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2024 General Trout Fishing Information

- Opening day of trout season: Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 8 a.m.
- To fish for trout or salmon, a valid New Jersey fishing license and trout stamp are both required for residents at least 16 years and less than 70 years of age plus all non-residents 16 years and older.
- **All Brook Trout caught within the "Brook Trout Conservation Zone" must be immediately released unharmed.** The zone consists of all waters within the northwest region of the state, where most remaining wild Brook Trout populations occur. The Conservation Zone includes all waters west of I-287 and north of Rt. 202, extending to, but not including the Delaware River. See map on page 21.
- Waters stocked with trout in the spring are listed below (those with no in-season closures) **AND** on page 18 (those *with* in-season closures). **Note:** Special regulations may apply on some of these waters, or sections thereof.
- During the three weeks prior to opening day, all ponds, lakes or sections of streams listed are stocked with trout, except Trophy Trout Lakes. These waters are closed to fishing for all species from March 18 to April 6 at 8 a.m. Exceptions: Lake Hopatcong, Mountain Lake, Lake Shenandoah, Lawrence Brook (section from Davidson's Mill Rd. to Farrington Lake dam), Prospertown Lake and Swartwood Lake are open year round to fishing. However, all trout caught during this period (above) must be released immediately. Seasonal and Year-round Trout Conservation Areas and designated Holdover Trout Lakes (see pages 19–21) are also open to fishing but are catch-and-release only for trout. Fishing is not permitted on Seasonal Trout Conservation Areas from 12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m. on April 6, 2024. Round Valley and Merrill Creek Reservoirs (Trophy Trout Lakes) are open to year-round fishing; trout may be harvested within the regulations as shown on page 21.
- After opening day, trout stocked waters are open to fishing, including the days they are stocked, unless specifically listed with in-season closures (page 18). In-season closures also apply to designated Seasonal Trout Conservation Areas (page 19).
- Only one daily creel limit of trout may be in possession. Once the creel limit is reached, an angler may continue to fish provided any additional trout caught are immediately returned to the water unharmed.
- **When fishing from the shoreline, no more than three fishing rods, hand lines or combination thereof may be used. Separate stringers or buckets must be used for each angler's catch.**
- Containers in boats may hold only the combined daily creel limit for each legal angler on board.
- NJDEP Fish & Wildlife reserves the right to suspend stocking when emergency conditions prevail.

Spring Trout Stocked Waters With No In-Season Fishing Closures

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

Note: All waters listed are stocked with trout pre-season (three-week period preceding opening day) except Round Valley and Merrill Creek Reservoirs. The number in parentheses shows the anticipated number of in-season stockings (April 8 through May 24). A zero indicates the water will be stocked only during pre-season. For weekly updates on stocking details, call the **Trout Hotline's recorded message at 609-322-9524**. (Select waters are also stocked in the Fall (October) indicated by a "🍁" and Winter (November) indicated by a "❄️".) Or visit NJFishandWildlife.com where you will also find directions to public-access portions of trout-stocked waters.

Atlantic County

Birch Grove Park Ponds—Northfield (3) 🍁
Hammonton Lake—Town of Hammonton (3) 🍁
Heritage Pond—Absecon (3)

Bergen County

Dahnert's Lake—Garfield (4)
Hackensack River—Lake Tappan to Harriot Ave., Harrington Park Borough (4)
Hohokus Brook—Parsons Pond Rd., Franklin Lakes Borough to Saddle River (4)
Indian Lake—Little Ferry Borough (4)
Mill Pond (aka Silver Lake)—SUSPENDED
Pascack Brook—Woodcliff Lake dam to Emerson Rd., Harrington Park Borough (4)
Potash Lake—Oakland (3)

Saddle River—Lake St. Upper Saddle River to West Century Rd., Fair Lawn (5)

Tenakill Brook—Closter Borough, entire length (3)
Whites Pond—Waldwick Borough (4)

Burlington County

Crystal Lake—Willingboro Twp. (4) 🍁
Laurel Pond—Mt. Laurel Twp. (3)
Pemberton Lake—Pemberton Twp. (3)
Rancocas Creek, Southwest Br.—Mill St. Park to Rt. 70, Medford Twp. (4)
Sylvan Lake—Burlington Twp. (3) 🍁

Camden County

Gloucester City Pond—Gloucester (4)
Grenloch Lake (see Gloucester County)
Haddon Lake—Audubon Borough (0) 🍁
Oak Pond—Sicklerville, Winslow Twp. (3) 🍁
Rowands Lake—Clementon Borough (3) 🍁

Cape May County

Ponderlodge Pond—Villas, Lower Twp. (4) 🍁
Tuckahoe Lake—Tuckahoe, Upper Twp. (4)

Cumberland County

Cohansey River—Dam at Seeleys Pond to powerline above Sunset Lake, Upper Deerfield Twp. (4)
Giampietro Park Lake—Vineland (0) 🍁
Mary Elmer Lake—Bridgeton (3) 🍁
Maurice River—Willow Grove Lake dam to Sherman Ave., Vineland (4) 🍁
Shaws Mill Pond—Down/Lawrence Twps. (3) 🍁
South Vineland Park Pond—Vineland (3) 🍁

Essex County

Branch Brook Park Lake—Newark (4)
Diamond Mill Pond—Millburn Twp. (3)
Rahway River, W/Br.—Campbells Pond to Essex St., Millburn Twp. (3)
Verona Lake—Verona Twp. (4) 🍁

Gloucester County

Greenwich Lake—Greenwich Twp. (3) 🍁
Grenloch Lake—Washington Twp. (3) 🍁
Harrisonville Lake—Pilesgrove/South Harrison Twps. (3)
Iona Lake—Franklin Twp. (3) 🍁
Swedesboro Lake (aka Narraticon Lake)—Borough of Swedesboro (3) 🍁
Westville Lake—Westville (0)

Hudson County

North Hudson Park Lake—(aka JJ Braddock Park Lake), North Bergen Twp. (4) 🍁
West Hudson County Park Pond—Harrison (4)

Hunterdon County

Alexauken Creek—West Amwell Twp., entire length (2)
Amwell Lake—East Amwell Twp. (3) 🍁
Capoolong Creek (aka Cakepoulin Creek)—Franklin Twp., entire length (5)
Delaware-Raritan Feeder Canal—source to Wilburtha Rd., Ewing Twp. (Mercer) (6)
Hakihokake Creek—Little York-Mount Pleasant Rd., Little York, Alexandria Twp. to Delaware River (2)
Locketong Creek—Route 12, Kingwood Twp. to Delaware-Raritan Feeder Canal (5)
Mannys Pond—Union Twp. (3)
Mountain Farm Pond—Lebanon Twp. (3)
Mulhockaway Creek—Pattensburg, source to Spruce Run Reservoir, Clinton/Union Twps. (5)
Neshanic River—confluence of First and Second Neshanic Rivers to Rt. 514, Raritan Twp. (2)
Nishisakawick Creek—Frenchtown Alexandria Twp., entire length (2)
Rockaway Creek—Readington Twp., entire length (4)
Round Valley Reservoir—Clinton Twp. (1)
Sidney Brook—Franklin/Union Twps., entire length (1)
Spruce Run—Glen Gardner Borough/Lebanon Twp., entire length (5)

**OPENING DAY
of TROUT SEASON**

▶ **April 6, 2024** **April 5, 2025**

Stony Brook—(See Mercer Co.)
Wickechoke Creek—Covered Bridge, Rt. 604,
 Sergeantsville to Delaware River (2)

Mercer County

Assunpink Creek—Assunpink Site 5 dam upstream
 of Rt. 130 to Carnegie Rd., Hamilton Twp. (4)
Colonial Lake—Lawrence Twp. (3) 🦟
Delaware-Raritan Canal—Mulberry St., Trenton to
 Alexander St., Princeton (4)
Delaware-Raritan Feeder Canal—(See Hunterdon
 Co.) (6)
Rosedale Lake—Hopewell Twp. (3) 🦟
Stony Brook—Hopewell Twp., entire length (4)

Middlesex County

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

Monmouth County

Echo Lake—Howell Twp. (3)
Englishtown Mill Pond (aka Weamaconk Lake)—
 Englishtown Borough (3)
Franklin Lake—West Long Branch Borough (3)
Garvey's Pond—Middletown Twp. (3)
Hockhockson Brook—Rt. 18, Colts Neck Twp. to
 Garden State Parkway bridge (northbound),
 Tinton Falls Borough (5)
Holmdel Park Pond—Holmdel Twp. (3)
Mac's Pond—Manasquan Borough (0)
Mingamahone Brook—Birdsall Rd. to Manasquan
 River, Howell Twp. (5)
Mohawk Pond—Red Bank Borough (4)
Shark River—Rt. 33, Wall Twp., to Remsen Mill Rd.,
 Neptune/Wall Twp. (5)
Spring Lake—Spring Lake Borough (3) 🦟
Topanemus Lake—Freehold Twp. (3) 🦟
Yellow Brook—Heyers Mill Rd. to Muhlenbrink
 Rd., Colts Neck Twp. (2)

Morris County

Beaver Brook—Rockaway Twp./Borough, entire
 length (3)
Black River—Route 206 Chester, to the posted Black
 River Fish and Game club property at the lower
 end of Hacklebarney State Park (6) 🦟
Burnham Park Ponds (Upper and Lower)—Town
 of Morristown (4)
Drakes Brook—Mt. Olive/Roxbury Twps., entire
 length (3)
Hibernia Brook—Rockaway Twp., entire length (5)
India Brook—Mountainside Ave. to Rt. 24,
 Mendham Borough (5)
Lake Hopatcong—Hopatcong/Jefferson/Mt.
 Arlington/Roxbury (3)
Lake Musconetcong—Netcong Borough/Roxbury
 Twp./Stanhope Borough (3)
Mt. Hope Pond—Rockaway Twp. (3) 🦟
Passaic River—Black Brook confluence to Rt. 24,
 Chatham Borough (4)

Pequannock River—(see Passaic Co.)
Pompton River—(see Passaic Co.)
Russia Brook—Ridge Rd. to Lake Swannanoa,
 Jefferson Twp. (2)
Speedwell Lake—Town of Morristown (4) 🦟
Whippany River—Tingley Rd., Morris Twp. to
 Ridgedale Ave., Town of Morristown (2)

Ocean County

Lake Shenandoah—Ocean Co. Park,
 Lakewood Twp. (3) 🦟
Pohatcong Lake—Borough of Tuckerton (4)
Prospectown Lake—Jackson Twp. (3)

Passaic County

Barbour Pond—Woodland Park Borough (3) 🦟
Clinton Reservoir—Newark Watershed, West
 Milford Twp. (3)
Green Turtle Lake—Long Pond Ironworks State
 Park, West Milford Twp. (3) 🦟
Oldham Pond—North Haledon Borough (3)
Pequannock River—Rt. 23, Smith Mills to
 Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike, Pompton Lakes/
 Riverdale Boroughs (6)
Pompton River—confluence with Ramapo River to
 NY Susquehanna R.R. bridge, Wayne Twp. (4)
Ramapo River—Pompton Lake dam to confluence
 with Pompton River (4) 🦟
Ringwood Brook—State line to Sally's Pond,
 Ringwood State Park, Ringwood Borough (5)
Sheppard Lake—Ringwood State Park, Ringwood
 Borough (3)

Salem County

Harrisonville Lake—Piles Grove/South Harrison
 Twps. (3)
Maurice River—Willow Grove Lake dam to
 Sherman Ave., Vineland (4)
Schadler's Sand Wash Pond—Carneys Point Twp. (3) 🦟

Somerset County

Lamington River—Rt. 523 (Lamington Rd.)
 Bedminster Twp. to Raritan River N. Br. (4)
Middle Brook, E/Br.—Bridgewater/Warren Twps.,
 entire length (2)
Passaic River—(See Morris Co.)
Peapack Brook—Peapack-Gladstone Borough, entire
 length (5)
Raritan River—confluence of Raritan River N. Br.
 and S. Br. to Rt. 206, Hillsborough Twp./
 Somerville Borough (4)
Rock Brook—Hillsborough/Montgomery Twps.,
 entire length (1)
Spooky Brook Park Pond—Franklin Twp. (0)

Sussex County

Alm's House Pond—Frankford Twp. (3)
Andover Junction Brook—Andover Borough, entire
 length (2)
Big Flat Brook, Upper—Sawmill Pond, High Point
 State Park, Montague Twp. to 100 ft. above Crigger
 Rd., Stokes State Forest, Sandyston Twp. (4)
Blue Mountain Lake—Delaware Water Gap Nat'l
 Recreation Area, Walpack Twp. (3)
Clove Brook—source to Clove Acres Lake,
 Wantage Twp. (5)
Culver's Creek—Frankford Twp., entire length (2)

Dry Brook—Branchville Borough/Frankford Twp.,
 entire length (3)
Franklin Pond Creek—Hamburg Mtn. WMA,
 Hardyston Twp./Franklin Borough, entire length (5)
Glenwood Brook—Glenwood Lake dam to state line (2)
Lake Aeroflex—Andover Twp. (3) 🦟
Lake Hopatcong—Hopatcong/Mt Arlington
 Boroughs, Jefferson/Roxbury Twps. (3)
Lake Musconetcong—Netcong/Stanhope Boroughs/
 Roxbury Twp. (3)
Lake Ocquittunk—Stokes State Forest,
 Sandyston Twp. (3) 🦟
Little Flat Brook—Sandyston Twp., entire length (5)
Little Swartswood Lake—Hampton Twp. (3) 🦟
Lubbers Run—Byram Twp., entire length (5)
Neldon Brook—Stillwater Twp., entire length (2)
Papakating Creek—George Hill Rd., Frankford
 Twp. to Rt. 565, Lewisburg (2)
Papakating Creek, W/Br.—Wantage Twp., entire
 length (2)
Pond Brook—Stillwater Twp., entire length (5)
Sawmill Pond—High Point State Park,
 Montague Twp. (3)
Silver Lake—Hamburg Mountain WMA,
 Hardyston Twp. (0) 🦟
Stony Lake—Stokes State Forest, Sandyston Twp. (3)
Swartswood Lake—Stillwater Twp. (3)
Wallkill River—Lake Mohawk Dam to Route 23,
 Hardyston Twp. (4-5) 🦟
Wawayanda Creek—Vernon Twp., entire length (5)
Wawayanda Lake—Vernon Twp. (3)

Union County

Green Brook—Rt. 527, Berkeley Heights Twp. to
 Rt. 22, Scotch Plains Twp. (2)
Lower Echo Lake—Mountainside Borough (3) 🦟
Milton Lake—Rahway (4)
Nomahegan Park Lake—Cranford Twp. (4)
Passaic River—(See Morris Co.)
Rahway River—I-78 bridge, Springfield to Lawrence
 St. (Route 514), Rahway (4)
Seeleys Pond—Berkeley Heights Twp. (3)
Warinanco Park Lake—Roselle Borough (0)

Warren County

Beaver Brook—Silver Lake Dam to Pequest River,
 White Twp. (4)
Blair Creek—Bass Lake dam, Hardwick Twp. to
 Blair Lake, Blairstown Twp. (2)
Blair Lake—Blairstown Twp. (3)
Brookaloo Swamp—Hope Twp., entire length (2)
Buckhorn Creek—Harmony Twp., entire length (2)
Furnace Brook—Oxford Twp., entire length (2)
Furnace Lake—Oxford Twp. (3) 🦟
Honey Run—Knowlton-Hope township line to
 Beaver Brook, Hope Twp. (2)
Jacksonburg Creek—Blairstown Twp., entire length (2)
Lopatcong Creek—Rt. 519 Harmony Twp., to
 South Main St., Phillipsburg (5)
Merrill Creek Reservoir—Harmony Twp. (1)
Mountain Lake—Liberty Twp. (0)
Pohatcong Creek—source to Rt. 31,
 Washington Twp. (2)
Pophandusing Creek—White Twp., entire length (2)
White Lake—Hardwick Twp. (3)

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General Trout Fishing Regulations

BROOK, BROWN & RAINBOW TROUT (and their hybrids and strains)			
*ALL BROOK TROUT CAUGHT WITHIN THE BROOK TROUT CONSERVATION ZONE MUST BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED UNHARMED. The Conservation Zone includes all waters west of I-287 and north of Rt. 202, extending to, but not including the Delaware River.			
Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Exceptions
January 1–March 17	9 inches	4*	1. Special regulation areas (Catch and Release Areas, Year-Round and Seasonal Trout Conservation Areas, Trophy and Holdover Trout Lakes and Wild Trout Streams). 2. On lakes Hopatcong, Mountain, Prospertown, Shenandoah, Swartswood and the section of Lawrence Brook from Davidson's Mill Road bridge to the Church Lane bridge, fishing is permitted during the period March 18–April 6 at 8 a.m. All trout caught during this period must immediately be released. 3. Greenwood Lake and Delaware River—see separate regulations for boundary waters, pages 26-28.
March 18–April 6 at 8 a.m.	Fishing prohibited on trout stocked waters. Catch and release for trout in all other waters.		
April 6 at 8 a.m.–May 31	9 inches	6*	
June 1–Dec. 31	9 inches	4*	

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

After opening day, these waters are closed to fishing from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on their designated stocking dates. Closures apply to all tributaries for 100 feet from the main channel.
*All Brook Trout caught within the BROOK TROUT CONSERVATION ZONE must be released. There are no closures for ANY waters in the fall. These waters are also stocked in the fall.
Trout Stocking Hotline at a NEW number: 609-322-9524.

TROUT STOCKED WATERS CLOSED TO FISHING (5 A.M. TO 5 P.M.) ON SPRING IN-SEASON STOCKING DATES			
Stocking Dates	Waterbody	County	Location
MONDAYS April 8, 15, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20	Manasquan River	Monmouth	Rt. 9 bridge, Howell Twp. downstream to Allenwood-Lakewood Rd. (Rt. 21), Wall Twp.
	Metedeconk River, N/Br.	Ocean	Aldrich Rd. to Ridge Ave., Howell/Lakewood Twps.
	Metedeconk River, S/Br.	Ocean	Bennetts Mills dam to twin wooden foot bridge, opposite Lake Park Blvd. on South Lake Dr., Lakewood Twp.
	Rockaway River**	Morris	Longwood Lake dam, Jefferson Twp. to Boonton Reservoir (aka Jersey City Res.), Boonton
	Toms River	Ocean	Rt. 528, Jackson Twp., to confluence with Maple Root Branch, and Rt. 70 to Rt. 571, Toms River/Manchester Twps. (Exception: the section regulated as a Year Round Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.)
TUESDAYS April 9, 16, 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21	Pohatcong Creek**	Warren	Rt. 31, Washington Twp. to Delaware River
	Raritan River, S/Br.**	Morris, Somerset, Hunterdon	Mill dam located 200 feet upstream from Schooleys Mountain Rd. (Rt. 517), Long Valley to junction with Raritan River N/Br. (Exception: the section regulated as Catch and Release.)
WEDNESDAYS April 10, 17, 24 May 1, 8, 15, 22	Raritan River, N/Br.**	Somerset	Peapack Rd. bridge in Far Hills Borough/Bedminster Twp. to junction with Raritan River S. Br.
THURSDAYS April 11, 18, 25 May 2, 9, 16, 23	Paulinskill River, and E/Br. and W/Br.**	Sussex, Warren	Limecrest RR spur bridge on E/Br., Sparta Twp., and Warbasse Jct. Rd. (Rt. 663) on W/Br., Lafayette Twp., to confluence with the Delaware River.
	Ramapo River**	Bergen	State line to Pompton Lake, Oakland (excluding Potash Lake)
FRIDAYS April 12, 19, 26 May 3, 10, 17, 24	Big Flat/Flat Brook**	Sussex	100 ft. above Crigger Rd., Stokes State Forest, Sandyston Twp. to Delaware River (Exception: the section regulated as Catch and Release.)
	Musconetcong River**	Sussex, Morris, Warren and Hunterdon	Lake Hopatcong dam to Delaware River including all main stem impoundments except for Lake Musconetcong (Exception: the section regulated as a Year Round Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.)
	Pequest River**	Warren and Sussex	Pequest Rd., Green Twp. to Delaware River (Exception: the section regulated as a Seasonal Trout Conservation Area; see separate regulation.)
	Wanaque River**	Passaic	Greenwood Lake dam, West Milford, Twp. to Wanaque Reservoir dam, Wanaque Borough and from Wanaque Ave., Pompton Lakes Borough to Pequannock River, excluding the Wanaque and Monksville reservoirs.

** These streams are wholly or partially located within the Brook Trout Conservation Zone.

Boundary Waters (see page 26)

Locations	Species	Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Delaware River	All trout species	April 13 at 8 a.m.–Oct. 15 (Trout caught at other times must be released immediately.)	No minimum	5

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Trout-Stocked Streams — Wild Brown Trout Managed

*ALL BROOK TROUT CAUGHT WITHIN BROOK TROUT CONSERVATION ZONE MUST BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED UNHARMED.

Waterbody	Season	Species	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Hakihohake Creek** - Little York-Mount Pleasant Rd., Little York Alexandria Twp. to Delaware R. Lopatcong Creek** - Rt. 519, Harmony Twp., Warren to Delaware R. Pophandusing Creek** - White Twp., entire length Raritan River S/Br** - Mill dam located 200 feet above Schooley's Mountain Rd. (Rt 517), Long Valley (Hunterdon), downstream to Lake Solitude dam, excluding Ken Lockwood Gorge (Catch and Release Only) Saddle River - Lake Street, Upper Saddle River Twp., to West Century Rd., Fairlawn/Paramus Boroughs	Jan. 1–March 17	Rainbow and Brook Trout*	9 inches	4 combined Only 2 of which may be Brown Trout
		Brown Trout	12 inches	
	March 18–April 6 at 8 a.m.	—	Fishing prohibited	
	April 6 at 8 a.m.–May 31	Rainbow and Brook Trout*	9 inches	6 combined Only 2 of which may be Brown Trout
		Brown Trout	12 inches	
	June 1–Dec. 31	Rainbow and Brook Trout*	9 inches	4 combined Only 2 of which may be Brown Trout
		Brown Trout	12 inches	

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Trout Conservation Areas (TCAs)

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YEAR ROUND TCAs				
Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Restrictions (in effect year round)	
Jan. 1–March 17	15 inches	1	1. Only artificial lures and flies may be used. 2. Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited. 3. Fishing is allowed during the spring in-season closures which apply to the river. All trout caught during these periods must be released immediately.	
March 18–April 6 at 8 a.m.	Catch and release only			
April 6 at 8 a.m.–Dec. 31	15 inches	1 (see #3 at right)		
Year Round TCA Waterbody (County)			Driving Directions *	
Musconetcong River**—Point Mountain Stretch (Hunterdon/Warren) Penwell Rd. bridge downstream to Point Mountain Rd. bridge (approx. 1.2 miles)			Rt. 31 to Rt. 57 E. Upper boundary: turn right on Penwell Rd. Lower boundary: turn right on Point Mountain Rd. Parking areas located near each bridge.	
Toms River (Ocean) End of Riverwood Park (Tom's River Twp.) downstream to Rt. 571 bridge (approx. 1 mile)			Rt. 195 (Exit 21) to Rts. 527/528 S. (Cedar Swamp Rd./ Veterans Hwy.) to Rt. 527 S. (Whitesville Rd.) to Riverwood Dr. to entrance of Riverview Park.	
SEASONAL TCAs				
Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Restrictions	
Jan. 1–March 17	15 inches	1	1. Only artificial lures may be used. 2. Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited. 3. Pequest River — fishing is not permitted during the first six in-season stocking closure dates. (See Trout Stocked Waters Closed to Fishing on Spring Stocking Dates, page 18). Fishing is permitted during the last in-season stocking closure date (May 26), but all trout caught between 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. must be immediately released.	
March 18–April 5	Catch and release only			
April 6 (12:01 a.m. to 8 a.m.)	Fishing prohibited			
April 6 at 8 a.m.–May 19 Gear restrictions do not apply	9 inches	6		
May 20–Dec. 31	15 inches	1		
Seasonal TCA Waterbody (County)			Driving Directions *	
Pequannock River** (Morris/Passaic) Railroad trestle below Appelt Park, Bloomingdale, downstream to Hamburg Turnpike bridge, Pompton Lakes (approx. 1.3 miles)			I-287 (Exit 53). Proceed west on (Paterson) Hamburg Turnpike 0.34 miles. Right on Brant Ln. Railroad trestle below Appelt Park is the upstream boundary.	
Pequest River** (Warren) Conrail Railroad bridge, located upstream of the Pequest Trout Hatchery Access Road, downstream to Rt. 625 (Pequest Furnace Rd.) bridge (approx. 1.4 miles)			Rt. 31 to Rt. 46 E, approx. 4 mi. to Pequest Trout Hatchery; paved parking lot.	

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Catch and Release Areas

Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Restrictions
Jan. 1–Dec. 31 Fishing allowed year-round	Catch and release all trout		<ol style="list-style-type: none">All trout must be released immediately and unharmed. A person may not have any trout in their possession.Only artificial lures and flies may be used.Barbless hooks only, with no more than a total of three hook points.Possession or use of bait (live or preserved) or any substance (natural or synthetic) that contains a concentration of bait scent is prohibited.Fishing is allowed during the spring in-season stocking closures which apply to the rivers.
Catch and Release Waterbody (County)	Driving Directions		
Big Flat / Flat Brook (Sussex) Rt. 206 bridge downstream to the Roy Bridge on Mountain Rd., a distance of 4.2 miles, including the portion known as the Blewett Tract.	Upper boundary: Rt. 206 bridge, approx. 1.6 miles north of entrance to Stokes State Forest (Coursen Road). Lower boundary: Rt. 206 north, app. 1 mile past Stokes State Forest entrance, turn left on Rt. 560. At Layton bear left on Bevans Rd. (Rt. 640) towards Walpack. Continue south 3.4 miles (NPS Rd 615), left onto Fish and Wildlife Rd. to Roy Bridge.		
Raritan S/Br.—Ken Lockwood Gorge (Hunterdon) Section of S. Br. within the Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area (approx. 2.2 miles).	Ken Lockwood Gorge — Road in gorge is closed to through traffic. Route 31 to Rt. 513. Upper boundary: Turn right at Hoffman's Crossing Rd., take first right after bridge. Lower boundary: Turn right onto Silverthorne-Cokesbury Rd., turn left after crossing river. Park only in designated areas.		

Wild Trout Streams

NATIVE BROOK TROUT STREAMS (Brook Trout Dominant)				
Species	Minimum Size	Season	Daily Limit	Gear
Brook Trout	Catch & Release	April 6 at 8 a.m. to Sept. 15 Catch and Release at all other times, year-round	2 Brown or Rainbow Trout combined	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fishing allowed year-roundArtificials only, with no more than 3 hook points in total, all barblessPossession or use of bait, or synthetic bait with bait scent prohibited
Rainbow Trout	No min. size			
Brown Trout	No min. size			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Beatty's Brook (Lebanon Twp.)Bear Swamp Brook (Mahwah Twp.)Hickory Run (Lebanon Twp.)Lake Ames Tributary (Picatinny Arsenal boundary to Lake Ames, Rockaway Twp.)Primrose Brook (Harding Twp.)Raritan River S/Br. (Budd Lake dam to dam approx. 400 feet above Flanders-Drakestown Rd., Mt. Olive Twp.)Rinehart Brook (Hacklebarney State Park, Chester Twp.)Rocky Run (Lebanon Twp.)Stephensburg Brook (Washington Twp.)Stony Brook (Stokes State Forest, Sandyston Twp.)Trout Brook (Hacklebarney State Park, Chester Twp.)				
WILD TROUT STREAMS (Multiple wild trout species present)				
Species	Minimum Size	Season	Daily Limit	Gear
Brook Trout	Catch & Release in Zone	April 6 at 8 a.m. to Sept. 15 Catch and Release at all other times, year-round	2 Brown or Rainbow Trout combined	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fishing allowed year-roundArtificials only, with no more than 3 hook points in total, all barblessPossession or use of bait, or synthetic bait with bait scent prohibited
Rainbow Trout	9"			
Brown Trout	9"			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Brass Castle Creek (Washington Twp.)Dismal Brook (Mendham Twp.)Dunnfield Creek (Worthington State Forest)Flanders Brook (Mt. Olive Twp.)India Brook (source to Mountainside Rd., Mendham Twp.)Indian Grove Brook (Bernardsville Twp.)Ledgewood Brook (Roxbury Twp.)Lomerson Brook (also known as Herzog Brook) (Tewksbury Twp.)Merrill Creek (Merrill Creek Reservoir Dam to Pohatcong Ck., Stewartsville)Raritan River S/Br. [dam approx. 400 feet above Flanders-Drakestown Rd. to dam 200 ft above Schooleys Mtn. Rd. (Rt. 517), Long Valley]Stony Brook (Washington Twp. Morris)Teetertown Brook (Washington Twp./Lebanon Twp.)Turkey Brook (Mt. Olive Twp.)Van Campens Brook (source to upper waterfall in Van Campens Glen, Del. Water Gap Nat. Rec. Area)West Brook (source downstream to Windbeam Club property, Ringwood Twp.)Whippany River (source to Tingley Rd., Mendham Twp.)Willoughby Brook (also known as Buffalo Hollow Bk.) (Lebanon Twp.)				
WILD BROWN TROUT ENHANCEMENT STREAMS (Brown Trout dominant, other wild trout species may be present)				
Species	Minimum Size	Season	Daily Limit	Gear
Brook Trout	Catch & Release in Zone*	April 6 at 8 a.m. to Sept. 15 Catch and Release at all other times, year-round	2 Brown or Rainbow Trout combined	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fishing allowed year-roundArtificials only, with no more than 3 hook points in total, all barblessPossession or use of bait, or synthetic bait with bait scent prohibited
Rainbow Trout	9"			
Brown Trout	12"			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Beaver Brook (Town of Clinton/Clinton Twp.)Burnett Brook (Chester/Mendham Twp.)Cold Brook (Tewksbury Twp.)Hakihokake Creek (also known as Little York Bk. — source to Little York-Mount Pleasant Rd, Little York)Jackson Brook (source to Hedden Park Lake Mine Hill Twp.)Mill Brook (Randolph Twp.)Passaic River (source to Rt. 202, Bernardsville Twp.)Pequannock River (Oak Ridge Rd. (Newark Watershed) to railroad bridge immediately upstream of Charlottesville Res. and from Rt. 23 at Smoke Rise to Rt. 23 at Smith Mills, Kinnelon Twp.)Rockaway Creek N/Br. (Tewksbury Twp.)Saddle River* (state line to Lake St., Upper Saddle River Borough)Spring Mills Brook (Holland Twp.)Van Campens Brook (upper waterfall in Van Campens Glen, located approx. 0.8 miles upstream of Old Mine Road, to Delaware River, Del. Water Gap Nat. Rec. Area)Wanaque River (Wanaque Reservoir dam downstream to Wanaque Ave., Pompton Lakes Borough)				

* Saddle River is outside the Brook Trout Conservation Zone therefore a 9 inch limit for brook trout applies. and a daily limit of 2 trout in total (Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout combined).

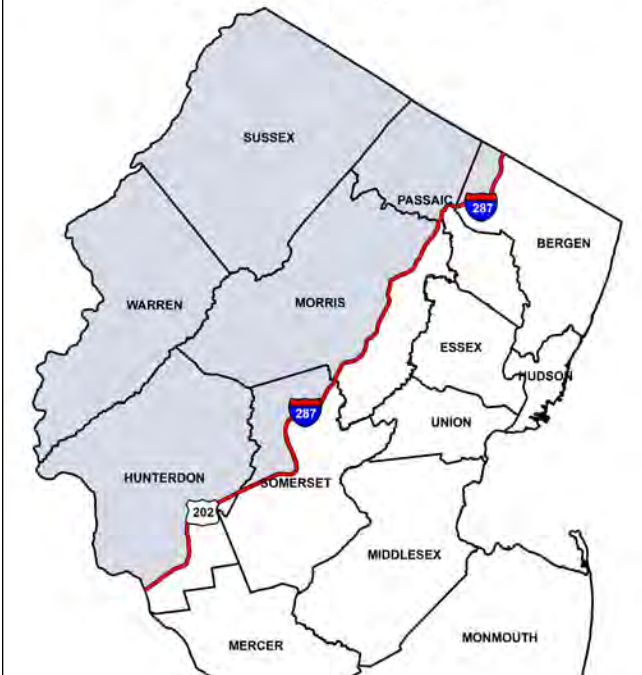
Trout Lakes

TROPHY TROUT LAKES				
Waterbody (County)	Species	Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Merrill Creek Reservoir (Warren)	Brown & Rainbow Trout (and their hybrids) and Landlocked Atlantic Salmon	Open year round	15 inches	2 combined
	Lake Trout	Jan. 1–Sept. 15	15 inches	2
		Sept. 16–Nov. 30	Catch and release only	
		Dec. 1–Dec. 31	15 inches	2
Round Valley Reservoir (Hunterdon)	Brown & Rainbow Trout (and their hybrids)	Open year round	15 inches	2 combined
	Lake Trout	Jan. 1–Sept. 15	15 to less than 24 inches AND greater than or equal to 24 inches	6 AND 1
		Sept. 16–Nov. 30	Catch and release only	
		Dec. 1–Dec. 31	15 to less than 24 inches AND greater than or equal to 24 inches	6 AND 1
HOLDOVER TROUT LAKES				
Waterbody (County)	Species	Season	Minimum Size	Daily Limit
Clinton Reservoir (Passaic) Lake Aeroflex* (Sussex) Lake Wawayanda* (Sussex) Sheppard Lake (Passaic) Tilcon Lake* (Morris) White Lake (Warren)	Brown & Rainbow Trout and their hybrids	Jan. 1–March 17	9 inches	2
		March 18–April 6 at 8 a.m.	Catch and release only	
		April 6 at 8 a.m.–May 31	9 inches	4
		June 1–Dec. 31	9 inches	2
	Landlocked Atlantic Salmon	Jan. 1–March 17	12 inches	2
		March 18–April 6 at 8 a.m.	Catch and release only	
		April 6 at 8 a.m.–Dec. 31	12 inches	2

* Stocked with salmon

Brook Trout Conservation Zone

All Brook Trout caught within the zone must be immediately released



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