

General Trout Information

2008 REGULATIONS

This is not the full law. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife for further details. All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal authorities. Red text indicates a regulation change.

2008 General Trout Fishing Information

- Opening day of trout season: April 5, 2008 at 8 a.m.
- When fishing from the shoreline, no more than three fishing rods, hand lines or combination thereof may be used.
- A valid 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.
- Ponds, lake or sections of streams which are stocked with trout are **closed to fishing for all species** from March 17 to April 5 at 8 a.m.

Exceptions: Lake Farrington, Lake Hopatcong, Lake Shenandoah, Prospertown Lake and Swartswood Lake and are open year round to fishing. However, all trout caught during this period (above) must

be released immediately. Seasonal or Year-round Trout Conservation Areas and designated Holdover Trout Lakes (see pages 20) 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 5, 2008.

- 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.
- 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.
- Fish and Wildlife reserves the right to suspend stocking when emergency conditions prevail.

Spring Trout Stocked Waters In-Season Fishing Closures

After opening day these waters may be fished on the day they are stocked. Note: The number in parentheses indicates the anticipated number of in-season stockings (from April 5 through May 23). A zero indicates the water will only be stocked pre-season (the three-week period preceding opening day). For details on what's being stocked and when, call the Trout Hotline at (609) 633-6765. This recorded message is updated weekly. (Spring stocking: April - May; Fall stocking: October; Winter stocking: November.) Or visit our Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com.

Atlantic County

- Birch Grove Park Pond—Northfield (4)
- Hammonton Lake—Hammonton (4)
- Heritage Pond—Absecon (3)

Bergen County

- Dahnert's Lake—Garfield (3)
- Hackensack River—Lake Tappan to Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park (4)
- Hohokus Brook—Forest Rd. to confluence of Saddle River (4)
- Indian Lake—Little Ferry (4)
- Mill Pond—Park Ridge (3)
- Pascack Creek—Orchard Street, Hillsdale, to Lake Street, Westwood (4)
- Potash Lake—Oakland (3)
- Saddle River—Lake St. to Dunkerhook Rd., Fair Lawn (5)9
- Scarlet Oak Pond—Mahwah (0)
- Tenakill Creek—Closter, entire length (3)
- Whites Pond—Waldwick (4)

Burlington County

- Crystal Lake—Willingboro (4)
- Laurel Pond—Mt. Laurel (3)
- Pemberton Lake—Pemberton (3)
- Rancocas Creek, Southwest Br.—Medford, Mill Street Park to Branch St. Bridge (4)
- Sylvan Lake—Burlington (3)

Camden County

- Gloucester City Pond—Gloucester (4)
- Haddon Lake—Audubon (0)
- Oak Pond—Sicklerville (4)
- Rowands Pond—Clementon (3)

Cape May County

- Dennisville Lake—Dennisville (3)
- West Pond—Cape May Court House (4)

Cumberland County

- Cohansey River—Dam at Seeleys Pond to powerline above Sunset Lake, Bridgeton (4)
- Giampietro Park Lake—Vineland (3)
- Mary Elmer Lake—Bridgeton (3)
- Maurice River—Willow Grove Lake dam to Sherman Ave, Vineland (4)
- Shaws Mill Pond—Newport (3)

Essex County

- Branch Brook Park Lake—Newark (4)
- Clarks Pond—Bloomfield (0)
- Diamond Mill Pond—Millburn (3)
- Rahway River (W/Br) - **Campbell's Pond to Glen Ave. (Milburn)** (4)
- Verona Park Lake—Verona (4)

Gloucester County

- Greenwich Lake—Gibbstown (3)
- Grenloch Lake—Turnersville (3)
- Harrisonville Lake—Harrisonville (3)
- Iona Lake—Iona (3)
- Mullica Hill Pond—Mullica Hill (3)
- Swedesboro Lake—Swedesboro (3)
- Westville Lake—Westville (0)

Hudson County

- West Hudson County Park Pond—Harrison (0)
- Woodcliff Lake—James J. Braddock Park, North Bergen (4)

Hunterdon County

- Amwell Lake—East Amwell (3)
- Beaver Brook—Clinton Twp., entire length (2)
- Capoolong Creek—Pittstown, entire length (5)
- Delaware-Raritan Feeder Canal—Bulls Island to Hunterdon/Mercer County line (6)
- Hakihokake Creek—Holland Twp., entire length (2)

- Lockatong Creek—Kingwood Twp., entire length (5)
- Manny's Pond—Union Twp. (3)**
- Mountain Farm Pond—Lebanon Twp.(3)**
- Mulhockaway Creek—Pattenburg, source to Spruce Run Reservoir (5)
- Neshanic River—Kuhl Road to Rt. 514 (2)
- Nishisakawick Creek—Frenchtown-Everittstown Rd., entire length (2)
- Rockaway Creek—Readington Twp., entire length (4)
- Rockaway Creek, S. Br.—Lebanon to Whitehouse, entire length (5)
- Round Valley Reservoir—Clinton Twp. (1)
- Sidney Brook—Grandin, entire length (1)
- Spring Mills Brook—Spring Mills, entire length (2)
- Spruce Run—Glen Gardner and Lebanon Twp., entire length (5)
- Wickecheoke Creek—Covered Bridge, Rt. 604, Sergeantsville to Delaware River (2)

Mercer County

- Assumpink Creek—Assumpink Site dam upstream of Rt. 130 bridge 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—Hunterdon/Mercer County line to Upper Ferry Rd. bridge (6)

Middlesex County

- Rosedale Lake—Rosedale (3)
- Stony Brook—Woodsville to Port Mercer (4)
- Farrington Lake—North Brunswick (3)
- Hooks Creek Lake—Cheesequake State Park (4)
- Ireland Brook—Farrington Lake to point 500 ft. upstream of Riva Ave. (2)
- Lake Papaiani—Edison (0)

Lawrence Brook—Dam at Farrington Lake to 2nd RR Bridge (Raritan Railroad) below Main St, Milltown (4)

Roosevelt Park Pond—Edison Twp. (3)

Monmouth County

Echo Lake—Southard (3)

Englishtown Mill Pond—Englishtown (3)

Garvey's Pond—Navesink (3)

Hamilton Fire Pond—Neptune (3)

Hockhockson Brook—Hockhockson Rd. to Garden

State Parkway bridge (northbound) (5)

Holmdel Park Pond—Holmdel (3)

Mac's Pond—Manasquan (0)

Mingamahone Brook—Farmingdale, Hurley Pond

Rd. to Manasquan River (5)

Mohawk Pond—Red Bank (4)

Shadow Lake—Red Bank (3)

Shark River—Hamilton, Rt. 33 to Remsen Mill Road (5)

Spring Lake—Spring Lake (3)

Takanassee Lake—Long Branch (4)

Topenemus Lake—Freehold (3)

Yellow Brook—Heyers Mill Rd. to Muhlenbrink Rd, Colts Neck Twp. (2)

Morris County

Beaver Brook—Rockaway, entire length (3)

Burnham Park Pond—Morristown (4)

Drakes Brook—Flanders, entire length (3)

Hibernia Brook—Hibernia, entire length (5)

India Brook—Mountainside Ave. to Rt. 24, Ralston (5)

Lake Hopatcong—Lake Hopatcong (3)

Lake Musconetcong—Netcong (3)

Mt. Hope Pond—Mt. Hope (3)

Passaic River—White Bridge to Rt. 24, Chatham Borough (4)

Pequannock River—(See Passaic Co.)

Pompton River—Pequannock Twp. (see Passaic Co.) (4)

Russia Brook—Jefferson Twp., Ridge Rd. to Lake Swannanoa (2)

Speedwell Lake—Morristown (4)

Whippany River—Tingley Road, Morris Twp. to Ridgedale Ave., Morristown (2)

Ocean County

Lake Shenandoah—Lakewood, Ocean County Park (3)

Pohatcong Lake—Tuckerton (4)

Prosperstown Lake—Prosperstown (3)

Passaic County

Barbours Pond—West Paterson (3)

Clinton Reservoir—Newark Watershed (3)

Green Turtle Pond—Wanaque Wildlife Mgt. Area, Hewitt (3)

Oldham Pond—North Haledon (3)

Pequannock River—Route 23, Smoke Rise to

Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike,

Pompton Lakes (6)

Pompton River—Pompton Lake to Newark Pompton Turnpike (4)

Ringwood Brook—State line to Sally's Pond,

Ringwood Park (5)

Sheppard Lake—Ringwood State Park (3)

Salem County

Harrisonville Lake—Harrisonville (3)

Maurice River—Willow Grove Lake dam to Sherman Ave., Vineland (4)

Riverview Beach Pond—Pennsville Twp. (4)

Schadlers Sand Wash Pond—Penns Grove (3)

Somerset County

Lamington River—Rt. 523 (Lamington Road) at

Burnt Mills to jct. with the N/Br. of Raritan River (4)

Middle Brook, E/Br.—Martinsville, entire length (2)

Passaic River—(See Morris Co.)

Peapack Brook—Peapack-Gladstone, entire length (5)

Raritan River—Jct. of Raritan River N/Br. and S/Br., to Rt. 206 bridge (4)

Rock Brook—Zion, entire length (1)

Spooky Brook Park Pond—Franklin (0)

Sussex County

Alms House Pond—Myrtle Grove, Hampton Twp. (3)

Andover Junction Brook—Andover, entire length (2)

Big Flat Brook, Upper—Saw Mill Pond, High Point State Park to 100 ft. above Steam Mill Bridge on

Crigger Rd, Stokes St. Forest (4)

Blue Mountain Lake—Delaware Water Gap Nat'l

Recreation Area (3)

Clove River—Mt. Salem Rd. to Jct. of Rt. 23 and Mt.

Salem Rd. to Rt. 565 bridge (5)

Culver's Creek—Frankford Twp., entire length (5)

Dry Brook—Branchville, entire length (3)

Franklin Pond Creek—Hamburg Mtn. W.M.A., entire length (5)

Glenwood Brook—Lake Glenwood to state line (2)

Lake Aeroflex—Andover (3)

Lake Hopatcong—Lake Hopatcong (3)

Lake Musconetcong—Netcong (3)

Lake Ocquittunk—Stokes State Forest (3)

Little Flat Brook—Sandyston Twp., entire length (5)

Little Swartswood Lake—Swartswood (3)

Lubbers Run—Byram Twp., entire length (5)

Neldon Brook—Swartswood, entire length (2)

Papakating Creek—Plains Rd. bridge to Rt. 565, Lewisburg (2)

Papakating Creek, W/ Br.—Libertyville, entire length (2)

Pond Brook—Middleville, entire length (5)

Saw Mill Pond—High Point State Park (3)

Silver Lake—Hamburg Mountain WMA (0)

Stony Lake—Stokes State Forest (3)

Swartswood Lake—Swartswood (3)

Trout Brook—Middleville, entire length (2)

Wawayanda Creek—Vernon, entire length (5)

Wawayanda Lake—Vernon (3)

Union County

Green Brook—Rt. 527, Berkeley Heights to Rt. 22, Scotch Plains (2)

Lower Echo Park Pond—Mountainside (3)

Milton Lake—Madison Hill Rd. Bridge to Milton

Lake dam, Rahway (4)

Passaic River—(See Morris Co.)

Rahway River—I-78 bridge, Springfield to St. George Ave. (Route 27), Rahway (4)

Seeleys Pond—Berkeley Heights (3)

Warinanco Park Pond (0)

Warren County

Beaver Brook—Silver Lake Dam to Pequest River (4)

Blair Creek—Hardwick Center to Blair Lake (2)

Blair Lake—Blairtown (3)

Buckhorn Creek—Roxburg, entire length (2)

Columbia Lake and Gatehole—Knowlton Twp. (3)

Furnace Brook—Oxford, entire length (2)

Furnace Lake—Oxford (3)

Honey Run—Swayze's Mill Rd. to Rt. 519, Hope Twp. (2)

Jacksonburg Creek—Jacksonburg, entire length (2)

Lopatcong Creek—Rt. 519 to South Main St, Phillipsburg (5)

Merrill Creek Reservoir—Stewartsville (1)

Pohatcong Creek—Mt. Bethel to Rt. 31 (2)

Pophandusing Creek—Oxford Road, Hazen to Delaware River (2)

Roaring Rock Brook—Brass Castle, entire length (2)

Trout Brook—Hackettstown, entire length (2)

Trout Brook—Hope, entire length (2)

White Lake—Hardwick (1)



Sea Run Brown Trout

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has stocked brown trout in the lower Manasquan River, Monmouth County. Anglers are asked to report all catches of brown trout that exhibit characteristics of a sea run. These fish tend to develop a more silvery coloration, masking most of the body spots after an extended time in salt water.

The future of this program depends on these fish being reported.

Call Pequest State Fish Hatchery (908) 637-4173 or Lebanon Field Office (908) 236-2118.

WE NEED YOUR COOPERATION!

