



Important information on state fishing licenses, catch and size limits, seasons and consumption limits can be found by visiting:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC):

[www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/fishing.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/fishing.html)

DEC Region 3 — Hudson Valley and the southern Catskills — (845) 256-3161

DEC Region 4 — Northern Catskills and the Capital Region — (607) 652-7366

Information on fish consumption and health advisories from the NYS Department of Health:

[www.health.ny.gov/fish](http://www.health.ny.gov/fish)

## Contacting NYC DEP

Need a free DEP Access Permit?  
Have a question about fishing access?  
Think you've seen invasive species?

Call or email DEP for help:

**1-800-575-LAND**

**Recreation@dep.nyc.gov**

Questions can also be answered by DEP regional land staff at these locations:

**Ashokan: (845) 657-2663**

**Downsville: (607) 363-7009**

**Grahamsville: (845) 334-7152**

**Mahopac: (914) 232-1309**

**Schoharie: (607) 588-6231**

Anglers are some of the best eyes and ears for protecting our water supply lands and waters. If you observe any suspicious activity or impacts to the environment, including fish kills or spills, please immediately report them to the **DEP Police** by calling:

**1-888-H2O-SHED (426-7433)**



## A Guide to *Fishing*

the Reservoirs & Lakes of  
New York City's Water Supply



The reservoirs and lakes of New York City's drinking water supply offer some of the best fishing in the northeast. These bodies of water – which cover roughly 33,000 acres – provide scenic views of the Catskills and Hudson Valley, along with excellent angling opportunities to catch both warmwater and coldwater fish. The 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes operated by New York City's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) provide high-quality drinking water every day to 8.4 million residents of the five boroughs and roughly 1 million residents in upstate counties.

Because the reservoirs and lakes are part of the nation's largest drinking water supply, certain state and city rules regulate their use during fishing season and throughout the year:

- Anglers 16 years of age and older must have a DEP Access Permit and NYS Fishing License.
- Those younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult who has a valid DEP permit and state fishing license.

Angling and boating equipment – including bait, bait buckets, oars, anchors and more — can spread or introduce harmful invasive species, such as hydrilla and water chestnut, that degrade water quality, interfere with infrastructure, or pose a threat to aquatic life. Many invasive species are not visible to the naked eye. As a result, DEP takes precautions to prevent the spread of invasive plants, animals and microorganisms throughout our water supply. Please remember to:

- Check your fishing gear for invasive species, remove any plants you find, and do not empty bait buckets in or near the reservoirs.
- Clean and remove any mud, plant material or visible organisms off your gear and clothing before fishing at NYC reservoirs and lakes.
- All fishing boats must be steam cleaned and registered with DEP before they're used on water supply reservoirs and lakes.

DEP and your fellow anglers appreciate your vigilance in helping to prevent the spread of invasive species.



Get your free DEP Access Permit today, please visit us online at:  
[www.nyc.gov/dep/accesspermit](http://www.nyc.gov/dep/accesspermit)

Angler maps of NYC reservoirs and lakes are available at: [www.bit.ly/anglermaps](http://www.bit.ly/anglermaps)

More info about preventing the spread of invasive species can be found at:  
<http://on.nyc.gov/1lwCmAA>

### TABLE KEY

**SPECIES:** BT - Brown Trout; RT - Rainbow Trout; ; LT - Lake Trout; LLS - Landlocked Atlantic Salmon; LMB - Largemouth Bass; SMB - Smallmouth Bass; WAE - Walleye; CP - Chain Pickerel; PF - Panfish; CAR - Carp; TM - Tiger Musky

**CONDITIONS:** F - Fair; G - Good; E - Excellent; Gray - not present

Reservoir	County	Surf. Acre	Max. Dep. (FT)	Principal Sport Fish Species Present											
				BT	RT	LT	LLS	LMB	SMB	WAE	CP	PF	CAR	TM	
<b>East of Hudson Reservoirs</b>				BT	RT	LT	LLS	LMB	SMB	WAE	CP	PF	CAR	TM	
Amawalk	Westchester	596	70	G				E	G		F	G	E		
Bog Brook	Putnam	404	60	F				E	E	F	F	G	G		
Boyd Corners	Putnam	230	45					G		F	G	G			
Cross River	Westchester	940	110	G				E	E		G	G	G		
Croton Falls	Putnam	1,111	95	E				G	F		F	G	G		
Diverting	Putnam	154	34	F				G	G	F	F	G	F		
East Branch	Putnam	624	65	F				G	G	G	F	G	G		
Kensico	Westchester	2,260	155	G		E		G	G		F	G	F		
Lake Gilead	Putnam	124	120	G	F	F		E			F	G			
Lake Gleneida	Putnam	178	108	G	G	F		E			F	G			
Middle Branch	Putnam	442	62					E	F		F	G	E	G	
Muscoot	Westchester	1,188	30	F	F			G	F		G	E	E		
New Croton	Westchester	2,173	150	F				E	G		F	G	E		
Titicus	Westchester	694	80	G				E	F		F	G	E		
West Branch	Putnam	1,086	50	G		F	F	F	F	F	F	G	G		
<b>West of Hudson Reservoirs</b>				BT	RT	LT	LLS	LMB	SMB	WAE	CP	PF	CAR	TM	
Ashokan	Ulster	8,314	160	G	G			F	E	F		G	G		
Cannonsville	Delaware	4,767	148	G					G		F	G	E		
Neversink	Sullivan	1,539	160	G			F		G		F	F			
Pepacton	Delaware	5,730	180	E	F				E		F	F	F		
Rondout	Ulster, Sullivan	2,118	190	G		E			G		F	F			
Schoharie	Delaware, Greene, Schoharie	1,159	148	F				F	G	G		G	F		