fish that has a large mouth and dorsal and anal fins placed far to the rear, northern pike have greenish-gray flanks with several rows of irregular, yellowish-white bean-shaped spots. Pike have scales only on the upper half of their gill covers, and their tail, dorsal, and anal fins have dark spots or blotches.

Walleye

Sander vitreus



Cool-water species

The largest member of the perch family that includes yellow perch and sauger, walleye have a large, silvery eye, a milky belly, and flanks that range from olive-brown to golden-yellow. Walleye can be differentiated from sauger, which they closely resemble, by their first dorsal fin, which is dusky colored and spotless.

HELPFUL TIPS



Courtesy of Vermont Fish & Wildlife

Fish Grow ON TREES!

Some of Vermont's most productive and beautiful streams are lined by forest.



Leaves that fall into the water feed bugs that are eaten by fish.



Trees that fall into the water provide habitat for fish.



Trees shade the water and keep it cool for fish.



Trees and shrubs slow the flow of water, which can reduce risks during floods, and filter runoff to keep streams, rivers, and lakes clean.

What you can do?

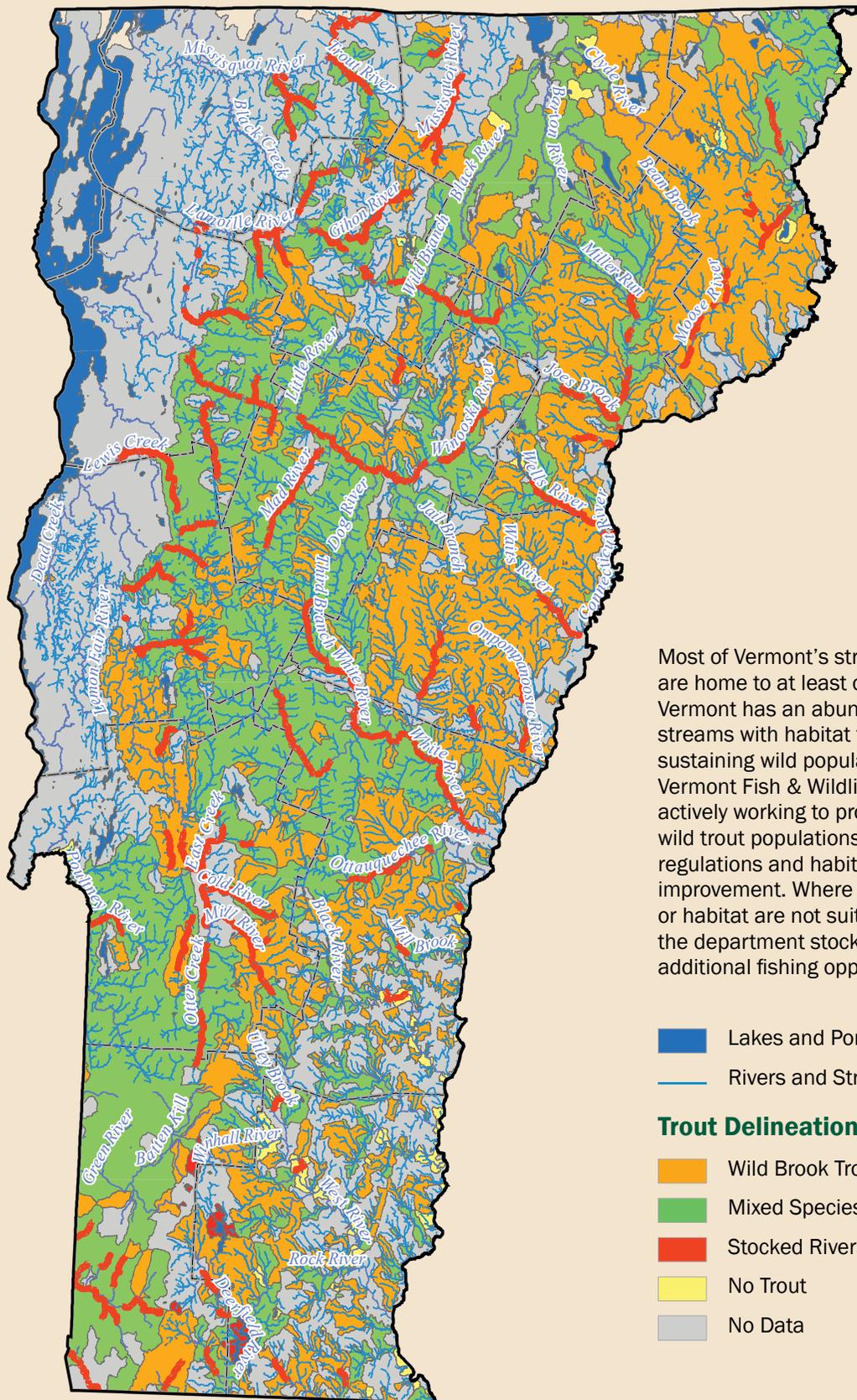


Maintain at least 100 feet of forest along streams, rivers, and lakes.



Plant trees along streams and rivers to jump-start forest restoration.

VERMONT TROUT MAP - RIVERS AND STREAMS



Most of Vermont's streams and rivers are home to at least one trout species. Vermont has an abundance of cold, clean streams with habitat that is suitable for sustaining wild populations of trout. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is actively working to protect and enhance wild trout populations through fishing regulations and habitat protection and improvement. Where water temperatures or habitat are not suitable for wild trout, the department stocks trout to provide additional fishing opportunities.

- Lakes and Ponds
- Rivers and Streams

Trout Delineation

- Wild Brook Trout Only
- Mixed Species of Wild Trout
- Stocked Rivers and Streams
- No Trout
- No Data

How do mercury and lead get into wildlife?



Mercury Mercury is a toxic heavy metal that can become particularly concentrated in large, carnivorous fish. It has been found at levels exceeding health guidelines for some people in some freshwater fish. While the benefits of eating fish generally outweigh the risks of mercury exposure, women who are pregnant and young children should select fish with low levels of mercury. Brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, and yellow perch have lower mercury levels, while walleye, smallmouth bass, and chain pickerel show the highest concentrations of mercury. Please see www.healthvermont.gov or www.mercvt.org for the most current advisory.

Lead Loons and some other water birds can die from lead poisoning after swallowing lead fishing sinkers and jigs lost by anglers; up to 50 percent of adult loon deaths are the result of lead poisoning. You can help by switching to nonlead fishing tackle and by helping to spread the word to others to do the same. Lead is the leading cause of observed loon deaths here in the Northeast. It is illegal to use lead sinkers weighing one-half ounce or less.

What can you do to help?

- Use nonlead fishing tackle.
- Spread the word. Tell other anglers about the problem and encourage them to switch to nonlead alternatives.
- Remove lead sinkers and jigs from your tackle box.
- Remove spent fishing line and other materials from Vermont waters and shorelines to reduce entanglement, another major cause of loon deaths.
- Maintain a respectful distance from loons and other wild animals. Use binoculars to get a great view.
- Support continuing loon and other nongame wildlife conservation efforts by: donating to the Vermont Nongame Wildlife Fund on your Vermont income tax form; by purchasing Vermont Conservation license plates for your vehicle; or by purchasing a Vermont Habitat Stamp.

PREVENTING HUMAN LEAD EXPOSURE FROM FISHING SINKERS

Some fishing sinkers contain lead, which is toxic when eaten, breathed in, or absorbed through the skin. In order to prevent exposure to lead, please handle lead sinkers with care and use the following guidelines:

- Switch to sinkers that do not contain lead. Alternatives to lead sinkers are made of steel, bismuth, tungsten, resin, and glass.
- Wash hands with soap after holding or using lead sinkers.
- Never put lead sinkers in your mouth or allow young children to handle lead sinkers or put them in their mouths.
- If you suspect lead poisoning in your child or yourself, call the Vermont Department of Health, Healthy Homes Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at **(800) 439-8550** or **(802) 863-7220**.

Using the Indexes, Tables, and Maps



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Indexes and Tables

First, be sure to familiarize yourself with the Definitions of Terms and the General Fishing Requirements and Prohibitions on pages 24–32.

Next, reference the appropriate index for the water(s) you are fishing:

- If the waterbody you want to fish is a river, stream, brook, or creek, go to the **Index of Rivers and Streams**.
- If it is a lake, pond, reservoir, or impoundment, go to the **Index of Lakes and Ponds**.

If the waterbody **IS LISTED** in the **INDEX**, the number in the “Table” column will direct you to the correct table for open-water fishing. The second column “Ice Fishing Table” will direct you to the correct table for ice fishing.

If the waterbody is **NOT LISTED** in the **INDEX**, then the general regulations contained in **Tables 1–4** apply.

EXAMPLE: Trout River in Montgomery is **NOT LISTED** in the Index of Rivers and Streams. Table 1 contains the general regulations for rivers, streams, brooks, and creeks not listed in the **Index of Rivers and Streams**.

The Index of Rivers and Streams lists the specific map page where the stream is located and the stream section number, which is also located on the map page.

Similarly, the Index of Lakes and Ponds also contains information useful to anglers. The “Map” column directs you to the map page for the specific lake or pond. The “Lake Area” column contains the surface area of the waterbody in acres, and the “Access” column lists the type of access area(s) present. The final two columns list any applicable boating restrictions.

Important: Waterbody-specific regulations, also known as special regulations, always override general regulations. Please be sure to check for any special regulations specific to the waters you are fishing.

Maps

Begin by finding the area of the state where you want to fish on the large overview map on page 43, and note which detailed map it falls within. Then use the detailed map that contains many symbols that show the locations of access areas, special regulation rivers and streams and lakes and ponds, as well as public lands. The key on page 43 is a good guide to these symbols, but more detailed information is provided below.

- **Where can I launch my boat?** The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department maintains fishing access areas to waterways throughout Vermont. Access areas are indicated on the map by the yellow circles. The half-yellow and half-black circles indicate an access area with a boat ramp usable by a trailer, while the full yellow circle indicates an access area that services only carry-on boats such as canoes and kayaks.
- **What are the regulations on my waterway?** Some waters have special fishing regulations. Rivers and streams with special regulations are highlighted by **BLUE** and **RED** lines. Lakes and

ponds with special regulations are highlighted in **ORANGE**. The regulations for a waterbody with special regulations are listed on pages 59–70 of this guidebook for rivers and streams, and on pages 71–83 for lakes and ponds. Special regulation waterbodies are labeled with a number (**BLUE** circle with number on map) that is found on the second to last column on the charts. Especially helpful are the General Fish Regulation tables on pages 84 through 90, which are sorted by species of fish and waterbody type.

- **Are there nuisance species for which I should be alert?** Aquatic nuisance species are labeled with **PINK** circles. On these waterbodies, take care to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species. Practices to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species should always be employed when visiting ANY waterbody, regardless of whether a known infestation is present; invasive species or fish diseases could be present but not yet detected. For more information on aquatic nuisance species, see page 14.

Indicates the presence of Aquatic nuisance species.

Boat Ramp Access Area

Lakes colored **ORANGE** have special regulations explained in the Index of Lakes and Ponds.

Stream section numbers and **BLUE** and **RED** lines indicate streams with special regulations.

Each number refers to a stream section with a special regulation found in the next-to-last column in the Index of Rivers and Streams.



MAP GUIDE

These maps are intended only as a guide to areas with special regulations. The specific locations of these areas are described in the Index of Rivers and Streams and Index of Lakes and Ponds.

- Fish Culture Station
- Carry-On Access
- Boat Ramp
- Town Boundary
- Special Regulation Stream/River
- Special Regulation Lake/Pond
- Black-list Water

VT Agency of Natural Resources Lands

- Wildlife Management Areas
- State Forests
- State Parks

U.S. Forest Service Lands

- Green Mountain National Forest

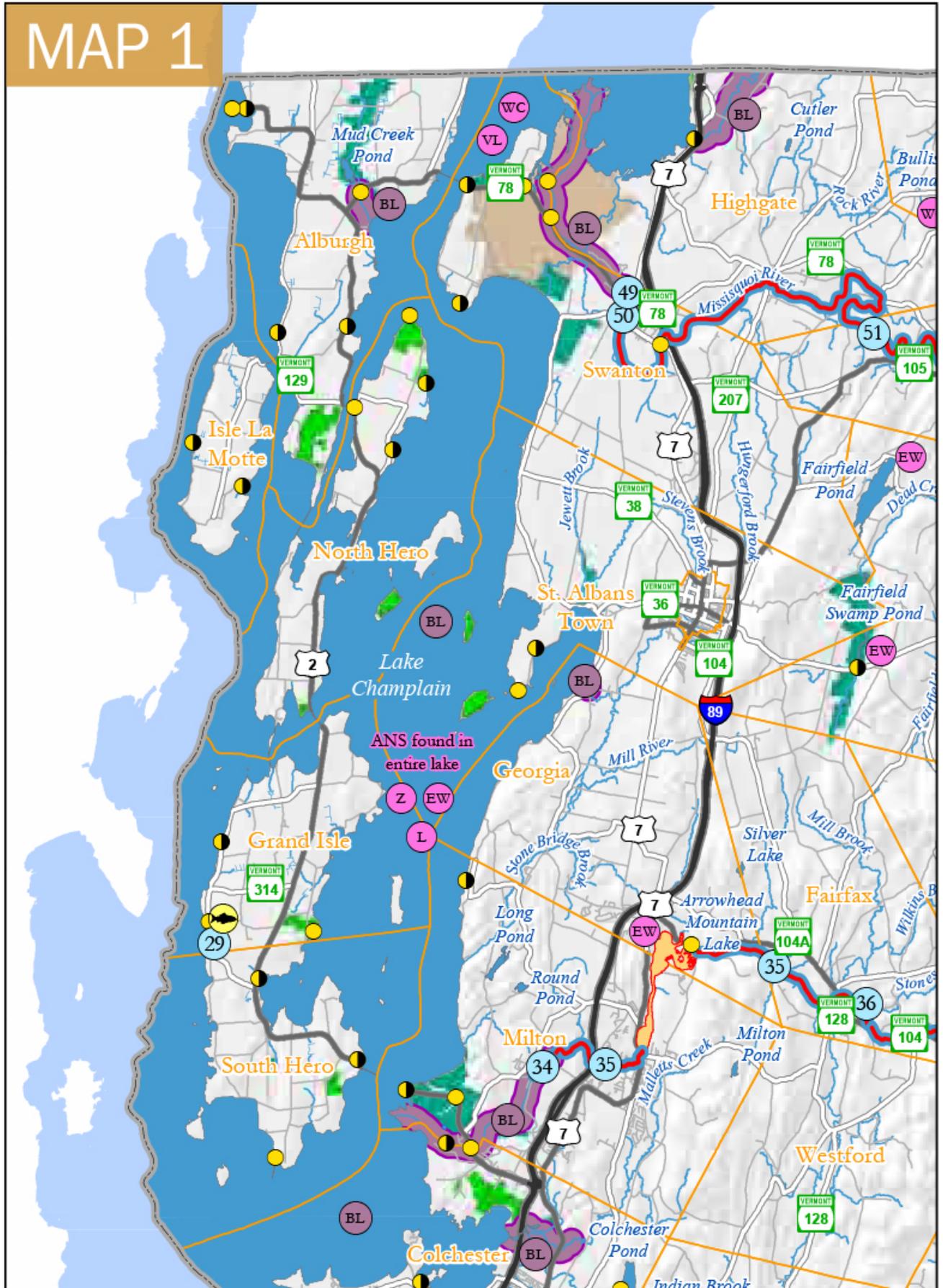
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Lands

- National Wildlife Refuge

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) and Diseases

- Whirling Disease
- Variable-Leaf Watermilfoil
- Alewives
- Water Chestnut
- Largemouth Bass Virus
- Eurasian Watermilfoil
- Zebra Mussel

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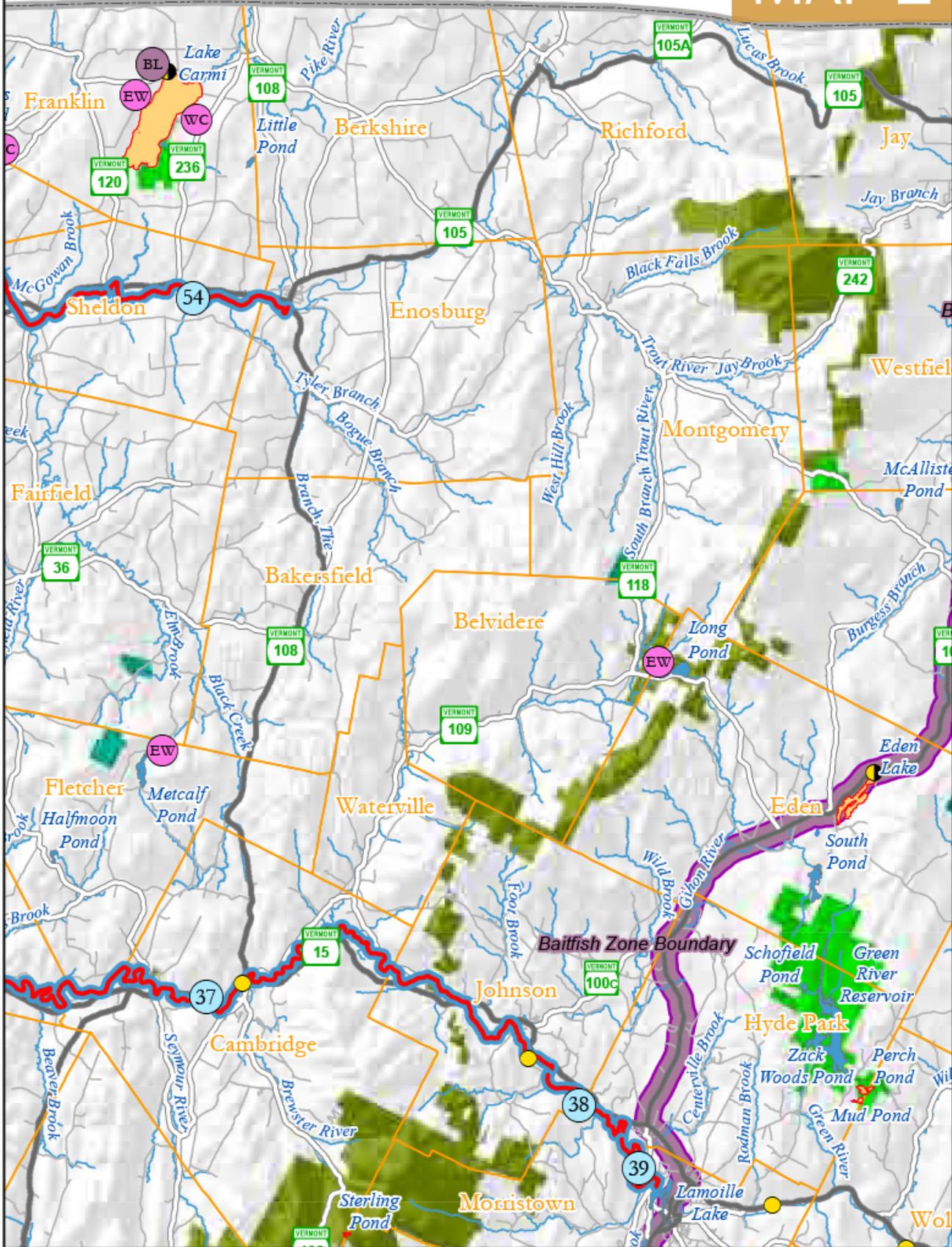
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ANS = Aquatic Nuisance Species

Baitfish Black-listed: Lake Champlain including lower sections of tributaries.

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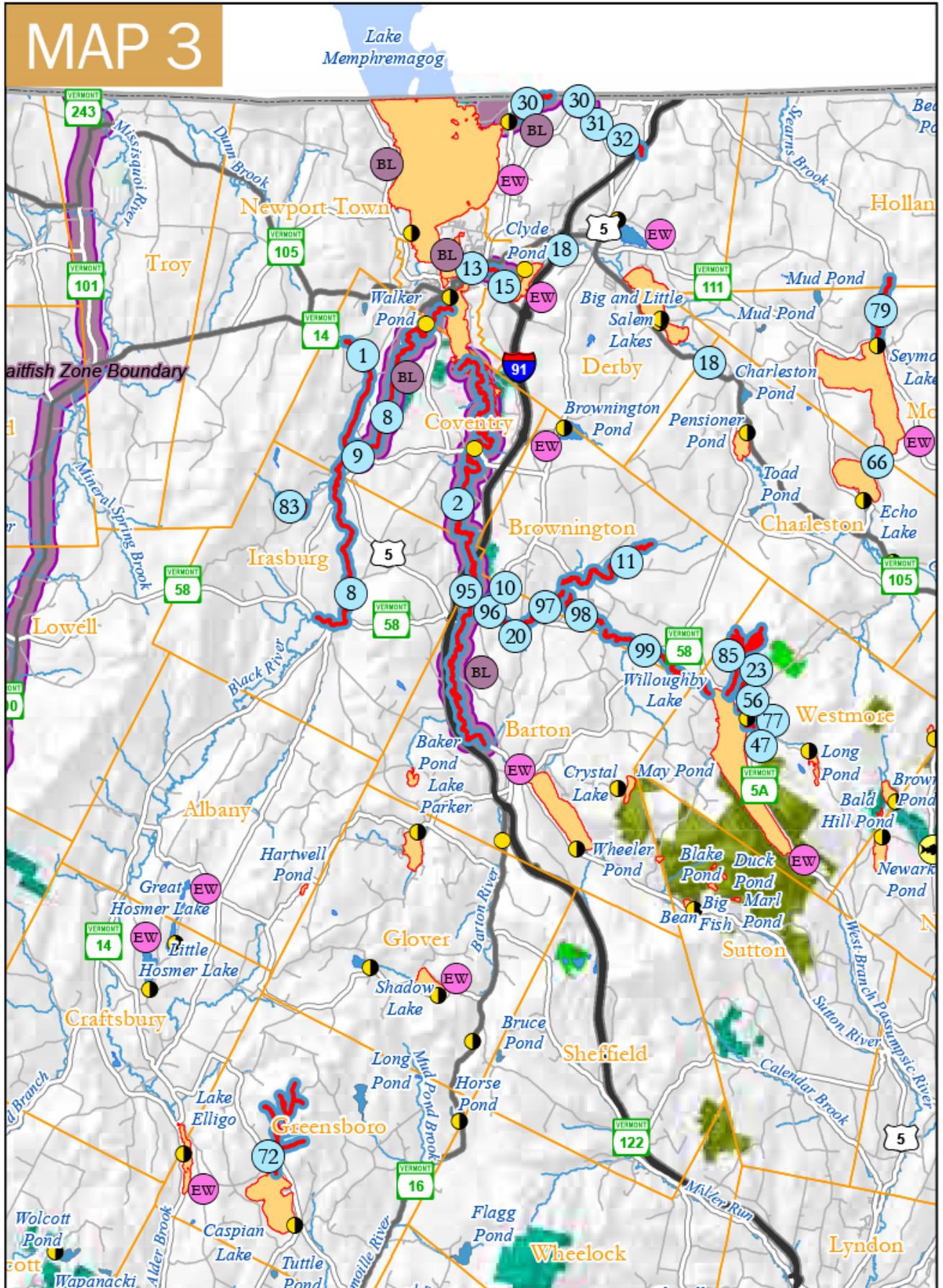
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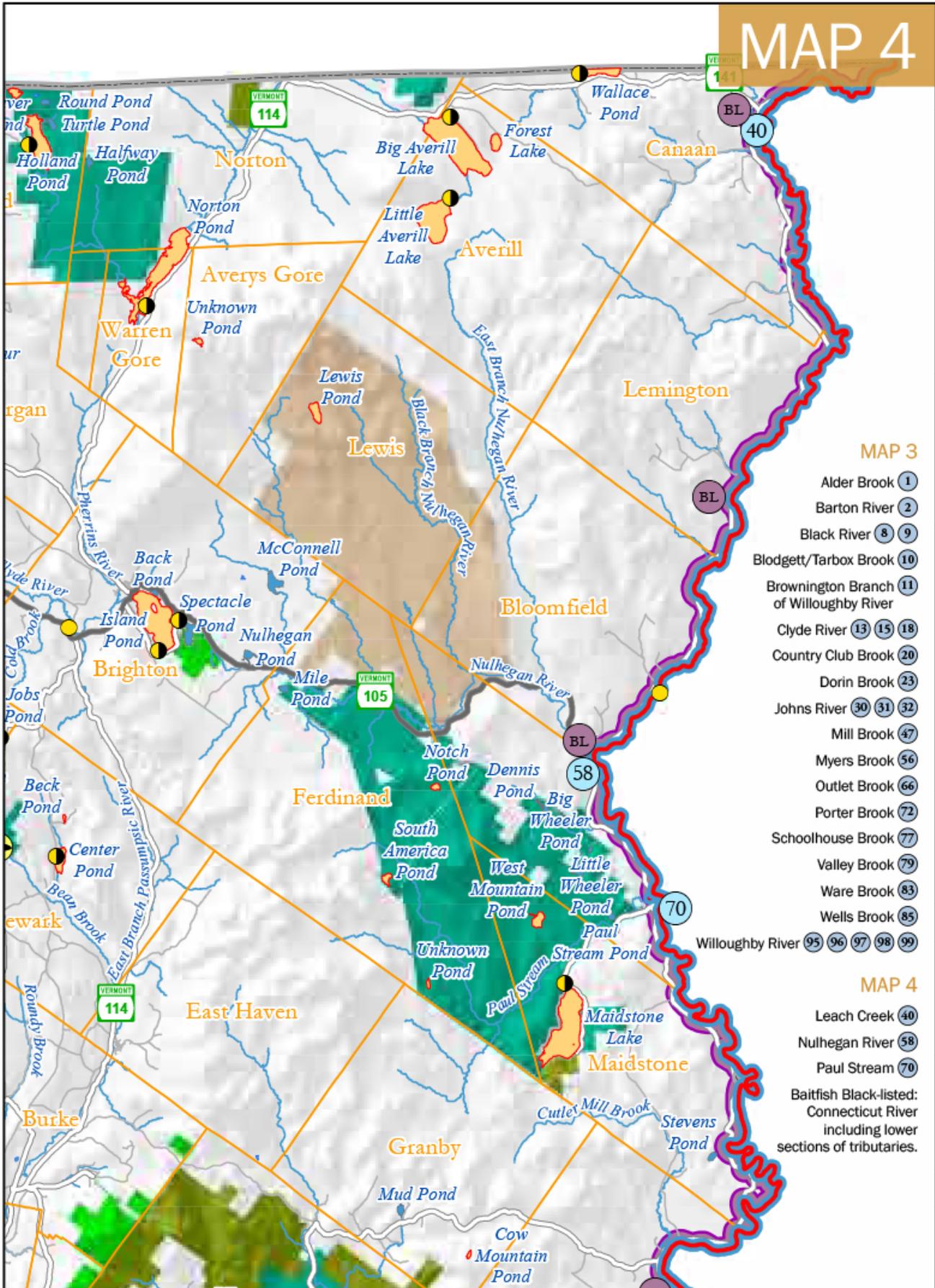
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MAP 3

- Alder Brook (1)
- Barton River (2)
- Black River (8) (9)
- Blodgett/Tarbox Brook (10)
- Brownington Branch of Willoughby River (11)
- Clyde River (13) (15) (18)
- Country Club Brook (20)
- Dorin Brook (23)
- Johns River (30) (31) (32)
- Mill Brook (47)
- Myers Brook (56)
- Outlet Brook (66)
- Porter Brook (72)
- Schoolhouse Brook (77)
- Valley Brook (79)
- Ware Brook (83)
- Wells Brook (85)
- Willoughby River (95) (96) (97) (98) (99)

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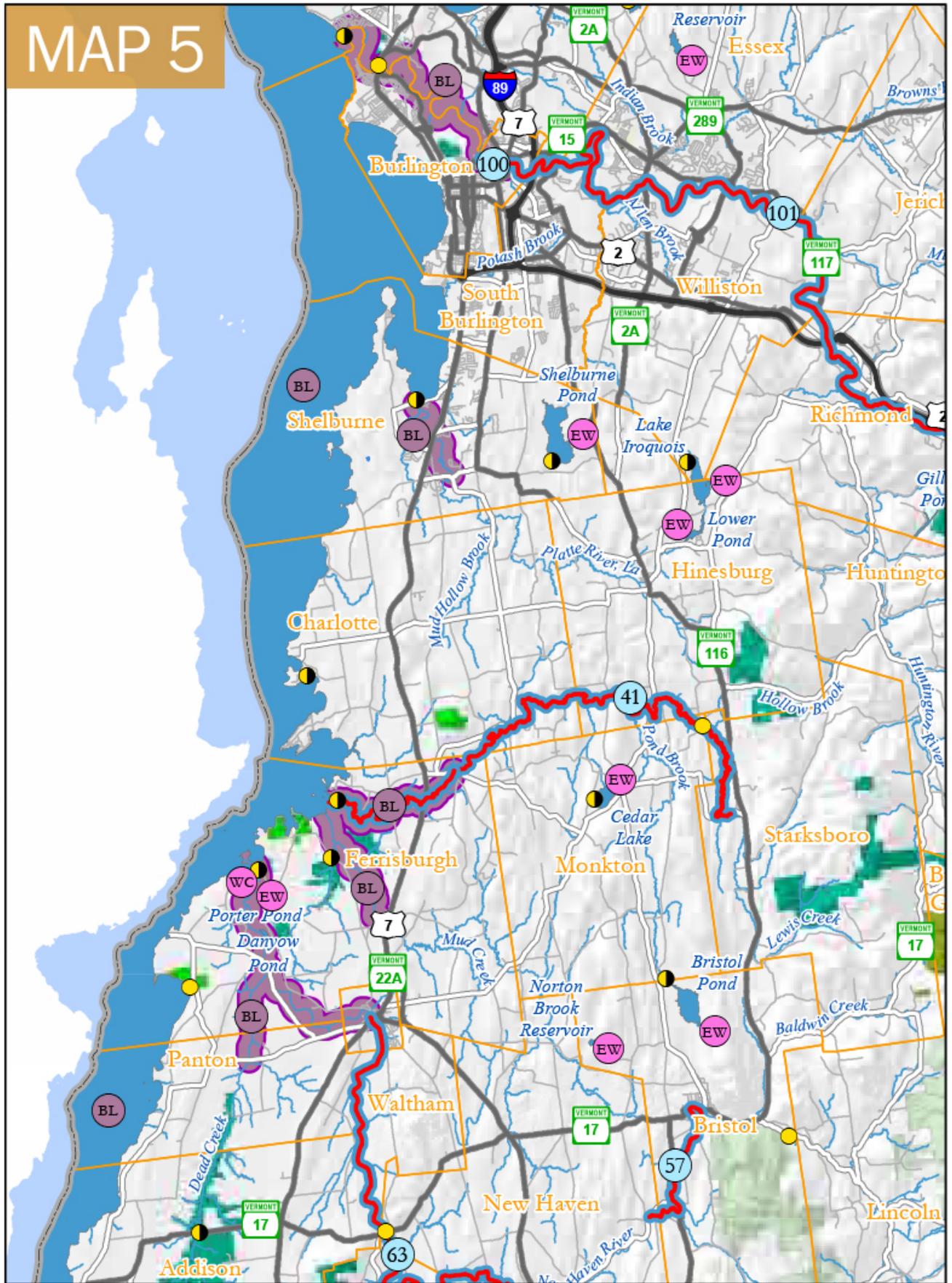
- Leach Creek (40)
 - Nulhegan River (58)
 - Paul Stream (70)
- Baitfish Black-listed:
Connecticut River
including lower sections of tributaries.

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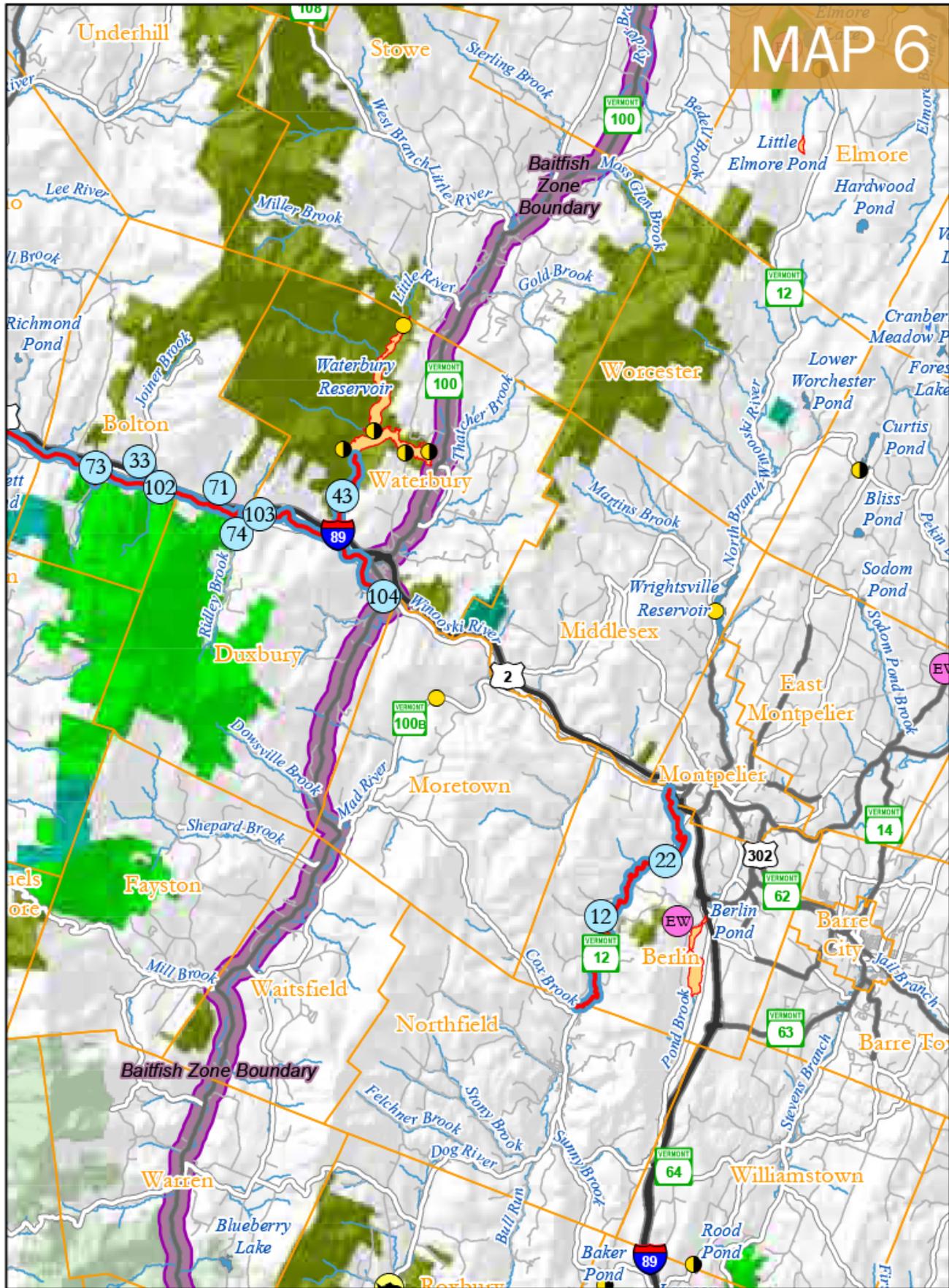
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Baitfish Black-listed: Lake Champlain including lower sections of tributaries.

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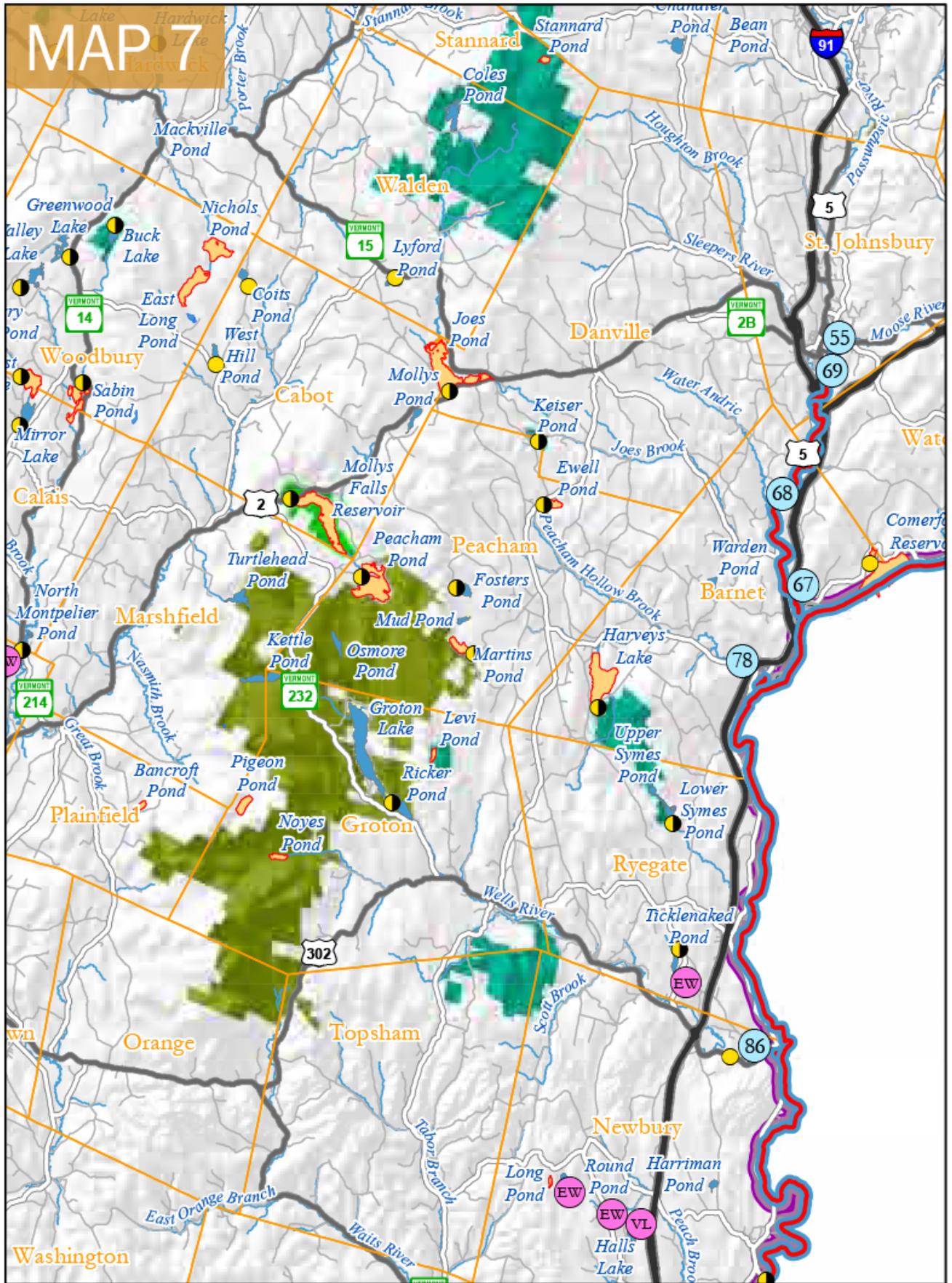
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Chase Brook (12) Dog River (22) Joiner Brook (33) Little River (43) ▼ MAP 10 ▼
 Pinneo Brook (71) Preston Brook (73) Ridley Brook (74) Winooski River (102) (103) (104)

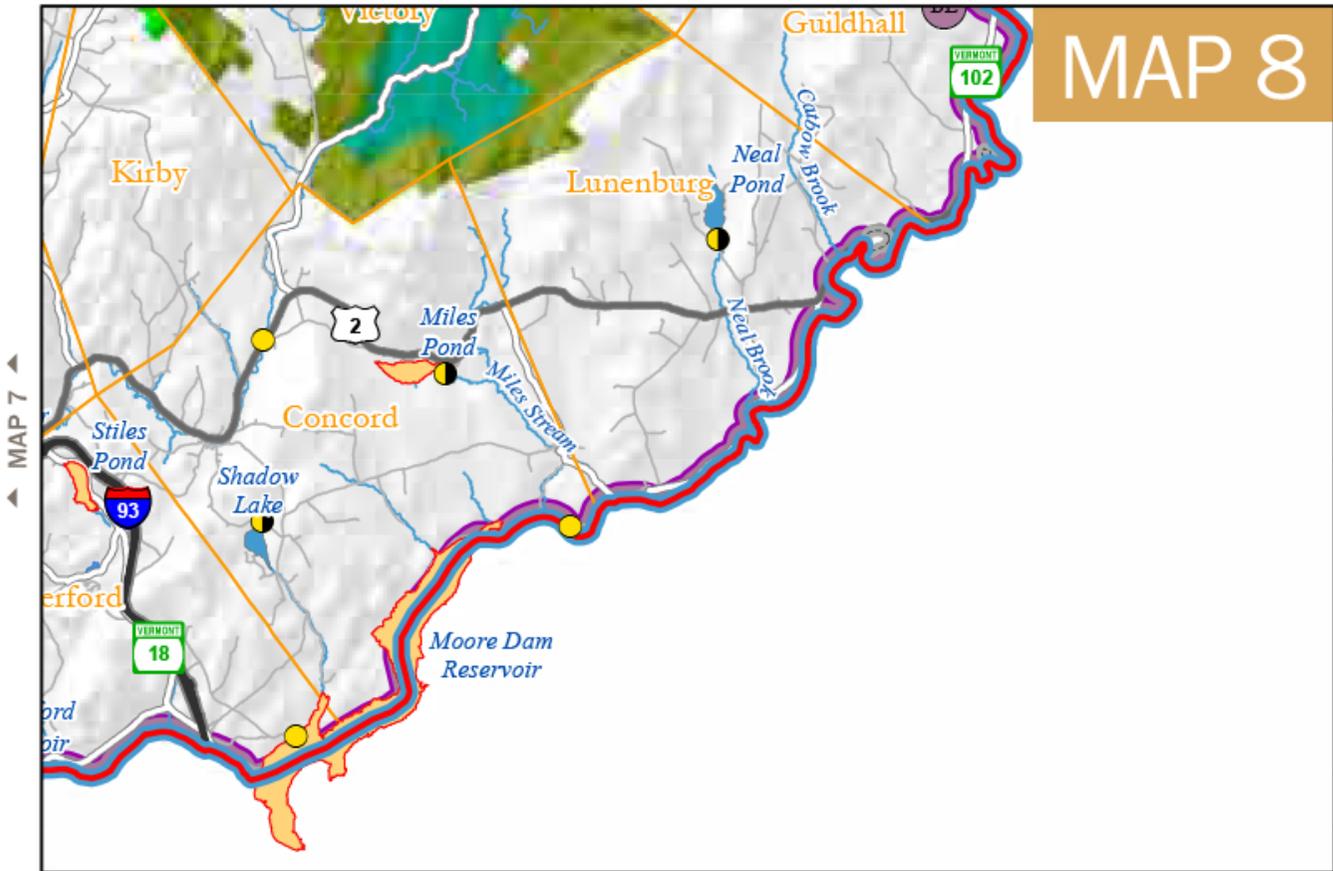
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Baitfish Black-listed: Connecticut River including lower sections of tributaries.



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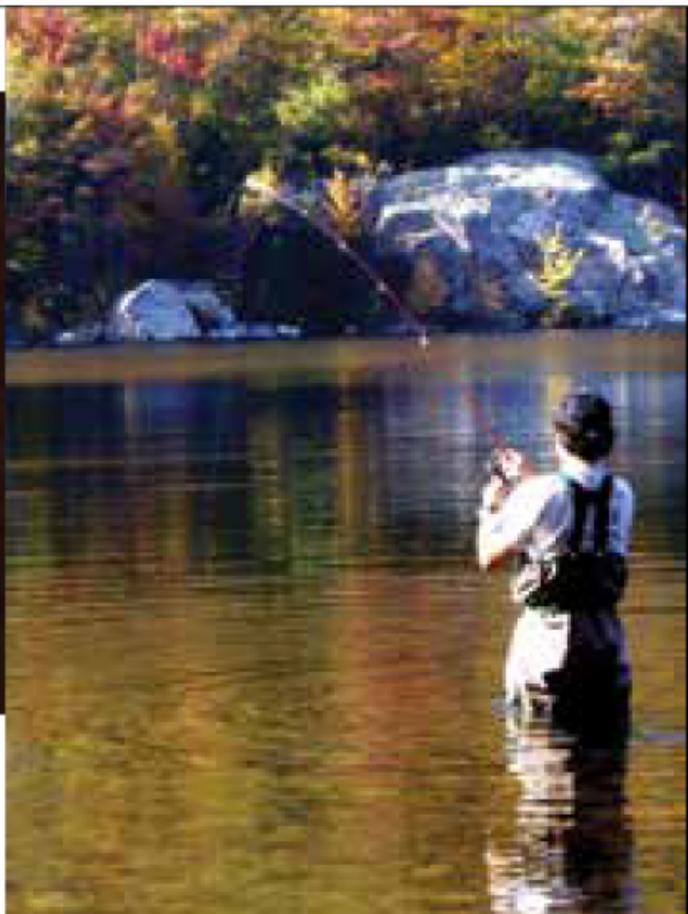
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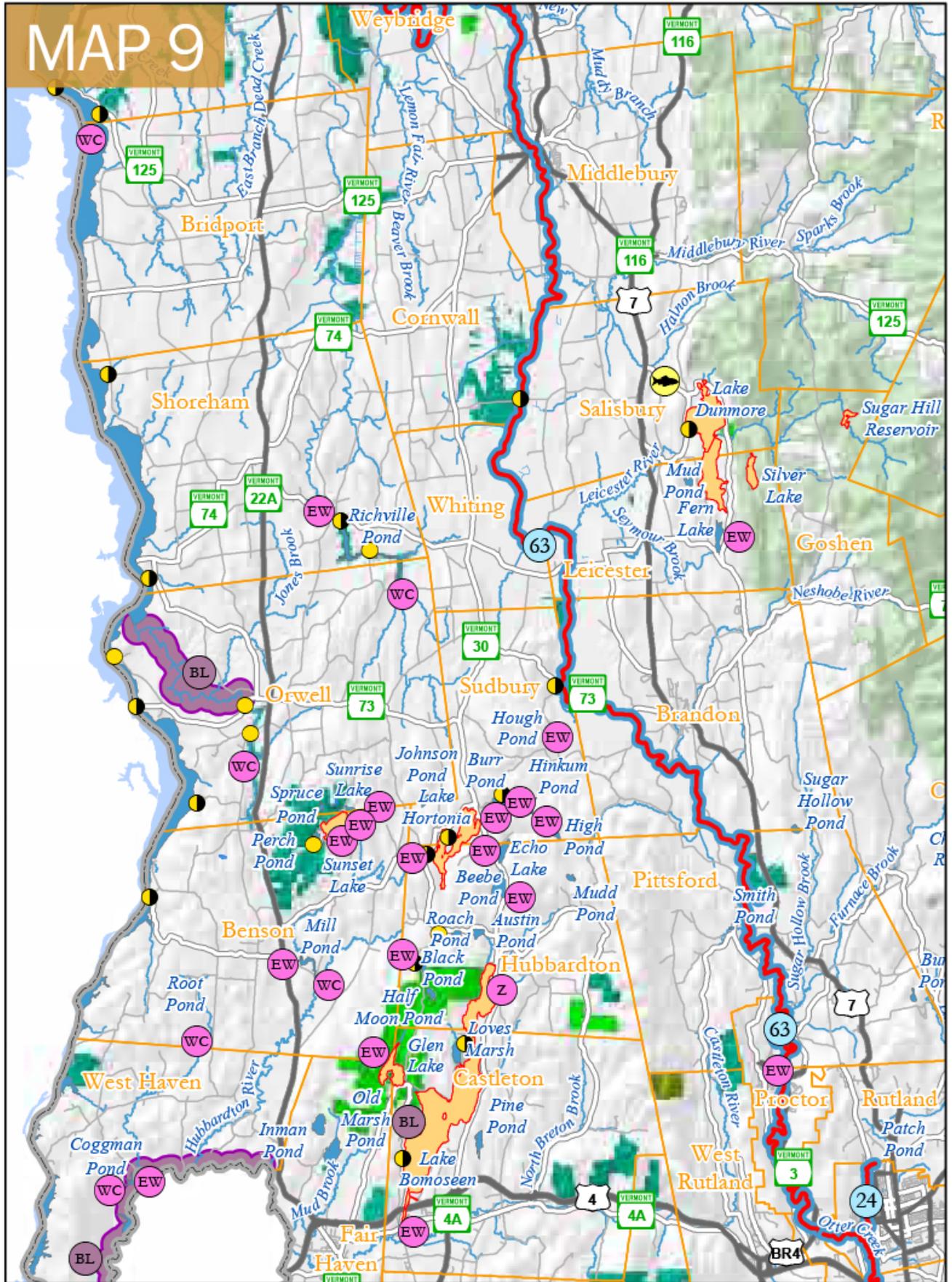
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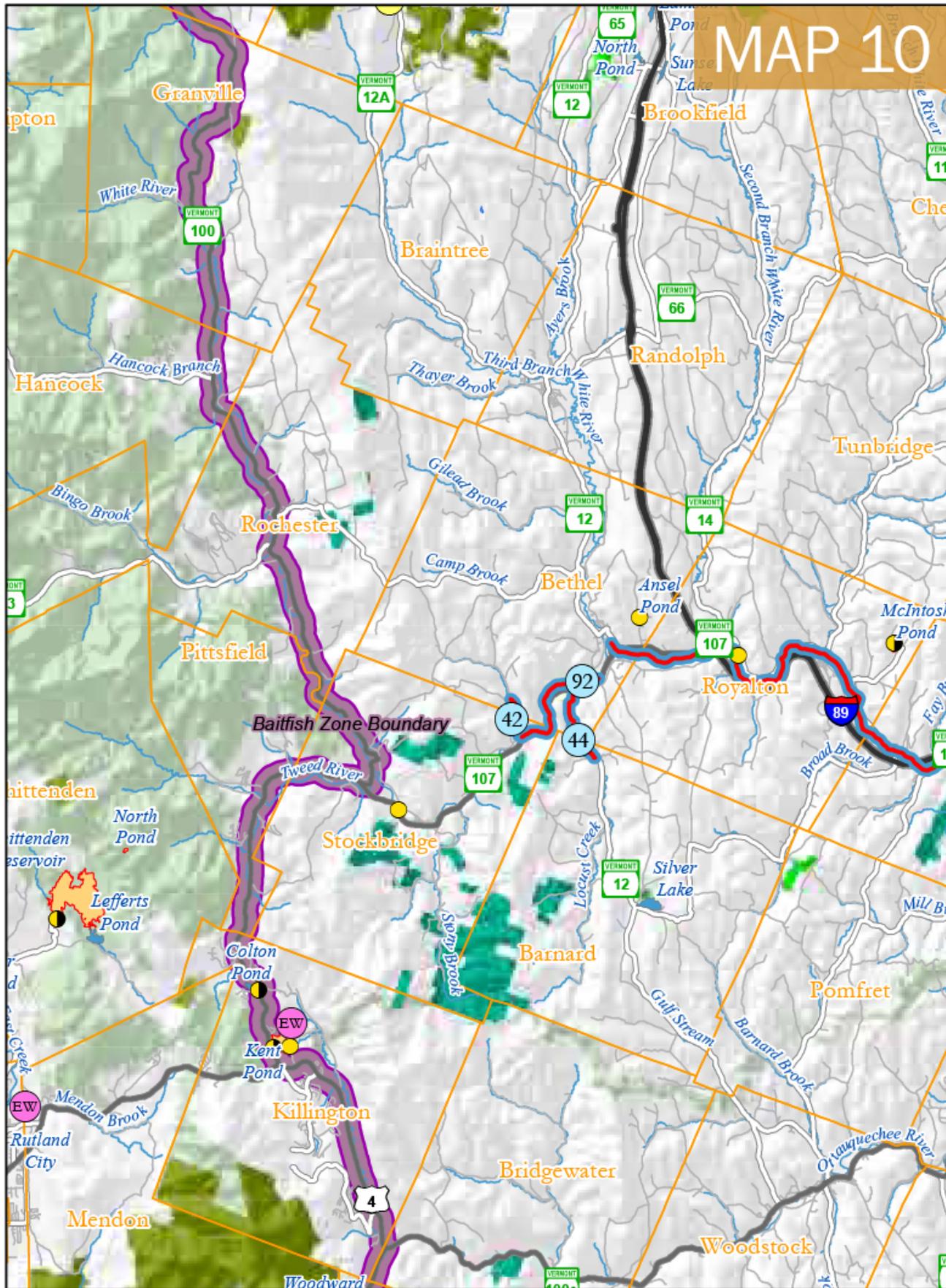
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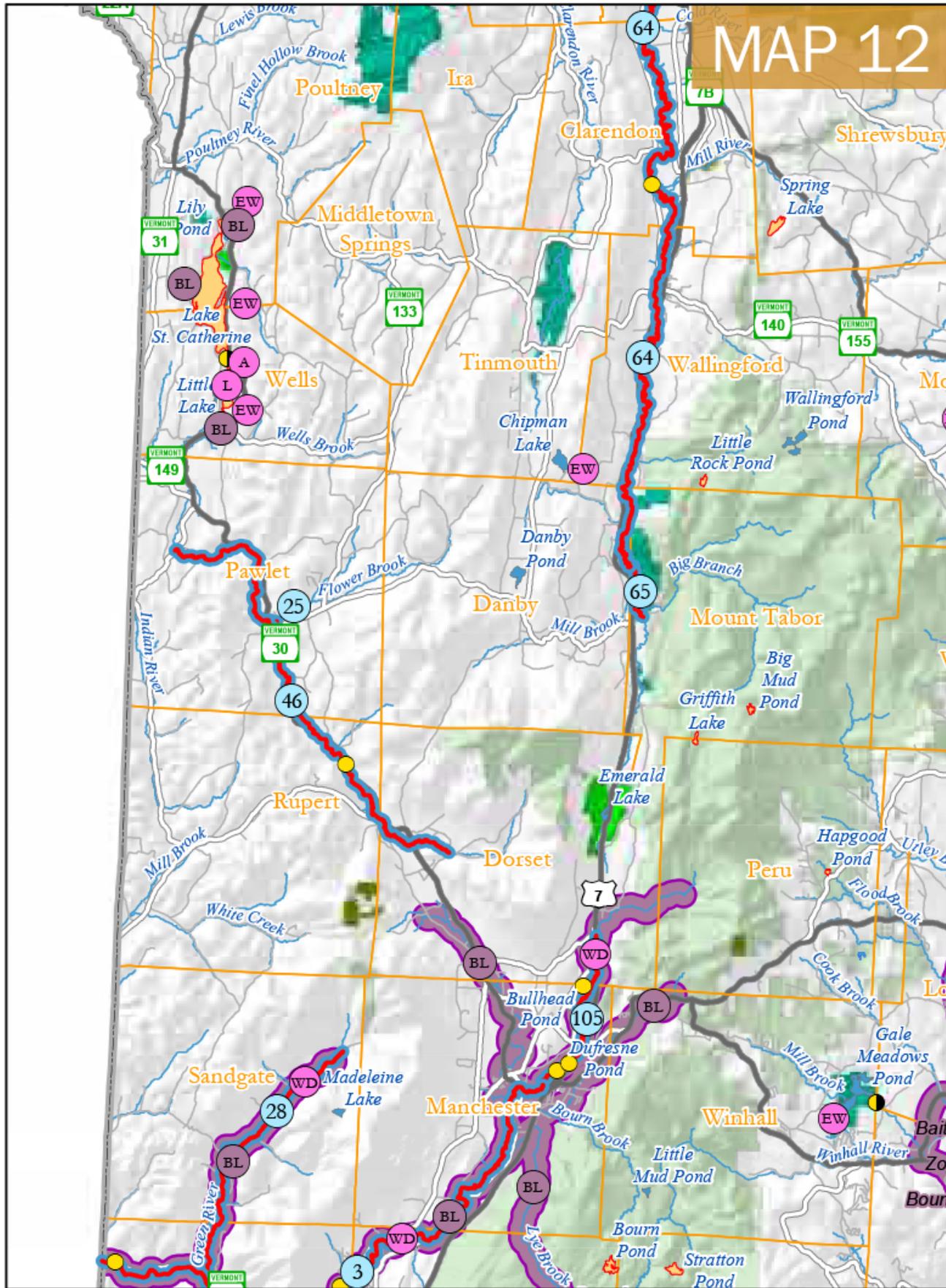


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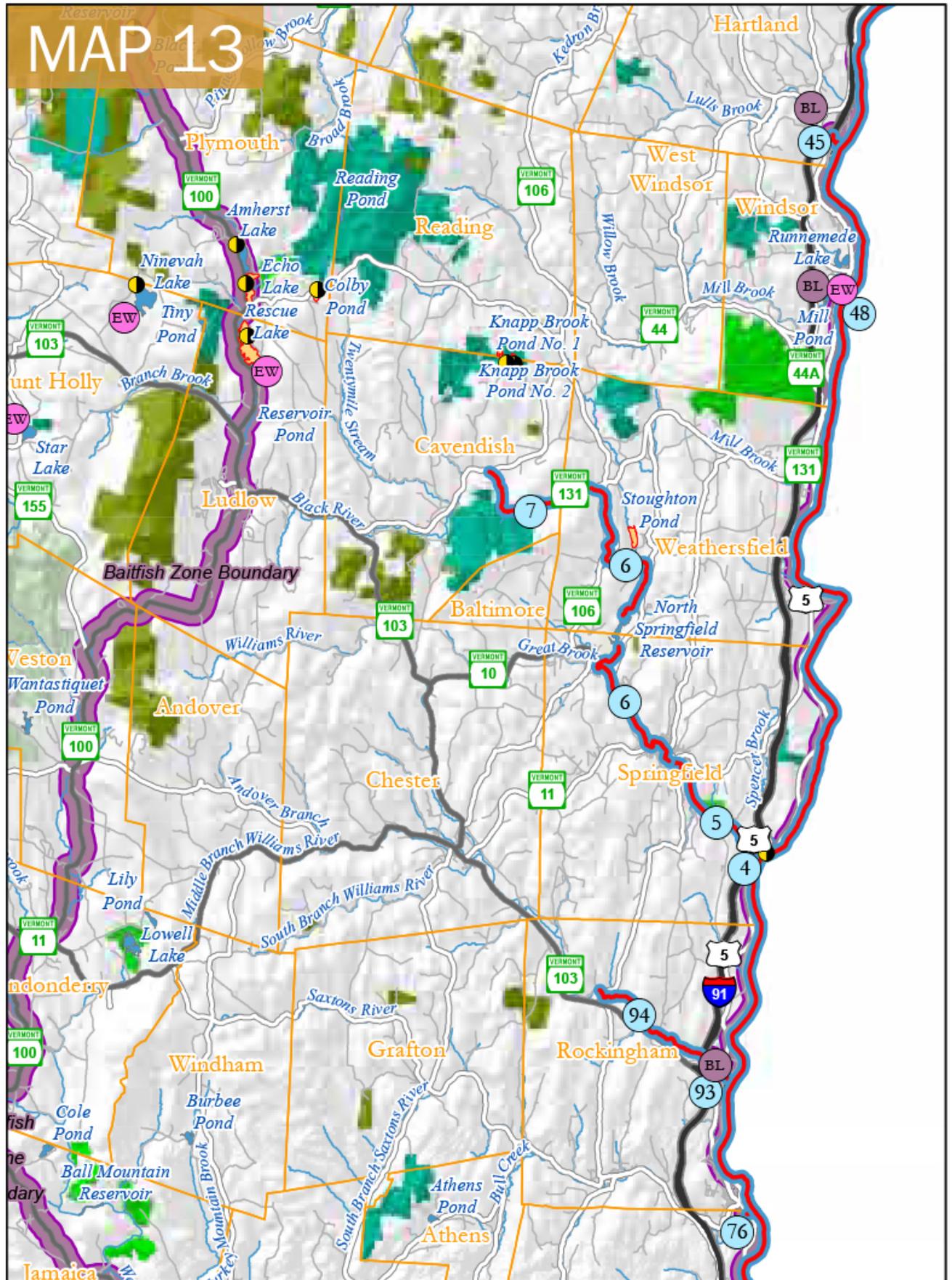


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Flower Brook 25 Green River 28 Mettawee River 46
 Otter Creek 64 65 Batten Kill 3 105

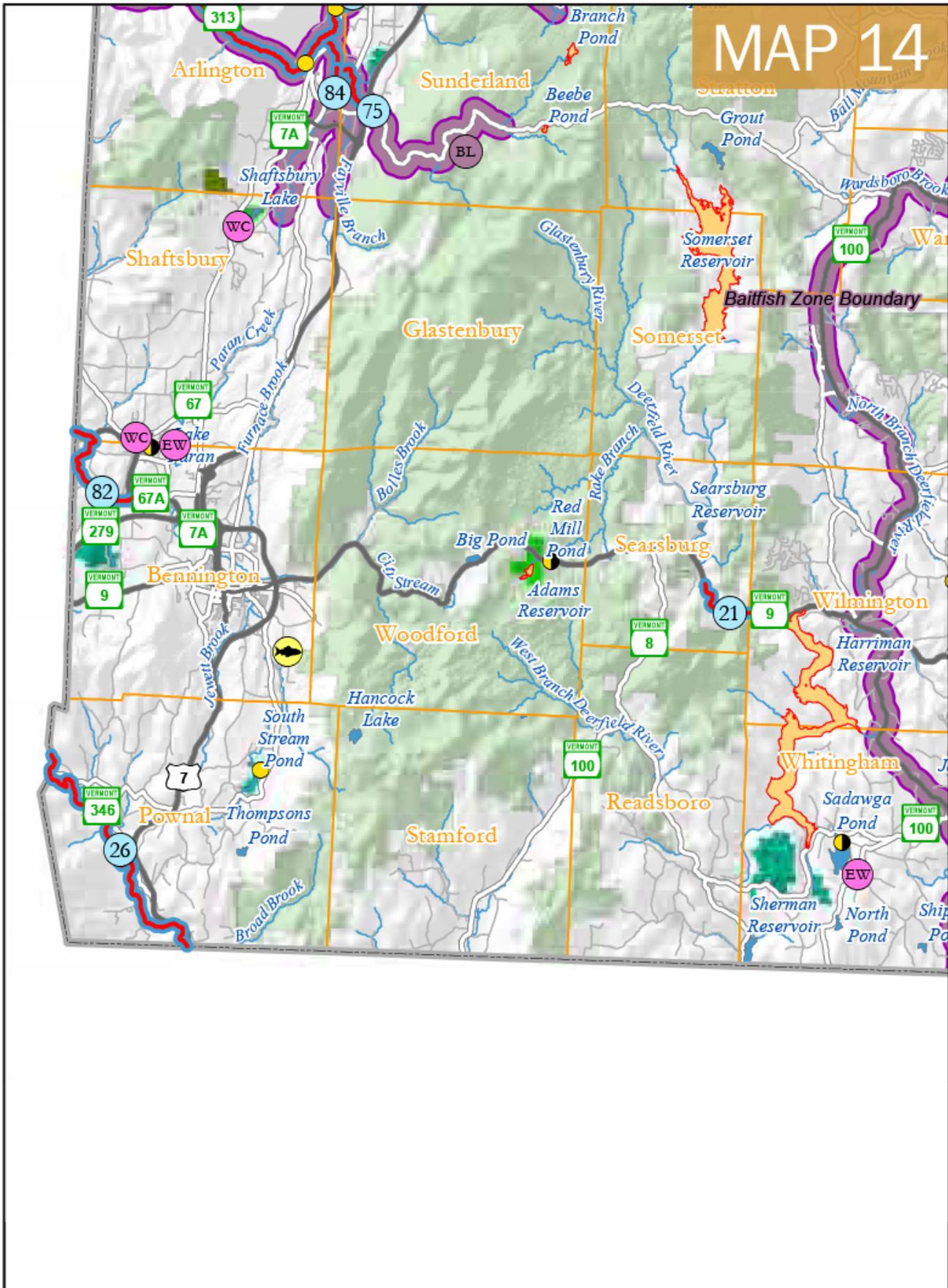
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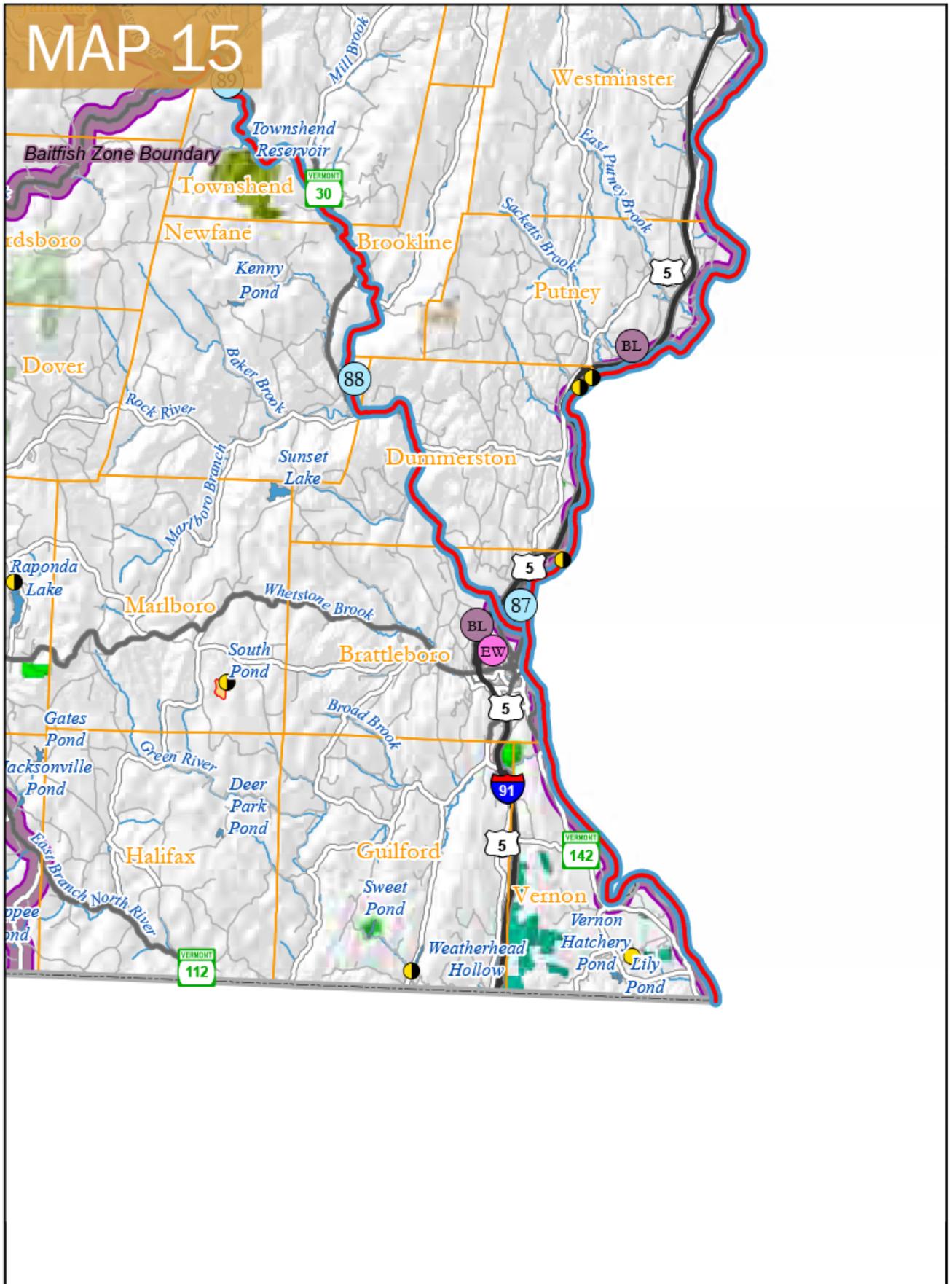
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MAP 14

West River (87) (88)

Baitfish Black-listed: Connecticut River including lower sections of tributaries.

Index of Rivers and Streams

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For rivers, streams, brooks, and creeks **NOT LISTED** in this index, see Table 1 (page 84).

Rivers and Streams	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Stream Section #	ANS ¹
ALDER BROOK							
Black River to Sargent Pond Outlet.	Coventry	Orleans	1		3	1	
■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31							
Sargent Pond to Headwater.	Coventry	Orleans	1		3		
BARTON RIVER							
From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the US Route 5 bridge southernmost and closest to the village of Barton in Barton. (B-M)	Barton/ Coventry/ Irasburg	Orleans	1		3	2	
■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit , minimum length 17"							
■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit , minimum length 10"; daily limit , 2 trout							
US Route 5 bridge southernmost and closest to the village of Barton in Barton to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	Orleans	1		3		
BATTEN KILL RIVER (B-BK)							
From NY state line upstream (20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street bridge (Routes 11/30) in Manchester. (B-BK)	Arlington/ Sunderland/ Manchester	Bennington	1		12, 14	3	WD
■ All trout must be released immediately							
Depot Street bridge (Routes 11/30) in Manchester to downstream side of US Route 7 bridge south of East Dorset. (B-BK)	Manchester and Dorset	Bennington	1		14	105	WD
■ TROUT: Oct. 1–Oct. 31: Catch and Release (includes tributaries: Green River, Roaring Branch, Warm Brook) fishing only, all trout must be released immediately.							
S Route 7 bridge south of East Dorset to headwaters, and all tributaries. (B-BK)	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		12		WD
BLACK RIVER (CONNECTICUT RIVER TRIBUTARY)							
Connecticut River main channel to I-91 bridge, Springfield. (B-CT)	Springfield	Windsor	10		13	4	EW
From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Lovejoy Dam in Springfield.							
■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species)							
■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season , open year-round; length limit , none; daily limit , 5	Springfield	Windsor	2		13	5	EW
■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures							
From the top of Lovejoy Dam in Springfield upstream to the Downers covered bridge.	Weathersfield/ Cavendish	Windsor	1		13	6	
■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures							

Baitfish Zones: See page 26 for description, or page 29 for basic map, or Maps 1–15 for details. Black-listed waters: (B-BK)=Batten Kill River; (B-LC)=Lake Champlain; (B-M)=Lake Memphremagog; (B-CT)=Connecticut River

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) may be present in other waterbodies and not yet detected. Please follow the recommendations on page 14 to help stop the spread of ANS.

1 Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS): EW=Eurasian Watermilfoil; WC=Water Chestnut; WD=Whirling Disease

Rivers and Streams	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Stream Section #	ANS ¹
BLACK RIVER (CONNECTICUT RIVER TRIBUTARY)							
Black River along Route 131 in Weathersfield and Cavendish, from Downers covered bridge upstream (approximately 4 miles) to the next bridge across the river, the Howard Hill bridge.	Weathersfield/ Cavendish	Weathersfield/ Cavendish	1		13	7	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN, AND RAINBOW TROUT: length limit, none; daily limit, 2 trout aggregate ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 							
Howard Hill bridge to headwaters	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		13		
BLACK RIVER (LAKE MEMPHREMAGOG TRIBUTARY)							
Lake Memphremagog upstream to 600' below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry. (B-M)	Newport City, Coventry	Orleans	1		3	8	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10"; daily limit, 2 trout 							
From 600' below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry upstream to the top of the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry.	Coventry	Orleans	1		3	9	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10"; daily limit, 2 trout 							
Old Harman Mill in Coventry upstream to the downstream side of the VT Routes 14/58 bridge in Irasburg.	Newport City, Coventry	Orleans	1		3	8	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10"; daily limit, 2 trout 							
VT Routes 14/58 bridge to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	Orleans	1		3		
BLODGETT/TARBOX BROOK							
From the confluence with Willoughby River upstream 1,300' to bridge on Tarbox Hill Road.	Barton	Orleans	1		3	10	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 							
BROWNINGTON BRANCH OF WILLOUGHBY RIVER							
From its confluence at the Willoughby River extending upstream to the second road crossing on Brownington Chilafoux Road (TH #15). Crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafoux Road (TH #15).	Brownington	Orleans	1		3	11	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 							
From Second road crossing on Brownington Chilafoux Road (TH #15) Crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafoux Road (TH #15) to headwaters.	Brownington	Orleans	1		3		
CHASE BROOK							
From its confluence with the Dog River upstream approximately 1/2 mile to the top of the natural falls in Berlin.	Berlin	Washington County	1		6	12	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 							
CLYDE RIVER							
Lake Memphremagog to 260' below the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City. (B-M)	Newport City	Orleans	1		3	13	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 using artificial flies and lures only ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" 							
From 260' below the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City upstream to the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City.	Newport City	Orleans	1		3	15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING 							

Rivers and Streams	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Stream Section #	ANS ¹
CLYDE RIVER							
Top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City, to Citizens Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake) in West Charleston.	Newport City, Derby, and Charleston	Orleans	1		3	18	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 using artificial flies and lures only ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" 							
Citizens Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake) in West Charleston to Island Pond outlet.	Charleston/Brighton	Orleans/Essex	1		3, 4		
COCHE BROOK							
Little Salem Lake to headwaters.	Derby, Morgan	Orleans	1		3		
CONNECTICUT RIVER (B-CT)							
(Including tributaries, bays, and setback to first highway bridge)	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	10		4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15		EW
COUNTRY CLUB BROOK							
From its confluence with the Willoughby River extending upstream to Hollow Road (TH #14) in Barton.	Barton	Orleans	1		3	20	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 							
Hollow Road (TH #14) bridge in Barton to headwaters.	Barton	Orleans	1		3		
DEAD CREEK							
Dead Creek to Panton Road bridge in Panton. (B-LC)	Panton	Addison	8	9	5		EW, WC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries 							
Panton Road bridge in Panton upstream to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	Addison	2		5		EW, WC
DEERFIELD RIVER							
From the Woods Road (Medburyville) bridge in Wilmington upstream approximately 2 miles to the VT Route 9W bridge in Searsburg.	Wilmington/Searsburg	All Applicable Counties	1		14	21	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 							
From downstream edge of VT Route 9W bridge in Searsburg upstream to downstream edge of the East Branch Trailhead Bridge in Searsburg.	Searsburg	All Applicable Counties	1		14		
From the downstream edge of the East Branch Trailhead Bridge in Searsburg upstream 4 miles to the downstream edge of the bridge on Somerset Road near junction with Forest Road 71 in Searsburg.	Searsburg	All Applicable Counties	1		14		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN, AND RAINBOW TROUT: length limit, none; daily limit, 2 trout aggregate 							
From downstream edge of the bridge on Somerset Road near junction with Forest Road 71 to headwater.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		14		
DOG RIVER							
Winooski River, Berlin/Montpelier, to the downstream edge of the Junction Road bridge in Berlin/Montpelier.	Berlin/Montpelier	Washington	1		6		
Downstream edge of the Junction Road bridge in Berlin/Montpelier upstream to the top of Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield.	All Applicable Towns	Washington	1		6	22	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TROUT: All trout must be released immediately. Fishing may only be done with artificial flies and lures. Anglers 14 years old and younger may use natural baits. 							
Top of Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield upstream to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	Washington	1		6		
DORIN BROOK							
Lake Willoughby upstream 3/4 mile.	Westmore	Orleans	1		3	23	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 							
From 3/4 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwaters.	Westmore	Orleans	1		3		
EAST CREEK (ORWELL)							
East Creek to the falls in Orwell (downstream of Mount Independence Road). (B-LC)	Orwell	Addison	3	8	9		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries 							

Rivers and Streams	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Stream Section #	ANS ¹
EAST CREEK (RUTLAND CITY)							
From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approximately 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN, AND RAINBOW TROUT: season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; length limit, none; daily limit, total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2 ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 	Rutland City	Rutland	1		9	24	
FLOWER BROOK							
From its confluence with the Mettawee River extending upstream (approximately 1,000') to the downstream edge of the Route 30 bridge in Pawlet.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TROUT: length limit, 10" to 14" protected slot (all fish 10" to 14" must be released); daily limit, 2 trout, only 1 greater than 14" 	Pawlet	Bennington	1		12	25	
VT Route 30 bridge, Pawlet, to headwaters.	Pawlet/Dorset	Bennington	1		12		
GREEN BROOK							
Salem Lake to headwaters.	Derby	Orleans	1		3		
GREEN RIVER (B-BK)							
From its mouth on the Batten Kill upstream to its confluence with Moffitt Hollow Brook.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TROUT: Catch and Release between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 — all trout must be immediately released 	Arlington/Sandgate	Bennington	1		12	28	WD
HALLS CREEK							
Lake Memphremagog to the headwaters. (B-M)	Derby	Orleans	1		3		
HATCHERY BROOK							
Lake Champlain to main drive for State Fish Hatchery.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING 	Grand Isle	Grand Isle			1	29	
HOOSIC RIVER							
From the VT/NY border upstream to the VT/MA border.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 	Pownal	Bennington	1		14	26	
JOHNS RIVER							
Lake Memphremagog to the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6). (B-M)							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" 	Derby	Orleans	1		3		
From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) to downstream edge of the bridge on Beebe Road (TH #3). (B-M)							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Oct. 1-Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10"; daily limit, 2 trout 	Derby	Orleans	1		3	30	
From the downstream edge of the bridge on Beebe Road (TH #3) upstream approximately two tenths of a mile to the downstream edge of the bridge on Elm Street (TH #2) in Derby.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31, and Oct. 1-Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10"; daily limit, 2 trout 	Derby	Orleans	1		3	31	
Downstream edge of the bridge on Elm Street (TH #2) in Derby to US 5 in Derby.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Oct. 1-Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10"; daily limit, 2 trout 	Derby	Orleans	1		3	32	
US 5 in Derby to headwaters.	Derby	Orleans	1		3		

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JOINER BROOK							
Winooski River upstream approximately 1,900' to first falls.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ TROUT: length limit, 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be released); daily limit: 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16" 	Bolton	Chittenden	1		6	33	
First falls to headwater.	Bolton	Chittenden	1		6		
LAMOILLE RIVER							
Lake Champlain to the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Road in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge). (B-LC)	Milton	Chittenden	8	9	1		EW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries 							
LAMOILLE RIVER							
From the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Road in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge) upstream to the top of the first dam (Peterson Dam) in Milton. (B-LC)	Milton	Chittenden	8	9	1	34	EW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: March 16–May 31 							
From the Lake Champlain boundary (top of Peterson Dam in Milton) upstream to downstream edge of the bridge on Route 104 in the village of Fairfax (Arrowhead Mountain Lake – see Index of Lakes and Ponds).	All Applicable Towns	Chittenden/ Franklin	2		1	35	EW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5 							
Lamoille River from the downstream edge of the bridge on Route 104 in the village of Fairfax upstream (approximately 1.6 miles) to the top of the Fairfax Falls Dam in Fairfax.	Fairfax	Franklin	2		1	36	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ BROOK, BROWN, AND RAINBOW TROUT: season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; length limit, none; daily limit, total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2 ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5 							
Hydroelectric dam at Fairfax Falls in Fairfax upstream to the downstream side of the railroad bridge in Johnson.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		1	37	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 							
From the downstream side of the railroad bridge in Johnson upstream (approximately 3.7 miles) to the downstream edge of the Ten Bends Drive bridge in Hyde Park.	Johnson and Hyde Park	Lamoille	1		2	38	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 							
From the downstream edge of the Ten Bends Drive bridge in Hyde Park to top of Cadys Falls Dam in Morristown.	Hyde Park and Morristown	Lamoille	1		2	39	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 							
From the top of Cadys Falls in Morristown to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		2		
LAPLATTE RIVER							
LaPlatte River to the falls in Shelburne (under Falls Road bridge).	Shelburne	Chittenden	8	9	5		EW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries (B-LC) 							
LEACH CREEK							
Connecticut River main channel to VT Route 102 bridge, Canaan. (B-CT)	Canaan	Essex	10		4	40	
VT Route 102 bridge, Canaan to headwaters.	Canaan	Essex	1		4		

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LEWIS CREEK							
Lewis Creek to the falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road). ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries (B-LC)	North Ferrisburgh	Addison	8	9	5		EW
From the Lake Champlain boundary (falls in North Ferrisburgh) upstream to the State Prison Hollow Road (TH #3) bridge in Starksboro. ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures	All Applicable Towns	Addison	1		5	41	
State Prison Road (TH #3) to headwaters	Starksboro/ Bristol	Addison	1		5		
LILLIESVILLE BROOK							
From the confluence with the White River upstream to the second bridge on the Lilliesville Brook Road. ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31	Stockbridge/ Bethel	Windsor	1		10	42	
LITTLE OTTER CREEK							
Lake Champlain to the falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Road). ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries (B-LC)	Ferrisburgh Center	Chittenden	8	9	5		
LITTLE RIVER							
From the confluence with Winooski River upstream to the top of the Waterbury Reservoir Dam in Waterbury. ■ BROOK, BROWN, AND RAINBOW TROUT: season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; length limit, none; daily limit, total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2	Waterbury	Washington	1		6	43	
US Route 2 bridge to its beginning at base of Waterbury Dam	Waterbury	Washington	1		6		
LOCUST CREEK							
From its confluence with the White River upstream to the second bridge on Route 12. ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31	Bethel/ Barnard	Windsor	1		10	44	
LULLS BROOK							
Connecticut River main channel to I-91 bridge, Hartland. (B-CT)	Hartland	Windsor	10		13	45	
I-91 bridge, Hartland, to Headwaters.	Hartland	Windsor	1		13		
MAD RIVER							
From the confluence with Winooski River upstream to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		6		
MALLETT'S CREEK							
Malletts Creek to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (US 2 and US 7) in Colchester. (B-LC) ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries	Colchester	Chittenden	8	9	1		
METTAWEE RIVER							
NY border to the downstream edge of the Route 153 bridge in Pawlet.	Pawlet	Rutland	1		12		
From the downstream edge of the Route 153 bridge in Pawlet upstream (approximately 16 miles) to the downstream edge of the first bridge on Dorset Hollow Road and including tributary: Flower Brook upstream (approximately 1,000') to the downstream edge of the Route 30 bridge in Pawlet. ■ TROUT: length limit, 10" to 14" protected slot (all fish 10" to 14" must be released); daily limit, 2 trout, only 1 greater than 14"	Pawlet	Rutland	1		12	46	
First bridge on Dorset Hollow Road, in Dorset, to headwaters.	Dorset	Bennington	1		12		
MILL BROOK							
Lake Willoughby upstream 1/4 mile. ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31	Westmore	Orleans	1		3	47	
From 1/4 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwaters.	Westmore	Orleans	1		3		
MILL BROOK (WINDSOR)							
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 5 bridge, Windsor. (B-CT)	Windsor	Windsor	10		13	48	
US Route 5 bridge, Windsor, to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		13		

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MILL RIVER							
Lake Champlain to the falls in Georgia (just upstream of Georgia Shore Road bridge). (B-LC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries 	Georgia	Franklin	8	9	1		
MISSISQUOI RIVER							
Lake Champlain to Riverside Cemetery (5,120' below Swanton Dam). (B-LC)	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	8	9	1		EW, WC
Riverside Cemetery (5,120' below Swanton Dam) to 850' below the Swanton Dam. (B-LC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: March 16 to the Friday before the first Saturday in May, both dates inclusive 	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	8	9	1	49	EW
From the top of the Swanton Dam in the village of Swanton downstream approximately 850' to the water treatment plant on the west side of the river, and downstream approximately 850' to the upstream end of the cement breakwater on the east side of the river. (B-LC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: March 16–May 31 	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	8	9	1	50	EW
Missisquoi River from Swanton Dam in the village of Swanton upstream to the downstream edge of Kane Road (TH-3) in Sheldon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see <i>below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5 	Swanton/Highgate/Sheldon	Franklin	2		1, 2	51	EW
From the downstream edge of Kane Road (TH-3) bridge upstream (approximately 5.7 miles) to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see <i>below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5 ■ BROOK, BROWN, AND RAINBOW TROUT: season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; length limit, none; daily limit, total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2 	Sheldon and Enosburg	Franklin	2		2	54	
From the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		2, 3		
MOOSE RIVER							
From confluence with Passumpsic River upstream (approximately 350') to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the village of St. Johnsbury. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN, AND RAINBOW TROUT: season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; length limit, none; daily limit, total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout, no more than 2 ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 	Village of St. Johnsbury	Caledonia	1		7	55	
From downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the village of St. Johnsbury to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		7		
MUD CREEK							
Lake Champlain to Route 78 bridge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundary (B-LC) 	Alburgh	Grand Isle	8	9	1		
Route 78 bridge to dam in Alburgh (just upstream of Route 78 bridge). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundary (B-LC) ■ No shooting, spearing or bow and arrow for fish 	Alburgh	Grand Isle	8	9	1		
MYERS BROOK							
Lake Willoughby upstream 1/2 mile. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 	Westmore	Orleans County	1		3	56	
From 1/2 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwater.	Westmore	Orleans County	1		3		

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NEW HAVEN RIVER							
From the confluence with Otter Creek in New Haven to Munger Street bridge, New Haven.	New Haven	Addison	1		5		
From Munger Street bridge in New Haven upstream (approximately 4.1 miles) to the South Street bridge in Bristol. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TROUT: length limit, 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be released); daily limit, 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16" 	New Haven/ Bristol	Addison	1		5	57	
South Street Bridge, Bristol, to headwaters.	Bristol	Addison	1		5, 9		
NULHEGAN RIVER							
Connecticut River main channel to VT Route 102 bridge, Bloomfield. (B-CT)	Bloomfield	Essex	10		4	58	
VT Route 102 bridge, Bloomfield, to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		4		
OMPOMANOOSUC RIVER							
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 5, Norwich. (B-CT)	Norwich	Windsor	10		11	59	EW
From the Connecticut River boundary (US Route 5 in Norwich) upstream to the top of the flood control dam in Union Village in the town of Thetford. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5 	Norwich/ Thetford	Windsor/ Orange	2		11	60	EW
Top of the flood control dam in Union Village in the town of Thetford to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		11		
ORCUTT BROOK							
Salem Lake to headwaters.	Derby, Morgan, Holland	Orleans	1		3		
OTTAUQUECHEE RIVER							
Connecticut River main channel to first highway bridge crossing, Hartland. (B-CT)	Hartland	Windsor	10		11	62	
First highway bridge crossing in Hartland upstream to top of North Hartland Dam in Hartland. (B-CT)	Hartland	Windsor	1		11		
Top of North Hartland Dam in Hartland to Headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1				
OTTER CREEK							
Lake Champlain to the top of the dam in the city of Vergennes. (B-LC)	Vergennes	Addison	8	9	5		EW, WC
From the Lake Champlain boundary (Falls at Vergennes) upstream to the top of the Center Rutland Falls in Rutland. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5 	Vergennes/ Rutland	Addison/ Rutland	2		5, 9	63	
Top of the Center Rutland Falls in Rutland to VT Railway bridge, Danby. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 	All Applicable Towns	Rutland	1		9	64	
From the Vermont Railway bridge north of the fishing access upstream (approximately 2 miles) to the Danby-Mt. Tabor Forest Road bridge (Forest Road #10). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN, AND RAINBOW TROUT: season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; length limit, none; daily limit, total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2 ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 	Danby	Rutland	1		12	65	
Danby-Mt. Tabor Forest Road bridge (Forest Road #10) to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	Bennington/ Rutland	1		12		

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OUTLET BROOK							
From the highway bridge near Echo Lake in Charleston upstream to the top of the dam at the outlet of Seymour Lake.	Charleston/ Brighton	Orleans County	1		3	66	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 							
PASSUMPSIC RIVER							
Connecticut River main channel to first highway bridge crossing, Barnet. (B-CT)	Barnet	Caledonia	10		7	67	
First highway bridge crossing, Barnet, to top of Gage Dam in St. Johnsbury.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		7	68	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 							
PASSUMPSIC RIVER							
From top of Gage Dam in St. Johnsbury upstream (approximately 2.4 miles) to the top of Arnold Falls Dams. Moose River: from confluence with Passumpsic River upstream (approximately 350') to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the village of St. Johnsbury.	St. Johnsbury	Caledonia	1		7	69	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN, AND RAINBOW TROUT: season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; length limit, none; daily limit, total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2 ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 							
From the top of Arnold Falls in village of St. Johnsbury to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		7		
PAUL STREAM							
Connecticut River main channel to VT Route 102 bridge, Maidstone. (B-CT)	Maidstone	Essex	10		4	70	
VT Route 102 bridge, Maidstone, to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		4		
PINNEO BROOK							
Winooski River upstream approximately 100' to railroad crossing.	Bolton	Chittenden	1		6	71	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ TROUT: length limit, 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be released); daily limit, 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16" 							
Railroad crossing to headwaters	Bolton	Chittenden	1		6		
PORTER BROOK							
From Caspian Lake upstream to its headwaters.	Greensboro	Orleans County	1		3	72	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 							
POULTNEY RIVER							
Lake Champlain upstream to Poultney River to Central Vermont Power Dam at Carver Falls in West Haven. (B-LC)	West Haven	Rutland	8	9	9		EW, WC
Central Vermont Power Dam at Carver Falls in West Haven to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		9		
PRESTON BROOK							
Winooski River upstream approximately 2,600' to first falls.	Bolton	Chittenden	1		6	73	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ TROUT: length limit, 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be released); daily limit, 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16" 							
First Falls to headwater.	Bolton/ Huntington	Chittenden	1		6		
RIDLEY BROOK							
Winooski River upstream approximately 1,700' to first falls.	Duxbury	Washington	1		6	74	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ TROUT: length limit, 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be released); daily limit, 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16" 							
First falls to headwaters.	Duxbury	Washington	1		6		
ROARING BRANCH (B-BK)							
From its mouth on the Batten Kill upstream to the downstream side of bridge #14 on Sunderland TH 3 in East Kansas.	Arlington/ Sunderland	Bennington	1		14	75	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TROUT: Catch and Release between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 — all trout must be immediately released 							

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ROCK RIVER (B-LC)							
Lake Champlain to the first Canadian border crossing.	Highgate	Franklin	8	9	1		EW
SAXTONS RIVER							
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 5 bridge, Westminster. (B-CT)	Westminster	Windham	10		13	76	
US Route 5 bridge, Westminster, to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		13		
SCHOOLHOUSE BROOK							
Lake Willoughby upstream 1/4 mile.	Westmore	Orleans County	1		3	77	
■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31							
From 1/4 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwaters.	Westmore	Orleans County	1		3		
STEVENS RIVER							
Connecticut River main channel to first highway bridge crossing Barnet. (B-CT)	Barnet	Caledonia	10		7	78	
First highway bridge crossing, Barnet, to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		7		
STONY BROOK (ALDER BROOK)							
From its confluence with the Black River upstream 3.5 miles to the outlet of Sargent Pond in Coventry.	Coventry	Orleans County	1		3	1	
■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31							
Sargent Pond to headwaters.	Coventry	Orleans County	1		3		
VALLEY BROOK							
From Seymour Lake to headwaters.	Morgan and Holland	Orleans	1		2	79	
■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Oct. 1-Oct. 31							
WAITS RIVER							
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 5 bridge, Bradford. (B-CT)	Bradford	Orange	10		11	80	
From the Connecticut River boundary (US Route 5 bridge, Bradford) upstream to the top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford.	Bradford	Orange	2		11	81	
■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species)							
■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5							
Top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		7, 11		
WALLOOMSAC RIVER							
From the VT/NY border in Bennington upstream to the top of the former Vermont Tissues Plant Dam (downstream of Murphy Road) in Bennington.	Bennington and Shaftsbury	Bennington	1		14	82	
■ BROOK, BROWN, AND RAINBOW TROUT: season, second Sat in April to Oct. 31; length limits, none; daily limits, total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2							
■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures							
WARE BROOK							
From the downstream edge of the furthest downstream bridge/culvert on Back Coventry Road (TH #8 in Irasburg) upstream approximately 1 mile to the top of the first major natural falls on Ware Brook.	Irasburg	Orleans	1		3	83	
■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31							
WARM BROOK							
From its mouth on the Roaring Branch upstream to the base of the so-called Hale Company dam in East Arlington.	Arlington/Sunderland	Bennington	1		14	84	
■ TROUT: Catch and Release between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 – all trout must be immediately released							
WELLS BROOK							
Lake Willoughby to headwater.	Westmore	Orleans	1		3	85	
■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31							
WELLS RIVER							
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 302 bridge, Newbury. (B-CT)	Newbury	Orange	10		7	86	
US Route 302 bridge, Newbury, to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		7		

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WEST RIVER							
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 5 bridge, Brattleboro. (B-CT)	Brattleboro	Windham	10		15	87	EW
From the Connecticut River boundary (US Route 5 bridge) upstream to the Interstate 91 bridge in town of Brattleboro. (B-CT)	Brattleboro	Windham	2		15	88	EW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5 							
WEST RIVER							
From the Interstate 91 bridge in town of Brattleboro upstream to the Townshend Dam (Townshend). (Retreat Meadows – see Index of Lakes and Ponds)	Townshend/Jamaica	Windham	2		15	88	EW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5 							
Top of Townshend Lake Dam in Townshend to VT Route 100 bridge, Jamaica.	Townshend/Jamaica	Windham	2		15	89	
WHITE RIVER							
Connecticut River main channel to Bridge Street bridge (US Route 5), Hartford. (B-CT)	Hartford	Windsor	10		11	90	
From the Connecticut River boundary (US Route 5 bridge) upstream to the downstream edge of Route 107 bridge in Bethel.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	2		10, 11	91	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5 							
From the confluence with Lilliesville Brook in Stockbridge downstream 3.3 miles to 220' downstream of the confluence with Cleveland Brook in Bethel.	Stockbridge/Bethel	All Applicable Counties	1		10	92	
From the downstream edge of the Route 107 Bridge in Bethel upstream to 220' downstream of the confluence with Cleveland Brook in Bethel.	Bethel	Windsor	1		10		
Confluence with Lilliesville Brook, Stockbridge, to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		10		
WILLIAMS RIVER							
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 5 bridge, Rockingham. (B-CT)	Rockingham	Windham	10		13	93	EW
From the Connecticut River boundary (Route 5 bridge) upstream to the top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham.	Rockingham	Windham	2		13	94	EW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5 							
Top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		13		
WILLOUGHBY RIVER							
Barton River to Orleans/Brownington Road bridge.	Barton	Orleans	1		3	95	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10"; daily limit, 2 trout 							

Rivers and Streams	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Stream Section #	ANS ¹
Orleans/Brownington Road bridge to natural falls top. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10"; daily limit, 2 trout 	Barton	Orleans	1		3	96	
Natural falls top to Brownington Branch confluence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10"; daily limit, 2 trout 	Barton/ Brownington	Orleans	1		3	97	
WILLOUGHBY RIVER							
Brownington Branch confluence to downstream edge of the bridge on VT Route 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10"; daily limit, 2 trout 	Brownington	Orleans	1		3	98	
Downstream edge of the bridge on VT Route 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington) to Willoughby Lake outlet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10"; daily limit, 2 trout 	Brownington/ Barton/ Westmore	Orleans	1		3	99	
WINOOSKI RIVER							
Lake Champlain upstream to the first railroad bridge (approximately 9 miles) in Winooski and Burlington. (B-LC)	Winooski/ Burlington	Chittenden	8	9	5		EW
From the Winooski One Hydro Dam west of Main Street (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington and extending downstream to the downstream side of the first railroad bridge. (B-LC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: March 16-May 31 	Winooski/ Burlington	Chittenden	8	9	5	100	
From the Winooski One Hydro Dam west of Main Street (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington upstream to Preston Brook, Bolton. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5 	All Applicable Towns	Chittenden	1		5, 6	101	
From Preston Brook mouth upstream (approximately 4.4 miles) to the Ridley Brook mouth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ TROUT: length limit, 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be released); daily limit, 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16" ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5 	Bolton/ Duxbury/ Waterbury	Chittenden/ Washington	1		6	102	
Ridley Brook mouth upstream to the top of the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: season, open year-round; length limit, none; daily limit, 5 	Bolton/ Duxbury/ Waterbury	Chittenden/ Washington	1		6	103	
Winooski River in Duxbury and Waterbury, from the top of the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury upstream to the Route 2 bridge (east side of Waterbury Village). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN, AND RAINBOW TROUT: season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; length limit, none; daily limit, total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2 ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 	Duxbury/ Waterbury	Washington	1		6	104	
Route 2 bridge (east side of Waterbury Village) in Waterbury to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		6, 7		



Index of Lakes and Ponds

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For lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and impoundments **NOT LISTED** in this index, see Table 2 (page 85).

Lakes and Ponds	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Lake Area (acres)	Access ¹	Aquatic Nuisance Species ²	Boat Motors Allowed ³	Other Boating Restrictions	Bait Zone ⁴
ABENAKI, LAKE	Thetford	Orange	2	5	11	44			N	5mph	E
ADAMS RESERVOIR	Woodford	Bennington	3	4	14	21			N	5mph	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
AMHERST LAKE	Plymouth	Windsor	2	5	13	81	St		Y		E
ANSEL POND	Bethel	Windsor	3	4	10	2	Sc				E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
ARROWHEAD MOUNTAIN LAKE	Milton/Georgia	Chittenden/Franklin	2	5	1	760	Ut	EW	Y	Other	W
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
ATHENS POND	Athens	Windham	2	5	13	21			N	5mph	E
AUSTIN POND	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	5	9	28		EW	N	5mph	W
BACK POND	Brighton	Essex	2	5	3	10					E
BAKER POND	Barton	Orleans	3	4	3	51			N	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
BAKER POND (Brookfield Pond)	Brookfield	Orange	2	5	10	31	St		Y	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LARGEMOUTH BASS: length limit, no minimum length. 10" to 12" protected slot (all bass 10" to 12" must be released); daily limit, 10 bass, only 1 greater than 12" 										
BALD HILL POND	Westmore	Orleans	3	4	3	108	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
BALL MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR	Jamaica	Windham	2	5	13	85			Y	5mph	E
BANCROFT POND	Plainfield	Washington	3	5	7	14					E
BEAN POND	Lyndon	Caledonia	2	5	7	24			Y	5mph	E
BEAN POND	Sutton	Caledonia	3	4	3	30	Sc		N	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
BEAVER POND	Holland	Orleans	3	4	4	40	Sf		N	5mph	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
BECK POND	Newark	Caledonia	3	4	4	6	Sud				E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
BEEBE POND	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	5	9	110		EW	Y	Other	W
	Sunderland	Bennington	3	4	14	10	Gf				
BEEBE POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										

- 1 S=State; M=Municipal; G=Federal; U=Utility; P=Private; f=foot or carry in; ud=undeveloped; t=boats on trailer; c=cartop; r=regulated.
- 2 EW=Eurasian Watermilfoil; Z=Zebra Mussel; WC=Water Chestnut; VL=Variable-leaf watermilfoil; LBV=Largemouth Bass Virus; A=Alewife.
- 3 The rule prohibits the use of internal combustion motors to power vessels.
- 4 Bait Zone: E=East; W=West; B=Black-List; B-LC=Black-list Lake Champlain; B-M=Black-list Memphremagog; ; B-CT=Black-list Connecticut River

Aquatic nuisance species (ANS) spread-prevention practices should always be employed when visiting ANY waterbody, regardless of whether a known infestation is present. Invasive species and/or fish diseases could be present but not yet detected. Please follow the recommendations on page 14 to help stop the spread of ANS.

Lakes and Ponds	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Lake Area (acres)	Access ¹	Aquatic Nuisance Species ²	Boat Motors Allowed ³	Other Boating Restrictions	Bait Zone ⁴
BERLIN POND	Berlin	Washington	2	5	6	256	Mc	EW	N	Other	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Catch and immediate release only ■ YELLOW PERCH: daily limit, 10 perch 										
BIG AVERILL LAKE (Great Averill Lake)	Norton/Averill	Essex	3	6	4	828	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 ■ ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length limits) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
BIG FISH POND (Vail Pond)	Sutton	Caledonia	3	4	3	16					E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
BIG MUD POND	Mt. Tabor	Rutland	3	4	12	15					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) ■ Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
BIG POND (Woodford Lake)	Woodford	Bennington	2	5	14	31			Y	5mph	W
	Derby	Orleans	2	7	3	764	St				E
BIG SALEM LAKE (Salem Lake)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
BILLINGS MARSH POND	West Haven	Rutland	2	5	9	56			N	5mph	W
BLACK POND	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	5	9	20	Sud	EW	N	5mph	W
BLACK POND	Plymouth	Windsor	2	5	13	20			N	5mph	E
	Sutton	Caledonia	3	4	3	8	Sf				
BLAKE POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) ■ Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
BLISS POND	Calais	Washington	2	5	6	46			Y	5mph	E
BLUEBERRY LAKE (Warren Lake)	Warren	Washington	2	5	6	48			N	5mph	E
BOMOSEEN, LAKE	Castleton/Hubbardton	Rutland	2	7	9	2360	St	EW, WC, Z	Y		B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
BOURN POND	Sunderland	Bennington	3	4	12	48			N	5mph	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) ■ Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
BRANCH POND	Sunderland	Bennington	3	4	14	44			N	5mph	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) ■ Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
BRISTOL POND (Winona Lake)	Bristol	Addison	2	5	5	248	St	EW	Y		W
BROOKFIELD POND (Baker Pond)	Brookfield	Orange	2	5	10	31			Y	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LARGEMOUTH BASS: length limit, 10" to 12" protected slot (all bass 10" to 12" must be released); daily limit, 10 bass, only 1 greater than 12" 										
BROWN POND	Westmore	Caledonia/Orleans	3	4	3	15	Sud				E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
BROWNINGTON POND	Brownington/Derby	Orleans	2	5	3	139	St	EW	Y		E
BRUCE POND	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	5	3	27			Y	5mph	E
BUCK LAKE	Woodbury	Washington	2	5	7	39	Sc		N	5mph	E
BULLHEAD POND	Manchester	Bennington	2	5	12	8	Sc		N		W
BURBEE POND	Windham	Windham	2	5	13	50	Sf		N	5mph	E
BURR POND	Pittsford	Rutland	2	5	9	20			N	5mph	W
BURR POND	Sudbury	Rutland	2	5	9	85	St	EW	Y	Others	W
CARMI, LAKE (Franklin Pond)	Franklin	Franklin	2	5	2	1,402	St	EW	Y		B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ WALLEYE: open season, first Saturday in May to March 15; length limit, minimum length 15", 17" to 19" protected slot (all walleye between 17" and 19" must be released); daily limit, 5 fish limit provided only 1 is over 19" 										

Lakes and Ponds	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Lake Area (acres)	Access ¹	Aquatic Nuisance Species ²	Boat Motors Allowed ³	Other Boating Restrictions	Bait Zone ⁴
CASPIAN LAKE	Greensboro	Orleans	3	6	3	789	Mt		Y	Others	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 ■ ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10"; daily limit, 2 trout 										
CEDAR LAKE (Monkton Pond)	Monkton	Addison	2	5	5	123	St	EW	Y		W
CENTER POND	Newark	Caledonia	3	4	4	79	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
CHAMPLAIN, LAKE			8	9	1, 5, 9		Xt	EW, WC, Z, LBV, A	Y		B-LC
CHANDLER POND	Wheelock	Caledonia	2	5	7	68			N	5mph	E
CHARLESTON POND (Lubber Lake)	Charleston	Orleans	2	5	3	40	Uf		N	5mph	E
CHESTER RESERVOIR	Chester	Windsor	2	5	13	5	MC		N	5mph	E
CHIPMAN LAKE (Tinmouth Pond)	Tinmouth	Rutland	2	5	12	79	Pc	EW	Y		W
CHITTENDEN RESERVOIR	Chittenden	Rutland	2	7	10	702	St		Y	Others	W
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 ■ WALLEYE: open season, June 1–March 15; length limit, minimum length 22"; daily limit, 2 										
CLARK POND (Tildy's Pond)	Glover	Orleans	2	5	3	33	Sud				E
CLYDE POND	Derby	Orleans	2	5	3	186	Uc	EW	N	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" 										
COBB POND	Derby	Orleans	2	5	3	27			N	5mph	E
COGGMAN POND	West Haven	Rutland	2	5	9	20		EW, WC	N	5mph	B-LC
COITS POND	Cabot	Washington	2	5	7	40	Sud		N	5mph	E
COLBY POND	Plymouth	Windsor	3	4	13	20	St		Y	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
COLCHESTER POND	Colchester	Chittenden	2	5	1, 5	186	Mc		N	No Boat Motors	W
COLE POND	Jamaica	Windham	2	5	13	41			N	5mph	E
COLES POND	Walden	Caledonia	2	5	7	125	Mc		Y		E
COLTON POND	Killington	Rutland	2	5	10	27	St		Y	5mph	W
COMERFORD RESERVOIR (CT River)	Waterford/Concord	Caledonia/Essex	10		7	777	Ut				B-CT
COW MOUNTAIN POND	Granby	Essex	3	4	4	10	Mf				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) ■ Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
CRANBERRY MEADOW POND	Woodbury	Washington	2	5	6	28			N	5mph	E
CRESCENT LAKE	Sharon	Windsor	2	5	11	20			N	5mph	E
CRYSTAL LAKE	Barton	Orleans	3	6	3	763	St	EW	Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 ■ ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
CURTIS POND	Calais	Washington	2	5	6	72	St		Y	Others	E
CUTLER POND	Highgate	Franklin	2	5	1	25			N	5mph	W

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DANBY POND	Danby	Rutland	2	5	12	56			Y	5mph	W
DANIELS POND	Glover	Orleans	2	5	3	66	St		Y	5mph	E
DEER PARK POND	Halifax	Windham	2	5	15	22			N	5mph	E
DENNIS POND	Brunswick	Essex	2	5	4	49	Sf		N	5mph	E
DERBY POND	Derby	Orleans	2	5	3	207	St	EW	Y		E
DEWEYS MILL POND	Hartford	Windsor	2	5	11	56		EW	N	5mph	E
DUCK POND	Craftsbury	Orleans	2	5	3	9	Sc				E
DUCK POND	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	5	3	7					E
DUCK POND	Sutton	Caledonia	3	4	3	8	Sc				E
	■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)										
DUNMORE, LAKE North of a line from Sucker Brook to the island	Salisbury/Leicester	Addison	3	6	9	985	St	EW	Y		W
	■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15										
	■ ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season , third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length limit)										
	■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate										
DUNMORE, LAKE South of a line from Sucker Brook to the island	Salisbury/Leicester	Addison	2	7	9	985	St	EW	Y		W
	■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species)										
	■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season , third Saturday in Jan. to March 15										
	■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate										
EAST LONG POND	Woodbury	Washington	3	4	7	188	Pf		Y		E
	■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species)										
	■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate										
ECHO LAKE	Charleston	Orleans	3	6	3	550	St		Y		E
	■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15										
	■ ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season , third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length limit)										
	■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate										
	■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit , minimum length 10"										
ECHO LAKE	Plymouth	Windsor	2	7	13	104	St		Y		E
	■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species)										
	■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season : third Saturday in Jan. to March 15										
ECHO LAKE (Keeler Pond)	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	5	9	54		EW	Y	5mph	W
EDEN, LAKE	Eden	Lamoille	2	7	2	194	St		Y		E
	■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species)										
	■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season , third Saturday in Jan. to March 15										
ELLIGO, LAKE	Craftsbury/Greensboro	Orleans	2	7	3	174	St	EW	Y		E
	■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species)										
	■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season , third Saturday in Jan. to March 15										
	■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate										
ELMORE, LAKE	Elmore	Lamoille	2	5	6	219	St	EW	Y	Others	E
EMERALD LAKE	Dorset	Bennington	2	5	12	28	Sf		N	5mph	W
EWELL POND	Peacham	Caledonia	3	4	7	51	St		Y	5mph	E
	■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)										
FAIRFIELD POND	Fairfield	Franklin	2	5	1	446	Sud	EW	Y		W
FAIRFIELD SWAMP POND	Swanton	Franklin	2	5	1	152	Sc	EW	Y	5mph	W

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FAIRLEE LAKE	Thetford/Fairlee/ W. Fairlee	Orange	2	7	11	457	St	EW	Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
FERN LAKE	Leicester	Addison	2	5	9	69	Mc		Y	5mph	W
FLAGG POND	Wheelock	Caledonia	2	5	3	111	Sud		N	5mph	E
FOREST LAKE	Averill	Essex	3	4	4	62			Y	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
FOREST LAKE (Nelson Pond)	Calais/Woodbury	Washington	3	6	7	133	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 ■ ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length limit) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
FOSTERS POND	Peacham	Caledonia	2	5	7	61	St		Y	5mph	E
FRANKLIN POND (Lake Carmi)	Franklin	Franklin	2	5	2	1,402	St	EW	Y		B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ WALLEYE: open season, first Saturday in May to March 15; length limit, minimum length 15", 17" to 19" protected slot (all walleye between 17" to 19" must be released); daily limit, 5 fish with only 1 over 19" 										
GALE MEADOWS POND	Londonderry	Windham	2	5	12	195	St	EW	Y	5mph	W
GATES POND	Whitingham	Windham	2	5	14	30			N	5mph	E
GILLETT POND	Richmond	Chittenden	2	5	5	30			N	5mph	W
GLEN LAKE	Castleton/Fair Haven/ Benson	Rutland	2	7	9	206	Sf	EW	Y	5mph	W
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
GOSHEN DAM (Sugar Hill Reservoir)	Goshen	Addison	3	4	9	63	Uf		Y		W
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
GREAT AVERILL LAKE (Big Averill Lake)	Norton/Averill	Essex	3	6	4	828	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 ■ ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length limits) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
GREAT HOSMER POND	Craftsbury/Albany	Orleans	2	5	3	140	Mt	EW	Y		E
GREEN RIVER RESERVOIR	Hyde Park	Lamoille	2	5	2	554	Sc		N	5mph	E
GREENWOOD LAKE	Woodbury	Washington	2	5	7	91	St		Y	Others	E
	Mt. Tabor	Rutland	3	4	12	15					
GRIFFITH LAKE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) ■ Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
GRIGGS POND	Albany	Orleans	2	5	3	6					E
GROTON LAKE	Groton	Caledonia	2	5	7	414	Sr		Y		E
GROUT POND	Stratton	Windham	2	5	14	84	Gc		N	5mph	W
HALF MOON POND	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	5	9	23	Sc		N	5mph	W
HALFMOON POND	Fletcher	Franklin	2	5	2	21			Y	5mph	W
HALFWAY POND	Norton	Essex	2	5	4	22	Sf		N	5mph	E
HALLS LAKE	Newbury	Orange	2	5	7	85	Mt	EW, VL	Y	Others	E
HANCOCK LAKE (Sucker Pond)	Stamford	Bennington	2	5	14	51	Mf		N	5mph	W
HAPGOOD POND	Peru	Bennington	3	4	14	8					W
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
HARDWICK LAKE	Hardwick	Caledonia	2	5	7	145	St		N	5mph	E
HARDWOOD POND	Elmore	Lamoille	2	5	6	44			N	5mph	E
HARRIMAN POND	Newbury	Orange	2	5	7	20			N	5mph	E

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HARRIMAN RESERVOIR	Whitingham/Wilmington	Windham	2	7	14	2,040	Ut		Y		W
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
HARTWELL POND	Albany	Orleans	3	4	3	16	Pf				E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
HARVEYS LAKE	Barnet	Caledonia	2	7	7	351	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
HIGH POND	Sudbury	Rutland	2	5	9	20			N	5mph	W
HINKUM POND	Sudbury	Rutland	2	5	9	60		EW	N	5mph	W
HOLLAND POND	Holland	Orleans	3	4	4	325	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
HORSE POND	Greensboro	Orleans	2	5	3	32	Sc		Y	5mph	E
HORTONIA, LAKE (Horton Pond)	Hubbardton/Sudbury	Rutland	2	7	9	479	St	EW	Y		W
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
INDIAN BROOK RESERVOIR	Essex	Chittenden	2	5	5	50	Mc	EW	N	5mph	W
INMAN POND	Fair Haven	Rutland	2	5	9	85			N	5mph	W
IROQUOIS, LAKE	Hinesburg	Chittenden	2	5	5	243	St	EW	Y		W
ISLAND POND	Brighton	Essex	2	7	4	626	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
JACKSONVILLE POND	Whitingham	Windham	2	5	15	20			N	5mph	E
	Westmore	Orleans	3	4	3	39	St		Y	5mph	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
JOES POND	Cabot/Danville	Washington/Caledonia	2	7	7	396	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
JOHNSON POND	Orwell	Rutland	2	5	9	20			N	5mph	W
KEISER POND	Danville	Caledonia	2	5	7	33	St		Y	5mph	E
KENNY POND	Newfane	Windham	2	5	15	26			N	5mph	E
KENT POND	Killington	Rutland	2	5	10	99	St	EW	Y	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LARGEMOUTH BASS: length limit, no minimum length. 10" to 12" protected slot (all bass 10" to 12" must be released); daily limit, 10 bass, only 1 greater than 12" 										
KETTLE POND	Groton	Caledonia	2	5	7	109	Sf		Y	5mph	E
KIDDER POND	Irasburg	Orleans	2	5	3	16					E
KNAPP BROOK POND NO. 1	Cavendish/Reading	Windsor	3	4	13	25	St		Y	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
KNAPP BROOK POND NO. 2	Cavendish/Reading	Windsor	3	4	13	35	St		Y	5mph	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 											
LAMOILLE LAKE	Morristown	Lamoille	2	5	2	148			Y		W
LAMSON POND	Brookfield	Orange	2	5	10	24			N	5mph	E
LEFFERTS POND	Chittenden	Rutland	2	5	10	55			N	5mph	W
LEVI POND	Groton	Caledonia	3	4	7	22	Sf		N	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										

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LEWIS POND	Lewis	Essex	3	4	4	68	Gc		Y	5mph	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
LILY POND	Londonderry	Windham	2	5	13	21			N	5mph	E
LILY POND	Vernon	Windham	2	5	15	41			N	5mph	E
LITTLE AVERILL LAKE	Averill	Essex	3	6	4	467	Pt		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 LAKE TROUT: length limit, minimum Length 20" LEGAL METHOD: open-water fishing with not more than 1 line, ice fishing with not more than 4 lines BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate, of which only 1 may be a lake trout BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15, ice fishing with not more than 4 lines 										
LITTLE ELMORE POND	Elmore	Lamoille	3	4	6	24	Pc		N	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
LITTLE HOSMER POND	Craftsbury	Orleans	2	5	3	180	St		Y	Others	E
LITTLE MUD POND	Winhall	Bennington	2	5	12	21					W
LITTLE POND	Franklin	Franklin	2	5	2	95			N	5mph	W
LITTLE ROCK POND	Wallingford	Rutland	3	4	12	18					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
LITTLE SALEM LAKE	Derby	Orleans	2	7	3	--	Sc		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 Catch and Release for salmon between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" 										
LITTLE WHEELER POND	Brunswick	Essex	2	5	4	8	Sud				E
LONG POND (Belvidere Pond)	Eden	Lamoille	2	5	2	97	Pc	EW	N	5mph	W
LONG POND	Greensboro	Orleans	2	5	3	100	Sf		N	5mph	E
LONG POND	Milton	Chittenden	2	5	1	47	Pf		N	5mph	W
LONG POND	Newbury	Orange	3	4	7	15					E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
LONG POND	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	5	3	38	Sf		N	5mph	E
LONG POND	Westmore	Orleans	3	4	3	90	St		Y	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
LOVES MARSH	Castleton	Rutland	2	5	9	62			N	5mph	W
LOWELL LAKE	Londonderry	Windham	2	5	13	109	Sc		N	5mph	E
LOWER POND (Lake Sunset)	Hinesburg	Chittenden	2	5	5	58		EW	Y	5mph	W
LOWER SYMES POND	Ryegate	Caledonia	2	5	7	57	Sc		Y	5mph	E
LYFORD POND	Walden	Caledonia	2	5	7	33	Sc		Y	5mph	E
MACKVILLE POND	Hardwick	Caledonia	2	5	7	12	Mc				E
MADELEINE LAKE	Sandgate	Bennington	2	5	14	20			Y	5mph	W
MAIDSTONE LAKE	Maidstone	Essex	3	6	4	745	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
MARL POND	Sutton	Caledonia	3	4	3	10	Sc				E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										

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MARSHFIELD DAM (Mollys Falls Reservoir)	Cabot	Washington	2	7	7	397	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
MARTINS POND	Peacham	Caledonia	3	4	7	82	St		Y	Others	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
MAY POND	Barton	Orleans	3	4	3	116	St		N	5mph	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 											
MCALLISTER POND	Lowell	Orleans	2	5	2	25			N	5mph	W
MCCONNELL POND	Brighton	Essex	2	5	4	87	Sf		N	5mph	E
MCINTOSH POND	Royalton	Windsor	3	4	10	23	St		Y	5mph	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
MEMPHREMAGOG, LAKE Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay)	Newport/Derby/ Coventry	Orleans	2	7	3	5,966	St	EW	Y		B-M
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate LANDLOCKED SALMON: length limit, minimum length 17" RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10" 										
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) 										
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
MENDON BEAVER POND	Mendon	Rutland	2	5	10	6	Sc				W
METCALF POND	Fletcher	Franklin	2	5	2	81	Mc	EW	Y		W
MILE POND	Ferdinand	Essex	2	5	4	26			N	5mph	E
MILES POND	Concord	Essex	2	7	8	215	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
MILL POND (Kennedys Pond)	Windsor	Windsor	2	5	13	77	Mt	EW	N	5mph	E
MILL POND (Parsons Mill Pond)	Benson	Rutland	2	5	9	39		EW, WC	N	5mph	W
MILLER POND	Strafford	Orange	2	5	11	64	St		Y	5mph	E
MILTON POND	Milton	Chittenden	2	5	1	24			N	Others	W
MIRROR LAKE (No. 10 Pond)	Calais	Washington	2	5	7	85	St		Y	Others	E
MOLLYS FALLS RESERVOIR (Marshfield Dam)	Cabot	Washington	2	7	7	397	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
MOLLYS POND	Cabot	Washington	2	5	7	38	Pf		N	5mph	E
MOORE DAM RESERVOIR (CT River)	Waterford	Caledonia	10		8	1235	Ut				B-CT
MOREY, LAKE	Fairlee	Orange	2	7	11	547	St	EW	Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 LARGEMOUTH BASS: length limit, minimum length 14"; daily limit, bag limit 5 bass 										
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) 										
MUD CREEK POND	Alburgh	Grand Isle	2	5	1	333			N	5mph	B-LC
MUD POND	Craftsbury	Orleans	2	5	3	35			N	5mph	E
MUD POND	Granby	Essex	2	5	4	55			N	5mph	E
MUD POND	Hyde Park	Lamoille	3	4	2	14			N	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
MUD POND	Irasburg	Orleans	2	5	3	5					E
MUD POND	Leicester	Addison	2	5	9	23			N	5mph	W

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MUD POND	Morgan	Orleans	2	5	3	35	Pf		N	5mph	E
MUD POND	Peacham	Caledonia	2	5	7	34			N	5mph	E
MUD POND	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	5	3	5					E
MUD POND (Forsythie Pond)	Thetford	Orange	2	5	11	20			N	5mph	E
MUDD POND	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	5	9	20			N	5mph	W
NEAL POND	Lunenburg	Essex	2	5	8	185	St		Y		E
NELSON POND (Forest Lake)	Calais/Woodbury	Washington	3	6	7	133	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length limit) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
NEWARK POND	Newark	Caledonia	2	7	3	153	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
NICHOLS POND	Woodbury	Washington	3	4	7	171	Pc		Y	5mph	E
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NINEVAH, LAKE	Mount Holly	Rutland	2	5	13	171	St		Y	5mph	W
NORTHEAST DEVELOPERS POND	Wells	Rutland	2	5	12	27			Y	5mph	W
NORTH HARTLAND RESERVOIR	Hartland	Windsor	2	5	11	215	Gt	EW	Y		E
NORTH MONTPELIER POND	East Montpelier	Washington	2	5	7	72	Sc	EW	Y	5mph	E
NORTH SPRINGFIELD RESERVOIR	Springfield	Windsor	2	5	13	290	Gt	EW	Y	5mph	E
NORTH POND	Brookfield	Orange	2	5	10	24			N	5mph	E
	Chittenden	Rutland	3	4					Y		
NORTH POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
	Whitingham	Windham	2	5	14	20			N	5mph	W
NORTON BROOK RESERVOIR	Bristol	Addison	2	5	5	12					W
NORTON POND	Norton/Warrens Gore	Essex	3	6	4	583	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (see table for daily and length limit) 										
NOTCH POND	Ferdinand	Essex	3	4	4	22	Pf		Y	5mph	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
NOYES POND (Seyon Pond)	Groton	Caledonia	3	4	7	39	Sr		N	5mph	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALL SPECIES: open season, second Saturday in April to last Sunday in Oct., between 6:00 a.m. and one hour after sunset. Access to waters controlled by Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation; legal method, open-water fishing, by fly casting or trolling with a fly rod and reel, using artificial flies with a single hook without a barb or with the barb crimped down or filed off, only from boats rented from the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation (shore and tributary fishing are prohibited). 										
NULHEGAN POND	Brighton	Essex	2	5	4	37	Pf		N	5mph	E
OLD MARSH POND	Fair Haven	Rutland	2	5	9	131			N	5mph	W
OSMORE POND	Peacham	Caledonia	2	5	7	48	Sf		N	5mph	E
PAGE POND	Albany	Orleans	2	5	3	16					E
PARAN LAKE	Bennington	Bennington	2	5	14	40	Str	EW, WC	N	No Boat Motors	W
PARKER, LAKE	Glover	Orleans	2	7	3	250	St	EW	Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
PATCH POND	Rutland City	Rutland	2	5	9	20			N	5mph	W

Lakes and Ponds	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Lake Area (acres)	Access ¹	Aquatic Nuisance Species ²	Boat Motors Allowed ³	Other Boating Restrictions	Bait Zone ⁴
PAUL STREAM POND	Brunswick	Essex	2	5	4	20	Sf		N	5mph	E
PEACHAM POND	Peacham	Caledonia	3	6	7	340	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (see table for daily and length Limit) 										
PENSIONER POND	Charleston	Orleans	2	7	3	173	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
PERCH POND	Benson	Rutland	2	5	9	24	Sc		N	5mph	W
PERCH POND (Zack Woods Pond)	Hyde Park/Wolcott		3	4	2	30	Sc		N	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
PIGEON POND	Groton	Caledonia	3	4	7	69			Y	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
PINE POND	Castleton	Rutland	2	5	9	40			N	5mph	W
PINNEO LAKE	Hartford	Windsor	2	5	11	50			N	5mph	E
POTTERS POND	Albany	Orleans	2	5	3	5					E
RAPONDA LAKE	Wilmington	Windham	2	5	15	121	St		Y		E
READING POND	Reading	Windsor	2	5	13	22			N	5mph	E
RED MILL POND	Woodford	Bennington	3	4	14	7	Sc				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
RESCUE LAKE	Ludlow	Windsor	2	7	13	180	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
RESERVOIR POND (Lake Pauline)	Ludlow	Windsor	2	5	13	32			Y	5mph	E
RETREAT MEADOWS	Brattleboro	Windham	2	5	15	80					B-CT
RICHMOND POND	Richmond	Chittenden	2	5	6	24			N	5mph	W
RICHVILLE POND	Shoreham	Addison	2	5	9	129	St	EW, WC	Y	5mph	W
RICKER POND	Groton	Caledonia	2	5	7	92	Sc		Y		E
ROACH POND	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	5	9	20			N	5mph	W
ROOD POND	Williamstown/ Brookfield	Orange	2	5	6	23	St		Y	5mph	E
ROUND POND	Holland	Orleans	2	5	3	14	Sf		N	5mph	E
ROUND POND	Milton	Chittenden	2	5	1	22			N	5mph	W
ROUND POND	Newbury	Orange	2	5	7	30	Sf	EW	N	5mph	E
ROUND POND	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	5	3	13	Sf				E
RUNNEMEDE LAKE (Everts Pond)	Windsor	Windsor	2	5	13	62	Sf		N	No Boating or Swimming	E
SABIN POND (Woodbury Lake)	Calais/Woodbury	Washington	2	7	7	142	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
SADAWGA POND	Whitingham	Windham	2	5	14	194	St	EW	Y		W
	Derby	Orleans	2	7	3	764	St		Y		E
SALEM LAKE (Big Salem Lake)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) Catch and Release for salmon between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
SARGENT POND	Coventry	Orleans	2	5	3	6	Pf				E
SCHOFIELD POND	Hyde Park	Lamoille	2	5	2	29			N	5mph	E
SEARSBURG RESERVOIR	Searsburg	Bennington	2	5	14	25			N	5mph	W

Lakes and Ponds	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Lake Area (acres)	Access ¹	Aquatic Nuisance Species ²	Boat Motors Allowed ³	Other Boating Restrictions	Bait Zone ⁴
SEYMOUR LAKE	Morgan/Charleston	Orleans	3	6	3	1,769	St		Y		E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 LAKE TROUT: length limit, minimum length 20" LEGAL METHOD: open-water fishing with not more than 1 line, ice fishing with not more than 4 lines BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate, of which only 1 may be a lake trout BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15, ice fishing with not more than 4 lines 										
	Groton	Caledonia	3	4	7	39			N	5mph	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALL SPECIES: open season, second Saturday in April to last Sunday in Oct., between 6:00 a.m. and one hour after sunset. Access to waters controlled by Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation; legal method, open-water fishing, by fly casting or trolling with a fly rod and reel, using artificial flies with a single hook without a barb or with the barb crimped down or filed off, only from boats rented from the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation (<i>shore and tributary fishing are prohibited</i>). 										
SEYON POND (Noyes Pond)	Concord	Essex	2	5	8	128	St		Y		E
	Glover	Orleans	3	6	3	210	St		Y		E
SHADOW LAKE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (<i>see below and table for daily and length Limit</i>) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
	Shaftsbury	Bennington	2	5	14	27			N	5mph	W
SHELBURNE POND	Shelburne	Chittenden	2	5	5	452	St	EW	Y		W
SHERMAN RESERVOIR	Whitingham	Windham	2	5	14	160	Ut		Y		W
SHIPPEE POND	Whitingham	Windham	2	5	14	24			N	5mph	W
SILVER LAKE	Barnard	Windsor	2	5	10	84	Scr		Y	Others	E
SILVER LAKE	Georgia	Franklin	2	5	1	27	Scr		N	Others	W
SILVER LAKE	Leicester	Addison	3	4	9	101	Sc		N	5mph	W
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (<i>see table for regulations on specific species</i>) 										
SMITH POND	Newport	Orleans	2	5	3	8					E
SMITH POND	Pittsford	Rutland	2	5	9	6					W
SODOM POND	East Montpelier	Washington	2	5	6	21			N	5mph	E
SOMERSET RESERVOIR	Somerset/Stratton	Windham	2	7	14	1,568	Ut		Y	Others	W
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (<i>see below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
SOUTH AMERICA POND	Ferdinand	Essex	3	4	4	29	Pf		N	5mph	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (<i>see table for regulations on specific species</i>) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
SOUTH POND	Eden	Lamoille	2	5	2	103			Y		E
SOUTH POND	Marlboro	Windham	3	4	15	68	Str		N	No Boat Motors	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (<i>see table for regulations on specific species</i>) 										
SOUTH STREAM POND	Pownal	Bennington	2	5	14	24	St		Y	5mph	W
SPECTACLE POND	Brighton	Essex	2	5	4	103	St		Y		E
SPRING LAKE	Shrewsbury	Rutland	3	4	12	66			N	5mph	W
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (<i>see below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
SPRUCE POND	Orwell	Rutland	2	5	9	25			N	5mph	W
STANNARD POND	Stannard	Caledonia	3	4	7	25	Sf		N	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (<i>see table for regulations on specific species</i>) 										
STAR LAKE	Mount Holly	Rutland	2	5	13	63	Mt	EW	Y	5mph	W
ST. CATHERINE, LAKE (including Lilly Pond and Little Lake)	Wells/Poultney	Rutland	2	7	12	904	St	EW, WC, LBV, A	Y	Others	B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (<i>see below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										

Lakes and Ponds	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Lake Area (acres)	Access ¹	Aquatic Nuisance Species ²	Boat Motors Allowed ³	Other Boating Restrictions	Bait Zone ⁴
STERLING POND	Cambridge	Lamoille	3	4	2	8					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
STEVENS POND	Maidstone	Essex	2	5	4	26			N	5mph	E
STILES POND	Waterford	Caledonia	2	5	8	154	Sud		N	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YELLOW PERCH: daily limit, 10 perch 										
STOUGHTON POND	Weathersfield	Windsor	3	4	13	56	Gt		Y	5mph	E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
STRATTON POND	Stratton	Windham	3	4	12	46			N	No Boat Motors	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
SUGAR HILL RESERVOIR (Goshen Dam)	Goshen	Addison	3	4	9	63	Uf		Y	5mph	W
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
SUGAR HOLLOW POND	Pittsford	Rutland	2	5	9	21	Uf		N	5mph	W
SUNRISE LAKE	Benson	Rutland	2	5	9	57	Pc	EW	Y	5mph	W
	Benson/Orwell	Rutland	3	6	9	202		EW	Y		W
SUNSET LAKE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length limit) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 										
	Brookfield	Orange	2	5	10	25	Pc		N	5mph	E
	Marlboro	Windham	2	5	15	96	Mc		N	Others	E
SWEENEY POND	Glover	Orleans	2	5	3	9					E
SWEET POND	Guilford	Windham	2	5	15	20			N	5mph	E
TILDYS POND (Clark Pond)	Glover	Orleans	2	5	3	33			Y	5mph	E
THOMPSONS POND	Pownal	Bennington	2	5	14	28			N	5mph	W
TICKLENAKED POND	Ryegate	Caledonia	2	5	7	54	St		Y	5mph	E
TINY POND	Ludlow	Windsor	2	5	13	29			Y	5mph	W
TOAD POND	Charleston	Orleans	2	5	3	22			N	5mph	E
TOWNSHEND RESERVOIR	Townshend	Windham	2	5	15	108	Gt		Y	5mph	E
TURTLE POND	Holland	Essex	2	5	4	27	Sf		N	5mph	E
TURTLEHEAD POND	Marshfield	Washington	2	5	7	69					E
TUTTLE POND	Hardwick	Caledonia	2	5	7	21			N	5mph	E
UNKNOWN POND	Averys Gore	Essex	3	4	4	19	Pf				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
UNKNOWN POND	Ferdinand	Essex	3	4	4	12	Sf				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 										
UPPER SYMES POND	Ryegate	Caledonia	2	5	7	20	Sf		N	5mph	E
VAIL POND (Big Fish Pond)	Sutton	Caledonia	3	4	3	16	Sud				E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
VALLEY LAKE (Dog Pond)	Woodbury	Washington	2	5	7	88	Sc		Y	Others	E
VERNON HATCHERY POND	Vernon	Windham	3	4							E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
WALKER POND	Coventry	Orleans	2	5	3	18					E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
WALLACE POND	Canaan	Essex	2	7	4	532	St				E
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 										
WALLINGFORD POND	Wallingford	Rutland	2	5	12	87	Gf		N	5mph	W
WANTASTIQUET POND	Weston	Windsor	2	5	13	44			N	5mph	W
WAPANACKI LAKE	Wolcott	Lamoille	2	5	3	21			N	5mph	E

Lakes and Ponds	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Lake Area (acres)	Access ¹	Aquatic Nuisance Species ²	Boat Motors Allowed ³	Other Boating Restrictions	Bait Zone ⁴	
WARDEN POND	Barnet	Caledonia	2	5	7	46			Y	5mph	E	
WATERBURY RESERVOIR	Waterbury/Stowe	Washington/Lamoille	2	7	6	839	St		Y	Others	W	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 											
WEATHERHEAD HOLLOW	Guilford	Windham	2	5	15	33	St		Y	5mph	E	
WEST HILL POND	Cabot	Washington	2	5	7	46	Sud		N	5mph	E	
WEST MTN. POND	Maidstone	Essex	3	4	4	60	Sc		N	5mph	E	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 											
WHEELER POND	Barton/Caledonia	Orleans	3	4	3	15	Sc		Y	5mph	E	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 											
WHEELER POND	Brunswick	Essex	2	5	4	66	Sud				E	
WILLOUGHBY, LAKE	Westmore	Orleans	3	6	3	1,653	St	EW	Y		E	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 ■ ALL SPECIES: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length limit) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: daily limit, total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: length limit, minimum length 10" 											
	WINONA LAKE (Bristol Pond)	Bristol	Addison	2	5	5	248	St	EW	Y		W
	WOLCOTT POND	Wolcott	Lamoille	2	5	3	74	St		Y	5mph	E
WOODBURY LAKE (Sabin Pond)	Calais/Woodbury	Washington	2	7	7	142	St		Y		E	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: ice fishing open season, third Saturday in Jan. to March 15 											
WOODWARD RESERVOIR	Plymouth	Windsor	2	5	13	106	St		Y	5mph	E	
WORCESTER POND, LOWER	Worcester	Washington	2	5	6	35			N	5mph	E	
WRIGHTSVILLE RESERVOIR	East Montpelier	Washington	2	5	6	190	St		Y	Others	E	
ZACK WOODS POND (Perch Pond)	Hyde Park/Wolcott	Lamoille	3	4	2	30	Sc		N	5mph	E	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 											



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Tables



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PLEASE NOTE: Waterbody-specific regulations listed in Index of Rivers/Index of Lakes override the general regulation.

TABLE 1: General Fishing Regulations for Rivers, Streams, Associated Beaver Ponds, and Unnamed Impoundments

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
AMERICAN SHAD	NA	0	Catch and release open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON	NA	0		No open season
BOWFIN, MULLET (REDHORSE), GAR	None	No more than 5 of any one species	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbow = no more than 12 Total of brown + rainbows = no more than 6	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LAKE STURGEON	NA	0		No open season
LAKE TROUT	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON	15"		Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS	None	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
MUSKELLUNGE	NA	0	Catch and release open-water fishing with artificial lures and flies only	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
SAUGER	NA	0		No open season
WALLEYE	18"	3	Open-water fishing	1st Sat. in May to Oct. 31
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31

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TABLE 2: General Fishing Regulations for Lakes, Ponds, Impoundments, Reservoirs, and Particular Rivers and Streams

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
AMERICAN SHAD	NA	0	Catch and release open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON	NA	0		No open season
BOWFIN, MULLET (REDHORSE), GAR	None	No more than 5 of any one species	Open-water fishing, ice fishing, spear gun, bow and crossbow all with line attached	All year
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbows = no more than 6	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
CARP, SUCKERS (LONGNOSE and WHITE), CULL FISH	None	None	Open-water fishing, ice fishing, spear gun, bow and crossbow all with line attached	All year
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Open-water fishing, ice fishing	All year
LAKE STURGEON	NA	0		No open season
LAKE TROUT	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON	15"		Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Catch and Release Season)	None	0	Catch and release open-water fishing with artificial lures and flies only	Dec. 1 to Fri. before 2nd Sat. in June
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Regular Season)	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in June to Nov. 30
MUSKELLUNGE	NA	0	Catch and release open-water fishing with artificial lures and flies only	All year
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Open-water fishing, ice fishing	All year
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Open-water fishing, ice fishing	All year
SAUGER	NA	0		No open season
WALLEYE	18"	3	Open-water fishing, ice fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Open-water fishing, ice fishing	All year
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Open-water fishing, ice fishing	All year

TABLE 3: General Fishing Regulations for Certain Lakes and Ponds Listed in Index of Lakes and Ponds

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
AMERICAN SHAD	NA	0	Catch and release open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON	NA	0		No open season
BOWFIN, MULLET (REDHORSE), GAR	None	No more than 5 of any one species	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbows = no more than 6	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LAKE STURGEON	NA	0		No open season
LAKE TROUT	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON	15"		Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Catch and Release Season)	NA	0	Catch and release open-water fishing with artificial lures and flies only	2nd Sat. in April to Fri. before 2nd Sat. in June
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Regular Season)	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in June to Oct. 31
MUSKELLUNGE	NA	0	Catch and release open-water fishing with artificial lures and flies only	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
SAUGER	NA	0		No open season
WALLEYE	18"	3	Open-water fishing	1st Sat. in May to Oct. 31
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31

TABLE 4: Closed to Ice Fishing

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
ALL FISH SPECIES	NA	Closed	Closed	Closed to ice fishing

TABLE 5: Ice Fishing Regulations

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
AMERICAN SHAD	NA	0	Closed	Closed
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON	NA	0	NA	No open season
BOWFIN, MULLET (REDHORSE), GAR	None	No more than 5 of any one species	Ice fishing	All Year
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	NA	0	Closed	Closed
CARP, SUCKERS (LONGNOSE and WHITE), CULL FISH	None	None	Ice fishing	All year
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Ice fishing	All year
LAKE STURGEON	NA	0	NA	No open season
LAKE TROUT	NA	0	Closed	Closed
LANDLOCKED SALMON	NA	0	Closed	Closed
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS	NA	0	Closed	Closed
MUSKELLUNGE	NA	0	Closed	Closed
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Ice fishing	All year
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Ice fishing	All year
SAUGER	NA	0	NA	No open season
WALLEYE	18"	3	Ice fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Ice fishing	All year
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Ice fishing	All year

TABLE 6: Ice Fishing Regulations

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
AMERICAN SHAD	NA	0	Closed	Closed
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON	NA	0	NA	No open season
BOWFIN, MULLET (REDHORSE), GAR	None	No more than 5 of any one species	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbow = no more than 6	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
LAKE STURGEON	NA	0	NA	No open season
LAKE TROUT	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
LANDLOCKED SALMON	15"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
MUSKELLUNGE	NA	0	Closed	Closed
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
SAUGER	NA	0	NA	No open season
WALLEYE	18"	3	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15



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- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

TABLE 7: Ice Fishing Regulations

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
AMERICAN SHAD	NA	0	Closed	Closed
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON	NA	0	NA	No open season
BOWFIN, MULLET (REDHORSE), GAR	None	No more than 5 of any one species	Ice fishing	All Year
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbow = no more than 6	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
CARP, SUCKERS (LONGNOSE and WHITE), CULL FISH	None	None	Ice fishing	All year
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Ice fishing	All year
LAKE STURGEON	NA	0	NA	No open season
LAKE TROUT	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
LANDLOCKED SALMON	15"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Ice fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan. to March 15
MUSKELLUNGE	NA	0	Closed	Closed
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Ice fishing	All year
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Ice fishing	All year
SAUGER	NA	0	NA	No open season
WALLEYE	18"	3	Ice fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Ice fishing	All year
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Ice fishing	All year



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Lake Champlain Regulations



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Lake Champlain Reciprocal Fishing

A person holding a New York fishing license may take fish from the Vermont portion of Lake Champlain only as far east as a line starting on the north shore of the Poultney River where it empties into East Bay, proceeding generally northerly along the shore to the old Rutland Railroad fill on Colchester Point, then following the western side of the old Rutland Railroad fill to Allen Point on Grand Isle, continuing northerly following the western shore of Grand Isle to Tromp Point, then across The Gut to Bow and Arrow Point, then continuing generally northerly along the western shore of North Hero to Pelots Point, then across the Alburgh passage to the Point of the Tongue, and then along the western shore of the Alburgh peninsula to the United States border with Canada.

When this line crosses a tributary to Lake Champlain, the line shall proceed from the downstream most point of land on one side of the tributary to the downstream most point of land on the other side of the tributary.

Holders of Vermont fishing licenses may fish Lake Champlain west of the Vermont/New York border to the New York shore. They may not fish in South Bay or New York tributaries to Lake Champlain. See map, to right.

NOTE: Some fishing season dates, length limits, daily creel limits, and other regulations are different in New York and Vermont. When fishing in Vermont, anglers must observe Vermont regulations. When fishing in New York, anglers must follow the regulations that apply in New York. Be sure to obtain copies of each state's fishing regulations.

For Lake Champlain baitfish regulations, see pages 25–29.

Lake Champlain Waters

Lake Champlain includes setbacks at the same level and major tributaries to the lake to the following boundaries:

- Dead Creek to Panton Road bridge in Panton
- East Creek to the falls in Orwell (downstream of Mount Independence Road)
- Lamoille River to the top of first dam (Peterson Dam) in Milton
- LaPlatte River to the falls in Shelburne (under Falls Road bridge)
- Lewis Creek to the falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road)
- Little Otter Creek to the falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Road)
- Malletts Creek to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (U.S. Route 2 and U.S. Route 7) in Colchester
- Mill River in Georgia to the falls in Georgia (just upstream of Georgia Shore Road bridge)
- Missisquoi River to the top of Swanton Dam in the village of Swanton
- Mud Creek to the dam in Alburgh (just upstream of Route 78 bridge)
- Otter Creek to the top of the dam in the city of Vergennes
- Poultney River to Central Vermont Power (Green Mountain Power Dam) at Carver Falls in West Haven
- Rock River to first Canadian border crossing
- Winooski River to the Winooski One hydropower dam west of Main Street (U.S. Route 7) in Winooski and Burlington

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TABLE 8: General Fishing Regulations for Lake Champlain include the setbacks at the same water level and the lower portion of its tributaries as defined on page 88. Spawning waters are not included.

Lake Champlain Open-Water Fishing—Number of Lines/Rods: A person may take fish only by using not more than **two** lines of which he or she has immediate control over all lines. Each line may not have more than two baited hooks or three artificial flies or two lures with or without bait.

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
BOWFIN, MULLET (REDHORSE), GAR	None	No more than 5 of any one species	Open-water fishing, spear gun, bow and crossbow all with line attached	All year
			Shooting, hand-held spearing	March 25 to May 25
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	12"	Total of brook + brown + rainbows = no more than 3	Open-water fishing	All year
BULLHEAD	None	None	Open-water fishing	All year
			Shooting, hand-held spearing	March 25 to May 25
CARP, SUCKERS (LONGNOSE and WHITE), CULL FISH	None	None	Open-water fishing, spear gun, bow and crossbow all with line attached	All year
CHAIN PICKEREL	None	10	Open-water fishing	All year
			Shooting, hand-held spearing	March 25 to May 25
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Open-water fishing	All year
LAKE STURGEON	NA	0		No open season
LAKE TROUT	15"	3	Open-water fishing	All year
LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON	15"	2	Open-water fishing	All year
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Catch and Release Season)	NA	0	Catch and release open-water fishing with artificial lures and flies only	Dec. 1 to Fri. before 2nd Sat. in June
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Regular Season)	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in June to Nov. 30
MUSKELLUNGE	NA	0	Catch and release open-water fishing with artificial lures and flies only	All year
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Open-water fishing	All year
			Shooting, hand-held spearing	March 25 to May 25
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Open-water fishing	All year
SAUGER	NA	0		No open season
WALLEYE	18"	3	Open-water fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
YELLOW PERCH	None	None	Open-water fishing	All year
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Open-water fishing	All year

TABLE 9: Lake Champlain Ice Fishing Regulations

Lake Champlain Ice Fishing—Number of Lines: A person may take fish only by using not more than **fifteen** lines of which he or she has immediate control over all lines. Each line may not have more than two baited hooks or three artificial flies or two lures with or without bait.

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
BOWFIN, MULLET (REDHORSE), GAR	None	No more than 5 of any one species	Ice fishing	All Year
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	12"	Total of brook + brown + rainbow = no more than 3	Ice fishing	All year
CARP, SUCKERS (LONGNOSE and WHITE), CULL FISH	None	None	Ice fishing	All year
CHAIN PICKEREL	None	10	Ice fishing	All year
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Ice fishing	All year
LAKE STURGEON	NA	0	NA	No open season
LAKE TROUT	15"	3	Ice fishing	All year
LANDLOCKED SALMON	15"	2	Ice fishing	All year
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS	None	0	Closed	Closed
MUSKELLUNGE	NA	0	Closed	Closed
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Ice fishing	All year
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Ice fishing	All year
SAUGER	NA	0	NA	No open season
WALLEYE	18"	3	Ice fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
YELLOW PERCH	None	None	Ice fishing	All year
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Ice fishing	All year

Connecticut River Regulations



Tom Rogers

TABLE 10: General Fishing Regulations for the Connecticut River for that portion of the river between New Hampshire and Vermont. “Connecticut River” means all waters of the river, including the bays, setbacks, and tributaries, only to the first highway bridge crossing said tributaries on the Vermont and New Hampshire sides.

LICENSES: All New Hampshire– and Vermont-resident fishing licenses are valid for the taking of fish from the Connecticut River as defined above. All other nonresidents with a New Hampshire nonresident fishing license shall only take fish east of the Vermont low-water mark while on the Connecticut River.

SEASON: Open to fishing all year, except no fishing Oct. 16–Dec. 31 from the confluence of the Upper Ammonoosuc River and the Connecticut River in Northumberland, New Hampshire, to the northern boundary of the town of Canaan, Vermont.

DEVICES: No more than six ice fishing devices shall be used to take fish while ice fishing. When fishing in open water, no more than two lines may be used.

Lead sinkers and lead jigs one ounce or less, regardless of length, are prohibited.

	SPECIES RULES: The rules below apply during the open season for fishing.
AMERICAN SHAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Catch and release only.
ATLANTIC SALMON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No open season for Atlantic salmon until declared by the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission.
BROOK, BROWN and RAINBOW TROUT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The season for taking brook, brown, or rainbow trout by all legal methods shall open on Jan. 1 and close Oct. 15. ■ Through open water, the daily limit is 5 fish or 5 pounds (whichever limit is first reached), except the daily limit is 1 fish from the Samuel Moore Dam downstream to the Route 18 bridge. ■ Through the ice, the daily limit is 2 fish, except the daily limit is 1 fish from the Samuel Moore Dam downstream to the Route 18 bridge. ■ Fishing for trout is closed from 2 hours after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise daily. See <i>NH Fishing Digest</i>.
BLACK BASS (Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The daily bag limit for black bass from Jan. 1 to March 31 is 2 fish, of which only 1 bass may be greater than 16". The daily limit for black bass from April 1 to May 14 and June 16 to June 30 is 2 fish. ■ Between May 15 and June 15, all black bass shall be immediately released unharmed, at the site of catch, to the waters from which taken. ■ The daily limit for black bass from July 1 through Dec. 31 is 5 fish. ■ During the period beginning May 15 and ending June 15, black bass shall be taken only by artificial lures and flies.
CARP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ May be taken by any legal method, and by bow and arrow with cord attached, in that part of the river beginning at the point on the northern boundary of Grafton County in New Hampshire, which is directly opposite the town of Concord, Vermont, south to the Massachusetts border.
HORNED POUT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The daily limit is 25 fish.
NORTHERN PIKE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The daily limit is 1 fish; minimum total length 28".
PICKEREL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The daily limit is 10 fish.
RIVER HERRING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Closed to the taking of alewives and blueback herring.
WALLEYE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No person shall take walleye 16"–18"; the daily limit is 4 fish, of which only 1 can be larger than 18".
ALL OTHER SPECIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The daily limit for black crappie, white perch, yellow perch, and sunfish is 25 fish for each species. The daily aggregate possession limit is 50 fish for all listed species, including horned pout.
SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From the Murphy Dam in Pittsburg, New Hampshire, downstream to the highway bridge that crosses the river from West Stewartstown, New Hampshire, to Canaan, Vermont: from Jan. 1 to the fourth Saturday in April, catch and release only with barbless lures and flies. ■ From a point 1,600' upstream from the bridge in North Stratford, New Hampshire, upstream to a point 250' below the Lyman Falls Dam in North Stratford, New Hampshire, and marked by a sign, the following restrictions shall apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Fishing shall be permitted by artificial lures and flies only. All lures and flies shall have barbless hooks or shall have all barbs pinched so they will not interfere with removal of the hook from the fish. All fish are to be immediately released unharmed. 	

FISHWAYS CLOSED

- **VERNON DAM** in Vernon, Vermont, and Hinsdale, New Hampshire, shall be closed to all fishing to a point 150' below the dam.
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Conservation

Restoring native species such as beaver, moose, wild turkey, and peregrine falcon, and conserving endangered species including lake sturgeon, bald eagles, turtles, and bats.



Working with private landowners and towns to create habitat management plans and conservation planning initiatives.

Reviewing Act 250 and Act 248 land use permits to address impacts to important wildlife habitat.

Sustaining wildlife for the next generation and ensuring that our grandchildren will still be able to see brook trout, butterflies, birds, and bears.

Safety



Improving wildlife crossings to keep large animals such as moose and deer off highways.

Dealing with nuisance wildlife, including rabid animal response, beaver damage mitigation, and black bear conflicts.

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