



VERMONT

# FISHING

## Guide & Regulations

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

2022

**This publication is a quick reference guide to Vermont's fishing regulations.**

It features the three fishing regulation tables as well as the index of rivers and streams and the index of lakes and ponds.

**IMPORTANT:** The waterbodies listed in the indices have special regulations that override the regulations outlined in Table 1: General Fishing Regulations for Vermont that must be followed.

Please review the complete **2022 Vermont Fishing Guide & Regulations** for all regulations associated with fishing, including license information, general requirements, definitions and prohibitions, as well as baitfish use and restrictions.

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# Index of Rivers and Streams



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Waters listed in this index have special regulations that override the general regulations and must be followed. For rivers, streams, brooks, and creeks **NOT LISTED** in this index, see Table 1 (page 52)

RIVERS AND STREAMS	TOWN	COUNTY	TABLE	ANS <sup>1</sup>
<b>Barton River</b>				
From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the US Route 5 bridge southernmost and closest to the village of Barton in Barton. (B-M) ▪ <b>Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: length limit</b> , minimum length 10"; <b>daily limit</b> , 2 trout	Barton/ Coventry/ Irasburg	Orleans	1	
<b>Batten Kill River (B-BK)</b>				
From NY state line upstream (20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street bridge (Routes 11/30) in Manchester. (B-BK) ▪ All trout must be released immediately ▪ Closed to fishing from November 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in April.	Arlington/ Sunderland/ Manchester	Bennington	1	WD
Depot Street bridge (Routes 11/30) in Manchester to downstream side of US Route 7 bridge south of East Dorset. (B-BK) ▪ <b>Trout:</b> Oct. 1–Oct. 31: Catch and Release (includes tributaries: Green River, Roaring Branch, Warm Brook) fishing only, all trout must be released immediately.	Manchester and Dorset	Bennington	1	WD
<b>Black River (Connecticut River Tributary)</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to I-91 bridge, Springfield. (B-CT)	Springfield	Windsor	3	EW
Black River along Route 131 in Weathersfield and Cavendish, from Downers covered bridge upstream (approximately 4 miles) to the next bridge across the river, the Howard Hill bridge. ▪ <b>Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout: length limit</b> , none; <b>daily limit</b> , 2 trout aggregate	Weathersfield/ Cavendish	Weathersfield/ Cavendish	1	

**Baitfish Zones:** see page 28 for description, or page 25 for statewide map. Black-listed waters: (B-BK)=Batten Kill River; (B-LC)=Lake Champlain; (B-M)=Lake Memphremagog; (B-CT)=Connecticut River

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

**Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS)** may be present in other waterbodies and not yet detected. Please follow the recommendations on page 9 to help stop the spread of ANS.

RIVERS AND STREAMS	TOWN	COUNTY	TABLE	ANS <sup>1</sup>
<b>Black River (Memphremagog Tributary)</b>				
From Lake Memphremagog upstream to 600' below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry. ▪ <b>Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: length limit</b> , minimum length 10"; <b>daily limit</b> , 2 trout	Coventry	Orleans	1	
From 600' below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry upstream to the top of the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing</b> : second Saturday in April through May 31 ▪ <b>Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: length limit</b> , minimum length 10"; <b>daily limit</b> , 2 trout	Coventry	Orleans	1	
Old Harman Mill in Coventry upstream to the downstream side of the VT Routes 14/58 bridge in Irasburg. ▪ <b>Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: length limit</b> , minimum length 10"; <b>daily limit</b> , 2 trout	Newport City, Coventry	Orleans	1	
<b>Blodgett/Tarbox Brook</b>				
From the confluence with Willoughby River upstream 1,300' to bridge on Tarbox Hill Road. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing</b> : second Saturday in April through May 31	Barton	Orleans	1	
<b>Brownington Branch of Willoughby River</b>				
From its confluence at the Willoughby River extending upstream to the second road crossing on Brownington Chilafox Road (TH #15). Crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafox Road (TH #15). ▪ <b>Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: length limit</b> , minimum length 10"; <b>daily limit</b> , 2 trout	Brownington	Orleans	1	
<b>Chase Brook</b>				
From its confluence with the Dog River upstream approximately 1/2 mile to the top of the natural falls in Berlin. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing</b> : second Saturday in April through May 31	Berlin	Washington County	1	
<b>Clyde River</b>				
Lake Memphremagog to 260' below the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City. (B-M) ▪ Catch and Release for salmon between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 using artificial flies and lures only ▪ Closed to fishing from November 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in April.	Newport City	Orleans	1	
From 260' below the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City upstream to the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing</b>	Newport City	Orleans	1	
Top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City, to Citizens Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake) in West Charleston. ▪ Catch and Release for salmon between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 using artificial flies and lures only ▪ Closed to fishing from November 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in April.	Newport City, Derby, and Charleston	Orleans	1	
<b>Connecticut River (B-CT)</b>				
(Including tributaries, bays, and setback to first highway bridge)			3	EW
<b>Dead Creek</b>				
From the confluences with Otter Creek upstream to Panton Road bridge in Panton. (B-LC) ▪ Lake Champlain Boundaries	Panton	Addison	2	EW, WC
<b>Deerfield River</b>				
From the downstream edge of the East Branch Trailhead Bridge in Searsburg upstream 4 miles to the downstream edge of the bridge on Somerset Road near junction with Forest Road 71 in Searsburg. ▪ <b>Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout: length limit</b> , none; <b>daily limit</b> , 2 trout aggregate	Searsburg	All Applicable Counties	1	

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<b>Dog River</b>				
Downstream edge of the Junction Road bridge in Berlin/Montpelier upstream to the top of Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Trout:</b> All trout must be released immediately. Fishing may only be done with artificial flies and lures. Anglers 14 years old and younger may use natural baits.</li> <li>▪ Closed to fishing from November 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in April.</li> </ul>	All Applicable Towns	Washington	1	
<b>Dorin Brook</b>				
Lake Willoughby upstream 3/4 mile. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> second Saturday in April through May 31</li> </ul>	Westmore	Orleans	1	
<b>East Creek (Orwell)</b>				
Lake Champlain to the falls in Orwell (downstream of Mount Independence Road). (B–LC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lake Champlain Boundaries</li> </ul>	Orwell	Addison	2	
<b>East Creek (Rutland City)</b>				
From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approximately 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout:</b> season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; <b>length limit</b>, none; <b>daily limit</b>, total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2</li> </ul>	Rutland City	Rutland	1	
<b>Flower Brook</b>				
From its confluence with the Mettawee River extending upstream (approximately 1,000') to the downstream edge of the Route 30 bridge in Pawlet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Trout:</b> <b>length limit</b>, 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be released); <b>daily limit</b>, 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16"</li> </ul>	Pawlet	Bennington	1	
<b>Green River (B-BK)</b>				
From its mouth on the Batten Kill upstream to its confluence with Mofftt Hollow Brook. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Trout:</b> Catch and Release between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 — all trout must be immediately released</li> </ul>	Arlington/Sandgate	Bennington	1	WD
<b>Halls Creek</b>				
Lake Memphremagog to the headwaters. (B–M)	Derby	Orleans	1	
<b>Hatchery Brook</b>				
Lake Champlain to main drive for State Fish Hatchery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Closed To Fishing</b></li> </ul>	Grand Isle	Grand Isle		
<b>Johns River</b>				
From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) to US 5 in Derby (B–M) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout:</b> <b>length limit</b>, minimum length 10"; <b>daily limit</b>, 2 trout</li> </ul>	Derby	Orleans	1	
<b>Joiner Brook</b>				
Winooski River upstream approximately 1,900' to first falls. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> second Saturday in April through May 31</li> <li>▪ <b>Trout:</b> <b>length limit</b>, 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be released); <b>daily limit:</b> 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16"</li> </ul>	Bolton	Chittenden	1	
<b>Lamoille River</b>				
Lake Champlain to the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Road in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge). (B–LC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lake Champlain Boundaries</li> </ul>	Milton	Chittenden	2	EW
From the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Road in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge) upstream to the top of the first dam (Peterson Dam) in Milton. (B–LC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> March 16–May 31</li> </ul>	Milton	Chittenden	2	EW
Lamoille River from the downstream edge of the bridge on Route 104 in the village of Fairfax upstream (approximately 1.6 miles) to the top of the Fairfax Falls Dam in Fairfax. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout:</b> season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; <b>length limit</b>, none; <b>daily limit</b>, total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2</li> </ul>	Fairfax	Franklin	1	
<b>Laplatte River</b>				
Lake Champlain to the falls in Shelburne (under Falls Road bridge). (B–LC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lake Champlain Boundaries</li> </ul>	Shelburne	Chittenden	2	EW



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<b>Leach Creek</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to VT Route 102 bridge, Canaan. (B–CT)	Canaan	Essex	3	
<b>Lewis Creek</b>				
Lake Champlain to the falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road). (B–LC) ▪ Lake Champlain Boundaries	North Ferrisburgh	Addison	2	EW
<b>Lilliesville Brook</b>				
From the confluence with the White River upstream to the second bridge on the Lilliesville Brook Road. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> second Saturday in April through May 31	Stockbridge/ Bethel	Windsor	1	
<b>Little Otter Creek</b>				
Lake Champlain to the falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Road). (B–LC) ▪ Lake Champlain Boundaries	Ferrisburgh Center	Chittenden	2	
<b>Little River</b>				
From the confluence with Winooski River upstream to the top of the Waterbury Reservoir Dam in Waterbury. ▪ <b>Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout:</b> season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; <b>length limit</b> , none; <b>daily limit</b> , total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2	Waterbury	Washington	1	
<b>Locust Creek</b>				
From its confluence with the White River upstream to the second bridge on Route 12. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> second Saturday in April through May 31	Bethel/ Barnard	Windsor	1	
<b>Lulls Brook</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to I-91 bridge, Hartland. (B–CT)	Hartland	Windsor	3	
<b>Malletts Creek</b>				
Lake Champlain to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (US 2 and US 7) in Colchester. (B–LC) ▪ Lake Champlain Boundaries	Colchester	Chittenden	2	
<b>Mettawee River</b>				
From the downstream edge of the Route 153 bridge in Pawlet upstream (approximately 16 miles) to the downstream edge of the first bridge on Dorset Hollow Road and including tributary: Flower Brook upstream (approximately 1,000') to the downstream edge of the Route 30 bridge in Pawlet. ▪ <b>Trout:</b> <b>length limit</b> , 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be re-leased); <b>daily limit</b> , 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16"	Pawlet	Rutland	1	
<b>Mill Brook</b>				
Lake Willoughby upstream 1/4 mile. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> second Saturday in April through May 31	Westmore	Orleans	1	
<b>Mill Brook (Windsor)</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 5 bridge, Windsor. (B–CT)	Windsor	Windsor	3	
<b>Mill River</b>				
Lake Champlain to the falls in Georgia (just upstream of Georgia Shore Road bridge). (B–LC) ▪ Lake Champlain Boundaries	Georgia	Franklin	2	
<b>Missisquoi River</b>				
Lake Champlain to Riverside Cemetery (5,120' below Swanton Dam). (B–LC)	Highgate/ Swanton	Franklin	2	EW, WC
Riverside Cemetery (5,120' below Swanton Dam) to 850' below the Swanton Dam. (B–LC) ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> March 16 to the Friday before the first Saturday in May, both dates inclusive	Highgate/ Swanton	Franklin	2	EW
From the top of the Swanton Dam in the village of Swanton downstream approximately 850' to the water treatment plant on the west side of the river, and downstream approximately 850' to the upstream end of the cement breakwater on the east side of the river. (B–LC) ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> March 16–May 31	Highgate/ Swanton	Franklin	2	EW
From the downstream edge of Kane Road (TH-3) bridge upstream (approximately 5.7 miles) to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls. ▪ <b>Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout:</b> season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; <b>length limit</b> , none; <b>daily limit</b> , total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2	Sheldon and Enosburg	Franklin	1	

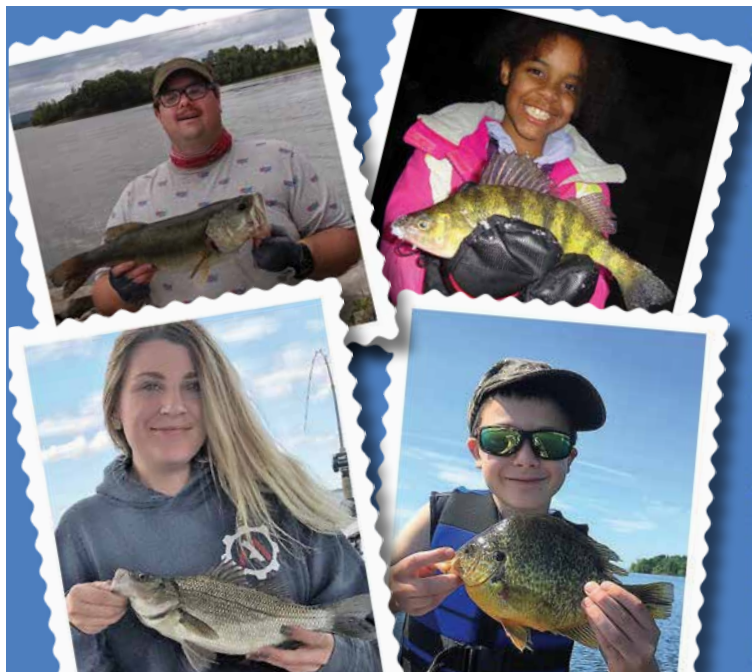
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<b>Moose River</b>				
From confluence with Passumpsic River upstream (approximately 350') to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the village of St. Johnsbury. ▪ <b>Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout:</b> season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; <b>length limit</b> , none; <b>daily limit</b> , total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout, no more than 2	Village of St. Johnsbury	Caledonia	1	
<b>Mud Creek</b>				
Lake Champlain to Route 78 bridge. (B-LC) ▪ Lake Champlain Boundary	Alburgh	Grand Isle	2	
Route 78 bridge to dam in Alburgh (just upstream of Route 78 bridge). (B-LC) ▪ Lake Champlain Boundary ▪ No shooting, spearing or bow and arrow for fish	Alburgh	Grand Isle	2	
<b>Myers Brook</b>				
Lake Willoughby upstream 1/2 mile. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> second Saturday in April through May 31	Westmore	Orleans County	1	
<b>New Haven River</b>				
From Munger Street bridge in New Haven upstream (approximately 4.1 miles) to the South Street bridge in Bristol. ▪ <b>Trout:</b> <b>length limit</b> , 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be re-leased); <b>daily limit</b> , 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16"	New Haven/ Bristol	Addison	1	
<b>Nulhegan River</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to VT Route 102 bridge, Bloomfield. (B-CT)	Bloomfield	Essex	3	
<b>Ompompanoosuc River</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 5, Norwich. (B-CT)	Norwich	Windsor	3	EW
<b>Ottawaquechee River</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to first highway bridge crossing, Hartland. (B-CT)	Hartland	Windsor	3	
<b>Otter Creek</b>				
Lake Champlain to the top of the dam in the city of Vergennes. (B-LC) ▪ Lake Champlain Boundaries	Vergennes	Addison	2	EW, WC
From the Vermont Railway bridge north of the fishing access upstream (approximately 2 miles) to the Danby-Mt. Tabor Forest Road bridge (Forest Road #10). ▪ <b>Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout:</b> season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; <b>length limit</b> , none; <b>daily limit</b> , total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2	Danby	Rutland	1	
<b>Passumpsic River</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to first highway bridge crossing, Barnet. (B-CT)	Barnet	Caledonia	3	
From top of Gage Dam in St. Johnsbury upstream (approximately 2.4 miles) to the top of Arnold Falls Dams. Moose River: from confluence with Passumpsic River upstream (approximately 350') to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the village of St. Johnsbury. ▪ <b>Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout:</b> season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; <b>length limit</b> , none; <b>daily limit</b> , total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2	St. Johnsbury	Caledonia	1	
<b>Paul Stream</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to VT Route 102 bridge, Maidstone. (B-CT)	Maidstone	Essex	3	
<b>Pinneo Brook</b>				
Winooski River upstream approximately 100' to railroad crossing. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> second Saturday in April through May 31 ▪ <b>Trout:</b> <b>length limit</b> , 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be re-leased); <b>daily limit</b> , 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16"	Bolton	Chittenden	1	
<b>Porter Brook</b>				
From Caspian Lake upstream to its headwaters. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> second Saturday in April through May 31	Greensboro	Orleans County	1	
<b>Poultney River</b>				
Lake Champlain to the Central Vermont Power Dam at Carver Falls in West Haven. (B-LC) ▪ Lake Champlain Boundaries	West Haven	Rutland	2	EW, WC

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<b>Preston Brook</b>				
Winooski River upstream approximately 2,600' to first falls. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> second Saturday in April through May 31 ▪ <b>Trout:</b> <i>length limit</i> , 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be re-leased); <i>daily limit</i> , 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16"	Bolton	Chittenden	1	
<b>Ridley Brook</b>				
Winooski River upstream approximately 1,700' to first falls. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> second Saturday in April through May 31 ▪ <b>Trout:</b> <i>length limit</i> , 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be re-leased); <i>daily limit</i> , 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16"	Duxbury	Washington	1	
<b>Roaring Branch (B-BK)</b>				
From its mouth on the Batten Kill upstream to the downstream side of bridge #14 on Sunderland TH 3 in East Kansas. ▪ <b>Trout:</b> Catch and Release between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 — all trout must be immediately released	Arlington/ Sunderland	Bennington	1	
<b>Rock River (B-LC)</b>				
Lake Champlain to the first Canadian border crossing. ▪ Lake Champlain Boundaries	Highgate	Franklin	2	EW
<b>Saxtons River</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 5 bridge, Westminster. (B-CT)	Westminster	Windham	3	
<b>Schoolhouse Brook</b>				
Lake Willoughby upstream 1/4 mile. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> second Saturday in April through May 31	Westmore	Orleans County	1	
<b>Stevens River</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to first highway bridge crossing Barnet. (B-CT)	Barnet	Caledonia	3	
<b>Valley Brook</b>				
From Seymour Lake to headwaters. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> Oct. 1–Oct. 31	Morgan and Holland	Orleans	1	
<b>Waits River</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 5 bridge, Bradford. (B-CT)	Bradford	Orange	3	
<b>Walloomsac River</b>				
From the VT/NY border in Bennington upstream to the top of the former Vermont Tissues Plant Dam (downstream of Murphy Road) in Bennington. ▪ <b>Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout:</b> season, second Sat in April to Oct. 31; <i>length limits</i> , none; <i>daily limits</i> , total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2	Bennington and Shaftsbury	Bennington	1	
<b>Warm Brook</b>				
From its mouth on the Roaring Branch upstream to the base of the so-called Hale Company dam in East Arlington. ▪ <b>Trout:</b> Catch and Release between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 — all trout must be immediately released	Arlington/ Sunderland	Bennington	1	
<b>Wells Brook</b>				
Lake Willoughby to headwater. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> second Saturday in April through May 31	Westmore	Orleans	1	
<b>Wells River</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 302 bridge, Newbury. (B-CT)	Newbury	Orange	3	
<b>West River</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 5 bridge, Brattleboro. (B-CT)	Brattleboro	Windham	3	EW
<b>White River</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to Bridge Street bridge (US Route 5), Hartford. (B-CT)	Hartford	Windsor	3	
From the confluence with Lilliesville Brook in Stockbridge downstream 3.3 miles to 220' downstream of the confluence with Cleveland Brook in Bethel. ▪ <b>Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout:</b> <i>length limit</i> , 18" minimum length; <i>daily limit</i> , 1 trout; gear restriction, artificial lures and flies only	Stockbridge/ Bethel	All Applicable Counties	1	

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<b>Williams River</b>				
Connecticut River main channel to US Route 5 bridge, Rockingham. (B-CT)	Rockingham	Windham	3	EW
<b>Willoughby River</b>				
Barton River to Orleans/Brownington Road bridge. ▪ <b>Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout:</b> <i>length limit</i> , minimum length 10"; <i>daily limit</i> , 2 trout	Barton	Orleans	1	
Orleans/Brownington Road bridge to natural falls top. ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> second Saturday in April through May 31 ▪ <b>Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout:</b> <i>length limit</i> , minimum length 10"; <i>daily limit</i> , 2 trout	Barton	Orleans	1	
Natural falls top to Willoughby Lake Outlet ▪ <b>Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout:</b> <i>length limit</i> , minimum length 10"; <i>daily limit</i> , 2 trout	Brownington/ Barton/ Westmore	Orleans	1	
<b>Winooski River</b>				
Lake Champlain to the first railroad bridge (approximately 9 miles) in Winooski and Burlington. (B-LC) ▪ Lake Champlain Boundaries	Winooski/ Burlington	Chittenden	2	EW
From the Winooski One Hydro Dam west of Main Street (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington and extending downstream to the downstream side of the first railroad bridge. (B-LC) ▪ <b>Closed to Fishing:</b> March 16–May 31	Winooski/ Burlington	Chittenden	2	
From Preston Brook mouth upstream (approximately 4.4 miles) to the Ridley Brook mouth. ▪ <b>Trout:</b> <i>length limit</i> , 10" to 16" protected slot (all fish 10" to 16" must be re-released); <i>daily limit</i> , 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16"	Bolton/ Duxbury/ Waterbury	Chittenden/ Washington	1	
Winooski River in Duxbury and Waterbury, from the top of the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury upstream to the Route 2 bridge (east side of Waterbury Village). ▪ <b>Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout:</b> season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31; <i>length limit</i> , none; <i>daily limit</i> , total number of brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, no more than 2	Duxbury/ Waterbury	Washington	1	



## Take The Master Angler Program Challenge

The Master Angler Program recognizes exceptional anglers and the trophy-sized fish they catch from Vermont waters. All qualifying catches are featured on the department's website and in the annual Master Angler Program report. Plus, anglers receive a certificate for each trophy fish caught, and a collectible lapel pin for catching at least five different species of their choice from the list of 33 eligible Master Angler species.

Find the latest entries, rules, qualifying species, application form, and annual reports online at:  
[www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com)





# Index of Lakes and Ponds



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Waters listed in this index have special regulations that override the general regulations and must be followed.

For lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and impoundments **NOT LISTED** in this index, see Table 1 (page 52)

LAKES AND PONDS	TOWN	COUNTY	TABLE	LAKE AREA (ACRES)	ACCESS <sup>1</sup>	AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES <sup>2</sup>
<b>Adams Reservoir</b>	Woodford	Bennington	1	21		
	* Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
<b>Austin Pond</b>	Hubbardton	Rutland	1	33		EW
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
<b>Bald Hill Pond</b>	Westmore	Orleans	1	108	St	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
<b>Beaver Pond</b>	Holland	Orleans	1	40	Sf	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
	* Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
<b>Beck Pond</b>	Newark	Caledonia	1	6	Sud	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
<b>Beebe Pond</b>	Sunderland	Bennington	1	10	Gf	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
	* Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
<b>Berlin Pond</b>	Berlin	Washington	1	256	Mc	EW
	* <b>Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass:</b> Catch and immediate release only					
	* <b>Yellow Perch:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , 10 perch					

1 – S=State; M=Municipal; G=Federal; U=Utility; P=Private; f=foot or carry in; ud=underdeveloped; t=boats on trailer; c=cartop; r=regulated.

2 – EW=Eurasian Watermilfoil; Z=Zebra Mussel; WC=Water Chestnut; VL=Variable-leaf Watermilfoil; LBV=Largemouth Bass Virus; A=Alewife.

**Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS)** spread prevention practices should always be employed when visiting ANY waterbody, regardless of whether a known infestation is present. Invasive species and/or fish diseases could be present but not yet detected. Please follow the recommendations on page 9 to help stop the spread of ANS.

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<b>Big Averill Lake (Great Averill Lake)</b>	Norton/Averill	Essex	1	828	St	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon: daily limit</b> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
<b>Big Mud Pond</b>	Mt. Tabor	Rutland	1	15		
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
<b>Big Salem Lake (Salem Lake)</b>	Derby	Orleans	1	764	St	
	* Catch and Release for salmon between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31					
<b>Black Pond</b>	Hubbardton	Rutland	1	24	Sc	EW
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
<b>Blake Pond</b>	Sutton	Caledonia	1	8	Sf	
	* Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
<b>Blueberry Lake (Warren Lake)</b>	Warren	Washington	1	48		
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
<b>Bourn Pond</b>	Sunderland	Bennington	1	48		
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
<b>Branch Pond</b>	Sunderland	Bennington	1	44		
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
<b>Breese Pond</b>	Hubbardton	Rutland	1	22		EW
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
<b>Bullhead Pond</b>	Manchester	Bennington	1	8	Sc	
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
<b>Carmi, Lake (Franklin Pond)</b>	Franklin	Franklin	1	1,402	St	EW
	* <b>Walleye</b> : open season, first Saturday in May to March 15; <b>length limit</b> , minimum length 15", 17" to 19" protected slot (all walleye between 17" and 19" must be released); <b>daily limit</b> , 5 fish limit provided only 1 is over 19"					
<b>Cary Pond</b>	Walden	Caledonia	1	4		
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
<b>Caspian Lake</b>	Greensboro	Orleans	1	789	Mt	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon: daily limit</b> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
<b>Champlain, Lake</b>			2		Xt	EW, WC, Z, LBV, A
<b>Chittenden Reservoir (Including all tributaries to fist barrier)</b>	Chittenden	Rutland	1	702	St	
	* <b>Walleye</b> : open season, June 1–March 15; <b>length limit</b> , minimum length 22"; <b>daily limit</b> , 2					
<b>Clyde Pond</b>	Derby	Orleans	1	186	Uc	EW
	* Catch and Release for salmon between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31					
<b>Comerford Reservoir (CT River)</b>	Waterford/Concord	Caledonia/ Essex	3	777	Ut	
<b>Cow Mountain Pond</b>	Granby	Essex	1	10	Mf	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
<b>Crystal Lake</b>	Barton	Orleans	1	763	St	EW
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon: daily limit</b> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
<b>Duck Pond</b>	Sutton	Caledonia	1	8	Sc	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					

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Dunmore, Lake	Salisbury/Leicester	Addison	1	985	St	EW
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
East Long Pond	Woodbury	Washington	1	188	Pf	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Echo Lake	Charleston	Orleans	1	550	St	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Elligo, Lake	Craftsbury/ Greensboro	Orleans	1	174	St	EW
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Forest Lake	Averill	Essex	1	62		
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Forest Lake (Nelson Pond)	Calais/Woodbury	Washington	1	133	St	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Gale Meadows Pond	Londonderry	Windham	1	195	St	EW
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
Great Averill Lake (Big Averill Lake)	Norton/Averill	Essex	1	828	St	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Griffith Lake	Mt. Tabor	Rutland	1	15		
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
Halfmoon Pond	Hubbardton	Rutland	1	26	St	EW
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
Harveys Lake	Barnet	Caledonia	1	351	St	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Holland Pond	Holland	Orleans	1	325	St	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Jobs Pond	Westmore	Orleans	1	39	St	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see below and table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited * <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Levi Pond	Groton	Caledonia	1	22	Sf	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Lewis Pond	Lewis	Essex	1	68	Gc	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
Lily Pond	Vernon	Windham	1	41		
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
Little Averill Lake	Averill	Essex	1	467	Pt	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Little Rock Pond	Wallingford	Rutland	1	18		
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
Little Salem Lake	Derby	Orleans	1	--	Sc	
	* Catch and Release for salmon between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31					

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Long Pond	Westmore	Orleans	1	90	St	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Lowell Lake	Londonderry	Windham	1	109	Sc	
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
Maidstone Lake	Maidstone	Essex	1	745	St	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon: daily limit</b> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Marl Pond	Sutton	Caledonia	1	10	Sc	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Martins Pond	Peacham	Caledonia	1	82	St	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see below and table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
	* Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
Mcintosh Pond	Royalton	Windsor	1	23	St	
	* Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
Memphremagog, Lake (including South Bay)	Newport/Derby/ Coventry	Orleans	1	5,966	St	EW
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon: daily limit</b> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Moore Dam Reservoir (Ct River)	Waterford	Caledonia	3	1,235	Ut	
Mill Pond	Windsor	Windsor	1	80		
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
Morey, Lake	Fairlee	Orange	1	547	St	EW
	* Bass: <b>length limit</b> , minimum length 14"; <b>daily limit</b> , bag limit 5 bass					
Nelson Pond (Forest Lake)	Calais/Woodbury	Washington	1	133	St	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon: daily limit</b> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Nichols Pond	Woodbury	Washington	1	171	Pc	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon: daily limit</b> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
North Pond	Chittenden	Rutland	1	5		
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Notch Pond	Ferdinand	Essex	1	22	Pf	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Noyes Pond (Seyon Pond)	Groton	Caledonia	1	39	Sr	
	* <b>All Species</b> : open season, second Saturday in April to last Sunday in Oct., between 6:00 a.m. and one hour after sunset. Access to waters controlled by Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation; legal method, open-water fishing, by fly casting or trolling with a fly rod and reel, using artificial flies with a single hook without a barb or with the barb crimped down or fled off, only from boats rented from the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation (shore and tributary fishing are prohibited).					
Perch Pond (Zack Woods Pond)	Hyde Park/Wolcott	Lamoille	1	30	Sc	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Pigeon Pond	Groton	Caledonia	1	69		
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Pleiad Lake	Hancock	Addison	1	6		
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Raponda Lake	Wilmington	Windham	1	121	St	
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					



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Red Mill Pond	Woodford	Bennington	1	7	Sc	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
Retreat Meadows	Brattleboro	Windham	1	80		
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
Roach Pond	Hubbardton	Rutland	1	22		
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
Runnemede Lake	Windsor	Windsor	1	60		
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
Sadawga Pond	Whitingham	Windham	1	194	St	EW
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
Salem Lake (Big Salem Lake)	Derby	Orleans	1	764	St	
	* Catch and Release for salmon between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31					
Seymour Lake	Morgan/ Charleston	Orleans	1	1,769	St	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Seyon Pond (Noyes Pond)	Groton	Caledonia	1	39		
	* <b>All Species:</b> open season, second Saturday in April to last Sunday in Oct., between 6:00 a.m. and one hour after sunset. Access to waters controlled by Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation; legal method, open-water fishing, by fly casting or trolling with a fly rod and reel, using artificial flies with a single hook without a barb or with the barb crimped down or fled off, only from boats rented from the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation (shore and tributary fishing are prohibited).					
Shadow Lake	Glover	Orleans	1	210	St	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Sherman Reservoir	Whitingham	Windham	1	112	Ut	
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow Trout:</b> Open Season, second Saturday in April to Oct. 31, <i>daily limit</i> 6 trout					
Silver Lake	Leicester	Addison	1	101	Sc	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
South America Pond	Ferdinand	Essex	1	29	Pf	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
South Pond	Marlboro	Windham	1	68	Str	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Spring Lake	Shrewsbury	Rutland	1	66		
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see below and table 1 for regulations on specific species) * <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Stannard Pond	Stannard	Caledonia	1	25	Sf	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Sterling Pond	Cambridge	Lamoille	1	8		
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
Stiles Pond	Waterford	Caledonia	1	154	Sud	
	* <b>Yellow Perch:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , 10 perch					
Stoughton Pond	Weathersfield	Windsor	1	56	Gt	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Stratton Pond	Stratton	Windham	1	46		
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					

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Sunset Lake	Benson/Orwell	Rutland	1	202		EW
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Unknown Pond	Averys Gore	Essex	1	19	Pf	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
Unknown Pond	Ferdinand	Essex	1	12	Sf	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species) * Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited					
Vail Pond (Big Fish Pond)	Sutton	Caledonia	1	16	Sud	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Vernon Hatchery Pond	Vernon	Windham	1	10	Sc	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Weatherhead Hollow	Guilford	Windham	1	33	St	
	* Bass Season: Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.					
West Mtn. Pond	Maidstone	Essex	1	60	Sc	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Wheeler Pond	Barton/Caledonia	Orleans	1	15	Sc	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					
Willoughby, Lake	Westmore	Orleans	1	1,653	St	EW
	* <b>Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Lake Trout, and Landlocked Salmon:</b> <i>daily limit</i> , total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate					
Zack Woods Pond (Perch Pond)	Hyde Park/Wolcott	Lamoille	1	30	Sc	
	* Only open to fishing from second Saturday in April to Oct. 31 (see table 1 for regulations on specific species)					





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# General Fishing Regulations for Vermont

**Table 1: General Fishing Regulations for Vermont.**

Note different regulation for River/Stream and Lake/Pond.

**Please Note:** Waterbody-specific regulations listed in Index of Rivers/Index of Lakes override the general regulation.

SPECIES	TYPE OF WATER BODY	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	LEGAL METHODS	OPEN SEASONS FOR HARVEST
<b>American Shad</b>	All	NA	0	Catch and release open-water fishing	All Year
<b>Anadromous Atlantic Salmon</b>	All	NA	0	None	No open season
<b>Bowfin, Mullet (Redhorse), Gar</b>	River/Stream	None	No more than 5 of any one species	Open-water fishing	All Year
	Lake/Pond	None	No more than 5 of any one species	Open-water fishing, Ice fishing, Spear gun, Bow and crossbow all with line attached	
<b>Brook Trout and Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout</b>	River/Stream	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbow = no more than 8	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
	Lake/Pond	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbow = no more than 6	Open-water fishing, Ice fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31 and Jan 1 to March 15
<b>Carp, Suckers (Longnose and White), Cull Fish</b>	River/Stream	None	No limit	Open-water fishing	All year
	Lake/Pond	None	No limit	Open-water fishing, Ice fishing, Spear gun, Bow and crossbow all with line attached	
<b>Crappie</b>	All	8"	25	Open-water fishing, Ice Fishing	All Year
<b>Lake Sturgeon</b>	All	NA	0	No fishing	No open season
<b>Lake Trout</b>	River/Stream	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
<b>Landlocked Atlantic Salmon</b>		17"			
<b>Lake Trout</b>	Lake/Pond	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Open-water fishing, Ice fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31 and Jan 1 to March 15
<b>Landlocked Atlantic Salmon</b>		17"			
<b>Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass</b>	All	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Open-water fishing, Ice fishing	2nd Sat. in June to March 15
<b>Muskellunge</b>	All	NA	0	Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only	All Year
<b>Northern Pike</b>	All	20"	5	Open-water fishing, Ice fishing	All Year
<b>Rainbow Smelt</b>	All	None	No limit	Open-water fishing, Ice fishing	All Year
<b>Sauger</b>	All	NA	0	None	No open season
<b>Walleye</b>	All	18"	3	Open-water fishing, Ice fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
<b>Yellow Perch</b>	All	None	50	Open-water fishing, Ice fishing	All Year
<b>All Other Species</b>	All	None	No limit	Open-water fishing, Ice fishing	All Year

**Catch and Release:** For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted catch and release angling can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies except on those waters/areas that are closed to fishing.

**Note: Daily Limits** cannot be combined between rivers/streams and lakes/ponds.

# Lake Champlain Regulations



Kurt Budliger

## Lake Champlain Reciprocal Fishing

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

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

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

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

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

## Lake Champlain Waters

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

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

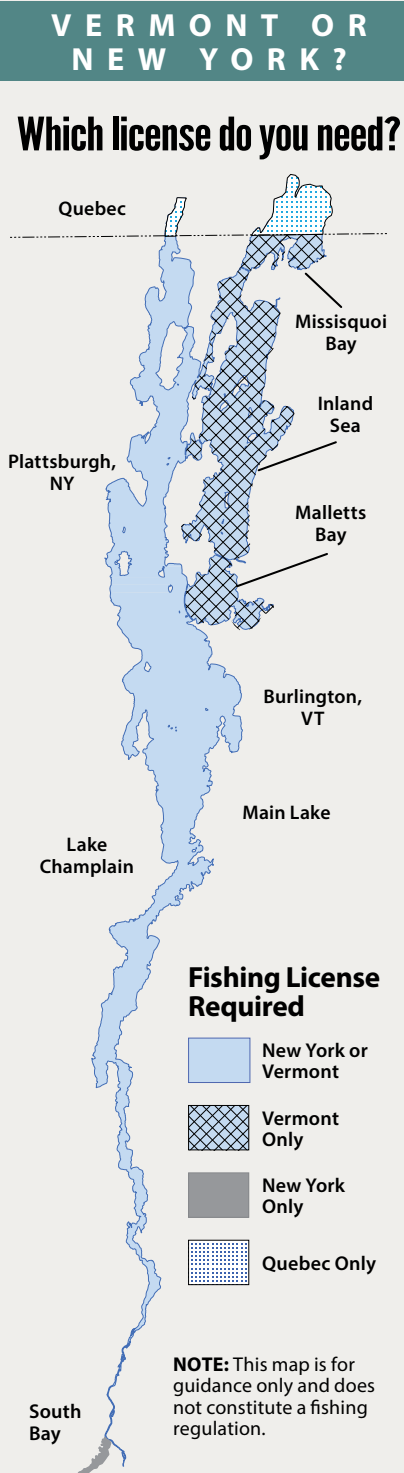




Table 2: General Fishing Regulations for Lake Champlain

General Fishing Regulations for Lake Champlain include the setbacks at the same water level and the lower portion of its tributaries as defined on page 54. Spawning waters are not included.

#### Lake Champlain Open-Water Fishing—Number of Lines/Rods:

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

SPECIES	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	LEGAL METHODS	OPEN SEASON FOR HARVEST
<b>Bowfin, Mullet (Redhorse), Gar</b>	None	No more than 5 of any one species	Open-water and Ice fishing, Spear gun, Bow and crossbow all with line attached	All year
			Shooting, hand-held spearing	March 25 to May 25
<b>Brook Trout and Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout</b>	12"	Total of brook + brown + rainbows = no more than 3	Open-water and Ice fishing	All year
<b>Bullhead</b>	None	No limit	Open-water and Ice fishing	All year
			Shooting, hand-held spearing	March 25 to May 25
<b>Carp, Suckers (Longnose and White), Cull Fish</b>	None	No limit	Open-water and Ice fishing, Spear gun, Bow and crossbow all with line attached	All year
			Shooting, hand-held spearing	March 25 to May 25
<b>Chain Pickerel</b>	None	10	Open-water and Ice fishing	All year
			Shooting, hand-held spearing	March 25 to May 25
<b>Crappie</b>	8"	25	Open-water and Ice fishing	All year
<b>Lake Sturgeon</b>	NA	0	No fishing	No open season
<b>Lake Trout</b>	15"	3	Open-water and Ice fishing	All year
<b>Landlocked Atlantic Salmon</b>	15"	2	Open-water and Ice fishing	All year
<b>Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass</b>	12"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in June to Nov. 30
<b>Muskellunge</b>	NA	0	Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only	All year
<b>Northern Pike</b>	20"	5	Open-water and Ice fishing	All year
			Shooting, hand-held spearing	March 25 to May 25
<b>Rainbow Smelt</b>	None	No limit	Open-water and Ice fishing	All year
<b>Sauger</b>	NA	0	None	No open season
<b>Walleye</b>	18"	3	Open-water and Ice fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
<b>Yellow Perch</b>	None	No limit	Open-water and Ice fishing	All year
<b>All Other Species</b>	None	No limit	Open-water and Ice fishing	All year

**Catch and Release:** For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted catch and release angling can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies except on those waters/areas that are closed to fishing.



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# Connecticut River Regulations

**Table 3: General Fishing Regulations for the Connecticut River**

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

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

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

**Devices:** No more than six ice fishing devices shall be used to take fish while ice fishing. When fishing in open water, no more than two lines may be used. Lead sinkers and lead jigs one ounce or less, regardless of length, are prohibited.

**Species Rules:** The rules below apply during the open season.

	<b>SPECIES RULES: The rules below apply during the open season for fishing.</b>
<b>American Shad</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catch and release only.</li> </ul>
<b>Atlantic Salmon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No open season for Atlantic salmon until declared by the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission.</li> </ul>
<b>Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The season for taking brook, brown, or rainbow trout by all legal methods shall open on Jan. 1 and close Oct. 15.</li> <li>Through open water, the daily limit is 5 fish or 5 pounds (whichever limit is first reached), except the daily limit is 1 fish from the Samuel Moore Dam downstream to the Route 18 bridge.</li> <li>Through the ice, the daily limit is 2 fish, except the daily limit is 1 fish from the Samuel Moore Dam downstream to the Route 18 bridge.</li> <li>Fishing for trout is closed from 2 hours after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise daily. See <i>NH Fishing Digest</i>.</li> </ul>
<b>Black Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The daily bag limit for black bass from Jan. 1 to March 31 is 2 fish, of which only 1 bass may be greater than 16". The daily limit for black bass from April 1 to May 14 and June 16 to June 30 is 2 fish.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The daily limit for black bass from July 1 through Dec. 31 is 5 fish.</li> <li>During the period beginning May 15 and ending June 15, black bass shall be taken only by artificial lures and flies.</li> </ul>
<b>Carp</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be taken by any legal method, and by bow and arrow with cord attached, in that part of the river beginning at the point on the northern boundary of Grafton County in New Hampshire, which is directly opposite the town of Concord, Vermont, south to the Massachusetts border.</li> </ul>
<b>Horned Pout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The daily limit is 25 fish.</li> </ul>
<b>Northern Pike</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The daily limit is 1 fish; minimum total length 28".</li> </ul>
<b>Pickereel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The daily limit is 10 fish.</li> </ul>
<b>River Herring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closed to the taking of alewives and blueback herring.</li> </ul>
<b>Walleye</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No person shall take walleye 16"–18"; the daily limit is 4 fish, of which only 1 can be larger than 18".</li> </ul>
<b>All Other Species</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The daily limit for black crappie, white perch, yellow perch, and sunfish is 25 fish for each species.</li> <li>The daily aggregate possession limit is 50 fish for all listed species, including horned pout.</li> </ul>

#### Special Exceptions

- From the Murphy Dam in Pittsburg, New Hampshire, downstream to the highway bridge that crosses the river from West Stewartstown, New Hampshire, to Canaan, Vermont: from Jan. 1 to March 31, catch and release only with barbless lures and flies.
- From a point 1,600' upstream from the bridge in North Stratford, New Hampshire, upstream to a point 250' below the Lyman Falls Dam in North Stratford, New Hampshire, and marked by a sign, the following restrictions shall apply:
  - Fishing shall be permitted by artificial lures and flies only. All lures and flies shall have barbless hooks or shall have all barbs pinched so they will not interfere with removal of the hook from the fish. All fish are to be immediately released unharmed.

#### Fishways Closed

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

## HELPFUL TIPS

## Seasonally Closed Waters

The following **lakes and ponds** are hereby designated seasonally closed waters and shall be closed to all fishing except between Second Saturday in April through October 31

Bald Hill Pond, Westmore  
Beaver Pond, Holland  
Beck Pond, Newark  
Beebe Pond, Sunderland  
Big Mud Pond, Mt. Tabor  
Bourn Pond, Sunderland  
Branch Pond, Sunderland  
Cary Pond, Walden  
Cow Mountain Pond, Granby  
Duck Pond, Sutton  
Forest Lake, Averill  
Griffith Lake, Mt. Tabor  
Holland Pond, Holland  
Jobs Pond, Westmore

Lake Pleiad, Hancock  
Levi Pond, Groton  
Lewis Pond, Lewis  
Little Rock Pond, Wallingford  
Long Pond, Westmore  
Marl Pond, Sutton  
Martins Pond, Peacham  
North Pond, Chittenden  
Notch Pond, Ferdinand  
Noyes (Seyon) Pond, Groton  
Perch Pond (Zack Woods Pond), Hyde Park  
Pigeon Pond, Groton  
Red Mill Pond, Woodford  
Silver Lake, Leicester

South America Pond, Ferdinand  
South Pond, Marlboro  
Spring Lake, Shrewsbury  
Stannard Pond, Stannard  
Sterling Pond, Cambridge  
Stoughton Pond, Weathersfield  
Stratton Pond, Stratton  
Unknown Pond, Averys Gore  
Unknown Pond, Ferdinand  
Vail Pond, Sutton  
Vernon Hatchery Pond, Vernon  
West Mountain Pond, Maidstone  
Wheeler Pond, Barton and Sutton  
Zack Woods (Perch Pond), Hyde Park

**Rivers and Streams** - All rivers and streams are hereby designated seasonally closed waters. For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted catch and release angling with immediate release can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies.

## HELPFUL TIPS

## Trophy Trout Streams

Vermont offers some of the best trout fishing in the Northeast with wild brookies, rainbows and browns found in many streams having good habitat. But our Trophy Trout Program kicks it up a notch. Anglers looking to hook into a big lunger should give one of our trophy trout streams a try. Thousands of two-year-old brookies, rainbows and browns, some more than 18 inches long, are stocked each spring and are just waiting for your cast.

### Here's where you can find them:

- **Black River along Rt. 131 in Weathersfield and Cavendish** — From Downers covered bridge upstream approximately 4 miles to the next bridge (the Howard Hill Bridge) across the river.
- **Deerfield River in Searsburg** — From the downstream edge of the East Branch Trailhead Bridge in Searsburg upstream 4 miles to the downstream edge of the bridge on Somerset Road near the junction with Forest Road 71 in Searsburg.
- **East Creek in Rutland City** — From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream approximately 2.7 miles to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City.
- **Lamoille River in Fairfax** — From the downstream edge of the bridge on Route 104 in the Village of Fairfax upstream approximately 1.6 miles to the top of the Fairfax Falls Dam in Fairfax.
- **Little River in Waterbury** — From the confluence with Winoooski River in Waterbury upstream to the top of the Waterbury Reservoir Dam in Waterbury.
- **Missisquoi River in Enosburg and Sheldon** — From the downstream edge of Kane Road (TH-3) bridge upstream approximately 5.7 miles to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.
- **Otter Creek in Danby and Mt. Tabor** — From the Vermont Railway Bridge north of the fishing access upstream approximately 2 miles to the Danby-Mt. Tabor Forest Rd. Bridge (Forest Road # 10).
- **Passumpsic River in the Village of St. Johnsbury** — From the top of the Gage Dam in St. Johnsbury upstream approximately 2.4 miles to the top of the Arnold Falls Dam.
- **Moose River in St. Johnsbury** — From the confluence with the Passumpsic River upstream approximately 350 feet to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the Village of St. Johnsbury.
- **Walloomsac River in Shaftsbury and Bennington** — From the Vermont/New York border in Shaftsbury upstream to the top of the former Vermont Tissue Plant Dam (downstream of Murphy Road) in Bennington.
- **Winoooski River in Duxbury and Waterbury** — From the top of the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury upstream to the Route 2 Bridge (east side of Waterbury Village).

These stream sections are open for open-water fishing from the second Saturday in April through October 31 with a daily limit of 2 trout.