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We are very fortunate in the Granite State to have nearly 1,000 fishable lakes and 12,000 miles of rivers and streams. Popular coldwater species of fish include lake trout, landlocked salmon, and brook, brown, and rainbow trout. For those who prefer warm water angling, New Hampshire offers small- and largemouth bass, pickerel, black crappie, bluegill, and yellow perch among others.

New Hampshire fishing licenses are one of the best deals around. You get a full year of outdoor recreation and dinner too if you are successful! And don't forget our free fishing days on January 15 and June 4 in 2022, when anglers do not need a license to fish in New Hampshire.

Our hatchery staff stock over a million trout for your fishing enjoyment each year. The healthy fisheries we have today are the result of conservation efforts here at Fish and Game dating back to 1865, when the State Legislature established the Commission on Fisheries to reverse the trend of rapidly depleting species around the state. Because of careful management from raising and stocking fish to stream restoration and watershed conservation to population testing and assessment, fishing opportunities abound.

Also thanks to our Public Boat Access Program, guided by the Public Water Access Advisory Board, or PWAAB, there are more than 140 Fish and Game boat launch sites around the state. Construction and maintenance of these facilities is supported in part by the federal Sport Fish Restoration Program as is our stocking program.

So thanks for your support, stay safe, and have a great time fishing in the Granite State!

Scott R. Mason
Executive Director
N.H. Fish and Game Department



N.H. Fish and Game — Our Mission

As the guardian of the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works in partnership with the public to:

- Conserve, manage and protect these resources and their habitats;
- Inform and educate the public about these resources; and
- Provide the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources.

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ON THE COVER:
Fly angler releasing
a rainbow trout

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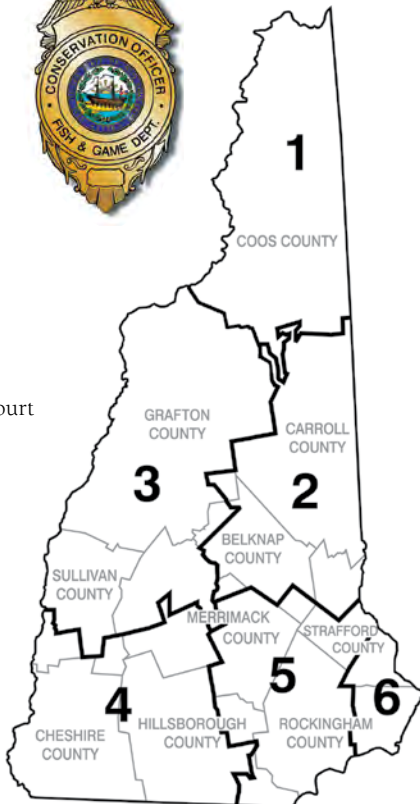
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This publication is a summary of fishing regulations. It is not the full laws or rules. It is intended only as a guide to inform the angler of seasons and other necessary information.

For more detailed information concerning regulations, consult the New Hampshire Fish and Game Law Book, Fish and Game Administrative Rules, or contact your local Conservation Officer. Fish and Game laws and rules may be viewed at any Fish and Game office (contact information on this page); Legislative Services, Administrative Rules, in the State House Annex, 25 Capitol St., Room 219, Concord, NH 03301; and at fishnh.com or nh.gov. A compendium of Fish and Game laws may also be purchased at Department headquarters in Concord for \$41.

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In recent years, the foundation has supported a wide range of projects, including aerial stocking of trout into remote ponds, monitoring river herring passage on the Lamprey River, kiosks for the Connecticut Lakes Natural Area, Fish and Game's Landowner Relations Program, Conservation Canine search and rescue dogs, publication of *Wild Times for Kids*, and improvements at Owl Brook Hunter Education Center and Barry Conservation Camp.

Funding for the Wildlife Heritage Foundation's grants program comes from individual and corporate donors and from the annual auction of fish and game permits and licenses. The foundation accepts general and targeted cash donations, as well as planned gifts and tangible assets; most contributions are tax-deductible.

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LICENSE INFORMATION

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How to Use This Book

1. Review *License Information* on pages 6–7; *Definitions* on pages 8–9; *Important Laws and Rules*, including *Unlawful Actions* on pages 10–11; and *Ice Fishing Rules* on page 31.
2. If you want to **fish a lake or pond**, check to see if it is listed in *Lakes & Ponds with Special Rules* (pages 14–20).
 - » If it **is** listed, make note of any restrictions, seasons, bag limits, methods or additional/special rules shown. For those lakes and ponds listed as Trout Ponds, Fly-fishing only, Wild Trout, or Lake Trout and/or Salmon waters, refer to *Lakes & Ponds: Special Rules* on page 12.
 - » If the lake or pond **is not** listed on pages 14–20, follow *Lakes & Ponds: General Rules* (page 13), including seasons, bag limits, etc., as shown.
3. If you want to **fish a river or stream**, check to see if it is listed in *Rivers & Streams with Special Rules* (pages 23–25).
 - » If it **is** listed, make note of any restrictions, seasons, bag limits, methods or additional/special rules shown for the specified section.
 - » If the river or stream **is not** listed on pages 23–25, follow *Rivers & Streams: General Rules* (page 22), including seasons, bag limits, etc., as shown.
4. Interstate Waters — see pages 38–39.

Buying a License

Fishing and hunting licenses, valid Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year, may be purchased online via fishnh.com, from license agents, Fish and Game Department headquarters in Concord, Fish and Game Region 1 and 4 offices, and some town or city clerks. Applicants must purchase their own licenses.

Lost Licenses

Lost licenses may be reprinted at the original issuing agent or Fish and Game's Concord headquarters. If purchased at a license agent, and it is at least one week from the date of issue, the license can be reprinted from the online sales site. There is no charge for reprints, however, there is a limit on the number of reprints allowed.

Violation/Revocation

Convictions for violations of any fishing law or rule, littering, or criminal trespass (RSA 214:19; 207:36-b; 635:2) will result in the revocation of your fishing license or privilege.

Exceptions

A fishing license is not required for children under the age of 16 (RSA 214:2).

Fisheries Habitat Fee

All freshwater anglers pay a \$1 fisheries habitat fee, which is included in the license price. Revenue is used to improve and restore fisheries habitats. For more information, see page 32.

Residency Requirements

To obtain a license at resident rates, the person must present to the issuing agent a valid New Hampshire driver's license or non-driver's picture identification card issued by the N.H. Department of Safety, Div. of Motor Vehicles. Whenever the applicant is under 18 years of age, the parent or guardian of the applicant shall be a resident and present their valid N.H. driver's license or non-driver's picture identification.

Note: Any person who is no longer a legal resident of the state, but still retains a valid N.H. driver's license, is guilty of a misdemeanor if he/she tries to obtain a resident fishing, hunting, or trapping license based on this driver's license.

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N.H. residents who are regular active duty in the US Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard permanently stationed outside the state are eligible for free temporary hunting and fishing licenses and may acquire them at no charge. Available at N.H. Fish and Game Headquarters in Concord; Region 1 and 4 offices; or by mail or fax (603) 271-5829 (download an Active Duty Military License application from the Fish and Game website and send with duty orders). A copy of duty orders must be presented for verification. Call (603) 271-3422 for information.

Non-resident military personnel on regular, active duty, and permanently stationed in New Hampshire, may purchase licenses at N.H. resident rates. (Cannot be purchased online or at Walmart).

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|----------------|---|----------|-------|
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| | Resident 1-Day Freshwater Fishing¹ | \$10.00 | 16–67 |
| | Resident Freshwater Fishing¹ | \$45.00 | 16–67 |
| | Recreational Saltwater Fishing² | \$11.00 | 16+ |
| | Senior Freshwater Fishing^{1,3} Available to N.H. residents born in 1948 or later, and at least 68 years of age at the time of purchase. Must be purchased annually. | \$7.00 | 68+ |
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| NONRESIDENTS | Nonresident Hunting & Freshwater Fishing¹ Proof of hunter ed. course or previous hunting license required. | \$151.00 | 16+ |
| | Nonresident Freshwater Fishing¹ (all species) | \$63.00 | 16+ |
| | Recreational Saltwater Fishing² | \$11.00 | 16+ |
| | Nonresident 1-Day Freshwater Fishing¹ | \$15.00 | 16+ |
| | Nonresident 3-Day Freshwater Fishing¹ (consecutive days only) | \$28.00 | 16+ |
| | Nonresident 7-Day Freshwater Fishing¹ (consecutive days only) | \$35.00 | 16+ |

NOTE: All license prices include a \$1.00 agent fee and a \$1.00 Fisheries Habitat Fee. A \$2.00 transaction fee (\$2.75 online) is charged for each license form. Hunting licenses also require a \$2.50 wildlife habitat fee.

1 Fishing licenses allow taking of fish in freshwater.

2 A N.H. Recreational Saltwater License is required for recreational taking, possessing, or transporting of finfish from N.H. coastal and estuarine waters. For more information, see the *N.H. Saltwater Fishing Digest*.

3 For N.H. residents born in 1947 or earlier, a **free permanent Milestone license is available** for fishing (freshwater) or combination hunting & fishing. Available only at Fish and Game headquarters in Concord or Regional Offices 1, and 4; also available at select licensing agents, or by mail using the application at fishnh.com.

Carry Your License

The license must be carried on your person when fishing or hunting. For **fishing licenses** (not hunting), a pdf or other fixed image of a valid license visible on a smart phone is sufficient to comply with the law, as long as a Conservation Officer can view the information contained on the license, and a photo ID can be presented.

Non-Resident Student Licenses

Full-time students attending school in New Hampshire may purchase non-resident fishing or hunting licenses at resident rates. Students may be in high school, college or graduate school; they must be registered for at least 12 credit hours per semester. To get the reduced rate, you must show a valid, current school ID. These licenses are sold only at Fish and Game headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord NH 03301, in person or by mail.

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|---|----------|
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| Resident Guide, Hunting or Fishing | \$100.00 |
| Nonresident Guide, Hunting or Fishing | \$100.00 |
| Bait Dealer's Retail | \$26.00 |
| Bait Dealer's Wholesale | \$76.00 |

Buying Your License

New Hampshire fishing licenses can be purchased online at fishnh.com, from one of our 185 friendly license agents statewide (listed at fishnh.com/licensing), or in person or by mail at Fish and Game headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301. A \$2 transaction fee is charged for each license form (\$2.75 for Internet purchases).

DEFINITIONS

Angling: The taking of fish by line in hand or rod in hand to which is attached a cast of artificial flies, or an artificial bait, or hooks or other devices for the attachment of bait. A person may use up to two lines. Rod holders are permitted.

Artificial bait: Any fishing bait constructed by humans as an imitation or substitute for natural bait or fish forage and includes but is not limited to spinners, spoons, poppers, plugs, jigs and plastic, rubber or other artificial imitations of natural bait. Artificial bait does not include a fly.

Bag and creel limit: The number or weight of any kind of wildlife permitted to be killed in a specified time.

Bait: Dead or live natural bait whether in part or whole and includes but is not limited to fish, mollusks, crustaceans, amphibians, invertebrates, reptiles, or their progeny or eggs, and power bait or any ingestible substance.

Black bass: Largemouth and smallmouth bass.

Brook trout: Brook, rainbow, brown and golden trout, Loch Leven trout and all their hybrids.

Cast of artificial flies: No more than 3 flies.

Closed Season: That period of time during which fish, game, wild or fur-bearing animals, or marine species may not be taken or killed, and all periods of time not included within the open season.

Culling: The act of exchanging a fish for one of the same species already in possession.

Cusk fishing device: A device for storing line in a manner which is not free-running and is securely attached to the device and to which is attached a sinker, weighing at least one ounce,

not more than 6 inches above, and independent of, an attached single hook for bait. The weight must rest on the bottom of the lake. If using lead sinker, it must be greater than one ounce. See page 33. The device shall be plainly marked with the name and address of the person using it. These devices may only be used on certain approved waterbodies listed on page 31.

Fly: A hook dressed with feathers, hair, thread, tinsel, or any similar material to which no spinner, spoon, or similar device is added.

Fly-fishing: Fishing by trolling or casting with only fly rod, fly reel, and fly line combination with an artificial fly or cast of artificial flies attached, and does not include the use of spinning, spincast, and casting rods and reels and lead core lines.

Ice fishing: Taking freshwater fish during the open season through man-made openings in the ice by the use of ice fishing devices.

Ice fishing device: Any device used to take fish through the ice, including a tip-up, jig stick, rod in hand, or handline, exclusive of a cusk fishing device.

Ice-in: That period when the surface of a body of water or a portion thereof is covered with sufficient ice to safely support a person.

Inclusion of dates: Whenever a period is named during which an act is permitted or prohibited, both the first and second dates named shall be included within such period.

Man-made opening: A hole in the ice made by an ice cutting tool, including but not limited to augers, chisels, and saws. Man-made openings shall not include areas that remain ice-free due to current and movement created by dock aerators and similar devices.

Minimum length or minimum total length: The shortest total length of a fish allowed to be taken.

Net: Any open fabric constructed of string, cord, thread, or wire knotted or woven together in such a way as to be capable of entraining or entrapping finfish.

Open Season: That period of time during which wildlife may be legally taken or killed.

Set line: An unattended line placed in the fresh waters of the state (including through the ice) for the purpose of taking fish, which is not under the direct view and control of the person placing the line.

Single hook artificial lure: An artificial lure with one single hook with not more than 3 hook points.

Snagging, snatching, or lifting: The taking or attempted taking of any fish by foul hooking, that is, hooking the fish in any part of the body other than inside the mouth.

Take or Taking: Includes pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, capturing, trapping, snaring, and netting wildlife, and all lesser acts, such as disturbing, harrying, worrying, wounding, or placing, setting, drawing, or using any net or other device commonly used to take wildlife, whether they result in taking or not. Includes every attempt to take and every act of assistance to every other person in taking or attempting to take wildlife, provided that whenever taking is allowed by law, reference is had to taking by lawful means and in a lawful manner.

Tandem fly: Two single-pointed hooks dressed with feathers, hair, thread, tinsel, or any similar material and joined together by a single strand of wire or line, one behind the other to form a single artificial fly. There shall be no spinner, spoon, or similar device added.

Tip-up: A fishing device for storing line, designed to be set through the ice and to indicate when something has disturbed the bait attached thereto.

Total length: The greatest possible length of the fish with mouth closed and caudal (tail) fin rays squeezed together to give the maximum overall measurement. For all fish that have a total length limit, the head and tail must remain intact while on or leaving the waters of the state.

Tributary: Any waters flowing directly or indirectly into a waterbody.

Trolling: Angling by trailing a line from a vessel defined in RSA 270-D:1 XI being propelled by machinery, electric, or manual power.

Landowner Protections

New Hampshire State law provides certain protections for landowners who open their land to those using it for outdoor recreation. Learn more at www.wildlife.state.nh.us/landshare/landowner-liability.html.



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- **Approved bait fish species (excluding white suckers)** may be taken for personal use by licensed anglers with up to six traps not over 18 inches long each, with an opening not over one inch in diameter, or a circular drop net not over 48 inches in diameter; or a square net of equal area. Each trap must have the angler's name and address on it. Daily limit 2 quarts (liquid measure). There is no daily limit for white suckers.
- **Commercial harvesting** of bait is permitted with a bait dealer's license and under specific rules. The license is available from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. More on page 37.
- **While taking fish in open water, two hooks may be used for bait per line**, one with a single hook point and the other with no more than three hook points, **except** for certain lake trout and salmon lakes, where only a single hook with a single hook point may be used (see pages 14–20).

Let's Go Fishing!

Want to learn how to fish, enhance your fishing skills, help turn a friend into a fishing buddy? Check out *Let's Go Fishing* classes from N.H. Fish and Game's Aquatic Resources Education team! Free courses are offered throughout the state by trained volunteer instructors who bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to help anglers get started.

Courses available for adults and children on fly fishing, saltwater fly fishing, fly tying, ice fishing and more. Visit fishnh.com.



- A person may use **up to 2 lines** for open-water fishing.
- **Fishing is allowed at any time of the day or night, except the taking of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, trout hybrids, and salmon** between two hours after

sunset and one hour before sunrise is prohibited, unless otherwise specified (pg. 22).

- **Traps, nets, fish houses, holding boxes, or other receptacles** used to take, hold, or to keep live bait fish in public waters must be marked with the name and address of the owner and user.
- **While anglers are being guided**, as defined in RSA 207:1 XII and XIII, and taking freshwater fish by trolling (as defined on page 9) the number of lines being used for angling shall not exceed the legal number of lines allowed for each angler, excluding the guide(s).
- **Fishing tournaments on New Hampshire waters** require a permit. Applications are taken on a first-come, first-served basis and are available from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Except for bass tournaments, the permit fee is \$49.00.
- **Bass fishing tournaments:** Applications are accepted beginning October 1 for permits requested for the following year. Applications for each bass tournament event received between October 1 and December 1 will be assigned a random computer-generated number. After the lottery, "first come, first serve applications" will be accepted prior to issuance starting March 1 and will be issued a sequential number upon receipt. When there are multiple requests for bass tournaments on the same date and waterbody, preference will be given to the application(s) for bass tournament(s) with the lowest assigned

When in doubt about whether a fish you have caught is legal, play it safe and release the fish unharmed.

Ban on Lead Sinkers and Jigs

State law prohibits the use of lead sinkers and jigs weighing 1 ounce or less, regardless of length, in all fresh waters of New Hampshire. The sale of these lead sinkers and jigs is prohibited in the state of New Hampshire. Learn more at fishleadfree.org.



Catch & Release

- **Time is of the essence.** Play and release the fish as quickly and carefully as possible.
- **When landing a fish**, use a net with fine mesh or rubber net to avoid injury. A net is probably not necessary for small fish. Keep the fish in the water as much as possible. A fish out of water is suffocating and could be injured.
- **When releasing a fish**, handle it as little as possible when removing the hook. When handling the fish, do not let it flop around or squeeze it. Gently hold the fish around the middle and upside down while removing the hook. This position calms the fish and deters it from moving around.
- **Remove the hook** with small pliers or use your thumb and forefinger to loosen and back out the hook. If a hook cannot be easily removed, cut the leader as close as possible to the hook. The hook will rust or fall out in a short time.
- **To revive a tired fish**, hold it in a swimming position with one hand under its bottom jaw and the other hand grasping the fish in front of the tail. Gently move the fish back and forth through the water until it is able to swim away.



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number(s). The permit fee is \$49.00, except for “catch and immediate release” and “club level” bass tournaments which are \$10.00.

Unlawful Actions

- The sale of freshwater fish is prohibited, other than approved bait fish sold by licensed individuals.
- Snagging fish in freshwaters is prohibited. Any fish accidentally snagged must be immediately released to the water.
- No fish may be taken by use of a set line (as defined on page 9) in freshwater, which would include so-called “jug fishing.”
- Exceeding daily bag limits of fish is prohibited, whether taken from one or several waterbodies.
- No person may have in his possession at one time more wildlife (including fish) than he may lawfully take in 2 days.
- No person shall have live lake trout, landlocked salmon, brook trout, black bass, northern pike, or black crappie in their possession, except if the person is a bass tournament permittee or is an aquaculturist permittee or has a permit to import, possess, or release these fish.
- Release of fish in waters other than where caught is prohibited. Fish must be returned to the water where taken.
- Culling of fish, except during permitted bass tournaments, is prohibited.
- The water surrounding any dam containing a fishway is closed to fishing. (See *Rivers and Streams with Special Rules* on pages 23–25.)
- The use of alewives, carp, or goldfish as live bait while fishing is prohibited. The use of shad or whitefish as bait for cusk is prohibited.
- Importation of live fish or their eggs, including bait fish, is prohibited without a special permit.
- Except as otherwise specifically permitted, it is unlawful to use or have in possession poisons, explosives, net, set line, fishing otter, trawl, grapple, spear, jack, jack light, or electrical or other device for killing or stunning fish.
- To counsel or aid another in violating a fishing rule is prohibited.
- The use of lead sinkers and jigs weighing 1 ounce or less, regardless of length, is prohibited in all fresh water. Sale of lead sinkers and jigs (1 ounce or less, regardless of length) is prohibited.
- The use of a gaff to take fish in any fresh waters of the state is prohibited.
- To continue to take or attempt to take fish after filling the daily bag limit for that species of fish is prohibited.
- It is illegal to tag, brand, fin-clip, or otherwise mark any fish prior to release without written permission to do so from the N.H. Fish and Game Executive Director.

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LAKES & PONDS: GENERAL AND SPECIAL RULES

General Fishing Rules

General Fishing Rules apply to most lakes and ponds in the state. Follow the seasons, bag limits, length limits, and important notes listed with each species in the chart on the facing page. **The taking of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, trout hybrids, and salmon between two hours after sunset and one hour before sunrise is prohibited.**

Lakes & Ponds with Special Rules — Pages 14–20

This section has information on lakes and ponds with Special Rules. These waterbodies have rules that may differ from, or be in addition to, the *General Fishing Rules for Lakes & Ponds*.

Turn to *Lakes & Ponds: Special Rules* on pages 14–20. If you find the waterbody you intend to fish in the table, look to the right for the waterbody's designation under the "Special Rules" column. It will either be a Lake Trout and/or Salmon Lake, a Fly-Fishing-Only Pond, a Trout Pond, a Wild Trout Pond, or a miscellaneous special regulation water.

Want Answers About Your Favorite Lake's Water Quality?

Join the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) and find out!

Be a VLAP Volunteer!

Volunteers provide critical water quality data to DES by collecting water samples from lakes that they live near or fish most. This data helps DES to determine if lakes are meeting water quality standards and if lake restoration projects are required.

For more information about your favorite lake or how to join VLAP, contact Sara Steiner, VLAP Coordinator, at (603) 271-2658 or sara.steiner@des.nh.gov.

This page (see below) has information on season dates, bag limits, length limits and other species information for these special waters.

Interstate Waters: See pages 38–39.

Lake Trout and/or Salmon Lakes

Several waterbodies are managed for lake trout and/or landlocked salmon, and are open year-round subject to restrictions listed below. For information on bag and length limits for species other than trout and salmon in this waterbody, see *Lakes & Ponds: General Rules* on the next page.

1. The taking of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, trout hybrids, and salmon between two hours after sunset and one hour before sunrise is prohibited.
2. Minimum Length:
 - » Brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout and their hybrids: 15 inches.
 - » Lake trout: 18 inches
 - » Landlocked salmon: 15 inches.
 - » The head and tail must remain intact while on or leaving the waters of the state.
3. From January 1 to March 31:
 - » Fish may be taken by ice fishing only;
 - » The combined daily bag limit for all trout species, including lake trout, is 2 fish;
 - » Closed to the taking of landlocked salmon (salmon season is from April 1 to September 30);
 - » Two (2) ice fishing devices are allowed per person. Single hook with single hook point for bait, or an artificial lure or flies shall be used to take fish through the ice;
 - » Six (6) cusk fishing devices may be used to take cusk on approved waterbodies (see page 31).
4. From April 1 to September 30:
 - » The combined daily limit for lake trout, salmon, brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout and their hybrids is 2 fish;
 - » Open to the taking of all species, except no smelt may be taken from March 15 to June 15.

5. From October 1 until December 31:
 - » Closed to the taking of lake trout, salmon, brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout and shad (whitefish).
6. From April 1 through December 31, no person may take fish through the ice, from the ice, or from any object supported by the ice.

Trout Ponds

Designated Trout Ponds are managed for trout, and are open to fishing for all species from the fourth Saturday in April through October 15. Fishing for any species is prohibited from October 16 until the fourth Saturday in April the following year. For information on bag and length limits for species other than trout, see *Lakes & Ponds: General Rules* on the next page.

1. The taking of brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, lake trout, trout hybrids and salmon between two hours after sunset and one hour before sunrise is prohibited.
2. Trout ponds open on the fourth Saturday in April. Closed to salmon October 1 and to all species October 16.
3. The daily combined limit for trout is 5 fish or 5 pounds, whichever limit is reached first.
4. The use of live fish, or their eggs, for bait is prohibited. The use of salmon eggs, however, is permitted.

Fly-Fishing-Only Ponds

All rules listed above for *Trout Ponds* apply. In addition, fish may be taken only by fly-fishing (fishing by trolling or casting with only fly rod, fly reel, and fly line combination with an artificial fly or cast of artificial flies attached, and does not include the use of spinning, spincast, and casting rods and reels and lead core lines).

Wild Trout Ponds

All rules listed above for *Trout Ponds* apply, except:

1. Open season dates are from the fourth Saturday in April through Labor Day;
2. All fish shall be immediately released; and
3. Only single hook, barbless artificial lures and flies shall be used.

Water Supply Reservoirs

The following waters are partially closed to human activity because they are public water supply reservoirs. Some public water supplies are closed. Contact NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau (603-271-3503) for more details.

- **Massabesic Lake** (Manchester/Auburn)-(1) The Back or West Pond of Lake Massabesic north and west of the following described line beginning at Fire Point, then due west to the Hillsborough-Rockingham county line, then southerly by the said line, crossing Birch Island to the mainland as marked by floats and signs; and (2) The outlet of Lake Massabesic from the outlet dam downstream to and including Mill Pond at Island Pond Road and the canal carrying the water to the pumping station.
- **Canaan Street Lake** (Canaan)-A person shall not trespass, boat, bathe, swim, fish, or conduct any activity whatever, whether of recreational, occupational, or other nature, in the waters or on the ice of Canaan Street Lake, south of a line about 1,200 feet northwest of the lake's southern most part, beginning at a point on the westerly shore at the center line of the road which exists adjacent to the present property line between the properties identified on tax map I-D as lots 38B and 39D, and extending across said lake to the stone jetty on the easterly shore on the property identified on tax map I-D as lot 56-1. The 2 extremities of such a line shall be properly marked by the local water works authority so that they can be readily identified and observed by the general public

LAKES & PONDS: GENERAL RULES

GENERAL FISHING RULES FOR LAKES & PONDS

| SPECIES | SEASON | BAG LIMITS & MINIMUM LENGTHS | IMPORTANT NOTES |
|--|---|---|--|
| Black Bass (Smallmouth Bass & Largemouth Bass) | Jan. 1 to March 31 | 2 fish daily limit; only 1 fish >16 inches. | See exceptions for Clement Pond/Joe Silvia Lake, Grassy Pond, Gregg Lake, and Warren Lake. |
| | April 1 to May 14 | 2 fish daily limit; no length limit. | |
| | May 15 to June 15 | Catch and release only. | Artificial lures and flies only. |
| | June 16 to June 30 | 2 fish daily limit; no length limit. | |
| | July 1 to Dec. 31 | 5 fish daily limit; no length limit. | |
| Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout and their hybrids | Open water (ice-out to ice-in) | 5 fish or 5 pounds daily limit, whichever is reached first; no length limit. | Many waterbodies with trout have special rules—see page 12. Designated trout ponds and fly-fishing-only ponds open the fourth Saturday in April and close Oct. 15. Lake Trout and Salmon Lakes are closed to taking trout from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31. Designated wild trout ponds open the fourth Saturday in April through Labor Day. |
| | Through the ice | 2 fish daily limit; no length limit. | Designated trout ponds are closed to ice fishing. |
| Lake Trout | Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 | 2 fish daily limit. Minimum length 18 inches. Daily bag limit for lake trout and salmon is 2 fish (2 lake trout, 2 salmon, or 1 of each). | Lake Trout and Salmon Lake rules are on page 12. Stinson Lake (Rumney) and Tarleton Lake (Piermont) are examples of General Rules Waters that have lake trout. |
| Landlocked Salmon | April 1 to Sept. 30 | 2 fish daily limit. Minimum length 15 inches. Daily bag limit for lake trout and salmon is 2 fish (2 lake trout, 2 salmon, or 1 of each). | Most waterbodies with landlocked salmon are designated as Lake Trout and/or Salmon Lakes; see page 12. Taking landlocked salmon from Oct. 1 through March 31 is prohibited. |
| Chain Pickerel | No closed season. | 10 fish daily limit; no length or weight limits. | See Fish Identification on page 34. |
| Northern Pike | No closed season. | 1 fish daily limit; minimum length 28 inches. | See Fish Identification on page 34. |
| Walleye | No closed season. | 2 fish daily limit; minimum length 18 inches; no weight limit. | See page 38 for walleye regulations in the Connecticut River. |
| White and Yellow Perch, Black Crappie, Sunfish, Horned Pout | No closed season. | 25 fish each species daily limit; no more than 50 fish total combined; no length or weight limits. | |
| Rock Bass | No closed season. | No daily limits; no length or weight limits. | |
| Carp | No closed season. | No daily limits; no length or weight limits. | In addition to angling and ice fishing, carp may be taken by bow and arrow with a cord attached from the Connecticut River, Merrimack River and Mascoma Lake. |
| Cusk | No closed season. | No daily limits; no length or weight limits. | Can be taken by all legal methods (angling, trolling, tip-ups). For approved cusk fishing device waters, see page 31. |
| River Herring | No open season. | | |
| American Shad | No closed season. | Catch and release only. | |
| Lake Whitefish | Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 | 2 fish daily limit; no length or weight limits. | |
| Round Whitefish | No open season. | | All Round Whitefish must be immediately released. |
| Smelt | For smelt angling rules and waterbodies open to the taking of this species by dip net, see page 33. | | |
| Suckers | No closed season for angling, ice fishing or traps. | No daily limits; no length or weight limits. | Suckers may be taken for personal use with two traps, not more than 50 inches long, 30 inches wide, with an opening no smaller than 3½ inches in diameter. All traps or holding boxes will have the name and address of the owner. |
| | March 1 to May 31 | No daily limits; no length or weight limits. | Suckers may be taken by hand dip nets not over 18 inches in diameter, drop nets not over 48 inches in diameter, spears or bow and arrow with cord attached. Suckers taken by spear or bow and arrow must not be left in, or adjacent to, the body of water. |

LAKES & PONDS WITH SPECIAL RULES

| WATERBODY | TOWN(S) | ACRES | WATERBODY DESIGNATION | ADDITIONAL RULES | ACCESS | RESTRICTIONS* |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|---------------------------------|--|----------------|--|
| Airport Marsh | Whitefield | 12 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Archery Pond | Allenstown | 1 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | Daily limit for brook trout is 2 fish | Shorebank | No boats |
| Back Lake | Pittsburg | 348 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | 10 MPH speed limit some areas |
| Barbadoes Pond | Dover, Madbury | 16 | Trout Pond | | Shorebank | |
| Basin Pond | Chatham | 40 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | No motors |
| Bear Brook Pond, Big | Errol | 12 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Bear Brook Pond, Little | Wentworths Location | 5 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Big Brook Bog | Pittsburg | 36 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Cartop | No motors |
| Black Mountain Pond | Sandwich | 7 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Black Pond | Lincoln | 5 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Blue Pond | Madison | 7 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Bog Pond, Little | Odell | 34 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Boundary Pond | Pittsburg | 20 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Bragg Pond | Millsfield | 14 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Butterfield Pond | Wilmot | 12 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Campton Pond (unnamed) | Campton | 37 | | 1) This waterbody is open to the taking of all species, except salmon and smelt, January 1 through October 15. 2) Fishing through the ice, from the ice, or from any object supported by the ice is prohibited. | Shorebank | No motors |
| Carr Pond | Clarksville | 11 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Carter Pond | Beans Purchase | 1 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Center Pond | Nelson | 31 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | No motors |
| Chapin Pond | Newport, Claremont | 15 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Shorebank | |
| Clarksville Pond | Clarksville | 22 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Cartop | No petroleum motors; electric motors limited to trolling speed |
| Clement Pond (Joe Sylvia Lake) | Hopkinton | 119 | | From Jan. 1 to March 31, the taking of black bass from 15 to 20 inches in length is prohibited. The daily limit of black bass is 3 fish, of which only one may be longer than 20 inches. | Ramp | |
| Clough Pond | Loudon | 44 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | |
| Cold Spring Pond (Abbott Forest Pond) | Stoddard | 31 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | No motors |
| Coldrain Pond | New Durham | 18 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Cole Pond | Enfield | 17 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | No person shall take brook trout 12 to 16 inches in length. All brook trout 12 to 16 inches shall be immediately released unharmed. The daily limit for brook trout shall be 2 fish, of which only one may be over 16 inches. | Remote Walk-in | |
| Connecticut Lake, First | Pittsburg | 3,071 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | There is no minimum length for brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, or their hybrids. Yellow perch cannot be used for bait. From April 1 through September 30, the combined daily limit for lake trout, salmon, brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, and their hybrids is 4 fish, of which no more than 2 fish may be lake trout and/or salmon. | Ramp | |
| Connecticut Lake, Second | Pittsburg | 1,102 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | Same as First Connecticut Lake, above. | Ramp | |
| Connecticut Lake, Third | Pittsburg | 231 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | Same as First Connecticut Lake, above. | Ramp | |
| Conner Pond | Ossipee | 85 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | No petroleum motors; headway speed limit |
| Conservation Pond | Wentworth | 3 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |

*More details on restricted bodies of water at nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/fob/marine-patrol/restricted.html

LAKES & PONDS WITH SPECIAL RULES (CONTINUED)

| WATERBODY | TOWN(S) | ACRES | WATERBODY DESIGNATION | ADDITIONAL RULES | ACCESS | RESTRICTIONS* |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|------------------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| Conway Lake | Conway, Eaton | 1,316 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | The area of the lake that lies within 500 feet of the outlet dam shall be closed to all fishing from Oct. 16 through Dec. 31. When trolling to take fish: 1) Only one artificial bait, one fly, one tandem fly or one bait shall be used per rod; and, 2) Only one hook with a single hook point shall be used with bait. | Ramp | No houseboats |
| Coon Brook Bog | Pittsburg | 19 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Cartop | No motors |
| Corser Pond | Errol | 5 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Cranberry Bog Pond | Columbia | 4 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Dan Hole Pond, Big | Tuftonboro, Ossipee | 443 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | There is no minimum length for brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, or their hybrids. Yellow perch cannot be used for bait. From April 1 through September 30, the combined daily limit for lake trout, salmon, brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, and their hybrids is 4 fish, of which no more than 2 fish may be lake trout and/or salmon. | Ramp (at campground) | |
| Devils Washbowl | Odell | 6 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Diamond Pond, Big | Stewartstown | 181 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | There is no minimum length for brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, or their hybrids. Yellow perch cannot be used for bait. From April 1 through September 30, the combined daily limit for lake trout, salmon, brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, and their hybrids is 4 fish, of which no more than 2 fish may be lake trout and/or salmon. | Ramp | |
| Diamond Pond, Little | Stewartstown | 60 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | No motor over 10 HP |
| Dublin Lake (Monadnock Pond) | Dublin | 236 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | 10 MPH speed limit |
| Dummer Pond, Big | Dummer | 114 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Dummer Pond, Little | Dummer | 31 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Duncan Lake | Ossipee | 83 | Trout Pond | | Shorebank | 6 MPH speed limit |
| Dustin Pond | Wentworths Location | 5 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| East Inlet | Pittsburg | 92 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Echo Lake | Franconia | 38 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | |
| Ethan (Willey) Pond | Bethlehem | 5 | Wild Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Exeter Reservoir (Water Works Pond) | Exeter | 20 | Trout Pond | | Shorebank | |
| Falls Pond | Albany | 8 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Ferrin Pond | Weare | 18 | Trout Pond | | Shorebank | No motors |
| Flat Mountain Pond | Waterville Valley | 28 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Four Mile Pond | Dixs Grant | 4 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Francis, Lake | Pittsburg | 1,934 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | There is no minimum length for brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, or their hybrids. Yellow perch cannot be used for bait. From April 1 through September 30, the combined daily limit for lake trout, salmon, brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, and their hybrids is 4 fish, of which no more than 2 fish may be lake trout and/or salmon. | Ramp | |
| French Pond | Henniker | 39 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | No motors over 5 HP |
| Gilmore Pond | Jaffrey | 125 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | No wake area |
| Granite Lake (Munsonville Pond) | Nelson, Stoddard | 238 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | There is no minimum length for brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, or their hybrids. Yellow perch cannot be used for bait. From April 1 through September 30, the combined daily limit for lake trout, salmon, brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, and their hybrids is 4 fish, of which no more than 2 fish may be lake trout and/or salmon. | Ramp | |
| Grassy Pond | Rindge | 99 | | From Jan. 1 to March 31, the taking of black bass from 15 to 20 inches in length is prohibited. The daily limit of black bass is 3 fish, of which only one may be longer than 20 inches. | Ramp | |
| Greeley Pond, Upper | Livermore | 3 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |

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LAKES & PONDS WITH SPECIAL RULES (CONTINUED)

| WATERBODY | TOWN(S) | ACRES | WATERBODY DESIGNATION | ADDITIONAL RULES | ACCESS | RESTRICTIONS* |
|--|----------------------|-------|------------------------------|---|----------------|--|
| Greenough Pond, Big | Wentworths Location | 234 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | When trolling to take fish: 1) Only one artificial bait, one fly, one tandem fly or one bait shall be used per rod; and, 2) Only one hook with a single hook point shall be used with bait. | Cartop | |
| Greenough Pond, Little | Wentworths Location | 42 | Wild Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Gregg Lake | Antrim | 195 | | From Jan. 1 to March 31, the taking of black bass from 15 to 20 inches in length is prohibited. The daily limit of black bass is 3 fish, of which only one may be longer than 20 inches. | Ramp | Motors restricted to 150 hp or less |
| Guinea Pond | Sandwich | 13 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Gunstock Pond (Belknap Recreation Area Pond) | Gilford | 4 | Trout Pond | | Shorebank | |
| Halfmile Pond | Enfield | 8 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Hall Pond, Lower | Sandwich | 13 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Hall Pond, Middle | Sandwich | 6 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Hall Pond, Upper | Sandwich | 23 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | No person shall take brook trout 12 to 16 inches in length. All brook trout 12 to 16 inches shall be immediately released unharmed. The daily limit for brook trout shall be 2 fish, of which only one may be over 16 inches. | Cartop | No motors |
| Harris Pond | Pittsburg | 3 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Hatch Pond (Hidden Pond) | Eaton | 19 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Hellgate Pond | Second College Grant | 2 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Hopkins Pond (Adder Pond) | Andover | 27 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | No motors |
| Hot Hole Pond | Concord, Loudon | 27 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | No wake area |
| Hoyt Pond | Madbury | 1 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Shorebank | |
| Hunkins Pond | Sanbornton | 16 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | No motors |
| Hunts Pond | Hancock | 50 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Jacquith Pond | Pittsburg | 1 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Jericho Lake | Berlin | 127 | | 1) This waterbody is open to the taking of all species, except salmon and smelt, all year-round by all legal methods. 2) The daily limit for northern pike is 3 fish. 3) The minimum length for northern pike is 20 inches. | Ramp | No petroleum motors; Electric motors no greater than 3 HP; 5 MPH speed limit |
| Jones Pond | Middleton | 12 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | The daily limit for brook trout is 2 fish. | Remote Walk-in | |
| Judd Pond | Clarksville | 3 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Kiah Pond | Sandwich | 8 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | No motors |
| Ledge Pond | Madison | 14 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Lime Pond | Columbia | 14 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | No person shall take brook trout 12 to 16 inches in length. All brook trout 12 to 16 inches shall be immediately released unharmed. The daily limit for brook trout shall be 2 fish, of which only one may be over 16 inches. | Remote Walk-in | |
| Lonesome Lake | Lincoln | 12 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Long Pond | Benton | 96 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | |
| Long Pond | Eaton | 24 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Long Pond | Errol | 33 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Long Pond | Lempster | 114 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | 6 MPH speed limit near islands |
| Long Pond | Millsfield | 28 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Long Pond (Coniston Lake) | Croydon | 139 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | |
| Lucas Pond | Northwood | 40 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | No motors |
| Merrymeeting Lake | New Durham | 1,233 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | When trolling to take fish: 1) Only one artificial bait, one fly, one tandem fly or one bait shall be used per rod; and, 2) Only one hook with a single hook point shall be used with bait. | Ramp | |
| Middle Pond | Pittsburg | 8 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | No motors |

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LAKES & PONDS WITH SPECIAL RULES (CONTINUED)

| WATERBODY | TOWN(S) | ACRES | WATERBODY DESIGNATION | ADDITIONAL RULES | ACCESS | RESTRICTIONS* |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| Millen Lake | Washington | 143 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | 10 MPH speed limit certain times |
| Millsfield Pond, Big | Millsfield | 165 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | |
| Millsfield Pond, Little (Moose Pond) | Millsfield | 29 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Mirror Lake (Blake Pond) | Dalton, Whitefield | 54 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | |
| Moose Falls Flowage | Pittsburg | 25 | Trout Pond | | Shorebank | No motors |
| Moose Pond | Pittsburg | 10 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Cartop | No motors |
| Morey Pond | Andover | 7 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Mount William Pond | Weare | 32 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | No petroleum motors |
| Mountain Pond | Brookfield | 12 | Trout Pond | No person shall take brook trout 12 to 16 inches in length. All brook trout 12 to 16 inches shall be immediately released unharmed into the waters from which taken. The daily limit for brook trout shall be 2 fish, of which only one may be over 16 inches. Only single hook artificial lures and flies shall be used and all hooks shall be barbless or have all barbs pinched. | Remote Walk-in | |
| Mountain Pond | Chatham | 83 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Mountain Pond | Lyman | 6 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Mud Pond | Easton | 4 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Munn Pond | Errol | 45 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Nathan Pond | Dixville | 22 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Newfound Lake | Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Hebron | 4,450 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | The minimum length for lake trout is 15 inches. The area of the lake that lies within 500 feet of the Cockermonth River and Fowler River shall be closed to all fishing from Oct. 16 through Dec. 31. When trolling to take fish: 1) Only one artificial bait, one fly, one tandem fly or one bait shall be used per rod; and, 2) Only one hook with a single hook point shall be used with bait. | Ramp | 6 MPH in some areas; Other restrictions |
| Nubanusit Lake | Hancock, Nelson | 722 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | There is no minimum length for brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, or their hybrids. Yellow perch cannot be used for bait. From April 1 through September 30, the combined daily limit for lake trout, salmon, brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, and their hybrids is 4 fish, of which no more than 2 fish may be lake trout and/or salmon. | Ramp | |
| Oliverian Pond | Benton | 33 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | No motors |
| Orange Pond | Orange | 24 | Trout Pond | | Shorebank | No petroleum motors |
| Ossipee Lake | Freedom, Ossipee | 4,024 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | The area of the lake that lies within 500 feet of the Bearcamp River shall be closed to all fishing from Oct. 16 through Dec. 31. When trolling to take fish: 1) Only one artificial bait, one fly, one tandem fly or one bait shall be used per rod; and, 2) Only one hook with a single hook point shall be used with bait. | Ramp | Headway speed in some areas |
| Peaked Hill Pond | Thornton | 15 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Perch Pond | Campton | 45 | Trout Pond | | Shorebank | |
| Perry Pond | Pittsburg | 12 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Phillips Pond | Odell | 71 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Cartop - subject to gates and bars | |
| Pike Pond | Stark | 14 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Pleasant Lake | New London | 602 | Trout Pond | Use or possession of rainbow smelt for bait shall be permitted. | Ramp | |
| Pond of Safety | Randolph | 18 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Profile Lake | Franconia | 13 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | No person shall take brook trout 12 to 16 inches in length. All brook trout 12 to 16 inches shall be immediately released unharmed. The daily limit for brook trout shall be 2 fish, of which only one may be over 16 inches. | Cartop | |
| Province Pond | Chatham | 10 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Rand Pond | Goshen | 48 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | 10 HP or less |

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| WATERBODY | TOWN(S) | ACRES | WATERBODY DESIGNATION | ADDITIONAL RULES | ACCESS | RESTRICTIONS* |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------|---------------------------------|--|----------------|---|
| Rocky Pond | Wentworth | 20 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Round Pond | Errol | 42 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Round Pond | Pittsburg | 59 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Russell Pond | Woodstock | 41 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | No motors |
| Saco Lake | Carroll | 7 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Shorebank | No motors |
| Saltmarsh Pond | Gilford | 40 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | Electric motors only; no wake |
| Sand Pond (Echo Lake) | Marlow, Lempster | 155 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | |
| Sawyer Pond | Livermore | 40 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Sawyer Pond, Little | Livermore | 6 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Scott Bog | Pittsburg | 88 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Cartop | No motors |
| Sessions Pond | Dummer | 41 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Shaw Pond (Shawtown) | Freedom | 13 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | No person shall take brook trout 12 to 16 inches in length. All brook trout 12 to 16 inches shall be immediately released unharmed. The daily limit for brook trout shall be 2 fish, of which only one may be over 16 inches. | Cartop | No petroleum motors |
| Shehan Flowage Pond | Clarksville | 19 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Shoal Pond | Lincoln | 5 | Wild Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Signal Pond | Errol | 5 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Silver Lake | Madison | 969 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | When trolling to take fish: 1) Only one artificial bait, one fly, one tandem fly or one bait shall be used per rod; and, 2) Only one hook with a single hook point shall be used with bait. | Ramp | No houseboats |
| Silver Lake | Nelson, Harrisville | 333 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | There is no minimum length for brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, or their hybrids. Yellow perch cannot be used for bait. From April 1 through September 30, the combined daily limit for lake trout, salmon, brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, and their hybrids is 4 fish, of which no more than 2 fish may be lake trout and/or salmon. | Ramp | Headway speed certain times |
| Silver Lake | Tilton/Belmont | 202 | | The portion of the lake that lies within 1,000 feet of the Lochmere Dam: Open season April 1 through September 30. Closed to all fishing October 1 through March 31. | Cartop | |
| Simmons Pond | Warner | 22 | Trout Pond | | Shorebank | |
| Sky Pond | New Hampton | 14 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | No person shall take brook trout 12 to 16 inches in length. All brook trout 12 to 16 inches shall be immediately released unharmed. The daily limit for brook trout shall be 2 fish, of which only one may be over 16 inches. | Cartop | No motors |
| Smith Pond | Washington | 29 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | |
| Solitude Lake | Newbury | 6 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| South Pond | Stark | 124 | | The minimum length for lake trout is 15 inches. | Cartop | |
| Spectacle Pond | Groton, Hebron | 53 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | No petroleum motors; 10 MPH speed limit |
| Spofford Lake | Chesterfield | 739 | | 1) The waterbody shall be closed to the taking of all fish October 16 through March 31. 2) The open water season for taking all species except brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, trout hybrids and smelt shall be from April 1 through October 15. 3) The open water season for taking brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, and trout hybrids shall be the 4th Saturday in April through October 15. 4) Smelt shall be taken by angling only. 5) The open water season for taking smelt shall be June 16 through October 15. 6) The daily limit for brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, or their hybrids is 2 fish. 7) The minimum length for brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, or their hybrids is 15 inches. 8) From April 1 through October 15 no person shall take fish through the ice, from the ice or from any object supported by the ice. | Ramp | 40 MPH day, 20 MPH night |

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LAKES & PONDS WITH SPECIAL RULES (CONTINUED)

| WATERBODY | TOWN(S) | ACRES | WATERBODY DESIGNATION | ADDITIONAL RULES | ACCESS | RESTRICTIONS* |
|---------------------------------|---|-------|------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------------------|
| Spoonwood Pond | Nelson | 159 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No petroleum motors |
| Squam Lake | Holderness, Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Sandwich | 6,791 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | The area of the lake that lies within 500 feet of Barville Brook shall be closed to all fishing from Oct. 16 to Dec. 31. When trolling to take fish: 1) Only one artificial bait, one fly, one tandem fly or one bait shall be used per rod; and, 2) Only one hook with a single hook point shall be used with bait. | Ramp | Speed and other restrictions |
| Squam Lake, Little | Ashland, Holderness | 454 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | When trolling to take fish: 1) Only one artificial bait, one fly, one tandem fly or one bait shall be used per rod; and, 2) Only one hook with a single hook point shall be used with bait. | Ramp | Speed and other restrictions |
| Stirrup Iron Pond | Salisbury | 2 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Shorebank | |
| Stone Pond | Marlborough, Dublin | 79 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | |
| Stonehouse Pond | Barrington | 13 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Cartop | No petroleum motors |
| Stratford Bog Pond | Stratford | 33 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | No petroleum motors |
| Stub Hill Pond | Pittsburg | 3 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Success Pond | Success | 282 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | |
| Sunapee Lake | New London, Newbury, Sunapee | 4,136 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | 1) The area of the lake that lies within 500 feet of Otter Brook shall be closed to all fishing from Oct. 16 to Dec. 31. 2) All tributaries will be closed to fishing Oct. 16 to May 31. When trolling to take fish: 1) Only one artificial bait, one fly, one tandem fly or one bait shall be used per rod; and, 2) Only one hook with a single hook point shall be used with bait. | Ramp | Speed and other restrictions |
| Swain Pond | Wentworth | 6 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Swanzy Lake | Swanzy | 108 | Trout Pond | | Cartop | |
| Sweat Pond | Errol | 10 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Terrill Pond (West Branch Pond) | Pittsburg | 18 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Cartop | |
| Three Ponds, Lower | Ellsworth, Warren | 2 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Three Ponds, Middle | Ellsworth, Warren | 13 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Three Ponds, Upper | Ellsworth, Warren | 11 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Trio Pond, Lower 1 & 2 | Odell | 69 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Trio Pond, Upper 3 | Odell | 20 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Trout Pond | Lyme | 12 | Trout Pond | | Shorebank | |
| Trout Pond (Stacy Pond) | Freedom | 21 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Unknown Pond | Pittsburg | 3 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Remote Walk-in | |
| Wachipauka Pond (Meador Pond) | Warren | 28 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | No motors |
| Warren Lake | Alstead | 186 | | From Jan. 1 to March 31, the taking of black bass from 15 to 20 inches in length is prohibited. The daily limit of black bass is 3 fish, of which only one may be longer than 20 inches. | Ramp | |
| Waukeena Lake (Pleasant Pond) | Danbury | 56 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | No petroleum motors |
| Waukewan, Lake (Measley Pond) | Meredith, New Hampton | 927 | | The daily limit for brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, and their hybrids shall be 2 fish. | Ramp | Restrictions near intake |
| Whitcomb Pond | Odell | 19 | Trout Pond | | Remote Walk-in | |
| White Pond | Ossipee | 46 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Ramp | 6 MPH speed limit |
| White Pond | Wilmot | 11 | Trout Pond | | Shorebank | No motors |
| Whittemore Lake | Bennington, Greenfield | 41 | Trout Pond | | Ramp | No motors |
| Willard Pond | Antrim | 110 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Ramp | No petroleum motors |

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LAKES & PONDS WITH SPECIAL RULES (CONTINUED)

| WATERBODY | TOWN(S) | ACRES | WATERBODY DESIGNATION | ADDITIONAL RULES | ACCESS | RESTRICTIONS* |
|---------------------|--|--------|------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Winnepesaukee, Lake | Alton, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro | 44,424 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | <p>The areas of the lake that lie within 500 feet of Gunstock River, Poor Farm Brook, Melvin River, Merymeeting River, Mink Brook, and Smith River, and the lake area of Lake Winnepesaukee 500 feet on either side of the Main Street bridge in Wolfeboro, are closed to all fishing from Oct. 16 to Dec. 31.</p> <p>The following two areas of the lake are closed to all fishing October 1 through March 31:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the area of Pausgus Bay which lies between the railroad trestle at its south end and the Lakeport Dam in Laconia; 2) the area of open water (the area not normally covered by ice in winter) at Weirs Channel. <p>When trolling to take fish:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Only one artificial bait, one fly, one tandem fly or one bait shall be used per rod; and, 2) Only one hook with a single hook point shall be used with bait. | Ramp | No wake area and speed restrictions |
| Winnisquam Lake | Belmont, Laconia, Meredith, Sanbornton, Tilton | 4,214 | Lake Trout and/or Salmon | <p>The area of the lake that lies within 500 feet of the Winnepesaukee River shall be closed to all fishing from Oct. 16 to Dec. 31.</p> <p>When trolling to take fish:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Only one artificial bait, one fly, one tandem fly or one bait shall be used per rod; and, 2) Only one hook with a single hook point shall be used with bait. | Ramp | Speed and other restrictions |
| Winona Lake | Center Harbor, Meredith, New Hampton | 148 | | The daily limit for brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, and their hybrids shall be 2 fish. | Ramp | |
| Wright Pond | Pittsburg | 5 | Trout Pond; Fly-fishing only | | Remote Walk-in | |

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LEARNING ABOUT HEALTHY AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS

The N.H. Fish and Game Department's Watershed Education Program allows students to become citizen scientists who study and work to improve aquatic habitats in their communities.

Monitoring Water Quality

Students start by visiting a local waterbody to collect water samples and measure dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature, turbidity, and conductivity. They also collect and classify macroinvertebrates. They use this chemical and biological data to determine the water quality.

Students then explore their watershed by using Geographic Information System (GIS)

maps. They import local data about their own watersheds, use Global Positioning System (GPS) units to locate their water quality testing sites, post water quality and macroinvertebrate data on the maps, and share that data with their local community and other watershed schools. In the process, they begin to see how human activities may impact the watershed.



Trout in the Classroom

As an extension of studying the river, students can raise trout eggs in the classroom through the **Trout in the Classroom** program. Or they can study fish behavior with a warmwater fish tank.

The Watershed Education Program also allows students to become fisheries biologists for a day to study the aquatic resources of a river. Working with N.H. Fish and Game staff, students experience fish sampling techniques; perform a habitat assessment; and collect, identify, and measure freshwater fish.

Learn More

For more information on signing up for the Watershed Education Program at your school, contact Judy Tumosa at (603) 271-0456 or judy.l.tumosa@wildlife.nh.gov

REEL FUN

GO FISH WITH THE KIDS!



Fishing is a great way to reconnect with friends and family. Children under age 16 don't need a license to fish, so bring them along for a day of fresh air, sunshine and family fun! An inexpensive rod-and-reel, a colorful, kid-friendly tackle box for toting hooks, sinkers, bobbers, lures, and a pair of pliers is all you need!

Catch a Smile

Plan ahead and let the kids help decide where to go and what to bring. Dress for the weather and don't forget snacks and drinks, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. It's a good idea to keep the first few trips short and let interest and enthusiasm grow.

For most kids, it's important to make a catch that first time out. You can help by seeking out places that are packed with panfish, like crappies and sunfish. Check our Fish NH! Fishing Guides for ideas on where to go and what kinds of fish you might catch. Don't forget the camera — you'll definitely want to have a picture of that first-fish smile!

"Unplug" from the Wired World

Being outside in the fresh air and sunshine is the most obvious benefit of learning how to fish, but taking a break from electronic devices

is an added bonus! Fishing doesn't have to be difficult or far from home. The important thing is to go fishing as a family and have fun!

Enjoy Free Fishing Days

Take advantage of New Hampshire's annual Free Fishing Days on January 15 and June 4, 2022. You can fish any fresh- or saltwater in N.H. without a license on those days. Applies to both residents and non-residents. All other fishing regulations apply. Note that all adult anglers participating in fishing tournaments on Free Fishing Days must have a license.

Find Fishing Close to Home

For fishing tips, species identification, and places to cast your line in New Hampshire, consult our Shoreline Fishing Guides to the Manchester/Nashua Region, the Concord/Capital Region, the Great North Woods, the Southwest Region, Seacoast, the Lakes Region, Southeastern NH and the Upper Valley!

Visit fishnh.com/fishing/publications.html or call (603) 271-2501.



RIVERS & STREAMS: GENERAL AND SPECIAL RULES

General Fishing Rules

General Fishing Rules for Rivers and Streams apply to most rivers and streams in the state. Follow the seasons, bag limits, length limits, and important notes listed with each species in the chart.

Rivers and Streams with Special Rules

This section has information on rivers and streams with Special Rules. These rivers and streams have rules that may differ from, or be in addition to, *General Fishing Rules for Rivers and Streams*.

In general, rivers and streams are CLOSED TO ALL FISHING from Oct. 16 through Dec. 31, unless specified for a particular river in the *Rivers and Streams with Special Rules* section.

Fishing through the ice, from the ice, or from any object supported by the ice is prohibited unless specified for a particular river in the *Rivers and Streams with Special Rules* section.

The taking of brook trout, lake trout, trout hybrids and salmon between 2 hours after sunset and 1 hour before sunrise is prohibited, unless otherwise specified.

Turn to the *Rivers & Streams With Special Rules* section on pages 23–25. If you find the waterbody you intend to fish, look immediately beside it for the rules on season dates, bag limits, length limits, and methods of taking.

In instances where special limits, seasons, and methods of taking are not noted for a particular river or stream, the *General Fishing Rules for Rivers and Streams* apply.

Interstate Waters: See pages 38–39.

GENERAL FISHING RULES FOR RIVERS & STREAMS

| SPECIES | SEASON | BAG LIMITS & MINIMUM LENGTHS | IMPORTANT NOTES |
|--|---|---|---|
| Black Bass (Smallmouth Bass & Largemouth Bass) | January 1 to March 31 | 2 fish daily limit; only 1 fish >16 inches. | |
| | April 1 to May 14 | 2 fish daily limit. | |
| | May 15 to June 15 | Catch and release only. | Artificial lures and flies only. |
| | June 16 to June 30 | 2 fish daily limit. | |
| | July 1 to October 15 | 5 fish daily limit. | |
| Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout and their hybrids | January 1 to October 15 | 5 fish or 5 pounds daily limit, whichever is reached first; no length limit. | "Brook trout" include Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Golden, Loch Leven trout and all their hybrids. |
| Lake Trout | January 1 to September 30 | 2 fish daily limit for lake trout and salmon combined (2 lake trout, 2 salmon, or 1 of each); minimum length 18 inches. | Combined daily limit applies only during salmon season, April 1 – Sept. 30. |
| Landlocked Salmon | April 1 to September 30 | 2 fish daily limit for lake trout and salmon combined (2 lake trout, 2 salmon, or 1 of each); minimum length 15 inches. | Salmon may not be taken in any water body after September 30 and before April 1. Salmon may not be taken through the ice. |
| Chain Pickerel | January 1 to October 15 | 10 fish daily limit; no length or weight limits. | See illustration on page 34. |
| Northern Pike | January 1 to October 15 | 1 fish daily limit; minimum length 28 inches. | See illustration on page 34. |
| Walleye | January 1 to October 15 | 2 fish daily limit; minimum length 18 inches; no weight limit. | Special regulations in the Connecticut River — see page 39. |
| White & Yellow Perch, Black Crappie, Sunfish, Horned Pout | January 1 to October 15 | 25 fish each species daily limit; no more than 50 fish total combined; no length or weight limits. | |
| Rock Bass | January 1 to October 15 | No daily limit; no length or weight limits. | |
| Carp | January 1 to October 15 | No daily limit; no length or weight limits. | Carp may be taken in the Connecticut River, Merrimack River, and Mascoma Lake by bow and arrow with cord attached. |
| Cusk | January 1 to October 15 | No daily limit; no length or weight limits. | |
| River Herring | No open season. | | |
| American Shad | January 1 to October 15 | Catch and release only. | |
| Lake Whitefish | January 1 to October 15 | 2 fish daily limit; no length or weight limits. | |
| Round Whitefish | No open season. | | All Round Whitefish must be immediately released. |
| Smelt | For smelt angling rules and waterbodies open to the taking of this species by dip net, see page 33. | | |
| Suckers | January 1 to October 15 | No daily limits; no length or weight limits. | Suckers may be taken for personal use with two traps, not more than 50 inches long, 30 inches wide, with an opening no smaller than 3½ inches in diameter. All traps or holding boxes will have the name and address of the owner. |
| | March 1 to May 31 | No daily limits; no length or weight limits. | Suckers may be taken by hand dip nets not over 18 inches in diameter, drop nets not over 48 inches in diameter, spears or bow and arrow with cord attached. Suckers taken by spear or bow and arrow must not be left in, or adjacent to, the body of water. |

RIVERS & STREAMS WITH SPECIAL RULES

| WATERBODY | TOWN(S) | SECTION | SPECIAL RULES: For species not listed under this section, please refer to the General Regulations section for Rivers and Streams. |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Alder Brook | Second College Grant | All sections | Jan. 1 - Labor Day season. Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. Managed for wild trout. |
| Ammonoosuc River | Littleton to Bath | Apthorp Dam in Littleton to confluence with Connecticut River in Bath | Brown trout may be taken any time of day or night during the open season. |
| Androscoggin River | Errol | Errol Dam to the markers at the dead water at Bragg Bay | Fly-fishing only. Daily limit for brook trout 2 fish; minimum length 12 inches |
| Androscoggin River | Dummer | Dummer-Cambridge town line to Pontook Dam | No closed season for all species except salmon. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice. |
| Androscoggin River | Dummer to Berlin | Wheeler Bay in Dummer boundary line at 44° 36.9011'N 71° 13.3816'W to 44° 36.9341'N 71°13.4449'W using WGS84 map datum to Sawmill Dam in Berlin | Brown trout may be taken any time of day or night during the open season. |
| Androscoggin River | Berlin to Shelburne | Sawmill Dam in Berlin to ME/NH boundary | No closed season for all species. Single barbless hook, artificial lures/flyes. Catch-and-release all species. |
| Ashuelot River | Surry | Surry Mountain Reservoir | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice. |
| Ashuelot River, South Branch | Troy to Swanzey | Marlborough Road bridge in Troy to Old Richmond Road bridge in East Swanzey | Fly-fishing only. Daily limit for brook trout 2 fish; minimum length 12 inches. |
| Bellamy River | Madbury | Bellamy Reservoir | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice. |
| Blackwater River | Salisbury to Andover | The Bays and Cilleyville Bog | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice. |
| Carroll Stream | Whitefield to Carroll | Upstream of its confluence with Airport Pond in Whitefield | Jan. 1 - Labor Day season. Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. Managed for wild trout. |
| Cocheco River | Rochester to Dover | Watson Road dam downstream to head of tide | No closed season for all species. Oct. 16 to 4th Sat. in April - Catch-and-release, single barbless hook, artificial lures/flyes. 4th Sat. in April to Oct. 15 - Daily limit for brook trout 5 fish or 5 lbs., all legal methods. |
| Connecticut River | Pittsburg | Dam at Second CT Lake to upstream side of logging bridge on Magalloway Road | Fly-fishing only, catch-and-release for all species. |
| Connecticut River | Pittsburg | Magalloway Rd bridge to inlet at Green's Point on First CT Lake | Fly-fishing only. Daily limit for brook trout is 2 fish. |
| Connecticut River | Pittsburg | First CT Lake dam to the signs on Lake Francis | Fly-fishing only. Daily limit for brook trout is 2 fish; minimum length 12 inches. |
| Connecticut River | Pittsburg | Murphy Dam to NH/VT border | Jan. 1 to March 31: Catch-and-release, single barbless hook, artificial lures/flyes. April 1 to Oct. 15: Daily limit for brook trout 5 fish or 5 lbs. All legal methods. |
| Connecticut River | See also NH-VT Interstate Rules on page 39. | | |
| Contoocook River | Rindge to Henniker | Contoocook Lake downstream to area marked with signs and wire in West Henniker | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice. |
| Contoocook River | Henniker | From 2,500 ft. above former paper mill dam in West Henniker, marked by signs and wire, upstream 1 mile to a point marked by signs and wire | Jan. 1 through Nov. 30 season. Single hook artificial lures/flyes. Daily limit for brook trout is 2 fish; minimum length 12 inches. |
| Contoocook River | Henniker to Concord | From 2,500 ft. above former paper mill dam in West Henniker, to confluence with Merrimack River | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice. |
| Dead Diamond River | Second College Grant | From confluence of Swift Diamond River downstream to Magalloway River | Jan. 1 through Sept. 30 season. Single barbless hook, artificial lures/flyes. Catch-and-release for trout. No limits for black bass |
| Dead Diamond River | Second College Grant | Headwaters to confluence with Swift Diamond River | Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 season. Daily limit of 5 brook trout or 5 lbs. All legal methods. |
| Ellis River | Jackson | From the covered bridge in Jackson to Iron Railroad Bridge in Glen | Fly-fishing only. Daily limit for brook trout is 2 fish |
| Exeter River | Brentwood to Exeter | Downstream side of the Cross Road bridge to Route 111 bridge | No closed season for all species. Oct. 16 to 4th Saturday in April: Catch-and-release, single barbless hook, artificial lures/flyes. 4th Saturday in April through Oct. 15: Daily limit for brook trout 5 fish or 5 lbs. All legal methods. |
| Exeter River | Sandown to Exeter | From Route 121-A to the Pickpocket Dam and from Route 111 to the Squamscott River | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice. Closed to all fishing from the upstream side of the Pickpocket Dam and fishway including a 50 foot radius in front of the fishway on the upstream side to the downstream side of the Cross Road Bridge in the towns of Brentwood and Exeter |
| Flints Brook | Hollis | All sections | Jan. 1 - Labor Day season. Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. Managed for wild trout. |

RIVERS & STREAMS WITH SPECIAL RULES (CONTINUED)

| WATERBODY | TOWN(S) | SECTION | SPECIAL RULES: |
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| | | | For species not listed under this section, please refer to the General Regulations section for Rivers and Streams. |
| Gulf Brook | Chesterfield | All sections | Jan. 1 - Labor Day season. Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. Managed for wild trout. |
| Isinglass River | Barrington to Rochester | From Route 125 bridge downstream to confluence with Cocheco River | No closed season for all species. Oct. 16 to 4th Saturday in April: Catch-and-release, single barbless hook, artificial lures/flyes. 4th Saturday in April through Oct. 15: Daily limit for brook trout 5 fish or 5 lbs. All legal methods. |
| Lamb Valley Brook | Second College Grant | All sections | Jan. 1 - Labor Day season. Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. Managed for wild trout. |
| Lamprey River | Raymond to Durham | Raymond/Deerfield town line to Wiswall Dam | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice. |
| Lamprey River | Durham | Wiswall Dam to first railroad trestle downstream of Packers Falls | No closed season for all species. Oct. 16 to 4th Saturday in April: Catch-and-release, single barbless hook, artificial lures/flyes. 4th Saturday in April through Oct. 15: Daily limit for brook trout 5 fish or 5 lbs. All legal methods. |
| Lamprey River | Durham | Wiswall Dam area | Closed to all fishing 200 feet below Wiswall Dam between April 1 and July 31. Closed to all fishing in the waters 50 feet above the Wiswall Dam year round. |
| Long Mountain Brook | Odell to Stratford | All sections | Jan. 1 - Labor Day season. Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. Managed for wild trout. |
| Loomis Valley Brook | Second College Grant | All sections | Jan. 1 - Labor Day season. Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. Managed for wild trout. |
| Lost River | Woodstock | From 100 ft. above parking area entrance bridge to 100 ft below last footbridge in Lost River Gorge | Closed to all fishing |
| Lyman Brook | Columbia | From headwaters to the upper bridge on Meriden Hill Road in Columbia | Jan. 1 - Labor Day season. Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. Managed for wild trout. |
| Magalloway River | Second College Grant, Wentworth's Location | All NH sections downstream to the markers at the confluence with Sturtevant Stream at 44°50.41638'N-71°03.03498'W using WGS84 map datum. | Jan. 1 through Sept. 30. Single barbless hook, artificial lures/flyes. Catch-and-release for trout. No limits on black bass. |
| Magalloway River | Wentworth's Location, Errol | From the markers at the confluence with Sturtevant Stream at 44°50.41638'N-71°03.03498'W to the markers at confluence of Umbagog Lake at 44°47.73612'N-71°03.70758'W using WGS84 map datum. | Jan. 1 through May 31 & day after Labor Day through September 30. Single barbless hook, artificial lures/flyes. Catch-and-release for trout. No limits on black bass. Fishing from the ice prohibited. June 1 through Labor Day. Single hook artificial lures/flyes, only a single hook point shall be used with bait, all hooks shall be barbless or have barbs pinched, use or possession of live fish for bait shall be prohibited. Catch and release for trout. No limits on black bass. Closed to all fishing Oct. 1 - Dec. 31. |
| Mascoma River | Enfield to Lebanon | From Route 4 bridge south of Mascoma Lake Dam downstream to the covered bridge. | Fly-fishing only. Daily limit for brook trout is 2 fish. |
| Meadow Brook | Sharon | All sections | Jan. 1 - Labor Day season. Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. Managed for wild trout. |
| Merrimack River | Bow | Garvins Falls Dam from canal wall, including fish bypass plunge pool, to a point 300 feet downstream to main river. | Closed to all fishing. |
| Merrimack River | Franklin to Mass. border (except closed sections) | All sections | No closed season for all species except salmon. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice. |
| Merrimack River | Manchester | Upstream side of Amoskeag Dam to upstream side of Amoskeag Bridge, and between west bank of river and island adjacent to powerhouse for 500 feet downstream of fishway entrance. | Closed to all fishing. |
| Merrymeeting River | New Durham | Merrymeeting Lake Dam to 200 ft below Powder Mill Hatchery | Closed to all fishing |
| Merrymeeting River | New Durham to Alton | From 200 ft. below Powder Mill Hatchery to lower dam at Alton | No closed season for all species except salmon. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice |
| Merrymeeting River | Alton | From lower dam at Alton to Route 11 bridge at Alton Bay | Jan. 1 - June 15 and Oct. 1-31 fly-fishing only, barbless hooks, catch-and-release. June 16 - Sept. 30 combined daily limit for trout and salmon is 2 fish, minimum length 15 inches, minimum length for lake trout 18 inches |
| Mohawk River, West Branch | Colebrook | All sections | Jan. 1 - Labor Day season. Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. Managed for wild trout. |
| Nashua River | Hollis to Nashua | From MA/NH border to confluence with Merrimack River | No closed season for all species except salmon. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice |

RIVERS & STREAMS WITH SPECIAL RULES (CONTINUED)

| WATERBODY | TOWN(S) | SECTION | SPECIAL RULES: For species not listed under this section, please refer to the General Regulations section for Rivers and Streams. |
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| Nashua River | Nashua | Jackson Mills Dam 200 ft. above to 200 ft. below | Closed to all fishing |
| Nashua River | Nashua | Mines Falls Dam to 200 ft. below | Closed to all fishing |
| Newfound River | Bristol | Area between West Shore Road and dam adjacent to Crescent St | Jan. 1 - October 31 season, fly-fishing only. Jan. 1 - March 31: daily limit for trout is 2 fish and all salmon immediately released; April 1 - Sept. 30: combined daily limit for trout/salmon is 2 fish, minimum length for salmon and lake trout is 15 inches. Oct. 1-31: barbless hooks only, catch-and-release all fish |
| Pemigewasset River | Bristol | From Route 104 bridge to Ayers Island Dam | No closed season for all species except salmon. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice |
| Pemigewasset River | Bristol | From Ayers Island Dam 300 ft. downstream | Closed to all fishing |
| Pemigewasset River | Bristol to Franklin | From 300 ft. below Ayers Island Dam to the Eastman Falls Dam in Franklin | No closed season for all species except salmon. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice |
| Pemigewasset River | Franklin | From Eastman Falls Dam 150 ft. downstream | Closed to all fishing |
| Pemigewasset River | Franklin | From 150 ft. below Eastman Falls Dam to the confluence of Winnepesaukee River | No closed season for all species except salmon. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice |
| Perry Stream | Pittsburg | Happy Corner Bridge to Connecticut River | Fly-fishing only. Daily limit for brook trout is 2 fish |
| Piscataquog River | Goffstown | Howe Bridge to Glen Lake | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice |
| Piscataquog River, South Branch | New Boston | From 300 ft. upstream of the bridge located at 42° 57.447'N 71° 42.494'W using WGS84 map datum on Lyndeboro Road downstream to the first bridge on Route 13 in New Boston | October 16 - June 15: Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. June 16 - October 15: Daily limit for brook trout is 5 fish or 5 lbs. |
| Pond Brook | Odell to Stratford | All sections | Jan. 1 - Labor Day season. Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. Managed for wild trout. |
| Powwow River | Kingston | All sections | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice. |
| Saco River | Conway | Lucy Brook downstream to confluence with Artist Falls Brook | Fly-fishing only. Daily limit for brook trout is 2 fish. |
| Sand Brook | Hillsborough | All sections | Jan. 1 - Labor Day season. Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. Managed for wild trout. |
| Soucook River | Loudon to Pembroke | From Loudon Village Dam to confluence with the Merrimack River | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice. |
| Souhegan River | Greenville to Wilton | From 300 ft upstream of green bridge on Old Wilton Road in Greenville to 300 ft downstream of Route 31 bridge in Wilton | October 16 - June 15: Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. June 16 - October 15: Daily limit for brook trout is 5 fish or 5 lbs. |
| Sucker Brook | Auburn | From dam in Auburn Village downstream to Lake Massabesic | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice |
| Sugar River | Newport | Rte. 11/103 Bridge to the so-called Oak Street Bridge | Jan. 1 - Nov. 30 season. Fly-fishing only. Daily limit for brook trout is 2 fish. |
| Suncook River | Barnstead to Allenstown/Pembroke | From Route 126 bridge in Barnstead downstream to confluence with the Merrimack River | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice. |
| Swift River | Sandwich to Tamworth | From Route 113A bridge downstream to Route 113 bridge | Fly-fishing only. Daily limit for brook trout is 2 fish. |
| Swift Diamond River | Dixville to Second College Grant | Headwaters downstream to confluence with Dead Diamond River | Jan. 1 - Sept. 30 season |
| Taylor River | Hampton Falls | West of Route 95 | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice |
| Turkey River | Concord | All sections | No closed season for all species. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice |
| Winnepesaukee River | Laconia to Tilton | From dam at Paugus Bay to 500 ft downstream and Messer Street bridge downstream to Dixon Point; and from old Union Bridge abutment in Tilton/Belmont downstream to a point 1000 ft below Lochmere Dam | April 1 - Sept. 30 season |
| Winnepesaukee River | Franklin | From Franklin Falls Hydro Dam to confluence with Pemigewasset River | No closed season for all species except salmon. Daily limit of 2 brook trout through the ice |
| Witches Spring Brook | Hollis | All sections | Jan. 1 - Labor Day season. Catch-and-release, single barbless hook artificial lures/flyes. Managed for wild trout. |

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

The NH Fish and Game Department's Inland Fisheries Division is responsible for all freshwater fish within both state and interstate waters. Fisheries biologists and fish culturists work to protect and restore fish resources and aquatic habitat and to provide New Hampshire anglers with diverse fishing opportunities.

What we do...for you!

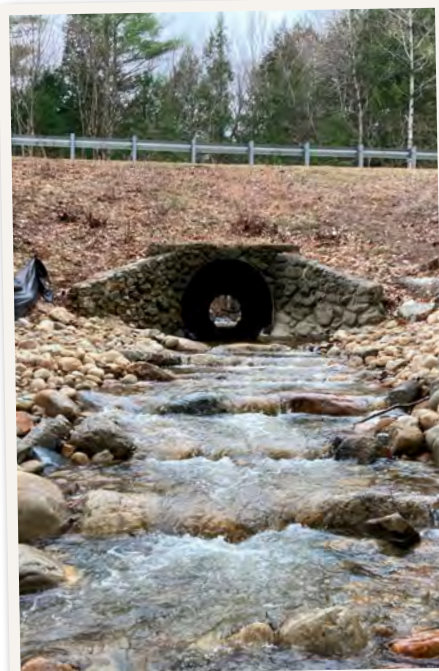
- Operate and maintain six hatcheries that raise and stock nearly 1 million trout and salmon annually.
- Provide diverse, high-quality fishing opportunities for anglers to enjoy.
- Monitor fish populations in numerous rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds.
- Restore populations of migratory species, including river herring, American shad, and American eels.
- Conserve, improve, and restore fisheries habitat in New Hampshire.
- Provide fisheries expertise and technical assistance to many organizations for the benefits of maintaining, improving, or restoring habitat and fish populations.



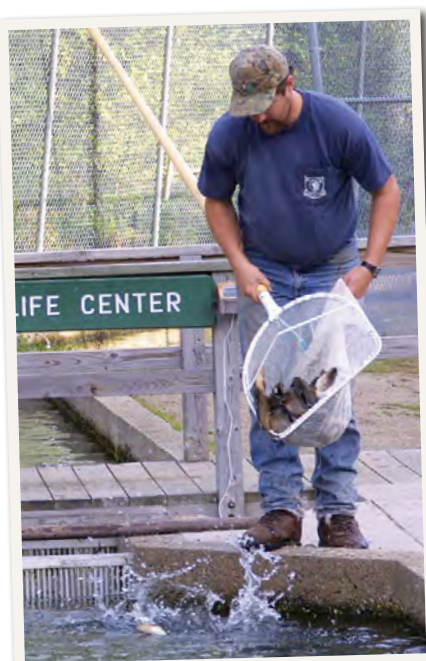
Fisheries biologist capture bass and other warmwater fish with an electrofishing boat.



American shad are transported upriver on the Merrimack in an effort to restore their population.



The Fish Habitat Program worked with NH Department of Transportation and UNH Civil Engineering to construct two fish ramps under Rt 89 in Warner to ensure that brook trout and other fish species can swim upstream through the two culverts.



Visit a State Fish Hatchery

New Hampshire's Fish and Game fish hatcheries are a great place to learn about how fish are hatched and reared. These facilities raise nearly a million trout each year! Hatcheries are open year round, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Outdoor fish viewing is available throughout the year. Guided hatchery tours are available by reservation. You'll enjoy meeting our dedicated, hardworking hatchery staff, who not only understand the technical challenges of raising fish... many of them love to fish themselves!

Berlin Fish Hatchery

RR 3 Box 3783
(Off Route 110) York Pond Road
Berlin, NH 03570
(603) 449-3412

Twin Mountain Fish Hatchery

1450 Route 3 North
Carroll, NH 03598
(603) 846-5429

Warren Fish Hatchery

23 Fish Hatchery Road
Warren, NH 03279
(603) 764-8593

New Hampton Fish Hatchery

204 Main St.
New Hampton, NH 03256
(603) 744-3709

Powder Mill Fish Hatchery

288 Merrymeeting Road
New Durham, NH 03855
(603) 859-2041

Milford Fish Hatchery

386 North River Road
Milford, NH 03055
(603) 673-1416

N.H. RECORD AND TROPHY FISH

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE RECORD FRESHWATER FISH

| SPECIES | LENGTH | WEIGHT | WATERBODY | TOWN | DATE | ANGLER | STATE |
|----------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|-------|
| American Eel | 44.50" | 8 lbs. | Crystal Lake | Eaton | 7/6/1975 | Michael Hansharak | NH |
| Black Crappie | 17.00" | 2 lbs. 15.84 oz. | Great East Lake | Wakefield | 5/3/2016 | Brian O'Day | NH |
| Bluegill | 11.25" | 2 lbs. 0.64 oz. | Goodwins Pond | Acworth | 6/18/1992 | Justin S. Therieau | NH |
| Bowfin | 28.00" | 8 lbs. 13 oz. | Wilson Pond | Swanzy | 8/24/1994 | Kenneth L'Abbe | NH |
| Brook Trout | 25.50" | 9 lbs. | Pleasant Lake | New London | 5/8/1911 | A. Val Woodruff | NH |
| Brown Bullhead | 17.95" | 3 lbs. 4.8 oz. | Merrimack River | Merrimack | 8/06/2005 | Donald Robbins | NH |
| Brown Trout | 32.50" | 16 lbs. 6 oz. | Connecticut River | Pittsburg | 7/4/1975 | Ken Reed, Jr. | CT |
| Carp (Bow Harvested) | 40.50" | 41 lbs. 0.04 oz. | Connecticut River | Hinsdale | 6/2/2013 | Kevin Martin | NH |
| Carp | 37.00" | 35 lbs. 13.12 oz. | Merrimack River | Manchester | 5/16/2015 | Donald St. Lawrence | NH |
| Chain Pickerel | 26.00" | 8 lbs. | Plummer Lake | Sanbornton | 4/24/1966 | Carroll R. Akeley | MA |
| Channel Catfish | 31.30" | 15 lbs. 5.28 oz. | Connecticut River | Chesterfield | 8/29/2020 | Matthew Smith | NH |
| Cusk | 34.50" | 12 lbs. 3.52 oz. | Lake Winnepesaukee | Gilford | 3/13/2007 | Ken Cayer | NH |
| Fallfish | 20.75" | 3 lbs. 8.96 oz. | Lake Winnepesaukee | Gilford | 7/12/1991 | John Conti | MA |
| Lake Trout | 42.125" | 37 lbs. 10.4 oz. | Big Diamond Pond | Stewartstown | 2/25/2020 | Thomas Knight | NH |
| Lake Whitefish | 21.75" | 5 lbs. 1 oz. | Lake Winnepesaukee | Alton | 8/23/1974 | Paul E. Littlefield | NH |
| Landlocked Salmon | 34.50" | 18 lbs. 8 oz. | Pleasant Lake | New London | 8/31/1942 | Mrs. Letty M. Clark | NH |
| | 36.00" | 18 lbs. 8 oz. | Pleasant Lake | New London | 8/30/1914 | Mr. P.H. Killelea | MA |
| Largemouth Bass | 25.80" | 10 lbs. 8 oz. | Lake Potanipo | Brookline | 5/1967 | G. Bullpitt | NH |
| Northern Pike | 44.5" | 26 lbs. 9.44 oz. | Moore Reservoir | Dalton | 2/16/2013 | Kevin Phelps | NH |
| Pumpkinseed | 10.50" | 1 lb., 1.76 oz. | Lake Winnepesaukee | Moultonborough | 1/7/2017 | Michael Steffen | NH |
| Rainbow Trout | 35.50" | 15 lbs. 7.2 oz. | Pemigewasset River | Bristol | 9/16/1996 | Lance King | NH |
| Rock Bass | 13.50" | 1 lb. 8 oz. | Island Pond | Stoddard | 9/18/1982 | Linc Chamberland | CT |
| Round Whitefish | 18.00" | 1 lb. 11.68 oz. | Newfound Lake | Bristol | 2/05/2005 | Marty Martin | NH |
| Smallmouth Bass | 23.25" | 7 lbs. 14.5 oz. | Goose Pond | Canaan | 8/1970 | Francis H. Lord | MA |
| Splake Trout | 26.88" | 9 lbs. | Crystal Lake | Eaton | 2/20/1980 | Thomas Barbour | NH |
| Sunapee Trout | 33.00" | 11 lbs. 8 oz. | Sunapee Lake | Sunapee | 10/2/1954 | Ernest Theoharris | NH |
| Tiger Muskellunge | 35.50" | 11 lbs. 11.68 oz. | Connecticut River | W. Lebanon | 6/27/1982 | Brian Patch | NH |
| Tiger Trout | 20.00" | 3 lbs. 8.64 oz. | Willard Pond | Antrim | 7/6/2011 | Molly Metivier | NH |
| Walleye | 34.00" | 12 lbs. 8.8 oz. | Connecticut River | Wells River, VT | 5/4/1992 | Anthony Bartolini | NH |
| White Catfish | 23.00" | 5 lbs. 11 oz. | Big Cub Pond | Danville | 8/4/1996 | Zachary Cross | NH |
| White Perch | 17.20" | 3 lbs. 11.5 oz. | Lake Winnepesaukee | Moultonborough | 12/29/1986 | John J. Ziolkowski | CT |
| White Sucker | 22.50" | 4 lbs. 13.28 oz. | Pawtuckaway Lake | Nottingham | 4/16/2014 | Jooson Kim | NH |
| Yellow Bullhead | 16.00" | 2 lbs. 8 oz. | Pecknolds Pond | Chester | 8/1980 | Gerald Menard | NH |
| Yellow Perch | 15.50" | 2 lbs. 6 oz. | Head's Pond | Hooksett | 3/4/1969 | R. Hebert | NH |

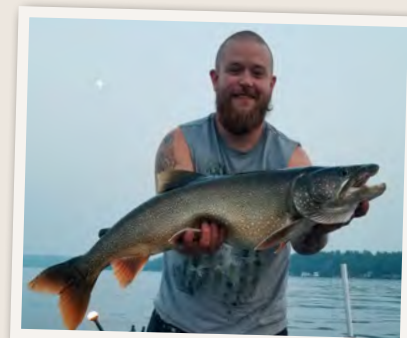
Trophy Fish Program

New Hampshire's Trophy Fish Program gives anglers of all ages recognition for their biggest catches, while giving biologists important information on the fisheries over time. There are awards for both kept and released fish in 23 freshwater species and 7 saltwater species categories.

All qualifying entrants receive a "Trophy Fish" shoulder patch for submitting their catch information. Each year, the person catching the heaviest fish or releasing the longest fish in a particular species category receives a certificate suitable for framing. All ages and all legal methods of angling are represented. Your trophy may qualify for a state record; see list above.

Check <https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/trophy.html> for NH trophy fish rules, minimum weights/lengths, and entry forms.

Brandon Turcotte of Sanbornton caught his 11 lb., 6.24 oz. Lake Trout while trolling at Winnisquam Lake in 2021.



BOATING IN N.H.

New Hampshire is a boater's paradise!

You're never more than a short drive away from a boatable lake, pond or river in the Granite State. There are more than 400 public federal and state-owned launch sites where you can get your motorboat, kayak or canoe into the water to fish, boat and paddle on New Hampshire's scenic waterways.



Boating Education Required

New Hampshire has a mandatory boating education law. Everyone 16 years of age and older who operates a motorboat over 25 horsepower on New Hampshire waters must have a boating education certificate. Find a class at boatingeducation.nh.gov.

Boat Access Sites

NH Fish and Game owns and maintains 142 public boat access sites around the state. Visit fishnh.com/access for a list or to find Fish and Game boat ramps by town. For more information, call Fish and Game Boat Access Coordinator Garret Graaskamp at (603) 271-1748.

Register Your Boat

The NH Department of Safety is responsible for issuing boat registrations in New Hampshire. Call (603) 271-2333. A few boating registration fast facts:

- **Which boats?** All motorized vessels of any size must be registered, in addition to sailboats and sailboards 12 feet or longer. Unmotorized canoes, kayaks and small sailboats do not need to be registered.
- **New boat:** The boat owner must register in person at any NH Department of Motor Vehicles substation. Some marinas, sport shops, and town halls also can provide boat registrations; call first. The owner will be asked to show proof of ownership (such as a bill of sale) and a photo ID.
- **Renewal:** Once a boat is registered, registrants will receive a renewal form in the mail in subsequent years; boat registrations may be renewed by mail or in person.

Reciprocity

Any vessel that is registered in another state may operate on New Hampshire waters for 30 consecutive days or less without a New Hampshire boat registration. Operators must have the appropriate Safe Boating Certificate.

General Boating Information

NH Department of Safety

Marine Patrol Headquarters
(603) 293-2037

Motor Restrictions

Division of Safety Services
(603) 293-2037 or
NH.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/fob/marine-patrol/restricted.html

See "Restricted Bodies of Water"

Boating Safety Courses

- Classes offered year-round by NH Marine Patrol.
- Many locations throughout the state.
- Open to any boater over 14 years of age.
- Online study materials: boat-ed.com/nh
- NASBLA approved.
- Satisfies requirements of mandatory boating education law.
- For class schedule, call NH Marine Patrol at 1-888-254-2125 or visit boatingeducation.nh.gov.
- Be smart — boat safe!

The advertisement features a man in a plaid shirt and blue cap fishing from a boat on a lake at sunset. In the foreground, several blades of the Havalon Talon Multi-Blade Cutlery System are displayed vertically. A blue and orange handle is also shown. The background is a scenic view of a lake with trees and a sunset sky.

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Ten Tips for Safe Boating

- 1. Don't Overload** Carry only the specified limit for your craft and don't sit on the gun-wales or the transom.
- 2. Wear Life Jackets or Vests** State law requires one wearable life preserver for each person in a boat. Kids 12 and under must wear a life preserver while underway on a vessel.
- 3. Know the Water** Always carry a chart (map) of the waters you are boating on.
- 4. In an Accident** Your first obligation is to save lives and help the injured. Call NH Marine Patrol: (603) 293-2037.
- 5. Water and Alcohol Don't Mix** Sixty percent of boating fatalities in New Hampshire are alcohol-related. Don't drink and boat—the .08 law applies to boaters, too!
- 6. Use Your Lights** All boats operating after dark must display lights to be visible to other boaters.
- 7. Use Caution** When passing within 150 feet of another boat, swimmers, rafts, shore, docks, or mooring fields, you must be at headway speed.
- 8. Don't Use the Water as a Dump** It is illegal to litter or discharge sewage into the water.
- 9. Don't Harass Wildlife** All wildlife are protected on the state's waters, subject to strict hunting and fishing regulations.
- 10. Take a Boating Safety Course** For info call Marine Patrol at (603) 267-7256.

Drain Those Live Wells!

New Hampshire state law requires boaters to drain their boat and other equipment that holds water, including live wells and bilges, when leaving a waterbody.

Good Fishing Depends on Clean Water

Many of our rivers, lakes, and coastal areas are experiencing algae blooms that cover our favorite fishing spots with green slime and cause fish kills and "dead zones" where no aquatic life can survive. The cause is usually nitrogen and phosphorus pollution that comes from farm and lawn fertilizers, septic systems, animal waste, and sewage treatment plants. Everyone can do their part for clean water by reducing fertilizer use, preserving plants along shorelines, and picking up pet waste. Supporting water quality protection supports great fishing! Learn more at: epa.gov/nutrientpollution. A message from the US Environmental Protection Agency.



Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration: More Than 80 Years of Restoring, Managing and Researching Fish and Wildlife

Our thanks to hunters, shooters, anglers, boaters, and our industry partners! With the purchase of firearms and ammunition, archery equipment, fishing equipment, and motorboat fuels, hunters, anglers, boaters, and manufacturers pay excise taxes that are distributed to state fish and wildlife agencies for approved projects.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service joins state fish and wildlife agencies, private industry and the public in a partnership to conserve fish and wildlife resources.

With help from more than \$150 million in federal aid funding over more than 80 years, New Hampshire Fish and Game has been able to:

- Gain knowledge through research
- Manage fish and wildlife populations
- Acquire Wildlife Management Areas
- Improve and protect aquatic habitat
- Restore fish and wildlife populations
- Conduct Hunter and Aquatic Education programs
- Construct, upgrade, and maintain more than 140 public access sites for boating and fishing.

Your purchase of hunting and fishing equipment and motorboat fuels supports wildlife and sport fish restoration and boating access facilities.



Diver There, Please Beware

New Hampshire state law requires boaters to stay at least 150 feet away from a red flag with a white stripe or other flags in the water. They signal that scuba divers are in the area.

CLEAN

CLEAN off any mud, plants, animals and algae from boats, trailers and equipment.

DRAIN

DRAIN your boat and equipment away from the waterbody.

DRY

DRY anything that comes into contact with the water.

Please perform a self-inspection of your boat, trailer and gear.

Remove tag-along plants, animals and algae before launching and after leaving a waterbody.



It is **ILLEGAL** to transport and introduce aquatic invasive species in New Hampshire.

Boaters are **REQUIRED BY LAW** to clean and drain live-wells and other water-related equipment when leaving water bodies.

FISHING THE “HARDWATER” SEASON



Get your family excited about going ice fishing!

A few basic preparations can make your ice-angling adventure a day to remember.



Ice fishing equipment is specialized but simple. You need a sled for moving equipment onto the ice—a big plastic boat sled can haul your gear or a tired child. A homemade sled works great, too; try a wooden box attached to a pair of old downhill skis.

A “spud” can be used to test the thickness of the ice, to make holes in the ice, or to re-open holes made by someone else. An auger is a giant drill for making holes in the ice; get a hand auger for the exercise, or a power auger to make lots of holes in a hurry. Use a “skimmer”—a long-handled slotted spoon—to remove slush and ice from your ice-fishing holes.

The most popular ice-fishing device is the “tip-up.” The reel, spooled with several hundred feet of braided line, is submerged in the water; the rest of the device is suspended on the ice by a pair of crossed “arms.” A simple triggering mechanism makes a flag pop up when a fish takes the bait, at which point you pull the device from the water and reel the fish in by hand.

Your bait will usually be near the bottom, so you’ll want a “sounder” to know how far down the bottom is. A sounder is a heavy metal weight with a clip that attaches to your hook or line. Lower it into the hole, and take the guesswork out of how deep to fish. Mark your line with a button or small sinker, and you won’t have to re-sound after catching a fish or changing bait.

For a more active ice-fishing experience, try a jig rod—like a regular spinning outfit with a short (2-to 3-foot) rod. Jig rods are named for the up-and-down “jig” motion the angler gives the bait or lure. They allow you to fish throughout the water column.

You’ll Need Bait

Live shiners are the bait of choice, and are sold in many locations. You will need a bait bucket for them, and a bait dipper, which is a small net to retrieve the little rascals from the cold water. Mealworms and maggots are best baits for sunfish and crappies.

What to Wear

A good pair of insulated boots, heavy wool socks and long johns are musts. A fleece layer is next—or perhaps the traditional wool pants and shirt. Your outer layer needs to be wind-proof and waterproof; snow pants and a good winter coat will do the trick. Layering will give you and your family better protection and comfort in the cold. Don’t forget a warm hat and insulated gloves.

Bring Snacks

Snacks and drinks are very important for keeping your energy up on the ice. Fill a thermos with beef stew or mac and cheese, and another with hot cocoa.

Other Gear

A small tackle box carries other items you shouldn’t be without—hooks, spare sounders, non-lead sinkers, lures, jigs, a first-aid kit, pliers and trash bags. For safety and comfort, also bring rope (15 feet), extra clothing (leave in vehicle), a compass, fire starter and matches, a folding lawn chair or pack chair, a heavy blanket, and those handy little instant-heat packets. Consider ice crampons or “creepers” for walking on ice.

Ice fishing is the main focus of the trip, but there is some waiting involved; having activities to keep busy and warm will only add to the fun. Frisbee, wildlife tracking, snow-fort building and skating are favorites. Time of day doesn’t matter, so plan your trip around the warmest part of the day, and keep it short to start. You don’t have to go far from home to have a good time ice fishing. Let’s face it—New Hampshire winters can seem a little long. Having an activity to look forward to makes them much more fun. Enjoy your winter on the ice!

Whether you’re fishing for trout, bass, crappie, or perch, ice fishing is a great way to spend a winter day.

General Rules

Ice fishing in most New Hampshire lakes and ponds begins at “ice-in” and ends at “ice-out.” Depending on the weather and ice safety, this “season” can be from late December through mid-April. These types of waters support mostly warmwater fish populations, including perch, pickerel, black crappie and bass, with a few waters providing opportunities to catch brook, rainbow or brown trout through the ice. For specific bag limits for certain species, see *Lakes & Ponds: General Rules* on page 13. **Waters managed for lake trout and/or salmon have a defined season of January 1 through March 31. Remember—salmon may not be taken through the ice. Designated trout ponds are closed to ice fishing.**

On most New Hampshire waters, the general rule is 6 ice fishing devices (lines) per person when ice fishing, with the following exceptions:

- Ice anglers are limited to 5 lines while ice fishing on N.H.-Maine border waters, except Great East Lake, which has a 2-line limit.
- Only 2 ice fishing devices (lines) per angler are allowed when fishing the designated lake trout and salmon lakes listed below (see exceptions under Cusk Fishing).

Note on Interstate Waters: See pages 38–39 for additional rules for ice fishing on interstate waters.

Hooks used for bait while ice fishing must have only a single hook with a single hook point per ice fishing device.

Bob Houses

Bob houses must be removed from public waters, public property or private property no later than April 1. The owner’s name and address shall be plainly marked on the bob

house and shall have 12 square inches of reflective material half-way up on the outside of each side.

Cusk Fishing

Freshwater cusk (burbot) may be taken through the ice with a cusk fishing device (see definition on page 8) marked with the name and address of the user. In addition to the normal number of lines allowed (see line limits above), up to 6 cusk fishing lines may also be used. Any species other than cusk caught on a cusk line must be released immediately by cutting the line without removing the fish from the water.

The sinker of the cusk fishing device must rest on the bottom of the waterbody. Through the ice, cusk fishing devices will be permitted to be set and left unattended, except once during each 24-hour period, the bait end of the line must be inspected. “Bobbing,” “jigging,” or movement of the bait to attract fish is prohibited.

The use of cusk fishing devices is restricted to the following waters: First Connecticut Lake (Pittsburg), Second Connecticut Lake (Pittsburg), Third Connecticut Lake (Pittsburg), Lake Francis (Pittsburg), Lovell Lake (Wakefield), Merrymeeting Lake (New Durham), Newfound Lake (Bristol, Alexandria, Bridgewater, Hebron), Ossipee Lake (Freedom/Ossipee), Silver Lake (Madison), Big Squam Lake (Holderness, Center Harbor, Sandwich, Moultonboro), Little Squam Lake (Holderness, Ashland), South Pond (Stark), Sunapee Lake (Newbury, New London, Sunapee), Waukegan Lake (Meredith), Wentworth Lake (Wolfboro), Lake Winnepesaukee (Alton, Center Harbor, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonboro, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro), and Winnisquam Lake (Belmont, Sanbornton, Laconia, Tilton, Meredith).

Safety on Ice

Is the ice safe? You won’t know until you test it. Use a chisel or “spud” to thump the ice as hard as you can; if it does not break through, continue onto the ice. Make a test hole to check the thickness where you hit, and check the ice at intervals on your way out to your fishing spot.

Generally speaking, solid, clear ice of 5 to 6 inches is adequate for small groups; ice thickness of 8 inches and up is good for large groups. Be aware that ice can be weakened by objects frozen into it, because they hold the heat from the sun; avoid docks, large rocks and trees fallen onto the ice. Also avoid areas with springs or moving water under the ice. Visit fishnh.com/outdoor-recreation/ice-safety.html to learn more.

| WATERBODY | MANAGED FOR LAKE TROUT | MANAGED FOR LANDLOCKED SALMON* |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Connecticut Lake, First | • | • |
| Connecticut Lake, Second | • | • |
| Connecticut Lake, Third | • | |
| Conway Lake | | • |
| Dan Hole Pond, Big | • | • |
| Diamond Pond, Big | • | |
| Francis Lake | • | • |
| Granite Lake | • | |
| Great East Lake | • | |
| Greenough Pond, Big | • | |
| Merrymeeting Lake | • | • |
| Newfound Lake | • | • |
| Nubanusit Lake | • | • |
| Ossipee Lake | | • |
| Silver Lake (Harrisville) | • | |
| Silver Lake (Madison) | • | |
| Squam Lake, Big | • | • |
| Squam Lake, Little | • | • |
| Sunapee Lake | • | • |
| Winnepesaukee Lake | • | • |
| Winnisquam Lake | • | • |

*Note: salmon may not be taken while ice fishing

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YOUR FISHERIES HABITAT FEE

Restoring and Conserving Fish Habitat in New Hampshire

When you buy a fishing license in New Hampshire, \$1 of your license fee goes into the Fisheries Habitat Account. This account has funded many restoration and land conservation efforts over the years. Typically, it funds about 10–20% of completed fisheries habitat projects. To meet the goal of providing diverse fishing opportunities, the Fisheries Habitat Program restores and conserves habitat. For fish habitat restoration projects in streams and rivers, fisheries managers have learned from a body of large scientific studies that fish populations do best when their habitat is most like that which would naturally occur, so our projects mimic natural processes.

That typically means we are restoring riverine processes, things that create diverse habitats such as riffles and pools, with a particular focus on the restoration of instream wood, which has largely been removed from our rivers and streams. Instream wood is a natural part of streams and rivers. It forms deep pools and creates excellent shelter for all sizes and species of fish. It also can help reduce the nutrient load moving downstream; microbes such as bacteria and fungi live in the complex structure of instream wood (logs, sticks and leaves), and they use a large amount of the nutrients dissolved in the flowing water.

The Habitat Program conducts restoration projects with many partners across the state, representing the spectrum of conservation interests. Excellent relationships with our partners are vital to the successful completion of these high-priority projects. Typically, the program provides technical assistance, scientific analysis and recommendations to projects, and sometimes funding from the Fisheries Habitat Account.

Since 2000, the Habitat Account has been used to restore and conserve fish habitat across the state, and by a number of means. Much of this work has been done in streams and rivers, by strategically placing trees and boulders to restore natural river processes and aquatic habitat. Some examples are the Nash Stream and Indian Stream Restoration projects. Those two initiatives also included another activity: restoring the ability of fish to move throughout a watershed. Think about this in your life; you need to get to school, work, the grocery store, etc. Movement is especially important for fish to fulfill their life cycles and have healthy populations. We have focused on removing barriers, specifically culverts under roads, and replacing them with structures that do not impede the movement of fish. Another significant activity is the long-term preservation of the aquatic and nearby terrestrial habitat through land conservation.

The account has provided funds to a number of high-priority projects, such as conservation of a property along the Connecticut River in Pittsburg that secured about five miles of habitat along the river, another land conservation project that protects more than a mile of the Ammonoosuc River in Bethlehem as well as providing angler access to it, and the restoration of brook trout habitat in the Nash Stream watershed, which is one of the largest fish habitat restoration projects in the Northeast.

An underwater view shows the complexity of instream wood, creating great habitat for fish.

Johnson Brook at Nash Stream Forest — wood carefully placed into this stream created deep pools and provides lots of cover for trout.

Are you a Landlocked Salmon Angler?

Anglers can help to conserve our landlocked salmon fishery through responsible catch-and-release angling practices, including the use of rubber nets, careful removal of hooks, and minimizing the time fish are held out of water. By pledging to be a dedicated steward of New Hampshire's limited landlocked salmon fishery, you can make a real difference in sustaining this valuable resource. Check fishnh.com for more info and download a brochure.



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Bag Limits and General Rules

The daily bag limit for smelt is 2 quarts liquid measure of whole (head and tail intact) freshwater smelt in the 24-hour period between 12 noon one day and 12 noon the following day. Persons taking freshwater smelt must at all times keep their individual take in separate, unbreakable containers marked with their name. A person cannot take smelt while using a boat propelled by mechanical power.

Season for Taking Smelt by Angling

From June 16 through March 14, smelt may be taken by angling only, except in Trout and Fly-Fishing-Only ponds, which are open June 16 through Oct. 15.

Season for Taking Smelt with a Dip Net

From March 15 through April 30, smelt may be taken by means of a dip net not over 18 inches in diameter, between the hours of sunset and 12 midnight. **Only the following waters are open to the taking of freshwater smelt by dip net:**

| POND/LAKE NAME | TOWN |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Deering Reservoir | Deering |
| Manning Lake/Guinea Pond | Gilmanton |
| Pea Porridge Pond | Madison |
| Rust Pond | Wolfeboro |
| Sandy Pond | Richmond |
| Suncook Lake | Barnstead |
| Sunset Lake/Places Pond | Alton, Gilmanton |
| Webster Lake | Franklin |

| STREAM/RIVER NAME | TOWN |
|--|---------|
| Bearcamp River (From Tamworth/Ossipee town line to Ossipee Lake) | Ossipee |
| Mascoma River (From Canaan/Enfield town line to Mascoma Lake) | Enfield |

Use of Lead Tackle Restricted in New Hampshire

New Hampshire state law prohibits the use and sale of all lead sinkers and jigs that weigh one ounce or less, regardless of length, in all fresh waters of the state. The law does not apply to lead core line, spinnerbaits, buzzbaits, spoons, poppers, plugs, or flies.

Loons and other waterbirds can die from lead poisoning after swallowing lead fishing sinkers and jigs lost by anglers.

Biologists have studied the effects of lead sinkers and jigs on waterbirds, such as loons and swans, since the 1970s. Their ongoing research has documented that, in the Northeast U.S. and Canada where loons breed, lead sinkers or jigs can account for up to half of dead adult loons found by researchers.

What You Can Do:

- Do not use lead sinkers and jigs.
- Spread the word. Tell other anglers about the problem with lead.
- Dispose of old lead sinkers and jigs properly. Drop-off locations include all NH Fish and Game offices.
- Learn more at fishleadfree.org.

Careful with Those Plastic Baits!

New Hampshire fisheries biologists are reporting increasing numbers of caught trout and salmon with indigestible soft plastic lures in their stomachs. A discarded soft plastic lure consumed by a trout from the bottom of a freshwater lake likely remains in that fish's stomach for the rest of its life, and may cause health issues such as ulcers and weight loss. **Anglers are strongly encouraged to purchase biodegradable and food-based lures rather than soft plastic ones.** It is also important that anglers not discard plastic lures into any waters, and also to attempt to retrieve any soft plastic lures that have become unhooked.



These lures were found in the stomach of a 14-pound lake trout caught by George Manley of Sidney, Maine, in Maranacook Lake in 2009. (Image courtesy of MDIFW)



FISH IDENTIFICATION



Landlocked Atlantic salmon



American shad

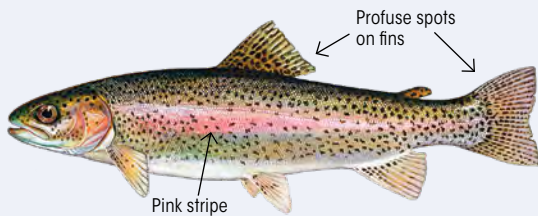


Brown trout

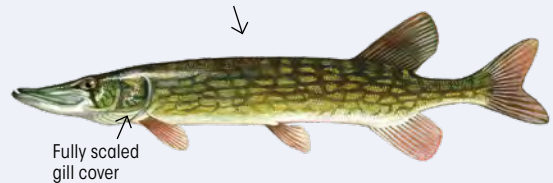


Rainbow smelt

Dark chain-like markings on olive background

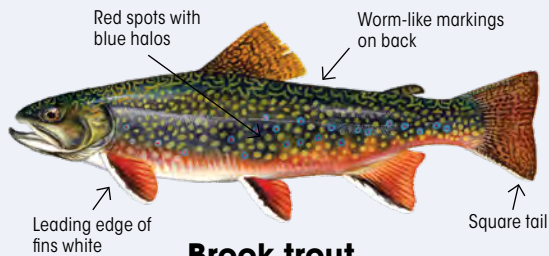


Rainbow trout



Chain pickerel

Light-colored bean-shaped spots on olive background



Brook trout



Northern pike



Round whitefish



Lake trout



Lake whitefish

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FISH IDENTIFICATION



White perch



Yellow perch



Walleye



Pumpkinseed



Brown bullhead (Horned pout)



Cusk (Burbot)

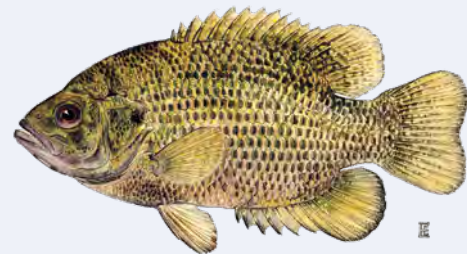


Largemouth bass

NOTE: Both may be referred to as "black bass" on the regulatory pages.



Smallmouth bass



Rock bass



Bluegill



Black crappie

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

The quality of our waters is extremely valuable, both as a natural and economic resource. In addition to providing essential aquatic habitat, New Hampshire's waters annually provide 14.7 million visitor days for boating, fishing and swimming — popular family-oriented recreational activities that add more than \$1 billion to the state's economy each year. Your help is needed to protect these resources. **It's up to boaters and anglers to keep nuisance species from invading New Hampshire's waters!**

New Hampshire's waters are threatened by several non-native aquatic invasive plants and animals. They can easily be transported to new waters by boats, motors, trailers, fishing equipment, live-wells, bait buckets, diving gear and other aquatic recreational equipment. **Check your boat and equipment** and remove any plants or other materials—milfoil and other invasives can easily adhere to propellers and many other catch points.

Invasives can also be put into our waters by individuals who are not aware of the environmental and economic damages these nuisance plants and animals can cause. **Never release** plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water. It's the law!

Invasive Plants

RSA 487: 16-c states it is illegal to transport, import, purchase, propagate, sell, or distribute 14 species of non-native aquatic plants in New Hampshire. Among the 14 species, **variable milfoil** is the most abundant and problematic invasive aquatic plant in New Hampshire.

Invasive Animals

Nonnative invasive animals are also a growing concern in New Hampshire. **Zebra mussels** and **quagga mussels** can attach to boat hulls and clog water intake systems. They are not here yet—it is extremely important to keep them out of New Hampshire waters.

Asian clams are already present in the lower Merrimack River and several ponds; they compete with native mussels for space and food.

The **Chinese mystery snail** is also here, present in lakes and ponds as far north as the Lakes Region. **Rusty crayfish** have been found



in Vermont. The **spiny water flea** and the **fishhook water flea** are present in the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain. These invaders compete with native species for zooplankton, affecting the entire food chain.

It's the Law

RSA 487:16-d requires boaters to drain their boat and other equipment that holds water, including live wells and bilges, when leaving a waterbody. Pursuant to RSA 487:43, a special aquatic invasive species out of

state boater decal is required for display on motorized boats registered in a state other than New Hampshire, which are used on New Hampshire's waters. The out-of-state boater decal is available at www.des.nh.gov.

Learn More

For more information, contact the NH Department of Environmental Services, Exotic Species Program at 603-271-2248, des.nh.gov; NH Fish and Game at 603-271-2501, fishnh.com; or visit protectyourwaters.net.



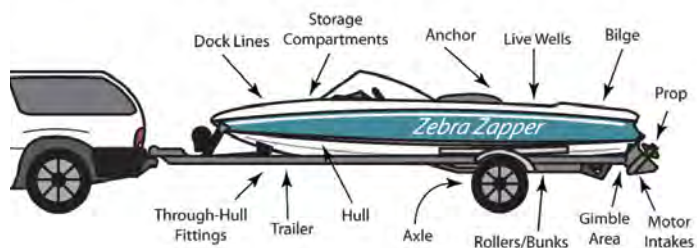
STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Clean...Drain...Dry

To help prevent the transport of aquatic nuisance species, clean all recreational equipment whenever you leave a body of water:

- **Remove** any visible mud, plants, fish or animals.
- **Drain water from equipment** (engine water intake systems, bilge, live wells, bait buckets).
- **Clean and dry** anything that comes into contact with water (boats, paddles, trailers, waders, etc.).

Before leaving and before launching...
inspect everything!



Possession and Use of Live Fish for Bait

- Only the following species shall be possessed and used as live fish for bait when fishing any freshwaters of the state:

Common name (Scientific Name)

- » Rainbow smelt (*Osmerus mordax*)
 - » Longnose dace (*Rhinichthys cataractae*)
 - » Blacknose dace (*Rhinichthys atratulus*)
 - » Northern redbelly dace (*Phoxinus eos*)
 - » Lake chub (*Couesius plumbeus*)
 - » Creek chub (*Semotilus atromaculatus*)
 - » Fallfish (*Semotilus corporalis*)
 - » Golden shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*)
 - » Common shiner (*Luxilus cornutus*)
 - » Emerald shiner (*Notropis atherinoides*)
 - » Spottail shiner (*Notropis hudsonius*)
 - » Silvery minnow (*Hybognathus nuchalis*)
 - » Creek chubsucker (*Erimyzon oblongus*)
 - » Longnose sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*)
 - » White sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*)
 - » Killifish/tomcod (*Fundulus sp.*)
- Daily limit of bait fish for personal use is 2 quarts liquid measure. See special rules for rainbow smelt on page 33.
 - No more than 6 bait traps shall be used to take fishing bait, and all bait traps, holding boxes, or other receptacles shall be plainly marked with the name and address of the owner or user.
 - A circular drop net, not more than 48 inches in diameter, or a square net of equal area, may be used for taking baitfish, from waters not inhabited by brook trout. Traps may be set for taking baitfish, in water inhabited by trout, provided that no such trap shall exceed 18 inches in length, and that the aperture therein for the entrance of fish shall not exceed one inch in diameter.

White Suckers

In addition to angling and ice fishing, white suckers may be taken for personal use as bait by use of traps, made of wire slats not more than 50 inches long nor more than 30 inches wide, with an aperture for the entrance of fish no smaller than 3 1/2 inches in diameter, except as otherwise provided in Fis 406 and Fis 407. No more than 2 traps shall be used by a licensed angler, and all bait traps, holding boxes or other receptacles shall be plainly marked with the name and address of the owner and user. There are no bag limits for suckers.

Importation of Finfish for Bait

- Licensed bait dealers shall obtain a permit from the NH Fish and Game Department before importing any shipment or lot of bait fish from hatchery sources or wild stock. Such permits shall be issued to import only:

Common name (Scientific Name)

- » White sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*)
- » Eastern creek chubsucker (*Erimyzon oblongus*)
- » Tomcod/killifish (*Fundulus sp.*)

- » Golden shiner/Arkansas shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*)
- » Common shiner (*Luxilus cornutus*)
- » Spottail shiner (*Notropis hudsonius*)
- » Eastern silvery minnow (*Hybognathus regius*)
- » Emerald shiner (*Notropis atherinoides*)
- » Lake chub (*Couesius plumbeus*)
- » Creek chub (*Semotilus atromaculatus*)
- » Fallfish (*Semotilus corporalis*)
- » Rainbow smelt (*Osmerus mordax*)

- Live fish imported for use as freshwater fishing bait may only be imported from states with an approved aquatic invasive species monitoring program. No species of aquatic invertebrate shall be imported for use as bait or otherwise.

Taking of Smelt by Licensed Bait Dealers

- Licensed bait dealers may take freshwater smelt for sale as bait or for personal use, in accordance with the restrictions for taking smelt in Fis 400.
- No licensed bait dealer shall have in possession more than one daily limit of freshwater smelt while taking freshwater smelt for sale as bait from streams, pond or lakes, or when leaving such waters.
- Licensed bait dealers may take freshwater smelt for sale as bait, from ice-in through February 28 in the following waters:
 - » Beech Pond (Lower), Tuftonboro
 - » Cedar Pond, Milan
 - » Christine Lake, Stark
 - » Crystal Lake, Enfield
 - » Crystal Lake, Gilmanton
 - » Crystal Pond, Eaton
 - » Deering Reservoir, Deering
 - » Iona Lake, Albany
 - » Loon Lake, Freedom
 - » Loon Pond, Gilmanton
 - » Manning Lake, Gilmanton
 - » Pea Porridge Pond, Madison
 - » Pleasant Lake, Deerfield
 - » Post Pond, Lyme
 - » Rust Pond, Wolfeboro
 - » Sandy Pond, Richmond
 - » South Pond, Stark
 - » Sunapee Lake, Little, Springfield
 - » Suncook Lakes, Barnstead
 - » Sunset Lake, Alton/Gilmanton
 - » Tewksbury Pond, Grafton
 - » Webster Lake, Franklin
 - » Wentworth Lake, Wolfeboro
 - » White Lake, Tamworth

- Licensed bait dealers may take smelt in the waterbodies listed above by means of a dip net held in hand, a drop net not over 48 inches in diameter, or by means of a square umbrella net not over 42 inches on a side.
- The daily limit for smelt taken in waterbodies listed above shall be 8 quarts liquid of whole, head and tail intact, freshwater smelt in the 24 hours between 12 noon one day and 12 noon the following day.

Crayfish

Crayfish may be taken for personal use with traps. The number of traps is limited to 6 per person and must have the person's name and address attached. Persons wishing to trap and sell crayfish for bait must purchase a commercial bait dealer's license. There are no daily bag or possession limits for crayfish. 6 trap limit does not apply to dealers.

Got Questions?

For more information about licensed bait dealer regulations, please contact the NH Fish and Game Department's Inland Fisheries Division at (603) 271-2501.

Dispose of Bait on Land or in the Trash

Bait and non-native plants and animal hitchhiking in bait can harm our lakes and rivers. Remember not to litter—please dispose of bait containers in appropriate receptacles!



Image courtesy of Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant College Program



INTERSTATE WATERS

NEW HAMPSHIRE • MAINE

Licenses

All New Hampshire and Maine fishing licenses are valid for the taking of fish from New Hampshire-Maine interstate waters listed below.

Waters Include:

- **Umbagog Lake** in Errol/Cambridge, NH, and Upton, ME, which includes the waters of the Androscoggin River downstream to the Errol Dam, the waters of the Magalloway River upstream to coordinates 44.795602° -071.062732° to 44.795602° -071.061793° using WGS84 map datum within New Hampshire and the waters of the Rapid River upstream to the marker at Cedar Stump in Maine.
- **Province Lake** in Effingham/Wakefield, NH, and Parsonsfield, ME.
- **Balch Pond** in Wakefield, NH, and Acton/Newfield, ME.
- **Horn Pond** in Wakefield, NH, and Acton, ME. —The northern terminus of Horn Pond will be delineated by signage.
- **Great East Lake** in Wakefield, NH, and Acton, ME.
- **Milton Watershed** in Milton, NH, and Lebanon, ME (Milton Watershed includes all of the Milton Three Ponds—Northeast Pond, Milton Pond and Townhouse Pond, beginning at the dam in Milton to the influx of the Branch River and the Salmon Falls River).
- **Lower Kimball Pond** in Chatham, NH, and Fryeburg, ME.
- **Spaulding Pond** in Milton, NH, and Lebanon, ME.
- **Salmon Falls River** in Wakefield, Milton, Rochester, Somersworth and Rollinsford, NH, and Acton, Berwick and South Berwick, ME, including the upper reach of the Salmon Falls River beginning at the outlet dam of Great East Lake, also known as State Line Canal, to a point downstream marked by signage delineating the northern terminus of Horn Pond.

Dates

Whenever a period of time is named during which an act is permitted or prohibited, both the first and second dates named are included within such period.

Ice Fishing Restrictions (NH • ME)

Fish may only be taken through the ice from January 1 through March 31 in lakes and ponds (except cusk and salmon).

It is unlawful to:

- Use more than five (5) lines; except on Great East Lake where no more than two (2) lines can be used.
- Take, sell or possess for use as bait any of the following fish, dead or living—pickerel, goldfish, yellow perch, white perch, bass, sunfish, crappie, horned pout, carp or any spiny-finned fish.

Ice Fishing Shacks

No person who owns any shack or temporary structure used for ice fishing shall place, or allow to be placed, the shack or structure on the ice more than 3 days before the waters on which shack or structure is located are open to ice fishing.

All ice fishing shacks, while on the ice, must have the name and address of the owner on the outside in 2-inch letters.

Ice fishing shacks shall be removed from the ice within 3 days after those waters close to ice fishing.

Open Water Restrictions (NH • ME)

It is unlawful to:

- Have more than two (2) lines in use;
- Take, sell or possess for use as bait any of the following fish, dead or living—pickerel, goldfish, yellow perch, white perch, bass, sunfish, crappie, horned pout, carp or any spiny finned fish;

New Hampshire - Maine General Interstate Rules

| SPECIES | SEASON | BAG LIMITS AND MINIMUM LENGTHS | IMPORTANT NOTES |
|--|--------------------------|--|---|
| Black Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass) | January 1 – March 31 | 2-fish daily limit; only 1 fish more than 14 inches | Artificial lures and flies only |
| | April 1 – May 14 | 2-fish daily limit; only 1 fish more than 14 inches | |
| | May 15 – June 30 | Catch and release only | |
| | July 1 – December 31 | 2-fish daily limit; only 1 fish more than 14 inches | |
| Brook Trout | January 1 – September 30 | 2 fish daily limit; Minimum length 6 inches | Catch and release only October 1 – December 31 |
| Rainbow Trout | January 1 – September 30 | 2 fish daily limit; Minimum length 10 inches in lakes and ponds and 6 inches in rivers and streams | Catch and release only October 1 – December 31 |
| Brown Trout | January 1 – September 30 | 2 fish daily limit; Minimum length 10 inches in lakes and ponds and 6 inches in rivers and streams | Catch and release only October 1 – December 31 |
| Lake Trout | January 1 – September 30 | 2 fish daily limit; Minimum length 18 inches | Catch and release only October 1 – December 31 |
| Landlocked Salmon | April 1 – September 30 | 2 fish daily limit; Minimum length 14 inches | Catch and release only October 1 – December 31 |
| Chain Pickerel | Open year round | 10 fish daily limit; no length limit | |
| Smelt | Open year round | 2 quart daily limit | Angling only |
| Cusk | April 1 – December 31 | None | |
| All other species | Open year round | None | |

Exceptions to New Hampshire - Maine General Interstate Rules

| WATERBODY | EXCEPTIONS |
|--------------------|---|
| Great East Lake | No more than 2 lines during ice fishing season; lake trout minimum length is 16 inches; No smelt may be taken in tributaries |
| Lower Kimball Pond | Use of dip nets not over 18 inches in diameter shall be permitted between sunset and 12 midnight during the open water season for smelt |
| Salmon Falls River | Open year round, except closed to taking fish through the ice |
| Umbagog Lake | That portion of Umbagog Lake north of a straight line between Molls Rock, Errol, New Hampshire and the red post between Spillman and Glassby Coves, Magalloway Plantation, Maine shall be closed to ice fishing; brook trout minimum length is 18 inches; brook trout daily limit is 1 fish |

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Connecticut River Regulations

For that portion of the river between New Hampshire and Vermont. "Connecticut River" means all waters of the river including the bays, set backs and tributaries, only to the first highway bridge crossing said tributaries on the Vermont and New Hampshire sides.

Licenses

All New Hampshire resident and Vermont resident fishing licenses are valid for the taking of fish from the Connecticut River as defined above. All other nonresidents with a N.H. 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, NH, to the northern boundary of the town of Canaan, VT.

Devices

No more than 6 ice fishing devices are allowed. When fishing in open water, no more than 2 lines may be used.

Species Rules

The rules below apply during the open season for fishing.

- **American Shad:** Catch and release only.
- **Atlantic Salmon:** No open season for Atlantic salmon until declared by the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission.
- **Black Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass):** The daily bag limit for black bass is 2 fish, of which only one may be greater than 16 inches, from January 1 through March 31.
 - » The daily limit for black bass from April 1 through 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 December 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.
- **Black Crappie, Yellow and White Perch, Sunfish, Horned Pout (Bullhead):** The daily bag limit for each species shall be 25 fish and the aggregate daily limit shall not exceed 50 fish.
- **Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout:** The season for taking brook, brown or rainbow trout by all legal methods shall open on January 1 and close October 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 Rte. 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 Rte. 18 bridge.
 - » From the Pittsburg, NH-Canaan, VT boundary downstream to the bridge that crosses the Connecticut River from West Stewartstown to Canaan, VT, from January 1 through March 31, all trout and salmon shall be immediately released unharmed and fishing will be permitted with barbless, single hook lures and flies only.
- **Carp:** 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, VT, south to the Massachusetts border.
- **Chain Pickerel:** The daily limit is 10 fish.
- **Northern Pike:** The daily limit is 1 fish; minimum total length 28 inches.

- **Round Whitefish:** Round whitefish (*Prosopium cylindraceum*) taken by any method shall be immediately released back into the waters from which it was taken.
- **Walleye:** No person shall take walleye 16 to 18 inches; the daily limit is 4 fish, of which only 1 can be larger than 18 inches.

Special Exceptions

From a point 1,600 feet upstream from the bridge in North Stratford upstream to a point 250 feet below the Lyman Falls Dam in North Stratford, and marked by a sign, the following restrictions apply: 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, VT, and Hinsdale, NH shall be closed to all fishing to a point 150 feet below the dam. Wilder Dam in Wilder, VT, and Lebanon, NH shall be closed to all fishing to a point 150 feet below the dam.



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Licenses

All New Hampshire and Massachusetts fishing licenses are valid for the taking of fish from NH-MA interstate waters listed below.

Waters Include:

- **Bent Pond** in Winchester, NH, and Warwick, MA.
- **Long Pond** in Pelham, NH, and Dracut, MA.
- **Lake Monomac** in Rindge, NH, and Winchendon, MA.

- **Robbins Pond** in Rindge, NH, and Winchendon, MA.
- **Tuxbury Pond** in South Hampton, NH, and Amesbury, MA.

Seasons

There are no closed seasons for taking any species, by all legal methods.

Species

For all species: see *Lakes and Ponds: General Fishing Rules* on page 13.

FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES

Is it Safe to Eat the Fish? Fish Consumption Guidelines

Mercury

Fish can be an important part of a healthy diet, but some fish contain varying levels of pollutants including mercury. Because of this, the NH Department of Environmental Services recommends the following guidelines for eating freshwater fish that you catch in New Hampshire:

- Pregnant and nursing women, and women who may become pregnant, can safely eat **ONE** 8-ounce meal of freshwater fish per month.
- Children under age 7 can safely eat **ONE** 4-ounce meal of freshwater fish per month.
- All other adults and children age 7 and older can safely eat **FOUR** 8-ounce meals of freshwater fish per month.
- When eating bass, pickerel, white perch, or yellow perch, limit consumption to fish 12 inches or less in length while following the above guidelines.

Stocked trout contains relatively low levels of mercury. For rainbow and brown trout, women of childbearing age and children under age 7 can safely eat **ONE** 4-ounce meal per week; others can eat **SIX** 8-ounce meals per week. Brook trout could be either stocked or from a native population, and therefore, should be consumed at the rate of the general freshwater advisory above.

Fish from a number of waterbodies in New Hampshire have been shown to have higher than average concentrations of mercury or other contaminants. Learn more at <https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/ard-ehp-25.pdf>.

Other

Additional consumption guidelines have been issued because of the concern for PCB (polychlorinated biphenyls) contamination in several locations:

- Country Pond in Kingston
- Squam Lake in Holderness, Center Harbor, Sandwich, and Moultonborough.
- For the Souhegan River from the Goldman Dam to one mile upriver near Riverway East located off of Elm Street in Milford it is recommended in that section of river that anglers not eat, but catch and release any fish caught unharmed.

In addition, NO fish should be consumed from the Androscoggin River from Berlin south to the Maine border due to potential dioxin and mercury contaminations.

Additional consumption guidelines have also been issued because of the concern for PFOA (perfluorooctane sulfonic acid) concentrations in several lakes listed below. For women of childbearing age the guidelines remain the same as for mercury, but there are changes for adults and children as follows:

| WATERBODY | SPECIES | AGE GROUP | NUMBER OF MEALS |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Beaver Lake, Derry | Large and Smallmouth bass | Most adults & older children | 3 meals/month |
| | | Children younger than 7 | Same as mercury |
| Robinson Pond, Hudson | All freshwater fish | Most adults & older children | 2 meals/month |
| | | Children younger than 7 | DO NOT EAT |
| Horseshoe Pond, Merrimack | All freshwater fish | Most adults & older children | 1 meal/month |
| | | Children younger than 7 | DO NOT EAT |
| Canobie Lake, Salem | All freshwater fish | Most adults & older children | 3 meals/month |
| | | Children younger than 7 | Same as mercury |
| Cobbetts Pond, Windham | Large and Smallmouth bass | Most adults & older children | 2 meals/month |
| | | Children younger than 7 | Same as mercury |

For more information on freshwater and saltwater guidelines, contact: NH Department of Environmental Services, Environmental Health Program, 603-271-1370, www.des.nh.gov/home-and-recreation/boating-and-fishing/mercury-fish.

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Eastern Standard Time—Concord, NH

Lunar Phases:

○ = Full

● = New

◐ = Last Quarter

◑ = First Quarter

| JAN. | | | | FEB. | | | | MAR. | | | |
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