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I owe thanks to many people reading this law digest. This past year a coalition of sportsmen and women, environmentalists and concerned citizens worked with the Fish & Wildlife Department and key legislators to affirm the most fundamental doctrine of wildlife management -- that wildlife is a public trust resource.

What does that mean?

Now codified in law, it means that wildlife belongs to all of us. It means that fish and wildlife resources cannot be reduced to private ownership for exploitation, profit, or any other reason. First embodied in Roman law, public trust maintains

that wildlife is held 'in trust' for all people, not just those who can afford it or have enough land to harbor game.

In 2010, however, a law was passed in Vermont that, in effect, granted ownership of public wildlife to a private landowner. The transfer of more than a hundred deer and a dozen moose in an enclosed fee-for-hunting facility might seem inconsequential in a state with abundant wildlife populations, but the implications were significant. Never before in Vermont history had public wildlife been transferred to private hands, and even beyond our borders the move was widely viewed as one of the most serious attacks on public trust in the United States.

Why does it matter?

The notion that wildlife is public trust is a key element of the North American Conservation model, and serves as the underpinning of the Fish & Wildlife Department's responsibility to manage these resources for all Vermonters. Our ability to work with hunters, anglers and trappers to manage fish and wildlife populations, guard against the spread of serious wildlife diseases, and protect Vermont's rare, threatened, or endangered plants and animals is built on the foundation that wildlife is a public resource.

With the strong, yielding support of many people reading this, fellow hunter Governor Peter Shumlin signed a bill into law on May 30, 2011 that declares:

"The State of Vermont, in its sovereign capacity as a trustee for the citizens of the state, shall have ownership, jurisdiction and control of all the fish and wildlife of Vermont." It goes on to say that the **Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife shall manage and regulate the fish and wildlife of Vermont in accordance with legislation and rules of the Fish and Wildlife Board.**

I want to thank the broad cross-section of Vermonters who worked tirelessly to help pass this legislation. The collaborative effort shows our strong and unflinching appreciation of Vermont's fish and wildlife, and it should serve as a model for future efforts. As a result, these resources will be managed by the Fish & Wildlife Department for the benefit of current and future generations of Vermonters.

Patrick Berry, Commissioner



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Big Game Hunting

Deer	Bow & Arrow			Oct. 6-28 & Dec. 1-9	
	Youth Deer Weekend			Nov. 3 – 4	
	16 Day Regular Season			Nov. 10 – 25	
	Muzzleloader			Dec. 1 – 9	
Black Bear				Sept. 1 – Nov. 14	
Turkey	Youth Turkey Weekend			April 28 – 29	
	Spring Season			May 1 – May 31	
	Fall Seasons	Bow & Arrow only	In all WMUs statewide		October 6 – 19
		Shotgun or Bow & Arrow	WMUs B, D1, D2, G, H1, H2, I, J1, J2, L, M1, M2, O1, O2, P, and Q		October 20 – 28
		WMUs F1, F2, K1, K2, and N		October 20 – Nov. 4	
Moose				October hunting season; permit lottery held each year.	

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Hare, Rabbit	Sept. 24, 2011 – March 11, 2012 & Sept. 29, 2012 – March 10, 2013
Gray Squirrel	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31
Ruffed Grouse (Partridge)	Sept. 29 – Dec. 31
Woodcock, Waterfowl	To Be Announced
Crow	March 14 – April 30 & Aug. 16 – October 29

Furbearer Hunting

Bobcat	Jan. 10 – Feb. 7
Red & Gray Fox	Oct. 22, 2011 – Feb. 12, 2012 & Oct. 27, 2012 – Feb. 10, 2013
Raccoon	Oct. 13 – Dec. 31
Muskrat	March 20 – April 19
Coyote	Open Year Around
Marten, Lynx, Wolf, Eastern Mountain Lion	Closed Season

Furbearer Trapping

Mink, Skunk, Red & Gray Fox, Raccoon, Coyote, Opossum, Weasel	Oct. 27 – Dec. 31
Otter	Oct. 22, 2011 – Feb. 29, 2012 & Oct. 27, 2012 – Feb. 28, 2013
Muskrat	Oct. 22, 2011 – March 31, 2012 & Oct. 27, 2012 – March 31, 2013
Fisher	Dec. 1 – 31
Bobcat	Dec. 1 – 16
Beaver	Nov. 15 – March 31
Marten, Lynx, Wolf, Eastern Mountain Lion	Closed Season

Fishing

Trout & Landlocked Salmon	April 14 – Oct. 31
Lake Champlain	No Closed Season
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass	June 9 – Nov. 30
Catch & Release — Lakes and Ponds	April 14 – June 8
Pickerel, N. Pike, Yellow Perch	No Closed Season
Walleye	May 7, 2011 – March 15, 2012 & May 5, 2012 – March 15, 2013
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Smelt	No Closed Season
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Hunting.....	22.00
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Combination.....	35.00
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Mentored Hunting.....	10.00
Trapping.....	20.00
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Archery-Deer (<i>hunting license needed</i>) ³	20.00
Turkey (<i>hunting license needed</i>).....	20.00
Muzzleloader-Deer (<i>hunting license needed</i>) ⁴	20.00
Permanent license (<i>Residents only, sold from the office/65 or older</i>).....	36.00

Resident or Nonresident

Vermont Waterfowl Stamp.....	\$ 7.50
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Both Federal and State Waterfowl Stamps are needed for waterfowl hunting by anyone 16 or older.

Licenses, moose permit applications, and antlerless deer permit applications are available on-line at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Nonresident

Fishing (<i>under age 15 no license needed</i>).....	\$ 45.00
Youth Fishing (<i>ages 15-17</i>).....	15.00
One-Day Fishing ¹	20.00
Three-Day Fishing ¹	22.00
Seven-Day Fishing ¹	30.00
Hunting.....	100.00
Youth Hunting (<i>under age 18</i>).....	25.00
Combination.....	130.00
Youth Combination (<i>under age 18</i>).....	30.00
Mentored Hunting.....	10.00
Trapping.....	300.00
Small Game ²	50.00
Archery-Deer (<i>hunting license needed</i>) ³	35.00
Archery Only-Deer (<i>hunting license NOT needed</i>) ³	75.00
Turkey (<i>hunting license needed</i>).....	35.00
Muzzleloader-Deer (<i>hunting license needed</i>) ⁴	40.00

- 1 Term Licenses: All dates are inclusive and consecutive.
- 2 Small Game Licenses: Entitles the holder to take small game, furbearers and other wild animals (except big game) by any lawful means other than a trap.
- 3 Archery deer licenses are only valid for use in archery deer season.
- 4 Muzzleloader deer licenses are only valid for use in muzzleloader deer season.



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LICENSE INFORMATION

A person of any age engaged in fishing, hunting or taking any wild animals must be properly licensed, except as listed below under exceptions. Wild animals are defined by law as ALL animals, including birds, amphibians, and reptiles, other than domestic animals.

Exceptions to License Requirements

A resident owner of land in Vermont, his or her spouse, and minor children may hunt within the boundary of that land and take fish from a private pond (see definition below) within the boundary of that land without a license within season. Hunting and fishing must be done according to regulations. A nonresident owner of land has equal privilege if his or her land is NOT posted. "Posted" means any signage that would lead a reasonable person to believe that hunting is prohibited on the land, except for "Safety Zone" signs.

PRIVATE POND: A person owning a natural pond of not more than twenty acres or an artificial pond entirely on his or her premises, stocked with fish at his or her own expense, may take fish from such pond at any time for propagation or consumption as food on his or her premises, provided that the sources of water for such pond are entirely upon his or her premises or that fish do not have access to such pond from waters not under his or her control or from waters stocked at expense of the state.

FISHING: Under age 15, no license required.

FREE FISHING DAY: Saturday, June 9 is Free Fishing Day in Vermont this year. Residents and nonresidents may fish without a license. All legal fishing methods and limits apply.

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Any RESIDENT of Vermont who certifies that he or she is serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or is performing, or is under orders to perform, a homeland defense or state-side contingency operation for

a period of 120 or more consecutive days may obtain at no cost a hunting or fishing license or combination hunting and fishing license. A person who obtains a license under this provision may keep the license until it expires, whether or not the person continues to serve in the armed forces. If requesting a hunting or combination license, you also need to submit a copy of your hunter education certification, a previous hunting license, or sign an affidavit stating you have held a hunting license.

A NONRESIDENT member of the armed forces of the United States who certifies that he or she is on active duty and stationed at a military, air or naval post, station or base within Vermont may buy a license to hunt or fish at the resident fee.

These licenses are available from our office and from our website. They are not available at license agents at this time. Any questions on eligibility for military licenses should be directed to 802-241-3695 or fwinformation@state.vt.us or sent to:

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department
Attn: Licensing
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Resident Status

In order to obtain resident licenses, a person must have lived in Vermont for the six months immediately prior to applying for a license and NOT claimed residence elsewhere for any other reason. An applicant for a resident lifetime license must have been a resident for at least 12 months or must be a dependent of a resident.

A nonresident student who is enrolled in a high school, college or university within the state is entitled to a resident fishing, hunting or combination license. To qualify, the student must have successfully completed two successive semesters at his or her school or college, must present an admission card, and must pay the resident fee.

Purchasing Licenses

RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT LICENSES may be purchased from the Fish & Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com), if

available, at license agents located in sporting goods stores, convenience stores, and some town clerks, and at the Fish & Wildlife office, 802-241-3700.

A lost license can be replaced by the issuing agent for \$5.00. If the agent is no longer selling licenses, you may apply at Fish & Wildlife, 802-241-3700.

Licenses expire on December 31. Exception: the fur buyer's license is valid July 1–June 30.

Mentored Hunting License

Mentored Hunting licenses are available from the Department's office and on our website.

A MENTORED HUNTING LICENSE IS AVAILABLE TO A RESIDENT OR NONRESIDENT WHO:

- Has never successfully completed a hunter safety course.
- Has never held a hunting license in Vermont or any other state or province.

A PERSON ISSUED A MENTORED HUNTING LICENSE MAY HUNT WHEN:

- Accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older who holds a valid Vermont hunting license. In these circumstances, the term "accompanied" means that the mentored hunter is in the direct control and supervision of the fully licensed adult hunter and is within 15 feet of the fully licensed adult hunter.
- A parent or legal guardian has also signed the license if the applicant is 15 years old or younger.

The fully licensed adult hunter may take afield only one person at a time who holds a mentored hunting license and shall sign and date the mentored hunting license at the time of the hunt.

A person holding a mentored hunting license is subject to the bag limit of the fully licensed adult accompanying hunter. When game is taken by a person holding a mentored hunting license, it shall be deemed taken by the fully licensed adult accompanying hunter.

After tagging and reporting game, if required, a person who holds a mentored hunting license may, unaccompanied by the fully licensed adult hunter, transport game he or she has taken.



THERE ARE LIMITATIONS ON A PERSON WHO HOLDS A MENTORED HUNTING LICENSE.

- A person who holds a mentored hunting license is not eligible to hold a moose permit or accompany moose hunters or participate in youth deer or youth turkey hunting weekends.
- A person who holds a mentored hunting license who is 16 or older is required to purchase and carry a federal duck stamp in order to hunt waterfowl.
- A mentored hunting license is available for only two separate calendar years.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Fines for a violation of this section or any fish and wildlife law are doubled and assessed against the fully licensed adult hunter accompanying the mentored license hunter. Points for the violation(s) will be assessed against the fully licensed adult hunter.

Permanent Licenses

Any Vermont resident who is 65 or older may apply for a permanent license in person or through the mail to the Fish & Wildlife office for a one-time fee of \$36. Apply on the same form as the current annual licenses.

If a permanent license holder wishes to hunt for a second or third archery deer, he/she must purchase the additional archery licenses. If waterfowl hunting, he/she must also purchase state and federal duck stamps and register with H.I.P.

A permanent license holder may receive a new free permanent license when the tags have been used or when the license is worn. Permanent license holders should wait until all hunting seasons are over to replace a license when the tags have been used. If a permanent license has been lost, it can be replaced for \$5.00 at the Fish & Wildlife office or by mailing an application form requesting a replacement license and payment to the Fish & Wildlife Office.

Permanent Disability Licenses

A legally blind person who is a Vermont resident may apply for a free permanent fishing license. Information is available from the office or our website.

A Vermont resident who is paraplegic may receive a free permanent fishing or combination license, if qualified, with the proper proof of disability. "PARAPLEGIC" is a person with permanent paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement or loss of both legs. A Statement of Disability form is available from the office or our website.

A Vermont resident who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and who is, or ever has been, 100% disabled due to a service connected disability, may receive a free fishing or combination license, if qualified, upon presentation of a letter from the Veterans Administration specifically indicating you are entitled to a free license. To see if you qualify for the license, call the Veterans Benefits Section at 1-800-827-1000. If you qualify for a combination license, you will also receive turkey and muzzleloader deer licenses. If you qualify for an archery license, you will receive one. Moose and antlerless deer permits and duck stamps are not included.

Lifetime Licenses

A resident or nonresident lifetime fishing, hunting, or combination fishing and hunting license may be obtained from the Fish & Wildlife Department. Applications are available on our website or from the office. Fees are as follows:

- for children < 1 year old = 5X current adult license price.
- for children 1-15 years old = 15X current adult license price.
- for adults 16-24 years old = 30X current adult license price.
- for adults 25-64 years old = 25X current adult license price.

Requirements for Hunting, Combination Hunting/Fishing, Archery & Trapping Licenses

An applicant for a HUNTING, COMBINATION HUNTING AND FISHING, ARCHERY, or TRAPPING license must present either:

1. A previous or current hunting, combination, archery or trapping license from Vermont or any state or Canadian province; or

2. A certificate or a letter of proof showing satisfactory completion of an approved hunter safety, archery, or trapping education course from Vermont or any other state or province; or
3. Sign an affidavit attesting to having a prior hunting, combination, archery, or trapping license from Vermont or any other state or province.

A person under age 16 must have his or her parent or guardian sign in the presence of an issuing agent to obtain a hunting license.

NOTE—Federal firearms laws, found at 18 U.S.C. Sect. 922, prohibit certain individuals, including those convicted of felonies or any domestic violence offense, those subject to a final relief from abuse order and unlawful users of controlled substances from possessing center fire and rim fire firearms. For a complete list of prohibitions, contact the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives at 802-865-4020.

Hunter Education Courses

A list of upcoming hunter education courses is available at www.vtfishandwildlife.com or, call 802-241-3720.

License Possession

Appropriate licenses must be carried while hunting, fishing, trapping or transporting fish, game or furbearers. The licenses must be exhibited on demand of a State Game Warden or other enforcement officer, or the owner of the land on which such person is hunting, fishing or trapping. See *Title 10 V.S.A. Section 4266*.

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State Border Requirements

A person with a resident Vermont fishing license may take fish anywhere in the Connecticut River, subject to the regulations of Vermont and New Hampshire. Hunting licenses for residents and nonresidents are only valid to the New Hampshire state boundary, which is the low water mark on the Vermont side of the Connecticut River. For Lake Champlain fishing license information, see “Fishing Licenses” in Fishing Information section.

License Revocation

10 V.S.A. Sect. 4502—the “Uniform Point System”—provides that hunting, fishing and trapping licenses will be revoked based on the number of points received when a person is convicted of violating a fish or wildlife law.

SUSPENSIONS:

- For 10 to 14 points accumulated in 5 years: 1 year suspension
- For 15 to 19 points accumulated in 5 years: 2 year suspension
- For 20 points or more accumulated in 5 years: 3 year suspension

Conviction of carelessly or negligently wounding a person by gunshot, or manslaughter by the careless and negligent use of firearms, will, by statute, revoke the hunting license privilege or the right to obtain such license for five years.

It is illegal to hunt, fish or trap while a license or right to obtain a license is under suspension.

FINE—up to \$1,000 and additional suspension period.

REMEDIAL COURSE: A person whose license is revoked with 15 or more points accumulated in five years shall successfully complete a remedial course designed to teach hunters, trappers and anglers correct legal and ethical behavior while hunting, trapping and fishing.

SUSPENSION PER FAMILY COURT ORDERS:

Vermont hunting, fishing and trapping licenses and permits may be suspended for failure to comply with child support orders of the Family Court. 15 V.S.A. Sect. 798(b).

General Regulations

“**TAKE**” and “**TAKING**” mean pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, capturing, trapping, disturbing, harrying, worrying, wounding, snaring or netting fish, birds or quadrupeds. It includes placing, setting, drawing or using any net or other device commonly used to take fish or wild animals, whether they result in taking or not. It includes every attempt to take and every act of assistance to another person in taking or attempting to take fish or wild animals.

When taking is allowed by law, the taking shall be by lawful means in a lawful manner.

CAMPING AND TRESPASS: It is illegal to park, drive or camp on another person’s land without permission of the landowner. You must immediately leave the property when the landowner requests it, whether the property is posted or not. Roadside or public highway turnouts are not legal for overnight camping.

STATE LANDS: Camping on state land is prohibited except in designated camping areas.

IMPORTATION OF WILDLIFE: It is illegal to bring live wild mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, or fish into Vermont without previously obtaining an importation permit from the Fish & Wildlife Department. Regulations are available from the department.

INTERFERING WITH HUNTERS, FISHERMEN AND TRAPPERS: It is illegal to intentionally interfere with someone who is lawfully taking fish or wild animals, or to disrupt the taking of any fish or wild animal by harassing or disturbing the fish or animal.

INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS: No one may legally travel on foot within the right-of-way or cross boundary fences along interstate highways. Rest areas and pullouts are NOT access areas for hunting, fishing or entering on adjacent lands unless posted as such.

PRIVATE ROADS AND LANDS: Law prohibits obstructing private driveways, barways, or gateways with motor vehicles. People shall not drive over private lands or enter

these lands for the purpose of camping without the permission of the landowner or rightful occupant, nor may they drive over roads marked as private.

SEASON DATES: All season dates in this book are inclusive.

VIOLATORS: In addition to the person who actually violates the regulations for hunting, fishing, and trapping, anyone who offers advice or assistance in a violation, or who knowingly shares in the proceeds, shall be punished as a principal violator.

Reimbursement for Illegally Taken Fish or Wildlife

In addition to any penalties imposed by the court, anyone who is convicted of illegally taking, destroying, or possessing wild animals must pay, as restitution, into the fish and wildlife fund no more than the following amounts:

BIG GAME	\$2,000.00
ENDANGERED THREATENED SPECIES (T10, 5401)	2,000.00
SMALL GAME	500.00
FISH	25.00

Threatened & Endangered Species

Vermont’s Threatened and Endangered Species are protected with a state fine of up to \$2,000 for illegally taking one. The complete list is available on the Fish & Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com). The list includes: lake sturgeon, stonecat, timber rattlesnake, bald eagle, spruce grouse, Eastern mountain lion, Canada lynx, marten, little brown bat and Indiana bat. Federal penalties also may apply. If in doubt, please check the list, and be sure to know how to identify the species you will be hunting.

Posted Property

Whenever possible, the hunter or fisherman should check with the landowner before going onto his or her land. The privilege of using private land for your recreation is extended to you by the generosity of the landowner. It is illegal to damage or remove posters prohibiting hunting, fishing or trapping. In order to hunt, fish or trap on properly posted

land, a person must have the written consent of the owner or the person having exclusive right to take fish or wild animals from that land.

SAFETY ZONE: A property owner may establish a 500-foot Safety Zone around an occupied dwelling, residence, barn, stable or other building with signs provided by the Fish & Wildlife Department. These signs shall be placed at each corner of the property and no more than 200 feet apart. Shooting is prohibited in the Safety Zone and no wild animal may be taken within it unless advance permission is obtained from the owner or rightful occupant

POSTED PROPERTY UNDER FISH & WILDLIFE LAW: Hunting, fishing or trapping on properly posted land is illegal. Properly posted land will have records filed with the town clerk and the Fish & Wildlife Department. See *Title 10, V.S.A., Sections 5201 to 5206.*

Whether the property is posted or not, a hunter or angler shall show their license as requested by the landowner.

A person must leave the land immediately on demand of the owner, whether the land is posted or not.

POSTING SIGNS: Signs prohibiting fishing, hunting or trapping on properly posted land shall be as follows:

- The owner or the person who has exclusive rights to fish, hunt and trap on the land will post the signs. The owner or person posting the land shall annually record the posting at the town clerk's office for a fee of \$5.00
- Signs must be not less than 11½ inches wide by 8 inches high in size
- Lettering and background on the signs must be of contrasting colors
- The signs must contain the wording that hunting, fishing or trapping or any combination of the three are prohibited or forbidden

- Signs are valid even if additional information is on the sign, as long as a reasonable person would understand that hunting, fishing or trapping are prohibited or forbidden
- Legible signs must be maintained at all times and dated each year

LOCATION OF POSTING SIGNS: Posting signs must be erected on or near all the boundaries, at each corner and not over 400 feet apart.

Falconry

Falconry is legal by special permit. Contact Fish & Wildlife for information at (802) 241-3700.



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Sale or Purchase of Fish & Game

SMALL GAME: It is illegal to buy or sell a wild bird, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, or gray squirrel at any time.

BIG GAME: The only time it is legal to buy or sell big game or the meat of big game within the state is during the open season and for 20 days after the season ends. The meat of big game animals is not to be bought or sold for the purpose of being transported out of the state. It is illegal to buy or sell anadromous Atlantic salmon taken in the Connecticut River Basin and/or to buy or sell wild turkey at any time.

Other than the meat mentioned above, a person may buy or sell at any time:

- The head, hide and hoofs of legally taken deer or moose; or
- The head, hide, paws and internal organs of a legally taken black bear

DEER HIDES: Anyone wishing to engage in the business of buying furs or skins of furbearers or deer hides must have a valid Fur Buyer's License. Contact Fish & Wildlife at 802-241-3695.

BEAR PARTS: International trade in hides, claws, skulls, or teeth of black bear is regulated by federal law and international treaty. If you plan to sell your own bear hide or parts outside of the United States, you must obtain an export permit (for a fee) from the Federal Wildlife Permit Office, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203, 1-800-358-2104. These products must be shipped through one of eleven designated ports (Boston is the nearest), or through another port under special permit (for a fee) from the same office. You do not need export permits and declarations to sell to domestic or foreign buyers within Vermont or the rest of the United States, or to sell through brokers who possess the necessary permits.

SALE AND PURCHASE OF FISH: Businesses may buy lawfully taken fish, with the approval of the Commissioner, pursuant to guidelines of the Board. Fish species to be bought or sold are restricted to species not protected by *Title 10 V.S.A. Section 4611* — "A person shall not buy or sell a salmon,

trout, lake trout, walleye, northern pike, muskellunge or black bass taken in this state, or imported from another state or country where sale of such fish is prohibited, except such fish reared in licensed propagation farms within the state."

GAME SUPPERS: Game suppers may be held at any time by a church, volunteer fire department, fish and game club, or other nonprofit organization with a permit issued by a fish and wildlife warden.

Wild animals and fish legally taken in this state, or another state or country, may be transported and sold as part of a game supper authorized by permit. Big game provided by the Fish & Wildlife Department may also be sold at such suppers. Migratory waterfowl, cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hare, and anadromous salmon may not be sold. Permits for game suppers must state the name of the organization holding the supper, as well as the date and location of the supper. A permit needs to be applied for at least 10 days before the date of the supper. Contact the Law Enforcement Division of the Fish & Wildlife Department for a permit application.

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Transportation of Fish & Game

Transportation of fish or game is only permitted in the presence of the person who took that fish or game.

A person shall not transport fish or game:

- Taken by someone else unless the person who took the fish or game accompanies it;
- During closed season for that fish or game;
- If it exceeds the number or limit of fish or game that may legally be taken in a day.

However, a person traveling on land between a temporary abode such as a hunting camp and his or her home may transport in one day the number or limit of fish and game that may legally be taken in two days.

While on the waters of the state, a person may not transport more than one day's limit of fish unless the fish is frozen, processed and packaged for storage.

Contribute to Conservation

Green Mountain Conservation Camp Endowment Fund

A 501(c)(3) Endowment Fund has been established for Vermont's Green Mountain Conservation Camps. Established in 1966, the Conservation Camps are a state, residential wildlife educational program whose mission is to cultivate a caring among our youth for Vermont's fish and wildlife resources, and to provide experiences in the state's rich culture of camping, hiking, fishing, canoeing and hunting.

A child spending a week at the Conservation Camp will get their hunter certification, find new friends, and create lasting memories. Please consider giving to the Green Mountain Conservation Camp Endowment Fund to make the camps a better place for our kids.



Nongame Wildlife Fund

The Nongame Wildlife Fund is a critical source of funding for the Fish & Wildlife Department's work in monitoring and protecting rare, threatened, and endangered species and natural communities.



We help conserve Vermont's wildlife heritage by protecting and promoting nongame wildlife (animals that are not fished or hunted) as well as Vermont's native plants and natural communities.

Migratory Waterfowl Fund

The Migratory Waterfowl Fund was established with the receipts from the sale of the stamps and prints created by the Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Program. Under this program, hunters wishing to harvest ducks, geese, and other migratory waterfowl must purchase a special state migratory waterfowl stamp. Each year, a new stamp is designed and a limited number of prints created.



Interest earned from the Waterfowl Fund is earmarked for wetland acquisition and enhancement projects. So far, monies generated by the fund have:

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The antler regulation for a "legal buck" is designed to recruit more older bucks into the population. A legal buck must have at least one antler having two or more points one inch or longer, thus, spike-antlered deer are protected. A point must be one inch or longer from base to tip. The main beam counts as a point, regardless of length.

THREE-DEER ANNUAL LIMIT

THREE deer per year – only **TWO** may be **LEGAL BUCKS** in any combination of seasons (Archery, Youth Weekend, November Rifle, December Muzzleloader). See annual regulations.

PLANNING YOUR HUNT

The previous year's Vermont Deer Harvest Report, available from the Fish & Wildlife Department's web site has a wealth of information to help plan a hunt, including the number of deer taken in each town. Click on "Hunting and Trapping" and "Big Game" to download a copy.



Christian Bergeron with his 125 7/8 buck killed in Brandon, 2010



Gerald Coe with his buck shot in Montgomery, 2010



Vincent Gaiotti with his 145 7/8 buck killed in Mount Tabor, 2010



Remo Pizzagalli with his 124 2/8 buck killed in Huntington, 2010

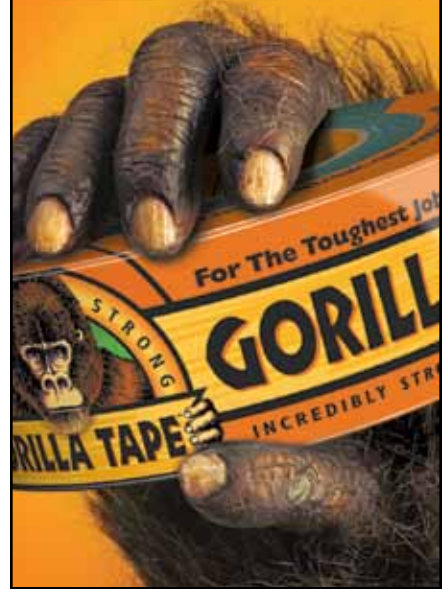
GET CONNECTED

Owners of Forest Land in Need of Deer Hunters

A new effort to connect owners of forest land who want to invite hunters to help control the number of deer on their property during hunting seasons is being developed for 2012. Hunters and landowners who want to learn about the program should check the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website (vtfishandwildlife.com) for details.


Landowners who have forest deer damage concerns should read the Habitat Management Guidelines due out in 2012, available on Fish & Wildlife's website.

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Hunting in Vermont is easier than in many states because we have more than 800,000 acres of federal and state public land open to hunting as well as plenty of hunting opportunity on private land. Be sure to look at the maps included here that show where you can find state wildlife management areas, state forests, state parks, national wildlife refuges, and the Green Mountain National Forest. More detailed maps of state wildlife management areas are on the Fish & Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) and in the "Guide to Wildlife

Management Areas of Vermont" book available through the online store.

To learn more about Vermont hunting, check in at our website, call us at (802) 241-3700, and check our **Facebook** page. Copies of helpful publications available on the website can be found under "Hunting & Trapping." "Vermont's Archery Deer Season," available in September, will provide updated regulation information.

If you don't live in Vermont, planning your trip and finding a place to stay is easy at www.VermontVacation.com. Additional information about lodging and guides is available from the Vermont Outdoor Guides Association at www.voga.org and at 1-800-425-8747.

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GENERAL HUNTING INFORMATION

Fluorescent Orange

Hunter orange is not required by law in Vermont, but wearing it might save your life. Almost half of Vermont's hunting related shootings might be prevented if hunters wear hunter orange.

A New York study found that 94% of hunters involved in mistaken for game accidents were not wearing hunter orange. This is even more startling when you consider that 81% of New York hunters do wear hunter orange.

Most states and Canadian provinces require it for hunting upland and big game animals.

Wearing at least a fluorescent orange hat and vest will help other hunters see you. In addition, it's your responsibility to follow the four basic rules of safe hunting:

1. Treat every gun as if it is loaded.
2. Point your gun in a safe direction.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
4. Be sure of your target and beyond.

Machine Guns & Autoloading Rifles

It is illegal while hunting in Vermont to use, carry, or have in your possession a machine gun of any kind or description or an autoloading rifle with a magazine capacity of over 6 cartridges, except a .22 caliber rifle using rim fire cartridges.

Handguns

Wherever a rifle may be used in hunting, a handgun is permitted.

Muzzleloaders

Muzzleloading rifles, shotguns and pistols may be used for hunting whenever modern firearms may be used. See muzzleloaders deer season for more information.

Lights/Laser Sights

It is illegal to intentionally throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, jack, or other artificial light on any highway, or any field, woodland, or forest, in order to spot, locate, take, or attempt to spot, locate or take any wild animal.

Skunks may be taken with the aid of a light of not more than 9 volts. A light of not more than 9 volts may be used while locating in and taking from a tree any raccoon treed by a dog.

Laser sights are illegal for hunting.

Hunting Hours

WATERFOWL & OTHER MIGRATORY BIRDS: Set annually.

TURKEY:

- **Spring**—One-half hour before sunrise to 12 noon.
- **Fall**—One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

RACCOON AND SKUNK: Any hour within hunting season.

COYOTE: Any hour, no lights allowed.

ALL OTHERS: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. (See *Sunrise/Sunset Tables*.)

Motor Vehicles, ATVs, Snowmobiles, Road Hunting

STATE LANDS: Motor vehicles, including ATVs (all terrain vehicles) motorcycles, or snowmobiles may only be operated on designated trails in State Wildlife Management Areas, State Parks or State Forests.



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PRIVATE LANDS: It is illegal to operate an ATV or snowmobile on any privately owned land or body of private water unless the operator has written permission of the owner or is a member of a club which has landowner permission. It is illegal to obstruct private driveways, barways, or gateways with a motor vehicle. It is illegal to park or drive a motor vehicle of any kind on private land without permission.

HUNTING FROM MOTOR VEHICLE: It is illegal to take any wild animal by shooting with firearm or bow and arrow from any motor vehicle. Motor vehicles include cars, trucks, snowmobiles, ATVs, motorboats, airplanes and any conveyance or trailer towed by these.

PARAPLEGIC HUNTERS: A paraplegic with a proper permit may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle when it is at least 10 feet from the traveled portion of the road and when he or she has the landowner's permission to park. Contact Fish & Wildlife at 802-241-3700.

TRANSPORTING FIREARMS & CROSSBOWS IN MOTOR VEHICLES: A person shall not carry or possess while in or on a vehicle propelled by mechanical power or drawn by a vehicle propelled by mechanical power within the right of way of a public highway a **RIFLE** or **SHOTGUN** containing a loaded cartridge or shell in the chamber, mechanism, or in a magazine or clip within a rifle or shotgun, or a **MUZZLELOADING RIFLE** or **MUZZLELOADING SHOTGUN** that has been charged with

powder and projectile and the ignition system of which has been enabled by having an affixed or attached percussion cap, primer, battery, or priming powder. Unless it is uncocked, a person shall not possess or transport a **CROSSBOW** in or on a motor vehicle, motorboat, airplane, snowmobile, ATV, or other motor-propelled craft or any vehicle drawn by a motor-propelled vehicle.

ROAD HUNTING: A person shall not take or attempt to take any wild animal by shooting a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow while on or within 10 feet of the traveled portion of a public highway. Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

Dogs

DEER AND MOOSE: Dogs may not be used in taking deer or moose. Dog owners are responsible for keeping their dogs restricted so they cannot take or harass deer or moose at any time of year. Dogs may be shot by wardens and certain other law officers when the dogs are caught harassing deer or moose and the dog owner may be fined and have licenses revoked.

TRAINING HUNTING DOGS: A person must accompany a dog being trained to hunt and pursue the species listed below during the specified times, and a firearm may not be carried:

BEAR: Permit Required — June 1 to September 15, sunrise to sunset; see additional regulations;

RABBITS, HARE AND GAME BIRDS: June 1 to the last Saturday in September, from sunrise to sunset;

RACCOON: June 1 to the last Saturday in September, any time of day or night;

FOX AND BOBCAT: June 1 to March 15, except during regular deer season.

By Fish & Wildlife permit, a person without a gun may train and condition a hunting dog to hunt and pursue game from the second Monday in March to June 1 from sunrise to sunset inside an area fenced sufficiently to contain the breed of dogs being trained or conditioned. An agent of the commissioner must inspect this fenced area before a permit may be issued. The owner, trainer or handler must accompany dogs being trained or conditioned inside the fence.

A hunting dog may be trained without the involvement of game at any time.

LEASHED TRACKING DOG TO RECOVER DEER OR BEAR: A hunter who believes he or she has legally killed or wounded a deer or bear during hunting season may engage a person who has a "Leashed Tracking Dog Certificate" issued by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department to track and recover the animal during the season or within 24 hours after the season ends. Except as otherwise permitted in bear hunting, no person may use a dog to track dead or wounded deer or bear.



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Tree Stands & Ground Blinds

PRIVATE LAND: A person must have the landowner’s permission to build, erect, maintain, use or occupy a permanent or portable tree stand or ground blind for any purpose on any private land in Vermont. Anyone who builds, erects, or maintains a tree stand or ground blind shall permanently mark the stand or blind with the owner’s name and address. Marking must be legible and placed so it can be read conveniently and easily. This does not apply to a landowner who builds, erects, or maintains a tree stand or ground blind on his or her own land. It is illegal to use someone else’s blind without landowner permission.

STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS: Permanent tree stands and ground blinds are prohibited on state wildlife management areas. Temporary tree stands and ground blinds are allowed from the third Saturday in August through the third Saturday in December.

Temporary blinds on state wildlife management areas must be constructed according to the following requirements.

No damage may be done to any living tree in erecting, maintaining, using or accessing the stand or blind except that:

- Dead limbs, trees or shrubs may be removed as needed to erect and use the stand or blind;
- No live limbs, trees or shrubs may be cut for any purpose except those one inch or less in diameter at either ground level or from the main stem or branch of the tree where the stand or blind is located as appropriate (for guidance, a United States quarter is .9 inch in diameter);
- No nails, bolts, screws (including access steps), wire, chain or other material that penetrates through a living tree’s bark into the wood below shall be used in erecting, attaching, maintaining or using any stand or blind;
- All tree stands or ground blinds used on Wildlife Management Areas must be clearly, permanently and legibly marked with the owner’s name and address. Place it in a manner that enables it to be read conveniently and easily.

Tree stands and ground blinds that do not conform to this regulation are prohibited and may be confiscated and/or destroyed by the department. Building, erecting, maintaining, using or occupying a non-conforming tree stand or ground blind is prohibited.

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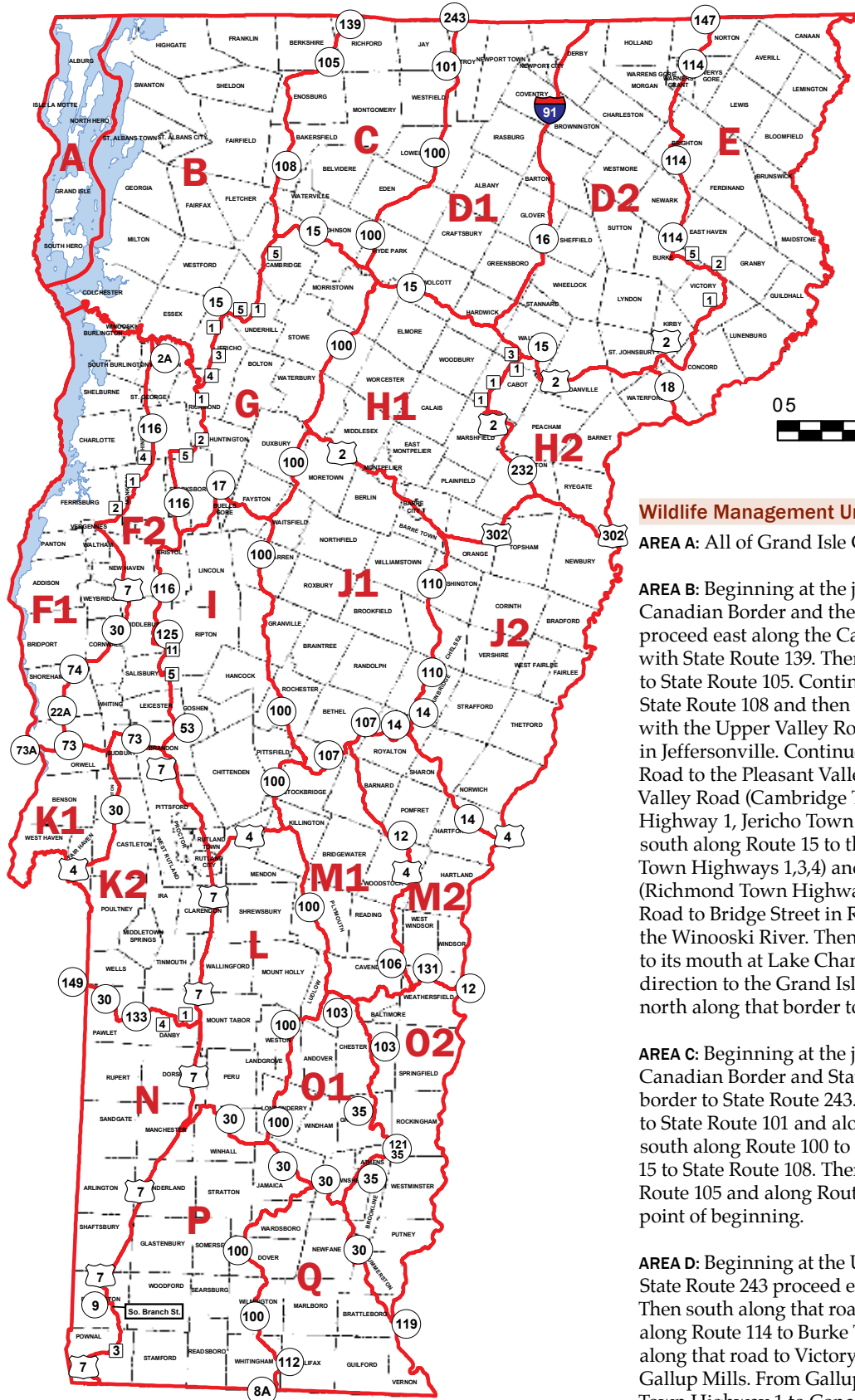
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- Set or use a snare
- Set or use any device to discharge a firearm for the purpose of taking any wild animal
- Take waterfowl, wild turkeys, or moose with the aid of an electronic calling device
- Use dogs to hunt deer or moose
- Use laser sights for hunting
- Cast the rays of a light in order to spot, locate, take or attempt to take any wild animal. The only exception is for skunk hunting and raccoon hunting with a dog.

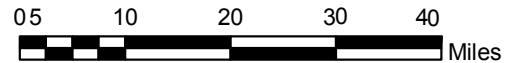


WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT (WMU) MAP



Wildlife Management Units and Subunits Bounded by Indicated VT Highways

-  Interstate Highway
-  U.S. Highway
-  State Highway
-  Town Highway



Wildlife Management Unit Boundaries

AREA A: All of Grand Isle County including the islands.

AREA B: Beginning at the junction of the United States/ Canadian Border and the Grand Isle/Franklin Counties Border proceed east along the Canadian Border to its intersection with State Route 139. Then proceed southerly along that road to State Route 105. Continue southerly along Route 105 to State Route 108 and then along Route 108 to its intersection with the Upper Valley Road (Cambridge Town Highway 5) in Jeffersonville. Continue southerly along the Upper Valley Road to the Pleasant Valley Road and then along the Pleasant Valley Road (Cambridge Town Highway 1, Underhill Town Highway 1, Jericho Town Highway 5) to State Route 15. Then south along Route 15 to the Brown's Trace Road (Jericho Town Highways 1,3,4) and along that road to the Jericho Road (Richmond Town Highway 4). Continue along the Jericho Road to Bridge Street in Richmond and along Bridge Street to the Winooski River. Then westerly along the Winooski River to its mouth at Lake Champlain and then in a northwesterly direction to the Grand Isle/Chittenden County border. Then north along that border to the point of beginning.

AREA C: Beginning at the junction of the United State/ Canadian Border and State Route 139 proceed east along the border to State Route 243. Then southerly along Route 105A to State Route 101 and along 101 to State Route 100. Continue south along Route 100 to State Route 15 then west along Route 15 to State Route 108. Then north along Route 108 to State Route 105 and along Route 105 to Route 139 and along it to the point of beginning.

AREA D: Beginning at the United States/Canadian Border and State Route 243 proceed east along the border to State Route 147. Then south along that road to State Route 114. Continue south along Route 114 to Burke Town Highway 5 and then easterly along that road to Victory Town Highway 2 and along it to Gallup Mills. From Gallup Mills proceed south along Victory Town Highway 1 to Concord Town Highway 1 and along it to U.S. Route 2 at North Concord. Then west along U.S. Route 2



to State Route 15 and along Route 15 to State Route 100. Then north along Route 100 to state Route 101 and along it to State Route 105A and along it to the point of beginning. Wildlife Management Unit D is subdivided into subunits D1 and D2.

SUBUNIT D1: is that part of area “D” lying West of a line commencing at the junction of Vermont State Highways 15 and 16 in the Town of Hardwick and proceeding northerly along Vermont State Highway 16 to its junction with Interstate 91 in the Town of Barton and then northerly along Interstate 91 to the border between the United States and Canada in the Town of Derby.

SUBUNIT D2: is that part of area “D” lying East of a line commencing at the junction of Vermont State Highways 15 and 16 in the Town of Hardwick and proceeding northerly along Vermont State Highway 16 to its junction with Interstate 91 in the Town of Barton and then northerly along Interstate 91 to the border between the United States and Canada in the Town of Derby.

AREA E: Beginning at the United States/Canadian Border and State Route 147 proceed east along the border to the Vermont/New Hampshire Border at Canaan. Then south along the New Hampshire Border to State Route 18. Continue along Route 18 to U.S. Route 2. Then east along U.S. Route 2 to Concord Town Highway 1 at North Concord. Then along that road to Victory Town Highway 1 and along it to Gallup Mills. From Gallup Mills proceed west along Victory Town Highway 2 to Burke Town Highway 5 and along it to State Route 114. Then north along Route 114 to Route 147 and along it to the point of beginning.

AREA F: Beginning at the mouth of the Winooski River at Lake Champlain proceed east along the river to Bridge Street in Richmond. Then south along Bridge Street to the Richmond/Huntington Road (Richmond Town Highway 1, Huntington Town Highway 1) and along it to the Hinesburg Hollow Road (Huntington Town Highway 2, Starksboro Town Highway 2, Hinesburg Town Highway 5). Then west along the Hinesburg Hollow Road to State Route 116. Continue south along Route 116 to State Route 125 and then east on that road to the Upper Plains Road (Middlebury Town Highway 11, Salisbury Town Highway 5). Then south along that road to State Route 53 and along it to State Route 73. Proceed westerly on Route 73 to State Route 73A and along it to Chipman’s Point. Then on a west line to the New York/Vermont Border and then north along that border to the Grand Isle County Border. Then southeast to the Winooski River to the point beginning. Wildlife Management Unit F is subdivided into subunits F1 and F2.

SUBUNIT F1: is that part of area “F” lying West of a line commencing at the junction of State Highways 22A and 73 in the Town of Orwell, then proceeding northerly along Vermont State Highway 22A to its junction with Vermont State Highway 74 in the Town of Shoreham then northerly along Vermont State Highway 74 to its junction with Vermont State Highway 30 in the Town of Cornwall and then northerly along Vermont State Highway 30 to its junction with U.S. Route 7 in the Town of Middlebury then northerly along U.S. Route 7 to its junction with the Monkton Ridge Road (T.H. #2) in the Town of Ferrisburg.

Then northerly along the Monkton Ridge Road. (T.H. #2 in Ferrisburg, T.H. #1 in Monkton, T.H. #4 in Hinesburg) to its junction with Vermont State Highway 116 in the Town of Hinesburg and northerly along Vermont State Highway 116 to its junction with Vermont State Highway 2A in the Town of St. George and then northerly along Vermont State Highway 2A to its junction with the Winooski River in the Town of Williston.

SUBUNIT F2: is that part of area “F” lying East of a line commencing at the junction of State Highways 22A and 73 in the Town of Orwell, then proceeding northerly along Vermont State Highway 22A to its junction with Vermont State Highway 74 in the Town of Shoreham then northerly along Vermont State Highway 30 in the Town of Cornwall and then northerly along Vermont State Highway 30 to its junction with U.S. Route 7 in the Town of Middlebury then northerly along U.S. Route 7 to its junction with the Monkton Ridge Road (T.H.#2) in the Town of Ferrisburg. Then northerly along the Monkton Ridge Road (T.H. #2 in Ferrisburg, T.H. #1 in Monkton, T.H. #4 in Hinesburg) to its junction with Vermont State Highway 116 in the Town of Hinesburg and northerly along Vermont State Highway 116 to its junction with Vermont State Highway 2A in the Town of St. George and then northerly along Vermont State Highway 2A to its junction with the Winooski River in the Town of Williston.

AREA G: Beginning at the junction of State Route 108 and the upper Valley Road (Cambridge Town Highway 5) in Jeffersonville proceed north on Route 108 to State Route 15. Then east on Route 15 to State Route 100 and then south on that road to State Route 17. Continue westerly along Route 17 to State Route 116 then north along that road to the Hinesburg Hollow Road (Hinesburg Town Highway 5, Starkboro Town Highway 2, Huntington Town Highway 2). Proceed north-easterly along the Hinesburg Hollow Road to the Richmond/Huntington Road (Huntington Town Highway 1, Richmond Town Highway 1) and along that road to Bridge Street in Richmond. Continue along Bridge Street to the Jericho Road (Richmond Town Highway 4) and along it to the Brown’s Trace Road (Jericho Town Highway 4,3,1). Then along that road to State Route 15 and along it to the Pleasant Valley Road (Jericho Town Highway 5, Underhill Town Highway 1, Cambridge Town Highway 1). Continue on that road to the Upper Valley Road and along it to the point of beginning.

AREA H: Beginning at the intersection of State Route 15 and 100 in Morrystown proceed east along Route 15 to U.S. Route 2 and then along U.S. Route 2 to State Route 18. Then south along Route 18 to the Vermont/New Hampshire Border and then along the border to its intersection with U.S. Route 302 at Wells River. Then west on U.S. Route 302 Route 2 in Montpelier and then along U.S. Route 2 to State Route 100. Then north along Route 100 to the point of beginning. Wildlife Management Unit “H” is subdivided into subunits H1 and H2.

SUBUNIT H1: is that part of area “H” lying West of a line commencing at the junction of U.S. Route 302 and the “Groton Marshfield” State Highway 232 in the Town of Groton and then northerly along the “Groton Marshfield” State Highway 232 to its junction with U.S. Route 2 in



the Town of Marshfield and then west along U.S. Route 2 to its junction with the “Cabot Walden” road (T.H. #1 in Marshfield, T.H. #1 in Cabot, T.H. #3 in Walden) to its junction with Vermont State Highway 15 in the Town of Walden.

SUBUNIT H2: is the part of area “H” lying East of a line commencing at the junction of U.S. Route 302 and the “Groton Marshfield” State Highway 232 in the Town of Groton and then northerly along the “Groton Marshfield” State Highway 232 to its junction with U.S. Route 2 in the Town of Marshfield and then west along U.S. Route 2 to its junction with the “Cabot Walden” road (T.H. #1 in Marshfield, T.H. #1 in Cabot, T.H. #3 in Walden) to its junction with Vermont State Highway 15 in the Town of Walden.

AREA I: Beginning at the intersection of State Routes 116 and 17 proceed east along Route 17 to its junction with State Route 100. Then south along Route 100 to U.S. Route 4 and then west on U.S. Route 4 to U.S. Route 7. Then north along U.S. Route 7 to State Route 73. Then along Route 73 to State Route 53 and along it to the Upper Plains Road (Salisbury Town Highway 5, Middlebury Town Highway 11). Proceed north along the Upper Plains Road to State Route 125 and West along it to Route 116 then north along that road to the point of beginning.

AREA J: Beginning at the intersection of State Route 100 and U.S. Route 2 proceed east on U.S. Route 2 to U.S. Route 302 and along it to the Vermont/New Hampshire Border at Wells River. Then south along the border to U.S. Route 4 and then west on U.S. Route 4 to State Route 14 and west along it to State Route 107, to Route 100 and north along it to the point of beginning. Wildlife Management Unit “J” is subdivided into subunits J1 and J2.

SUBUNIT J1: is that part of area “J” lying West of a line commencing at the junction of Vermont State Highway 14 and 110 in the Town of Royalton and then northerly along Vermont State Highway 110 to its junction with U.S. Route 302 in the Town of Barre.

SUBUNIT J2: is that part of area “J” lying East of a line commencing at the junction of Vermont State Highway 14 and 110 in the Town of Royalton and then northerly along Vermont State Highway 110 to its junction with U.S. Route 302 in the Town of Barre.

AREA K: Beginning at Chipman’s Point proceed east along State Route 73A to State Route 73 and continue along it to U.S. Route 7. Then south along U.S. Route 7 to the Danby/Pawlet Road (Mt. Tabor T.H. #1, Danby T.H. #1, Pawlet T.H. #4). Then west along that road to State Route 133 and along it to State Route 30 then westerly along that road to State Route 149 and along it to the Vermont/New York Border. Then north along the border to the point of beginning. Wildlife Management Unit “K” is subdivided into subunits K1 and K2.

SUBUNIT K1: is that part of area “K” lying North and West of a line commencing at the junction of the New York/Vermont Border and U.S. Route 4 in the Town of Fair Haven and easterly along U.S. Route 4 to its junction with Vermont State Highway 30 in the Town of Castleton and then

northerly along Vermont State Highway 30 to its junction with Vermont State Highway 73 in the Town of Sudbury.

SUBUNIT K2: is that part of area “K” lying South and East of a line commencing at the junction of the New York/Vermont Border and U.S. Route 4 in the Town of Fair Haven and easterly along U.S. Route 4 to its junction with Vermont State Highway 30 in the town of Castleton and then northerly along Vermont State Highway 30 to its junction with Vermont State Highway 73 in the Town of Sudbury.

AREA L: Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Route 4 and 7 proceed east along U.S. Route 4 to State Route 100. Then south along that road to State Route 30 and then west along it to U.S. Route 7 and north along that road to the point of beginning.

AREA M: Beginning at the intersection of State Route 100 and 107 proceed east on Route 107 to State Route 14 and along it to U.S. Route 4. Then along U.S. Route 4 to the Vermont/New Hampshire Border. Then south along the border to State Route 12 and then west on that road to State Route 131. Continue west on that road to State Route 103, and continue westerly to State Route 100 and then north on that road to the point of beginning. Wildlife Management Unit “M” is subdivided into subunits M1 and M2.

SUBUNIT M1: is that part of area “M” lying West of a line commencing at the junction of Vermont State Highway 131 and 106 in the Town of Weathersfield and then northerly along Vermont State Highway 106 to its junction with U.S. Route 4 in the Town of Woodstock and then east along U.S. route 4 to its junction with Vermont State Highway 12 in the Town of Woodstock and the north along Vermont state Highway 12 to its junction with Vermont State Highway 107 in the Town of Bethel.

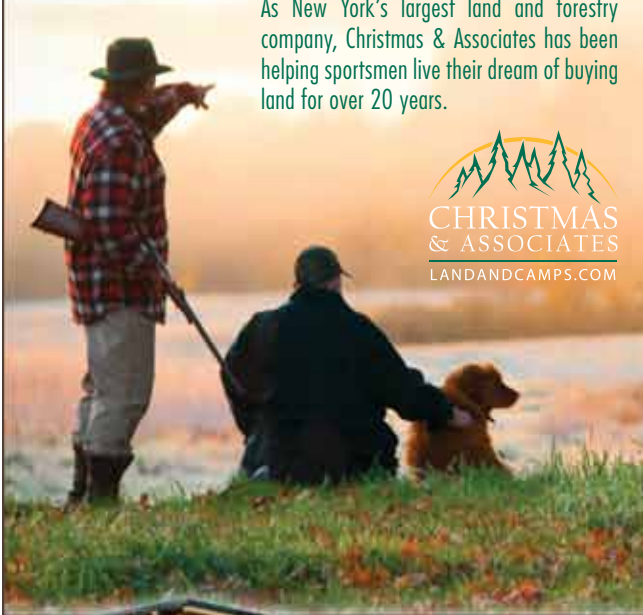
SUBUNIT M2: is that part of area “M” lying East of a line commencing at the junctions of Vermont State Highways 131 and 106 in the Town of Weathersfield and then northerly along Vermont State Highway 106 to its junction with U.S. Route 4 in the Town of Woodstock and then east along U.S. Route 4 to its junction with Vermont State Highway 12 in the Town of Woodstock and then north along Vermont State Highway 12 to its junction with Vermont State Highway 107 in the Town of Bethel.

AREA N: Beginning at the junction of State Route 149 and the Vermont/New York Border proceed east on that road to State Route 30 then southeast on that road to State Route 133. Continue easterly on that road to the Danby/Pawlet Road (Pawlet T.H. #4, Danby T.H. #1, Mt. Tabor T.H. #1). Then along that road to U.S. Route 7 and then south on U.S. Route 7 to State Route 9. Then east on Route 9 to South Branch Street in Bennington and then south along it to Bennington Town Highway 3 to Pownal Town Highway 3 and along it to U.S. Route 7. Then along U.S. Route 7 to the Vermont/Massachusetts Border and then west along that border to the New York Border and north along it to the point of beginning.

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AREA O: Beginning at the intersection of State Routes 100 and 103 proceed east on Route 103 to State Route 131 and continue easterly to Route 12 State and then along that road to the Vermont/New Hampshire Border. Then south along that border to State Route 119. Then west along that route to Main Street in Brattleboro and then northerly along Main Street to State Route 30. Continue north along Route 30 to State Route 100 and then north on it to the point of beginning. Wildlife Management Unit "O" is subdivided into subunits O1 and O2.

SUBUNIT O1: is that part of area "O" lying West of a line commencing at the junction of Vermont State Highway 30 and 35 in the Town of Townshend and proceeding northerly along Highway 35 to the Town of Cambridgeport then continuing northerly along Highway 35/121 to the Town of Grafton and continuing north on Highway 35 to Vermont State Highway 103 in the Town of Chester and then northerly along Vermont State Highway 103 to its junction with Vermont State Highway 131 in the Town of Cavendish.

SUBUNIT O2: is that part of area "O" lying East of a line commencing at the junction of Vermont State Highways 30 and 35 in the Town of Townshend and proceeding northerly along Highway 35 to the Town of Cambridgeport then continuing northerly along Highway 35/121 to the Town of Grafton and continuing north on Highway 35 to Vermont State Highway 103 in the Town of Chester and then northerly along Vermont State Highway 103 to its junction with Vermont State Highway 131 in the Town of Cavendish.

AREA P: Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Route 7 and State Route 30 proceed east on Route 30 to State Route 100 and then south on that road to State Route 112. Then along that road to State Route 8A and along Vermont/Massachusetts border. Then west along the border to U.S. Route 7 and then north on it to Pownal Town Highway 3 and along it to Bennington Town Highway. Continue on that road to South Branch Street in Bennington and then on it to State Route 9. Then west on Route 9 to U.S. Route 7 and then north on it to the point of beginning.

AREA Q: Beginning at the intersection of State Routes 100 and 30 in East Jamaica proceed southeast on Route 30 to Main Street in Brattleboro and then along Main Street to State Route 119 and along it to the Vermont/New Hampshire Border. Then South on that border to the Massachusetts Border and then west along that border to State Route 8A. Then northerly along that road to State Route 112 and then along it to State Route 100. Proceed north along Route 100 to the point of beginning.



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BIG GAME

Definition

Deer, bear, moose, wild turkey, caribou, elk, and anadromous Atlantic salmon taken in the Connecticut River Basin are considered "BIG GAME."

Tagging

As soon as a **BIG GAME** animal is taken in an open season, it must immediately be tagged. The tag shall be placed on the carcass in a location that is open to view. The tag shall remain on the carcass during possession and transportation, until such time as the animal is cut up for consumption.

Transporting parts of **BIG GAME** is prohibited unless the parts or the package containing them are marked with the name and address of the person who killed the animal(s).

Reporting

A person taking **BIG GAME** shall within 48 hours report the taking and exhibit the carcass to the nearest game warden, official Fish & Wildlife Department Reporting Station, or to a person designated by the commissioner to receive the reports. No **BIG GAME** carcass shall be transported out of state without first being reported.

Transporting

It is illegal to transport **BIG GAME** taken by any illegal means, or taken in closed season. Deer do not need to be visible when transported.

All other regulations regarding the transportation of fish or game apply to the transportation of **BIG GAME**.

Importing

In order to legally transport into Vermont and possess **BIG GAME** that was legally taken in another state or country, a person must keep the tag that is required by the state or the country where the **BIG GAME** was taken. Each package of meat must be marked with the name of the person who took the animal, tag number, date, and state or country of origin.

RULES ON IMPORTING AND POSSESSION OF DEER OR ELK FROM AREAS WITH CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) AND CAPTIVE HUNT AREAS OR FARMS:

It is illegal to import or possess legally taken deer or elk, or parts of deer or elk, from states and Canadian provinces that have, or have had Chronic Wasting Disease, or from any captive hunt or farm facilities, regardless of its disease history, with the following exceptions:

- Meat that is boneless.
- Hides or capes with no part of the head attached.
- Clean skull-cap with antlers attached.
- Antlers with no other meat or tissue attached.

- Finished taxidermy heads.
- Upper canine teeth with no tissue attached.

OTHER FISH OR GAME legally taken in another state or country may be possessed and transported into Vermont in the presence of the person who took that fish or game.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) is a fatal disease of the brain and nervous system in deer and elk. It produces lesions that cause death in deer and elk. For the latest information on CWD, check the following websites:

www.vtfishandwildlife.com, www.cwd-info.org

Fines & Penalties

A person who violates state law or regulation while taking, possessing, transporting, buying or selling **BIG GAME** will face penalties that include fines, imprisonment, and license revocation. Violators shall be fined not more than \$1,000, nor less than \$400 for the first conviction. Upon a second and all subsequent convictions, the violator shall be fined not more than \$2,000 nor less than \$1,000. Violators may also be imprisoned for not more than 60 days, or may face both fine and imprisonment. License revocation is based on the point system (*10 V.S.A. Sect. 4502*).

Illegal Means of Taking

The following means of taking **BIG GAME** are not allowed: baiting, snares, traps, salt licks, jacks or other lights.

It is illegal to use a dog to hunt **BIG GAME**. Hunters are also prohibited from harboring or possessing while hunting a dog used for this purpose. Exceptions for hunting black bear and wild turkey with dogs are provided in Fish & Wildlife rules.

Possession

Legally taken **BIG GAME** may be possessed during the open season and for a reasonable time after the season has closed.

It is illegal to possess **BIG GAME** taken by any illegal devices or, any big game taken in closed season.

Any part of the carcass of legally taken **BIG GAME** may be possessed at any time in cans or in a cold storage locker or home freezer.

The Following States & Provinces Have or Have Had CWD

Alberta, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Other states or provinces could be added to the list during the year.



DEER HUNTING

Vermont has high quality deer hunting due to a rural landscape, good habitat, lots of public land open to hunting, regulations allowing young bucks to mature before being hunted, and plenty of deer.

Greatest deer densities are found in eastern counties south of St. Johnsbury, as well as the southeast, southwest and northwest quarters of the state. The Green Mountains up the center of the state and the Northeast Kingdom have fewer deer but more remote country for hunters who like to get into bigger woods.

Vermont has a three-deer annual limit, two of which may be legal bucks. Three archery licenses are allowed in archery season. November brings a youth weekend and the traditional 16-day rifle season for bucks with one antler having two or more points one inch or longer. A hunting license comes with a buck tag for the November rifle season. The muzzleloader season offers more deer hunting opportunity in early December with an additional muzzleloader license. Check for latest regulations.

- When transported by common carrier (for example, a shipping company) and tagged with the name of the consignor and consignee, name of station shipped from, and its destination.

The appropriate deer tag must be securely attached to the deer in these circumstances.

When transporting parts of a deer, the parts or package must be marked with name and address of the person who killed the deer.

Deer do not need to be visible when transported.

Also, see the *Transporting* and *Importing* sections under *Big Game* and the general transporting section.

Deer Regulation Updates

Deer regulations may be updated annually. Regulations on antlerless deer hunting are issued in the fall. The regulations list the Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) open for antlerless deer hunting during archery season and during muzzleloader season by a lottery for a limited number of permits. Check the Fish & Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) for these and other new regulations.

Annual Limit

THREE deer per year — only **TWO** may be **LEGAL BUCKS** in any combination of seasons (Archery, Youth Weekend, Nov. Rifle, Dec. Muzzleloader). See annual regulations.

Hunting Hours

Hunting hours are one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. (See *Sunrise/Sunset Tables*.)

Tagging Deer

Deer must be tagged immediately when taken. The tag must be placed on the carcass open to view and remain there until the carcass is cut up for consumption.

Transporting Deer

A tagged deer may be transported only during the open season and for 20 days thereafter.

Deer may be legally transported only under these conditions:

- By the person who shot the deer.
- When accompanied by the person who shot the deer (including moving the deer from kill-site to camp or motor vehicle).
- By a person who holds a mentored hunting license, unaccompanied by the fully licensed adult hunter.

Baiting Deer

It is illegal to hunt or take any wild animal by using bait during any deer hunting season, except that trappers may use bait in taking furbearers. BAIT is defined as any animal, vegetable, fruit or mineral matter placed with the intention of attracting wildlife. Natural and artificial scents and lures, provided they are not designed to be consumed by eating or licking, or any scent placed on clothing, for the purposes of providing cover scent, shall not be bait

It is illegal to take deer by using bait with the following exceptions:

- Incidental feeding of wildlife within active livestock operations;
- Standing crops planted and left standing as food plots for wildlife;
- Grain or other feed scattered or distributed solely as a result of normal agricultural, gardening, or soil stabilization, and logging practices; and
- Vegetation or food/seed naturally deposited.

Feeding Deer

It is illegal to feed wild deer at any time except:

- Under a license or permit issued by Fish & Wildlife for scientific research, mitigation of wildlife damage or nuisance problems, or wildlife population reduction programs;
- By planting, cultivating or harvesting of crops directly associated with agricultural practices, including planted wildlife food plots;
- By distribution of food for livestock directly associated with agricultural practices;
- By the cutting of trees or brush; or
- By incidental feeding by bird/squirrel feeders elevated at least 5 feet above the ground, providing seed, grain, fruit, worms, or suet for birds or squirrels, located within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling.



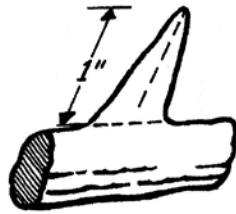
Swimming Deer

It is illegal to take a deer that is swimming in any lake, pond, river or other body of water.

Definitions of Terms for Deer Seasons

LEGAL BUCK: A white-tailed deer with at least one antler having two or more points.

POINT: An antler projection of at least one inch measured from base to tip. A broken main beam shall count as a point, regardless of length.



ANTLERLESS DEER: Those deer without antlers or with no antler longer than three (3) inches.

Spike Yearlings Protected

Deer with spike antlers may not be taken except during Youth Deer Hunting Weekend if allowed annually by the Fish & Wildlife Board.

Bow & Arrow Deer Season — Oct. 6-28 and Dec. 1-9, 2012

LICENSE: Any person wishing to hunt deer with a bow and arrow during archery deer season must have an archery license/tag.

LIMIT: No more than three deer may be taken during the archery season. One legal buck may be taken during the archery season anywhere in the state. In 2010 and 2011, Wildlife Management Unit E was NOT open to antlerless deer hunting during archery season. All other WMUs were open to the taking of antlerless deer during archery season. Check Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) in August to see which WMUs are open to antlerless deer hunting in archery season.

Deer must be taken by bow (long bow, recurve bow or compound bow) and arrows. The arrowhead must be at least 7/8 of an inch in width with two or more cutting edges. For this season, a person must have a bow and arrow license in addition to the regular hunting license (except for nonresident hunters with an archery-only license).

IT IS ILLEGAL TO CARRY A FIREARM WHILE BOW HUNTING DEER IN THE BOW AND ARROW SEASON.

CROSSBOWS ARE ILLEGAL FOR HUNTING. Exception: A crossbow may be used by special permit to take any game that may be

Keep Vermont Deer Healthy

What you should know before you use that urine.

- The infectious agent of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a mutant protein and can be passed in urine.
- This mutant protein can bind to soils and remain infectious for many years.
- Some captive deer facilities producing urine products for hunting have not complied with mandatory disease prevention and monitoring regulations.
- CWD is fatal to deer and moose and has been impossible to eliminate once it has been fully established in a population.
- Vermont is currently free of CWD.
- If CWD is detected in Vermont, local deer numbers would have to be drastically reduced to remove the disease before it becomes established. This reduction must be done for at least five years.

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taken by bow and arrow. This special permit, issued to a person so physically impaired that he or she cannot operate a standard bow, allows that person to hunt with a crossbow. A permit applicant must produce a licensed physician's certificate certifying that the disability requires the use of a crossbow. Obtain an application from Fish & Wildlife before visiting your doctor. Applicant must also appear before a state game warden. Be sure to make an appointment ahead of time.

Unless it is uncocked, it is illegal to possess or transport a crossbow in or on a motor vehicle, motor boat, airplane, snowmobile, or other motor-propelled craft or any vehicle drawn by a motor-propelled vehicle.

RECOVERY OF BOW & ARROW DEER AFTER HOURS: Department policy allows a hunter who has wounded a deer with an arrow to look for the deer after the close of legal shooting time under the following conditions:

- The hunter must request permission from the State Game Warden. Call the nearest State Police office, giving exact location and circumstances.
- The hunter may not take a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow on the search, only a knife to dress the deer.

- The hunter must notify the landowner of his/her intentions before starting out to recover the deer.

Youth Deer Hunting Weekend— Nov. 3-4, 2012

Vermont's youth deer hunting weekend is on the Saturday and Sunday prior to the opening of the regular November deer season.

A resident or nonresident youth, **15 years of age or younger on the weekend of the hunt**, who has successfully completed a hunter safety course must obtain a free youth deer hunting tag to hunt during this season. The youth must also purchase a Vermont hunting license at a license agent by either showing proof of satisfactorily completing the hunter safety course or proof of having held a valid hunting license previously. The youth hunter's parent or guardian must sign the hunting license application in the presence of the license agent.

When hunting, the youth hunter must be accompanied by an unarmed adult over 18 years of age who holds a valid Vermont hunting license. The adult may accompany no more than two youth hunters at any given time. The adult must have **direct control and supervision**, including the ability to see and

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communicate with the youth hunter without the aid of artificial devices such as radios or binoculars, except for medically necessary devices such as hearing aids or eyeglasses.

LANDOWNER PERMISSION IS REQUIRED in order to hunt on private land with a youth deer tag during youth deer weekend. All relevant game laws and regulations apply during the Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, including the prohibition on baiting and road hunting.

A Vermont youth deer hunting tag is valid for one deer on youth deer hunting weekend in accordance with the rules of the Fish & Wildlife Board announced annually.

The amount of a fine will be doubled for a violation on Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, and the fine shall be assessed against the licensed adult who is accompanying the youth and who has the youth hunter in his or her charge.

November Rifle Deer Season — Nov. 10-25, 2012

LIMIT: One legal buck with at least one antler having two or more points may be taken anywhere in the state.

NOTE: In any calendar year, a person shall not take more than three white-tailed deer in that year, only two of which may be legal bucks.

Muzzleloader Deer Season — Dec. 1-9, 2012

LIMIT: One legal buck with at least one antler having two or more points may be taken anywhere in the state. In addition, with an antlerless permit issued by the department, a person may take an antlerless deer within the authorized WMU.

NOTE: In any calendar year, a person shall not take more than three white-tailed deer in that year, only two of which may be legal bucks.

DEFINITION OF MUZZLELOADING FIREARM: A single-shot, single-barrel rifle or smoothbore firearm with a minimum barrel length of 20 inches, designed to be fired from the shoulder or a single-shot pistol with a minimum barrel length of 10 inches. Both rifle and pistol must be incapable of being loaded from the breach without the use of tools, and must have a minimum bore diameter of 0.43 inches and an ignition system of traditional or modern flintlock, caplock, matchlock, in-line or wheellock style.

DEFINITION OF AMMUNITION FOR MUZZLELOADERS: Black powder or other suitable non-smokeless propellant, and a single ball or bullet.

DEFINITION OF LOADED MUZZLELOADER: The muzzleloading firearm shall be considered loaded when it has been charged with powder and projectile and is primed or capped.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS: A person who purchases a muzzleloader deer license shall not carry, while deer hunting during the muzzleloader deer season, any firearms other than one single-barreled muzzleloading firearm.

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Be Bear Aware — Living with Black Bears

Black bears generally rely on wild foods, but they are easily attracted to birdseed, garbage, and to pet and livestock feed. You can help bears stay out of trouble by not attracting them to your property.

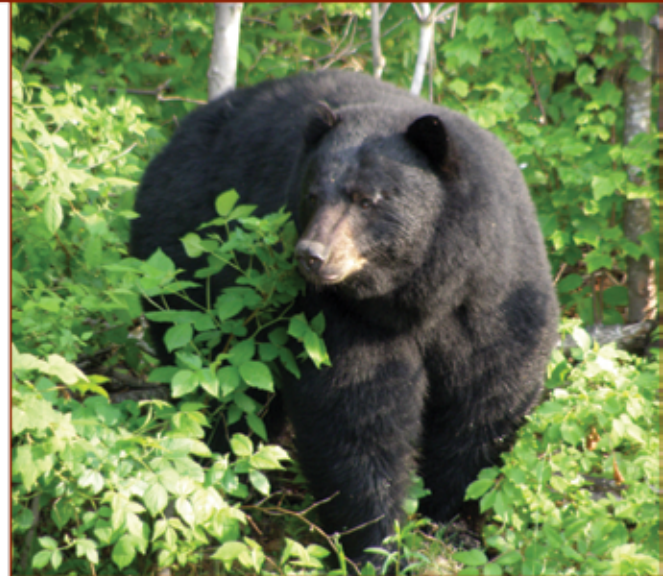
Birdfeeders, garbage, pet food, bee hives, outdoor grills, and bio-fuels (due to their food smells) can be appealing to bears. Their availability can cause bears to lose their natural wariness of people and change their behavior. This increases a bear's chance of being struck by a vehicle, causing property damage, threatening human safety, and eventually having to be destroyed.

Live-trapping and moving a bear is not always a good solution. They tend to return to the same area, and once accustomed to seeking food near humans, they will continue to do so, often losing their fear of humans. This poses a serious safety threat to people.

Follow these guidelines to decrease the chance of conflicts with bears:

-  Don't feed birds from April 1 to December 1 as this is the most common cause of bears being attracted to people's backyards and changing their natural foraging behavior.
-  Locate bee hives in open areas away from forest edges and enclose hives with electric fencing.
-  Dispose of garbage frequently and store in bear-proof containers.
-  Store bird seed, pet food, chicken and hog feed, and bio-fuels such as grease indoors in air-tight containers.
-  Clean outdoor grills after each use, including the grease trap underneath.
-  If you have livestock, dispose of animal carcasses immediately by burying or incinerating.
-  Support state and local efforts to conserve bear habitat.

For additional information on avoiding conflicts with black bears and reporting incidents, visit the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website:
www.vtfishandwildlife.com/wildlife_living_with_bears.cfm.



Vermont's Bear Population

Vermont's bear population, less than 3,000 twenty-five years ago, is now more than 6,000 — a successful, planned result of hunting regulation changes. The 2010-2020 Big Game Management Plan population objective is 4,500-6,000 bears. Incidents of bear damage and bear-human interactions have increased, especially in areas where few bears existed earlier. Future regulation changes are likely to help manage bear numbers to the population objective.





BEAR HUNTING

Vermont has an excellent bear population with bears found in all of the state except the Champlain Islands. Bears may be hunted during a 2½ month season that opens September 1 and closes the first Wednesday of the rifle deer season in November.

Hunting bears over bait is prohibited. Bear dogs may be used with a permit, but no commercial guiding is allowed with bear dogs.

Some of the best bear hunting occurs in September and October when you can stalk by finding concentrated food sources in or near prime bear habitat. Early in the season, preferred foods include berries, cherries, and standing corn. As the season progresses, wild apples, beechnuts and acorns become more important. Stalking bears in a stand of nut-rich beech trees half way up a mountain on a crisp October morning is one of hunting's most exciting challenges. The reward in meat produced is also great. When properly prepared, bear meat compares favorably to pork.

General Bear Hunting— Sept. 1–Nov. 14, 2012

- A hunter may take one black bear in a calendar year.
- Bears may not be taken alive.
- Bears may not be trapped.
- Hunters may not use bait or a baited area to take a bear. A “baited area” is defined as an area where meat, carrion, honey, or any other substance capable of luring or attracting bear has been placed or deposited.
- It is illegal to shoot a bear that is visiting a bird feeder.

Hunting Hours

Hunting hours are one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. (See Sunrise/Sunset Tables.)

Tagging Bear

Bear must be tagged immediately when taken. The tag must be placed on the carcass open to view and remain there until the carcass is cut up for consumption.

Transporting

A tagged bear may be transported only during the open season and for 20 days thereafter. See also *Transporting* under *Big Game*.

Use of Dogs to Hunt Bear

PERMIT REQUIRED: Hunters may use dogs to take bear only when the person in control of the dogs has a bear-dog permit available from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. The permit is required to pursue black bear with the aid of dogs for training purposes or for hunting and taking a bear.

A copy of the regulation on use of dogs in bear hunting is available from Vermont Fish & Wildlife in Rutland at 802-786-0040, or at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Resident and nonresident permit applications also are available with the regulation.

A person shall not advertise, barter, exchange goods or services, expose or otherwise sell the use of a dog or dogs for the purpose of taking black bear.

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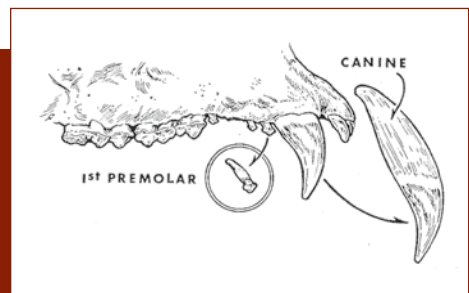
Black Bear Tooth Collection is Important

The Fish & Wildlife Department needs your help. Knowing the age of the bears that are harvested by hunters is a very important part of Vermont's scientific bear management program.

Removing the bear's pre-molar tooth is easy and does not affect the mounting quality of the bear. Please ask the check station operator for a tooth envelope for you to send your bear's tooth sample to the department.

Every tooth we receive from hunters helps the bear project.

You will receive the age information in the spring when the age information is returned from the lab. Thank you.





Wayne Laroche

MOOSE HUNTING

Vermont moose hunting permit lotteries are held for a 7-day archery season (Oct. 1-7) and a regular season (6 consecutive days beginning the third Saturday in Oct.). Several hundred permits are usually issued. An additional five permits are auctioned in mid-summer. Moose hunting information and applications will be available on Fish & Wildlife's website.

General Moose Hunting

Moose hunting permits are issued by lottery. Applications are available online (www.vtfishandwildlife.com), and 10% are allocated to nonresidents.

Moose hunting season dates are set annually with hunting allowed in many of Vermont's Wildlife Management Units.

Application fees are \$10 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents. The permits cost \$100 for residents and \$350 for nonresidents. Permittees must also hold a current Vermont big game hunting license before their permit may be validated.

A person may accumulate one additional chance, or "bonus point," to win the lottery for each consecutive year that person submits a completed application and fee but is not selected to receive a permit. A person may accrue a bonus point without entering the lottery by submitting a completed application and fee and indicating a person does not wish to be entered into the lottery for the current year. A person's accrued bonus points will be lost if the applicant fails to provide a completed application with fee for each consecutive year's lottery, or the successful applicant is issued a permit.

Moose Hunting Party

Permit winners may designate a subpermittee, or "second shooter," who may be armed and may fill the one tag, but this person must always be accompanied by the permittee.

Permit holders will also be issued a "guide license" which they may give to a third member of the hunting party. The guide may direct, aid, assist and instruct the permittee and subpermittee during the hunt but may not take a moose nor carry or shoot any firearm or bow.

A guide license may be carried by different persons at any time during the moose hunt, but only one person at a time may serve as a guide for each hunting party.

A person may simultaneously serve as a guide for more than one permittee but must carry the proper guide license for each guided party.

The hunting party shall not exceed three persons until a moose is legally tagged. An unlimited number of persons may help extract the moose from the woods. Moose carcasses (whole or quartered) must be reported to an official big game check station within 48 hours.

Legal Calibers & Weights

To take a moose, a hunter may use:

- A centerfire rifle or centerfire handgun not less than .25 caliber;
- A muzzleloading firearm of not less than .50 caliber with a minimum barrel length of 20 inches and designed to be fired from the shoulder;
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TURKEY HUNTING

Wild turkeys represent one of Vermont's greatest conservation success stories. By the mid-1800s turkeys had disappeared. In 1969 and 1970, Vermont wildlife biologists live-trapped 31 wild turkeys in New York and stocked them in Pawlet and Hubbardton. Vermont now has an estimated 50,000 wild turkeys throughout almost all of the state.

Vermont offers some of the best turkey hunting in New England. Youth turkey hunting comes on the weekend prior to opening day of the spring turkey hunting season. The spring hunting season occurs May 1–31 with two bearded birds allowed on a turkey hunting license. The turkey hunting license also includes a fall tag for one turkey of either sex in selected Wildlife Management Units. Hunters have been taking more than 4,500 gobblers in the spring season and an additional 300–400 birds in the fall. Fall hunting opportunities are now expanded.

License Requirements

A current hunting or combination license and current turkey license with tag are required to hunt turkey.

Legal Methods of Taking

Only a shotgun or bow and arrow may be used. Only number 2 through number 8 shot shall be used or possessed, and an arrowhead must be at least $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch in width and have two or more cutting edges.

Rifles and handguns shall not be used or carried by any person while hunting turkeys. No person shall use electronic calling devices, bait, live decoys, or participate in cooperative drives. No person shall use dogs in the spring season.

Tagging

A hunter who takes a turkey shall attach the proper tag to the carcass. The tag must remain on the carcass until the carcass is prepared for consumption.

Youth Turkey Hunting Weekend—April 28–29, 2012

Vermont's **YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING WEEKEND** is on the Saturday and Sunday prior to opening day of the spring turkey hunting season.

Any resident or nonresident youth, 15 years of age or younger on the weekend of the hunt, who has successfully completed a hunter safety course may obtain a free youth turkey hunting tag. A qualified youth must also purchase a Vermont hunting license and turkey license at a license agent by either showing proof of satisfactorily completing the hunter safety course or proof of having held a valid hunting license previously. The youth hunter's parent or guardian must sign the hunting license application in the presence of the license agent.

When hunting, the youth hunter must be accompanied by an unarmed adult over 18 years of age who holds a valid Vermont hunting license. The adult may accompany no more

than two youth hunters at any given time. The adult must have **direct control and supervision**, including the ability to see and communicate with the youth hunter without the aid of artificial devices such as radios or binoculars, except for medically necessary devices such as hearing aids or eyeglasses.

LANDOWNER PERMISSION IS

REQUIRED in order to hunt on private land with a youth turkey tag. All relevant game laws and regulations apply during Youth Turkey Hunting weekend, including the prohibition on baiting and road hunting.

The youth hunter may take one bearded turkey during youth turkey hunting weekend and may also hunt during the spring season and take two bearded turkeys during that season.

The amount of a fine will be doubled for a violation on Youth Turkey Hunting Weekend, and the fine shall be assessed against the licensed adult who is accompanying the youth and who has the youth hunter in his or her charge.

Spring Turkey Season

SPRING SEASON: May 1–31, 2012

SHOOTING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon.

LIMIT: Two bearded turkeys for the spring season.

All Wildlife Management Units (WMU) are open to hunting during the spring season.

Fall Turkey Season

SHOOTING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. (See *Sunrise/Sunset Tables*.)

LIMIT: One turkey of either sex for the fall season.

DATES AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS (WMUs) OPEN TO HUNTING:

- Bow and Arrow only: October 6-19, 2012 in all WMUs statewide
- Shotgun or Bow and Arrow: October 20-28, 2012 in WMUs B, D1, D2, G, H1, H2, I, J1, J2, L, M1, M2, O1, O2, P, and Q
- Shotgun or Bow and Arrow: October 20–November 4, 2012 in WMUs F1, F2, K1, K2, and N





GAME BIRD HUNTING

Ruffed Grouse are the most widely available upland game in Vermont. Good numbers of “partridge” can be found wherever brushy forest stands provide nesting cover, protection from predators, and food in the form of berries and buds. Overgrown apple orchards, abandoned hillside farms, and regenerating clear cuts covered with hardwood thickets are all grouse hot spots. Although grouse are found statewide, the Northeast Kingdom offers some of the best grouse hunting.

Definitions

The following are classified as game birds: quail, ruffed grouse, chukar partridge, woodcock, pheasant, common snipe, coot, wild ducks, wild geese, and wild turkey (which is classified as big game). Other wild birds including spruce grouse and Hungarian partridge have no open season.

Seasons & Bag Limits

Ruffed Grouse (Partridge)	Last Sat. in Sept. through Dec. 31	4 daily; 8 possession
Pheasant *	Last Sat. in Sept. through Dec. 31	2 daily; 4 possession
Bobwhite Quail *	No Closed Season.	No limit
Chukar Partridge *	No Closed Season.	No limit
Crow	March 14 – April 30, Aug. 16 – Oct. 29	No limit

* Practically nonexistent except by private stocking.

Migratory Bird Regulations

The Fish & Wildlife Department issues waterfowl and other migratory game bird regulations through license agents shortly before the opening of the seasons. These regulations are set by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

State & Federal Waterfowl Stamps

Both Vermont and federal waterfowl stamps are required to hunt migratory waterfowl for hunters 16 and older. Federal stamps are sold at post offices. Vermont State Waterfowl Stamps are available from Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department offices statewide and license agents for \$7.50. A state waterfowl stamp is good for the calendar year and no longer needs to be signed by the hunter.

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekend

A youth waterfowl hunting weekend for residents and nonresidents is usually held in late September for hunters 15 and under. Check the migratory bird hunting rules, available in September, for details.

WATERFOWL

For a mountainous state, Vermont offers surprisingly good hunting for a variety of waterfowl. To maximize hunting opportunities, Vermont is divided into three waterfowl zones: the Lake Champlain Zone, which includes Lake Champlain and the adjoining Champlain Valley lowlands, the Interior Zone, and the Connecticut River Zone.



* Seasons are set in late August in accordance with migratory bird hunting frameworks established by the federal government.

During the October portion of duck season, most hunting is for “puddle ducks” on shallow-water marshes, beaver flows, ponds, and rivers. The most common species are mallards, wood ducks, black ducks and greenwing teal. As the season progresses and marshes begin to freeze in November, open-water hunting for migrating “diving ducks” on Vermont’s larger lakes swings into full gear. Goldeneyes, lesser scaup, ring-necks, and buffleheads are the most common diving ducks. Excellent hunting for goldeneyes and late-migrating mallards and blacks can often be had from mid-November through the close of the season in December.

Canada geese and snow geese are found in areas with farm fields that provide waste grains and green grasses as food. Snow goose seasons are liberal, reflecting the record number of greater snow geese in the Atlantic Flyway. A September Canada goose hunting season offers an opportunity to hunt resident Canada geese that have increased in numbers in recent years. An October season for Canada geese is open when additional geese are migrating through the state.

The best waterfowl hunting opportunities are in the Champlain Valley, where numerous public wetlands provide excellent hunting for ducks and geese. Elsewhere, good waterfowl hunting can also be had in the Northeast Kingdom on and along Lake Memphremagog and its tributary rivers.

Duck Blinds

Waterfowl blinds may not be placed on or in the waters of the state earlier than the first Saturday of September of any year. Anyone who places a blind must have their name and address permanently and legibly affixed on the blind by waterproof paint or rustproof tag.

Waterfowl blinds located on or in any waters of the state except Lake Champlain must be removed, together with contents and any surrounding debris, on or before May 15 of the following year. A waterfowl blind located on or in Lake



Champlain must be removed on or before February 15 of the following year. Also see *Tree Stands* and *Ground Blinds* sections.

Nontoxic Shot

It is illegal to take waterfowl or coots in Vermont while possessing loose shot or shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot. Shot should be of a size no larger than size T.

It is illegal to take a group or combination of waterfowl/coots and other species in Vermont while possessing loose shot or shot shells loaded with any shot other than nontoxic shot.

Woodcock & Common Snipe

Woodcock are found statewide. "Timberdoodles" feed primarily on worms, and they favor areas with moist, rich soils covered with dense stands of woody shrubs and sapling-stage hardwoods. Alder swales, regenerating clear cuts and abandoned pastures covered with thickets of dogwood, sumac, birch and aspen are all likely woodcock covers. Locally hatched native birds provide hunting early in the season, but the best shooting is in mid to late October, when large numbers of flight birds are pushed out of Canada by cold weather. The best hunting is generally in the Champlain Valley and Northeast Kingdom.

SEASON: Set annually.

Woodcock and common snipe are migratory game birds. Migratory game birds, including waterfowl, may be taken only by shotgun with one-piece plug or manufactured to restrict it to three-shot capacity. State and Federal duck stamps are not required for woodcock or snipe hunting.

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Ruffed grouse hunters are reminded that wounding or killing a spruce grouse is a violation of the Vermont Endangered Species Act and subject to a \$2,000 fine.

Harvest Information Program for Migratory Birds (H.I.P.)

Compliance: If you are hunting migratory game birds, federal law requires you to annually register with the Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.). Migratory game birds include ducks, geese, brant, coots, snipe, and woodcock. Visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com/HIP.cfm or call Toll Free 1-877-306-7091 (Monday–Friday, 7:45 am to 4:30 pm EST) to register and obtain your H.I.P. permit number. Write the H.I.P. number in section three of your hunting license. Vermont and federal migratory waterfowl stamps are also needed to hunt ducks or geese.

How does the H.I.P. work? The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) will ask a sample of hunters to record daily hunt information on survey cards and return completed cards at the end of hunting season. The survey will enable the USFWS to more accurately determine the status of migratory game birds. Inadequate harvest information has been used to legally challenge hunting seasons in some states.

We thank you for your help! Cooperation and support from hunters is the key to sound wildlife management. The Harvest Information Program for Migratory Game Birds will help ensure the future of migratory bird hunting.



SMALL GAME HUNTING

Gray Squirrels are Vermont's most overlooked small-game animal. "Bushytails" can be found wherever mature stands of oak, hickory, and beech trees provide them with abundant nuts, especially in the southwestern lower elevations, the Champlain Valley, and along the Connecticut River. Although lightly hunted in Vermont, squirrels are a real challenge when stalked with a .22 rifle, and their delicate meat compares favorably with rabbit.

Cottontail Rabbits are found primarily in the Southwestern Foothills and Champlain Valley, including the Champlain Islands. "Cottontails" favor the varied habitat found in agricultural lowlands, and are commonly encountered in brushy hedgerows, over grown fields, briar thickets, and shrub-filled creek bottoms. Kicking up cottontails on a crisp fall day is excellent sport, whether hunters elect to chase them with a beagle and shotgun or stalk them with a .22 rifle.

Snowshoe Hare are found statewide, but are most abundant in areas with active forest management, particularly in the Green Mountains and Northeast Kingdom. The greatest concentrations of hare are found in areas with dense, low growing softwood, such as cedar swamps, spruce bogs, and cut-over areas with thickets of young spruce and fir. Snowshoe hare have seasonally white coats and large hind feet, adaptations that let them remain active throughout the winter. They are a favorite of hunters with hounds because they prefer to run a hard race rather than hole-up, as cottontails often do when hard pressed.



John Hall

Seasons & Bag Limits

	SEASON	BAG LIMIT
Gray Squirrel	Sept. 1–Dec. 31	4 daily; 8 possession
Rabbit & Hare	Last Sat. in Sept.– Second Sun. in March	3 daily; 6 possession

Sale of Small Game

It is illegal to buy or sell a wild bird, rabbit, hare or gray squirrel at any time.

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TRAPPING INFORMATION

Furbearing Animals

The following are classified as furbearing animals: beaver, otter, marten, mink, raccoon, fisher, fox, skunk, muskrat, bobcat, coyote, weasel, opossum, lynx, and wolf.

Trapping License Requirements

Trapping licenses are only available from the Fish & Wildlife office. An applicant for a trapping license must present either:

- A previous or current trapping license from any state or Canadian province; or
- A certificate showing satisfactory completion of a trapper education course, in any state or Canadian province; or
- Sign an affidavit attesting to having a prior trapping license.

Fur Buyer's License

Anyone dealing in pelts must have a valid Fur Buyer's License. The Fur Buyer's License is available from Fish & Wildlife (phone 802-241-3695).

Seasons

Furbearer Hunting

Bobcat	Jan. 10 – Feb. 7
Red & Gray Fox	Oct. 22, 2011 – Feb. 12, 2012 & Oct. 27, 2012-Feb. 10, 2013
Raccoon	Oct. 13 – Dec. 31
Muskrat	March 20 – April 19
Coyote	No Closed Season
Marten, Lynx, Wolf, Eastern Mountain Lion	No Open Season

Furbearer Trapping

Mink, Skunk, Red & Gray Fox, Raccoon, Coyote, Opossum, Weasel	Oct. 27 – Dec. 31
Otter	Oct. 22, 2011 – Feb. 29, 2012 & Oct. 27, 2012-Feb. 28, 2013
Muskrat	Oct. 22, 2011 – March 31, 2012 & Oct. 27, 2012-March 31, 2013
Fisher	Dec. 1 – 31
Bobcat	Dec. 1 – 16
Beaver	Nov. 15 – March 31
Marten, Lynx, Wolf, Eastern Mountain Lion	No Open Season

Permitted Activities & Restrictions

- A person who intends to set a trap for any animal on the property of another shall, prior to setting the trap, notify the owner of the property of his or her intention to set the trap and of the prospective location of the trap. The owner of the property may, at any time, refuse to grant permission to set a trap or revoke the permission if previously granted.
- A person who traps for furbearing or other animals shall visit his/her traps at least once daily, except as provided in paragraph 5, and dispatch or release any animal caught therein.
- A person shall not set a trap on lands other than his/her own which does not have his/her name and address permanently and legibly stamped or engraved thereon, or on a tag of rustless material securely attached thereto.
- A person may take beaver, otter, and mink during the open season by means of traps only.
- All traps under ice will be marked with a tag visible above the ice.
- A person who sets body traps in the water or foot traps or body traps under the ice during the open season for beaver shall visit his/her traps at least once in every three days and remove any animal caught therein.

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- No person shall set a trap within 10 feet of the nearest point, above the water, of a beaver house or dam.
- A person shall not set a body gripping trap with a jaw spread over 8 inches measured inside the jaws unless the trap is set 5 feet or more above the ground, or in the water.
- From December 17 to December 31, both dates inclusive, in order to minimize incidental bobcat harvest during the remainder of the fisher season, a person shall not set a body gripping trap with a jaw spread over 6 inches, measured inside the jaws, unless the trap is set 5 feet or more above the ground, or in the water.
- Use of toothed traps shall be illegal under any circumstances.
- A person shall not set a trap between December 31 and the following fourth Saturday in October unless the trap is in the water, under the ice, or on a float in the water.
- A person shall not possess a living wild animal, except by special permit.
- A person shall not have in his/her possession in the raw state a fur or skin of a furbearing animal unlawfully taken.
- A person who takes bobcats during the shooting season shall present the pelts and carcasses to a State Game Warden for tagging within ten days of the close of the season.
- A person who takes bobcats, otter, or fisher during the trapping season shall notify a State Game Warden within 48 hours of the close of the season. Pelts and carcasses shall be presented for tagging and marked in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner. Such tags shall remain affixed to each skin until tanned and made into commercial fur.
- All bobcat, otter, and fisher carcasses shall be surrendered to the State Game Warden.
- No bobcat, otter, or fisher pelts or carcasses taken during these seasons shall be transported out of the State of Vermont prior to being tagged by a State Game Warden.
- The skins of bobcat, otter, and fisher legally taken may be possessed, transported, bought and sold only when tagged and marked.
- Bobcat, fisher, and otter taken in defense of property will be tagged by

a State Game Warden. At the time of tagging, carcasses will be turned over to State Game Warden.

- The Commissioner shall close the seasons for taking bobcat if and when the total take exceeds 100 animals.

Method of Taking

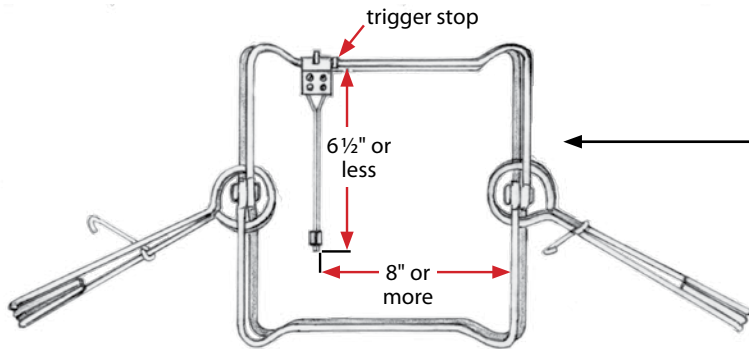
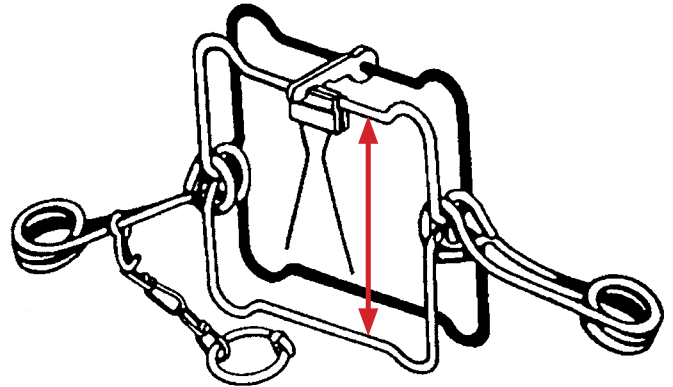
- A person may not take a furbearing animal by use of any poison.
- A person shall not disturb or destroy a muskrat house or place a trap therein, thereon or at the entrance thereof, or in the entrance or inside a muskrat burrow.
- A person shall not take raccoons, foxes, or coyotes from holes or dens by cutting, digging, smoking, trapping, snaring, or by the use of chemicals, or any mechanical device.
- A person shall not take skunks from holes or dens by cutting, digging, smoking, or by the use of chemicals.
- A person shall not interfere in any manner with dams, dens, or houses of beaver except upon special permit in writing from the Commissioner.
- A person shall not take raccoon by shooting except with a .22 caliber rimfire or #2 shot or smaller.
- Skunks may be taken with the aid of a light of not more than 9 volts. A light of not more than 9 volts may be used while locating in and taking from a tree any raccoon treed by a dog.
- When trapping muskrat between March 1 and March 31, body gripping traps are restricted to 5" or less.
- When trapping beaver between March 1 and March 31, the trap triggers shall:
 1. for body gripping traps have a tension adjustable/parallel trigger and trigger stop. The trigger should be offset at least 8" from one side of the trap and no longer than 6 1/2". Trigger wires must be joined together.
 2. include tension adjustable square-notch trigger brackets. Acceptable trigger stops include twisted wire, cable ties, wire wrap, or welded bead. Four-way and/or V-notch triggers are illegal to use.
 3. Diagrams on next page illustrate these requirements.



BODY-GRIPPING TRAP DIAGRAMS

How to measure a body-gripping trap:

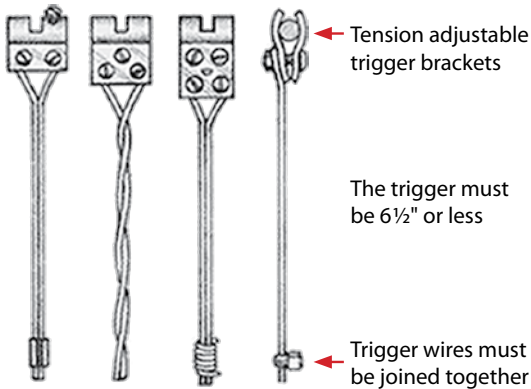
Measure the inside distance between the outer frames of the trap. The addition of one or more bars to the inside of the frame **does not** change the way these traps are measured. The measurement is still the **MAXIMUM** distance as shown in this picture:



Specific Requirements of the New Regulation are Shown in this Diagram:

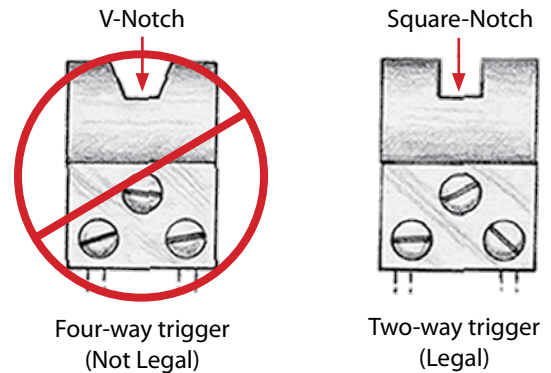
Body-gripping trap with tension adjustable/parallel trigger & trigger stop.

Examples of Acceptable Tension Adjustable/Parallel Triggers

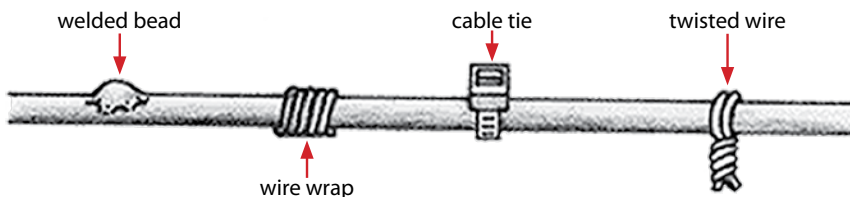


Recommended tension: 8 to 12 oz.

Examples of Non-legal vs. Legal Trigger Brackets



Examples of Acceptable Trigger Stops





CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

A THREAT TO VERMONT'S DEER HERD

CWD is a serious threat to Vermont's deer and moose populations. It is fatal to deer. CWD is not known to be transmissible to humans, but it has been devastating to free-ranging deer in several states and Canadian provinces. CWD has been impossible to eliminate once it has been established in a population.

Prevention of CWD is key. When a first case is discovered in a new area such as Vermont, action must be swift and decisive to try to remove the disease before it becomes established. Deer numbers must be reduced to less than five deer per square mile in an area as large as a 10-mile radius or about 300 square miles in the area where a wild, free-ranging infected deer is found. This reduction must be done for at least five years.

You can help by learning about CWD and reporting sick deer to your local game warden or call Vermont Fish & Wildlife at 802-241-3700.

Signs of illness in deer include excessive drinking and urination, emaciation, drooling, listlessness, drooping ears, and lowered head. CWD is a neurological disease caused by mutant proteins known as "prions." CWD is similar to other diseases such as scrapie in sheep and "mad cow disease." Prions infect new animals when they are passed between deer, elk and moose after being shed in body fluids and feces. Prions can bind to soils and remain infectious for many years. There is no reliable live-test, and infected animals can appear healthy for years.

Please **DO NOT** use deer urine lures. They present a serious threat of introducing CWD to Vermont. CWD infectious prions can be present in deer urine lures.

CWD was originally discovered and spread from captive deer in Colorado. CWD first appeared east of the Mississippi River in 2002 when it was discovered in Wisconsin. This disease continues to spread over long distances by the captive deer and elk trade. Recently, Michigan, Minnesota and Missouri have had CWD introduced by captive deer or elk farms. The disease has not yet been found in their free-ranging deer populations.

To date, the disease has been documented in 18 states and two Canadian provinces. New York discovered CWD in captive deer and two wild deer in nearby Oneida County in 2005. No infected deer have been discovered in New York since. The disease was recently found for the first time in Virginia, and additional cases were discovered in nearby West Virginia.

As part of a nation-wide effort, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, in cooperation with U.S. Department of Agriculture, has been testing Vermont deer for CWD since 2002. Each year brain samples were taken from about 400 deer heads collected from cooperating meat-cutters and

taxidermists. Results from nearly 3,000 deer tested indicate that Vermont is currently free of CWD.

The department and Fish and Wildlife Board have taken steps to prevent introduction of CWD into Vermont by banning deer feeding and baiting, and by placing controls on the importation of carcasses from states and Canadian provinces that have CWD, or from any captive hunt facility or farm.

More information about Chronic Wasting Disease can be found in the Big Game Management Plan, found on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com), and at www.cwd-info.org.

Also, see Importing Big Game on page 29.

The Following States & Provinces Have or Have Had CWD

Alberta, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Other states or provinces could be added to the list during the year.

RESPONSIBLE HUNTING & UTILIZING GAME

Responsible hunting demands the animal be utilized. Game meat is healthy and delicious, but the road to a savory meal requires care in the processing and preparation.

Meat quality is a result of the animal's age, sex and diet:

- Older animals tend to have tougher meat
- Bucks and bulls in rut often taste stronger

Most importantly, quickly and carefully field dress the animal and care for the carcass.

Plan ahead. Make sure you have the time and tools to do the job right.

Most game meat is low in saturated fat and calories and rich in protein. Use low-fat cooking techniques, such as broiling, grilling, baking or stewing instead of frying to keep it that way.

Did you know? Venison is an Old French derivation of the Latin 'venatio'—to hunt. It used to refer the meat of any animal taken while hunting. Now, it refers to meat from the deer family, including moose and elk.



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Vermont is bordered on the west by Lake Champlain, the "Sixth Great Lake," and on the east by the Connecticut River, the longest river in New England. Between the two are 808 lakes and ponds and more than 7,000 miles of rivers and brooks.

Vermont's many lakes and streams are home to 33 species of sportfish for anglers of all tastes and experience levels. From fishing off a guided charter boat for trophy lake trout, salmon, walleye, and bass on Lake Champlain, to hiking in to a remote stream in the Green Mountain National Forest to fish for wild brook trout, Vermont offers a broad range of fishing opportunities.

Vermont has long been famous for its "cold-water" fishing. Innumerable icy rivulets seep down off the Green Mountains and feed hundreds of streams, lakes and ponds. These waters, along with the state's deeper lakes, whose depths never warm, are home to cold-water loving native brook trout, lake trout, rainbow smelt and landlocked salmon, as well as introduced rainbow, steelhead and brown trout. Lakes Seymour, Willoughby, and Caspian, among others, are renowned for their trout and salmon fishing, while rivers such the Batten Kill, Mettawee, White, and Dog deserve to be included among America's great trout streams.

Yet Vermont also has excellent "warm-water" fishing. Because Vermont encompasses parts of both the Great Lakes and North Atlantic drainages, it is home to a wide array of warm-water species that tolerate warmer water temperatures than trout and salmon. These species include such favorites as largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, northern pike, channel catfish, chain pickerel, American shad, yellow perch, white perch, black crappie, rock bass, bluegill, pumpkinseed, and bullhead, as well as such unusual species as bowfin, longnosed gar, freshwater drum, burbot, cisco, and whitefish.

Vermont's bass fishing in particular is superb, yet until recently it attracted little attention. But word is spreading about the fabulous largemouth and smallmouth bass fishing available on Lake Champlain, and lakes St. Catherine, Morey, Bomoseen, Hortonia, and Seymour among many others. Northern pike, too, provide an excellent fishery, and the large, toothy fish are distributed in numerous ponds and low-lying rivers across the state.

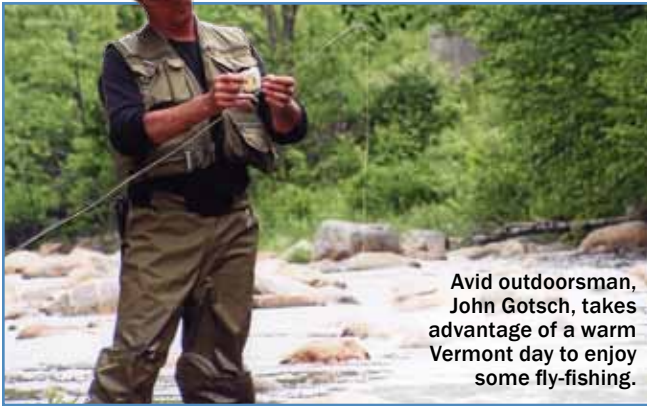
Many Vermont waters also offer the best of both worlds, being "two-tiered" fisheries that support both cold-water and warm-water species, with trout and salmon occupying the deeper, colder reaches, and bass and northern pike the shallower, warmer bays. Harriman Reservoir and lakes Champlain, Bomoseen, and Memphremagog are the four largest examples of such mixed-bag fisheries.

Whatever direction one's angling tastes run, the best thing about Vermont is that good fishing is always close at hand, and exploring Vermont's scenic countryside is rewarding even when the fish are not biting. Fishing also goes hand in hand with many other outdoor activities for which Vermont is noted, especially camping, hiking, canoeing, and boating. So, it's easy to make fishing part of a family outing or vacation. Create a memory that will last a lifetime for your kids - and yourself!

To learn more about Vermont fishing, check our website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) under "Fishing" or call us at (802) 241-3700. The "Fishing Access Areas" section has information for each lake with directions, regulations, fish species, and depth charts. For locations across the state where kids can take their parents fishing and have an excellent chance of catching some fish using simple techniques, visit our "Family Fishing Hot Spots" page. And don't miss our "Vermont Master Angler Program," also on our website. You won't believe the photos!

Planning your trip to a new fishing area and finding a place to stay is easy at www.VermontVacation.com. Additional information about lodging and guides is available from the Vermont Outdoor Guides Association at www.voga.org and at 1-800-425-8747.

Fishing licenses can be purchased online through our website and from license agents statewide.



Avid outdoorsman, John Gotsch, takes advantage of a warm Vermont day to enjoy some fly-fishing.

Shelly Loomis

GENERAL FISHING INFORMATION

Definitions

For precise legal definitions consult Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 10, Part 4 and Appendix.

ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON: Any fish of the species *Salmo salar* found in the Connecticut River, downstream of Lake Francis in Pittsburg, NH, or any of its tributaries, is considered an anadromous Atlantic salmon, regardless of its size or whether it has ever traveled to and/or from the waters or estuaries of the Atlantic Ocean. Under Vermont law, anadromous Atlantic salmon as defined above are classified as Big Game.

ANGLING: Fishing by means of hook and line in hand or attached to a rod, or by casting or trolling artificial flies, lures or baited hooks, provided that the person angling does not take fish through the ice, from the ice or from any object supported by the ice. A person may take fish only by using not more than two lines of which he or she has immediate control. Each line may not have more than two baited hooks, or three artificial flies or two lures with or without bait.

BAITED HOOK: A single shank hook with 1, 2, or 3 points that may be baited with natural or artificial bait or both.

CATCH-AND-RELEASE: Angling as explained elsewhere, except that fish must be released immediately where caught.

CONNECTICUT RIVER: All waters of the river including bays, setbacks, and tributaries only to the first highway bridge crossing those tributaries on the Vermont and New Hampshire sides.

DOWNRIGGER: A device used to deliver fishing lines to a desired depth, and when so used, not considered a fishing line.

FISH LENGTH: The length of a fish is considered the longest straight-line and flat distance from the tip of the fish's snout to the tip of the longer lobe of its tail when the two lobes are forced together.

FISHING HOUSE: A fishing house means a fishing shanty, bobhouse, smelt shanty, tent, or other structure designed to be placed on the ice of the waters of Vermont for fishing or to be occupied for other purposes.

FISHING TOURNAMENT: A contest in which anglers or ice fishermen pay a fee to enter and in which the entrants compete for a prize based on the quality, size or number of fish they catch.

FLY: A single pointed hook, dressed with feathers, hair, thread, tinsel, or any similar material wound on or about the hook to which no hooks, spinners, spoons or similar devices have been added.

FOUL HOOKING: Hooking a fish in any other part of the body than the mouth with a hook or hooks, or manipulating hooks in such a manner as to pierce and hook the fish on a body part other than in the mouth.

FREE FISHING DAY: Saturday, June 9, 2012 is Free Fishing Day in Vermont. Anyone, resident or nonresident, may fish without a license. All legal fishing methods and limits still apply.

ICE FISHING: Ice fishing is fishing by means of hook and line in hand or attached to a rod, tip-up, jack or bob, where the angler is fishing through a hole in the ice, from the ice or on an object supported by the ice. Fishing by casting or trolling baited hooks, artificial flies or lures shall not be considered ice fishing. A person may take fish only by using not more than **eight lines**, except on Lake Champlain where no more than **fifteen lines** may be used. He or she must have 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. **Six lines** are allowed on the Connecticut River.

IMMEDIATE CONTROL: Such constant control as would enable a angler to respond promptly and without delay to a fish taking his or her bait, lure or fly.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN: 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 falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road);
- Little Otter Creek to falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Road);
- Malletts Creek to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (US 2 and US 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 Alburg (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 Dam at Carver Falls in West Haven;

- Rock River to first Canadian border crossing;
- Winooski River to the Winooski One hydropower dam west of Main Street (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington.

LEGAL FISHING DAY: The 24-hour period beginning at 12:00 midnight and continuing until the next 12:00 midnight.

LEGAL FISHING HOURS: During the open season fish may be taken at any hour of the legal fishing day, except where a shorter legal fishing day is specified in the General Fishing Regulations and Exceptions, or where posted otherwise.

LIMITS:

- **DAILY LIMIT:** The number of fish it is legal to keep during the legal fishing day.
- **POSSESSION LIMIT:** The number of fish caught on more than one legal fishing day that an angler or ice fisherman may have in his/her possession; equal to double the daily limit.

LURE: A man-made device designed to catch only one fish at a time, to include a spoon, plug, spinner, bait harness, tandemhook streamer, or lead head jig.

PLANER BOARD: A device used to deliver fishing lines to a desired location, and when so used, not considered a fishing line.

SEASONS:

- **CLOSED SEASON:** That period of time during which fishing is prohibited.
- **OPEN SEASON:** That period of time during which fishing is permitted.

TAKING: Pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, capturing, trapping, snaring and netting fish, and all lesser acts, such as disturbing, harrying, worrying or wounding or placing, setting, drawing or using any net or other device commonly used to take fish, whether they result in taking or not. This includes every attempt to take and every act of assistance to another person in taking or attempting to take fish.

Using the Fishing Information Section

Familiarize yourself with *Definitions* of terms, and the *General Requirements* and *Prohibitions*. They apply to **all** fishing in Vermont.

If the water body you want to fish is a river, stream, brook, or creek, go to the *Index of Rivers & Streams*. If it is a lake, pond, reservoir, or impoundment, go to the *Index of Lakes & Ponds*.

- If the water body **IS LISTED** in the **INDEX**, the number to its right directs you to **TABLE 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5**.
- If the water body is **NOT LISTED** in the **INDEX**, then the general regulations contained in **TABLES 1-4** apply.

EXAMPLE: *Trout River in Montgomery is NOT LISTED in the Index of Rivers & Streams. Table 1 contains the general regulations for rivers, streams, brooks and creeks not listed in the INDEX of Rivers & Streams.*

RELEASING FISH

Harvesting and eating a freshly caught fish is part of the angling experience. However, there is nothing wrong with fishing for sport and putting your catch back to be caught another day. If you choose to do so, it is important to follow certain steps to ensure the fish you release will survive to fight another day. The following guidelines will help released fish live.

- Land fish as rapidly as possible, using tackle that is adequate but sporting. A fish played gently for too long may be too exhausted to recover and has an increased chance of dying after release.
- Keep the fish in the water as much as possible and handle them with care. Gently restrain the fish to minimize its movement while unhooking it.
- Remove hooks gently and carefully from fish hooked in the lip, jaw or mouth. Never rip the hook out, use the “hook shake” method. Reach into the fish’s mouth and grasp the hook shank with fingers or pliers. Lift the fish slightly out of the water, rotate hook shank so eyelet is down and shake gently. The weight of the fish will cause it to pop off the hook.
- Use barbless hooks, or pinch barb flat with pliers, to quicken the unhooking process. Barbless hooks, when used with bait, can increase the survival of released fish.
- Do not attempt to remove the hook if the fish is hooked in the gills, throat or stomach. Leave the hook in the fish by cutting the line as close to the knot as possible. The hook will often rust out of the fish or be passed within a few days. However, if legal, an injured fish is always a good candidate for harvesting!
- When fishing with live bait, watch the line continuously and set the hook as soon as possible. This reduces the chances of the fish swallowing the bait and the need for cutting the leader and leaving the hook in the fish.
- Try not to expose the fish to the freezing air when ice fishing. Keep the fish in the hole while unhooking it if possible. If not, unhook it as quickly as possible and return it to the water immediately to prevent the fish’s eyes and gills from freezing.
- Before releasing an exhausted fish, cradle it in a swimming position in calm water and move it gently back and forth to force fresh water through its gills. When the fish is able to maintain an upright position on its own, let it go. This could take up to 10 minutes for large, exhausted fish.

The *Index of Rivers & Streams* contains the map page where the stream is located and the stream section number, which is also located on the map page.

The *Index of Lakes & Ponds* contains information useful to anglers. The column "Map" directs you to the map page which contains the lake or pond. The column "Lake Area" contains the surface area of the lake in acres. The next column, "Access," lists the type of access area on the lake. The last two columns contain boating restrictions: Internal combustion engines allowed (Y/N) and then other boating restrictions.

General Regulations by Category Table

General Regulations by Category	Table
Rivers, streams, brooks, creeks and their unnamed impoundments & beaver ponds	1
Lakes, ponds, reservoirs, impoundments with names	2
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Connecticut River	4
Certain lakes & ponds	5

MAPS

Go to "Using the Maps" on page 59 for instructions. The maps are intended as a *guide* to areas with special regulations. If you plan to fish one of these areas you should reference the *Index of Rivers & Streams* or *Index of Lakes and Ponds* for exact information.

VERMONT FISHING ACCESS AREAS NOW SEARCHABLE ON THE WEB

Planning a fishing or boating trip in Vermont just got easier. Vermont Fish & Wildlife has developed a website to help boaters find access points to lakes and rivers for fishing and other recreation.

You can learn directions to access areas and what fish species may be caught. You can also search to locate access areas within a county or on a body of water, and you can select areas with docks.

All Vermont Fish & Wildlife fishing access areas are provided free to the public for angling and boat access. Of the department's 170 fishing access areas, 134 have a ramp for launching boats. Those without ramps provide carry-in boat access or shore fishing.

Learn more and check for details at www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fish_accessareas.cfm.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS & PROHIBITIONS

For a definition of terms used in this section, see *Definitions*.

Fishing Licenses

Anyone fishing, in possession of, or transporting fish taken in Vermont waters or the Vermont/New Hampshire waters of the Connecticut River must be properly licensed and must carry the license on his/her person. The license must be shown on demand of a State Game Warden or other enforcement officer, or at the request of the owner of the land on which he/she is fishing.

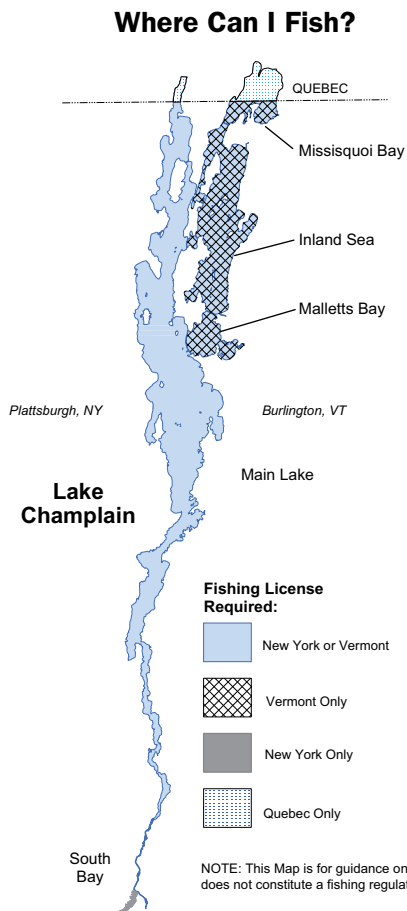
See *Table 4* for specific *Connecticut River* fishing license requirements.

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 Alburg passage to the Point of the Tongue, and then along the western shore of the Alburg 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.



CAUTION: 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.

SHOOTING OR SPEARING: Shooting or spearing fish of certain fish, where allowed, requires a hunting or combination license.

BOW AND ARROW SHOOTING OF CARP: Where allowed, requires a fishing or combination license.

Open & Closed Seasons

It is illegal to take fish of a species unless the season for that species is open on those waters.

It is illegal to fish in waters when no season is open in those waters, or if those waters are posted as closed by regulations of the Fish & Wildlife Commissioner or Board.

Transporting Fish

A person shall not transport fish taken by another except in the presence of the person who took that fish.

A person shall not transport fish during closed season for that fish. Generally, a person shall not transport more than the daily limit for a fish.

A person traveling on land between a temporary abode such as a camp and that person's residence may transport the possession limit for that fish.

A person on the waters of Vermont may transport more than the daily limit of fish only if it is frozen, processed and packaged for storage.

No person shall have **LIVE FISH** in their possession that are transported in a manner which attempts to keep them alive when leaving waters of the state [10 V.S.A. § 1251(13)].

Immediate Control

A person fishing by angling or ice fishing must have immediate control over his or her lines.

Fish Length Restrictions & Filleting Fish

If there is a fish length restriction on a species of fish, it may not be filleted or altered while on any body of water to restrict the determination of fish length. Fish with a length restriction may be filleted or consumed on the water so long as the head, vertebrae and tail are retained and remain intact to enable determination of fish length.

Angling & Foul Hooking

A person fishing by angling shall not take any fish unless it

is hooked in the mouth. Any fish not hooked in the mouth shall be immediately released without unnecessary injury.

Baitfish Use & Restrictions

A regulation is enacted in response to a deadly new fish disease known as Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) that is rapidly spreading in the St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes. The rule affects baitfish use in Vermont and is designed to proactively head off the spread of VHS and other fish diseases to the state's waters.

A summary appears below.

PERSONAL BAITFISH HARVEST

- Personally harvested baitfish may be used only on the same waterbody from which they were collected.
- A "waterbody" is defined to include all tributaries of lakes and ponds up to the first barrier impassable by fish. For rivers and streams it includes all tributaries to that river or stream up to the first barrier impassable by fish. Anglers can freely move up and down connecting streams and rivers to fish with live bait, provided they don't pass a barrier (dam or waterfall for example).
- A person may only harvest the following fish species for use as bait:
 - Eastern silvery minnow
 - Fathead minnow
 - Bluntnose minnow
 - Emerald shiner
 - Golden shiner
 - Spottail shiner
 - Common shiner
 - Mimic shiner
 - Creek chub
 - Fallfish
 - Blacknose dace
 - Longnose dace
 - Northern redbelly dace
 - White sucker
 - Longnose sucker
 - Yellow perch (may only be taken by angling, cannot be transported alive from waters where caught)
 - Rainbow smelt (may only be taken by angling, cannot be transported alive from waters where caught)
- Anglers may only take baitfish for personal use by the following methods: a) minnow traps no longer than eighteen inches with an entrance not exceeding one inch in diameter, b) dip nets, cast nets, and umbrella nets not exceeding a total of 51 square feet of mesh, or a seine net not exceeding 25 feet in length, c) angling by hook and line.
- The personal harvest of baitfish is unlawful in Seasonally Closed Waters, except by angling or the use of minnow traps as described above, and only during the open season for trout.
- All traps, nets, baitboxes or other holding receptacles capable of taking, holding or keeping live baitfish in public waters must be marked with the name and address of the owner and user, unless the owner is present.
- Personally harvested baitfish shall not be transported by motorized vehicle away from the waterbody from which they were collected.
- Anglers may hold baitfish indefinitely on the water in a pen or baitbox not exceeding 25 cubic feet in volume.
- Anglers must discard unwanted baitfish dead in the water or on the ice.
- Anglers may harvest baitfish from a waterbody's tributaries upstream to the first impassable barrier for use on the same waterbody. Anglers may not transport baitfish upstream beyond the first impassable barrier.
- The personal harvest of baitfish is prohibited on any waterbody of the state that is defined as closed to baitfish harvest. The department will maintain and make available a list of closed waters.
- Fish eggs may be collected from legally angled fish from Vermont waters, and used immediately as bait on the same water where taken unless that waterbody has been closed to baitfish collection. It is illegal to move personally harvested fish eggs to any other waterbody. It is illegal to transport fish eggs away from and return them to the same waterbody for use as bait unless they have been processed in a manner approved by the department. **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK THE WEBSITE OR CONTACT FISH & WILDLIFE.**

COMMERCIALY PURCHASED BAITFISH

- Anglers may not import baitfish into the State of Vermont without a Fish Importation Permit, except as described below for baitfish purchased in New York and New Hampshire.
- A person purchasing baitfish shall retain and show upon request a transportation receipt issued by a state-approved commercial bait dealer, authorizing transportation of baitfish overland by motorized vehicle. The receipt shall contain the following information: 1) A unique receipt identification number, 2) The name and telephone number of the bait dealer, 3) time and date of sale, 4) species purchased, 5) quantity purchased, 6) waterbody (limited to one) on which the baitfish will be used, 7) signature of purchaser.
- A transportation receipt shall be valid for 96 hours from time and date of sale.

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- Anglers may purchase baitfish from a New York baitshop for use on Lake Champlain only, provided the baitshop is Vermont-licensed, and the baitfish are accompanied by a Vermont-issued baitfish transportation receipt.
- Anglers may purchase baitfish from a New Hampshire baitshop for use on the Connecticut River and its setbacks only, provided the baitshop is Vermont-licensed, and the baitfish are accompanied by a Vermont-issued baitfish transportation receipt. For the purposes of this paragraph, the Connecticut River is defined as all waters of the river including the bays, setbacks, and tributaries, only to the first highway bridge crossing said tributaries on the Vermont side.
- Anglers shall not transport baitfish away from waters of the state by motorized vehicle. Baitfish may be held indefinitely on the water in a pen or baitbox not exceeding 25 cubic feet in volume.
- Unwanted baitfish shall be discarded dead in the water or on the ice.
- Commercially prepared and preserved baitfish and fish eggs available from retail stores may be purchased and used as bait, and may be taken home and kept for later use, provided they are retained in the original packaging at all times.

COMMERCIAL BAIT DEALERS

- Any person who buys baitfish for resale or sells baitfish is required to obtain a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit from the Commissioner.
- Commercial Bait Dealers may sell as bait only those species of fish above, with the exception of yellow perch. Commercial Bait Dealers may also sell rainbow smelt as bait, provided they are obtained from a fish hatchery approved by the Commissioner, or harvested and sold for use on the same waterbody on which the Bait Dealer is located as per below.
- Commercial Bait Dealers must declare in their permit application if they will be a Statewide baitfish dealer, or a Waterbody-Specific baitfish dealer.
- Statewide baitfish dealers are prohibited from possessing, buying or selling wild-caught baitfish.
 - Baitfish sold by Statewide baitfish dealers must originate from a fish hatchery approved by the Commissioner.
 - Statewide baitfish dealers must hold or keep baitfish in waters drawn from a secure well or municipal water source approved by the Fish & Wildlife Department.
 - Baitfish sold by Statewide baitfish dealers may be used in waters throughout the state, except those waters listed as closed to baitfish use.
- Waterbody-specific baitfish dealers must declare on their permit application the waterbody on which they are located.
 - Waterbody-specific baitfish dealers may harvest wild baitfish only from the declared waterbody, and offer them for sale and use only on the declared waterbody.
 - Waterbody-specific baitfish dealers must have baitfish holding facilities that discharge directly to their declared waterbody. Holding facilities must not discharge to other waters of the state.

- Waterbody-specific baitfish dealers shall not operate dip nets, cast nets, or umbrella nets exceeding 51 square feet of mesh, or a seine net exceeding 125 feet in length, for the purposes of taking fish for bait, unless otherwise provided for on a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit. Baitfish netting is prohibited in all Seasonally Closed Waters, unless otherwise provided for on a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit.
- The commercial harvest of baitfish is prohibited on any waterbody of the state that is defined as closed to baitfish harvest. The department will maintain and make available a list of closed waters.
- A Commercial Bait Dealer shall provide to each customer at the point of sale a copy of a transportation receipt containing the following information: 1) A unique receipt identification number, 2) The name and telephone number of the bait dealer, 3) time and date of sale, 4) species purchased, 5) quantity purchased, 6) waterbody (limited to one) on which the baitfish will be used, 7) signature of purchaser.
- A transportation receipt shall be valid for 96 hours from time and date of sale.
- A Commercial Bait Dealer Permit must keep receipts or records for each lot of wholesaled hatchery-raised or wild-caught baitfish introduced into their shop. Records must include: name, address and telephone number of seller (for wholesaled baitfish), and date received, species identification, and quantity purchased or harvested, for wholesaled and wild-caught baitfish. The permit holder shall retain the receipts and records for at least one year after the date of sale or harvest. Receipts or records must be provided to the department immediately upon request.

Sale & Purchase of Fish

Businesses may buy lawfully taken fish, with the approval of the Commissioner, pursuant to guidelines of the Board. Fish species to be bought or sold are restricted to species not protected by *Title 10 V.S.A. 4611* – “A person shall not buy or sell a salmon, trout, lake trout, walleye, northern pike, muskellunge or black bass taken in this state, or imported from another state or country where sale of such fish is prohibited, except such fish reared in licensed propagation farms within the state.”

Anadromous Atlantic Salmon

A person shall not take or attempt to take any anadromous Atlantic Salmon from the Vermont tributaries of the Connecticut River. Also, see *Table 4, Connecticut River*.

Fish Importation, Fish Stocking and Use of Imported Commercially Prepared Baitfish and Fish Eggs

It is unlawful for any person to bring into the state any fish that will be introduced into any waters of the state without an importation permit from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.



These importation permits also require that the fish come from a fish hatchery approved by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

Before being imported into Vermont, dead baitfish or fish eggs must be commercially processed in a manner that allows the product to be stored without refrigeration or freezing to maintain the unopened product. Imported dead baitfish or fish eggs must be retained in the original package at all times during importation and transportation.

The importation and possession of dead fish for personal consumption or taxidermy purposes is exempt from this regulation provided any associated waste products are disposed of to guard against the introduction of fish diseases to state waters. Acceptable disposal methods include:

- placement of all fish waste products in an approved state landfill; or
- incineration of all fish waste products; or
- burial of fish on private land only, no less than one hundred feet from any public water.

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Fishing Tournaments

In order for a person or organization to hold a fishing tournament on the waters of Vermont, a permit must first be obtained from the Fish & Wildlife Department in Essex Junction (call 802-878-1564). Where appropriate, a fishing tournament permit will contain a provision for live transport of fish by participants during the tournament. An angler may not enter a fish which was caught and confined to an enclosed area prior to the beginning of the tournament.

Fishing Houses

Fishing houses must have the name and address of the owner permanently and legibly affixed in waterproof paint or rust-proof tag in a clearly visible place near the entrance outside of the shanty.

TENTS OR PORTABLE SHELTERS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE FISHING HOUSES IF USED FOR ICE FISHING AND MUST BE LABELED WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER.

A fishing house shall not be placed on the ice before November 20 and it shall be removed with its contents and any surrounding debris before the ice becomes unsafe or loses its ability to support the fishing house out of the water, or before the last Sunday in March, whichever comes first.

Possession of Live Fish

No person shall have live fish in their possession that are transported in a manner which attempts to keep them alive when leaving waters of the state [10 V.S.A. Sect. 1251 (13)] except as follows:

- the person has been issued a scientific collection permit by the Commissioner;
- the person has been issued a fish transportation permit by the Commissioner;
- the person has been issued a breeder/s permit or fish importation permit by the Commissioner.

Aquatic Nuisance Species

It is illegal to transport or introduce into Vermont waters Eurasian watermilfoil or water chestnuts (exotic nuisance aquatic plants) or zebra mussels (an exotic clam-like animal).

Obstruction to Fish Passage

People are prohibited from preventing the passing of fish in any stream or outlet or inlet of a natural or artificial pond on any public stream, by means of a rack, screen, weir or other obstruction, unless authorized by the Commissioner of Fish & Wildlife.

State-Controlled Fishing Access Areas

DEFINITIONS

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY is any activity or service that produces income to any entity or individual.

NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION means an entity organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

PICNICKING includes but is not limited to any activity that involves, cooking, grilling, food preparation and, set-up associated with eating (including setting blankets or table clothes laid on the ground).

CAMPING includes any activity using a tent, camper, or motor home, any activity involving preparation of an area for sleeping or, any overnight sleeping.

GROUP USE is use actually or potentially involving 10 or more people or 2 or more vehicles at a time.

PARKING is the leaving of motor vehicles or trailers unattended in an access area.

MOTOR VEHICLES are all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscle power.

VESSEL means motor boats, boats, kayaks, canoes and sail boats.

AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES

The following are authorized activities in order of priority:

1. Angling, ice fishing and the launching of any vessel to be used for fishing and parking of vehicles and trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with these purposes.
2. The launching of inboard and outboard motorboats engaging in any activity and parking of vehicles and trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with that purpose.

3. Trapping, hunting and parking of vehicles and boat trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with that purpose.
4. Launching of all non-motorized vessels not used for commercial purposes and parking of vehicles and boat trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with that purpose. Users shall launch from the designated non-motorized launch site, when such a site is identified.
5. ATVs and snowmobiles when being used solely for the purposes of ice fishing.
6. Permitted special uses.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Discarding of bottles, glass, cans, paper, junk, litter, food, or any other garbage or trash.
- Discarding of dead fish, wildlife or portions thereof.
- Washing or cleaning of vehicles and equipment other than for the purpose of removing aquatic plants and organisms.
- Washing or cleaning of fish or wildlife.
- Camping.
- Picnicking.
- Making or maintaining fire of any kind.
- Water skiing.
- Swimming.
- Use of snowmobiles and ATVs, except for those being utilized solely for the purpose of ice fishing.
- Parking of vehicles and or trailers while the vehicle owner or user is not present at the access area or on the adjacent public waters except as otherwise permitted by the commissioner.
- Storage of vehicles and or trailers or placing of vehicles or trailers for sale.
- Withdrawal of water except as authorized under *Authorized Users* listed below.
- Parking in excess of 72 consecutive hours except that the Commissioner may issue permits for longer parking when the Commissioner determines that there will be no adverse impact on authorized uses found in *Authorized Activities* listed above.
- Commercial activity except as authorized by *Limited Commercial Activity* described below.
- Activity that interferes with a priority use, such as, but not limited to the mooring or beaching of boats, using the ramp to rig a boat or boats thus obstructing use of the ramp, and the storing of boats or trailers at an access area.
- Group use not specifically authorized by the Commissioner.
- Launching and recovery of sailboards, rafts, snow kites, and the parking of vehicles and trailers supporting these activities.
- All other activity that is not specifically permitted by this rule unless specifically authorized by the Commissioner.

AUTHORIZED USERS

- Any person who is engaged in any authorized activity.
- Any group that has received approval for group use in accordance with this rule.

- Fire departments that have executed a Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) with the Commissioner for the installation and use of a dry hydrant. And then, only in accordance with their MOA. Fire departments may also use Access Areas without dry hydrants as emergency water sources to fight fires and will notify the local warden as soon as practicably possible.
- Individuals participating in a fishing tournament permitted under 10 V.S.A. §4613.

LIMITED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

Commercial activity at fishing access areas is limited to entities and persons taking part in activities authorized by *Authorized Activities 1, 2, and 3* listed above.

Caution: It Is Unlawful To —

- Take fish except by angling unless otherwise stated.
- Take trout and salmon through the ice during the regular season when fishing for these species is limited to angling.
- Take fish in waters closed by regulations of the Fish & Wildlife Commissioner or Board. Such waters are posted.
- Buy or sell salmon; brook, brown, lake, or rainbow trout; largemouth or smallmouth bass; walleye; northern pike; or muskellunge taken in Vermont or imported from another state or country where such sale of fish is prohibited. The exceptions to this rule are for the purpose of a game supper authorized by a permit, or when the fish are reared in a licensed propagation farm in this state.
- Prevent the passing of fish in any stream or outlet or inlet of a natural or artificial pond on any public stream by means of rack, screen, weir or other obstruction. The exception to this rule is if obstruction is authorized by the Commissioner of Fish & Wildlife.
- Use a spear gun to take any kind of fish from any waters.
- Take or kill fish by shutting off or drawing off water.
- Use explosives to take fish, use explosives in any waters, or possess explosives in any waters or on their shores or islands, except for mining or mechanical purposes.
- Place in any waters lime, cresosote, coculus indicus, or any other drug or poison destructive to fish.
- Use, possess, or furnish to another person for use in taking fish any of the following devices: a pound net, trap net, seine, snare, gill net, set net, fyke net, set line, fishing otter, trawl, grapple or similar devices, except as provided otherwise.
- Take sturgeon or spiny softshell turtles.
- Leave trash on the ice, in the water, or on the shore/ streambank.

SPECIAL PERMITS

- The Commissioner may authorize special permits for entities or persons to use an access area for group use when the Commissioner determines that there will be no adverse impact on authorized priority uses.
- The Commissioner may authorize the use of access areas by an educational institution or a nonprofit charitable organization conducting a fundraising event of limited duration, provided that the event will not conflict with a priority use of the access area.
- Special permits shall not be issued and may be revoked immediately for activities that substantially interfere with authorized uses.
- Permit fees shall be in accordance with the schedule of fees established under 10 V.S.A. §4132(e).

SPEED LIMIT

The maximum speed on access areas shall be 15 miles per hour.

Littering

A person shall not leave trash on the ice, in the water or on the shore or streambank.

Lead Sinkers

IT IS ILLEGAL TO SELL, OFFER FOR SALE OR USE A LEAD SINKER IN VERMONT. "Sinker" means any device which weighs one-half ounce or less and is attached to a fishing line for the purpose of sinking the line, and does not include other lead fishing-related items such as weighted fly line, lead-core fishing line, downrigger cannonballs, weighted flies, lures, spoons, or jig heads.

Streams Open to Year-Round Trout Fishing

The sections of the streams listed below are open to trout fishing year round according to the following rules:

- Only artificial flies or lures may be used, except during the open season for trout (2nd Sat. in April – Oct. 31).
- Catch and release only (trout must be immediately released where caught), except during the open season for trout.
- During open season for trout, follow normal size restrictions, daily limits and possession limits.
 - **Black River:** The top of Lovejoy Dam in Springfield downstream to the Connecticut River Boundary.

- **Lamoille River:** From the Lake Champlain boundary (top of Peterson Dam in Milton) upstream to the top of the hydroelectric dam at Fairfax Falls.
- **Lewis Creek:** From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the State Prison Hollow Road (TH#3) bridge in Starksboro.
- **Ompompanoosuc River:** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Union Village Dam.
- **Otter Creek:** From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the top of Center Rutland Falls.
- **West River:** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Townshend Dam to the Connecticut River boundary.
- **White River:** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the bridge on Route 107 in Bethel.
- **Williams River:** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham.
- **Winooski River:** From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury.

Ice Fishing for Trout, Salmon & Bass

Ice fishing for trout, salmon and bass is allowed on the following lakes from the **THIRD SATURDAY IN JANUARY TO MARCH 15**. Length limits and daily limits are found in the Indexes and Tables.

- Big Averill Lake, *Norton and Averill*
- Big Salem Lake, *Derby*
- Caspian Lake, *Greensboro*
- Chittenden Reservoir, *Chittenden*
- Crystal Lake, *Barton*
- Echo Lake, *Charleston*
- Echo Lake, *Plymouth*
- Eden Lake, *Eden*
- Elligo Lake, *Craftsbury, Greensboro, Fairlee and West Fairlee*
- Glen Lake, *Castleton, Fair Haven and Benson*
- Harriman Reservoir, *Whitingham and Wilmington*
- Harveys Lake, *Barnet*
- Island Pond, *Brighton*
- Joes Pond, *Cabot and Danville*
- Lake Bomoseen, *Castleton and Hubbardton*
- Lake Dunmore, *Leicester and Salisbury*



Felt-Soled Boots – Illegal

The use of external felt-soled boots or waders in Vermont waters is illegal, except that state or federal employees or emergency personnel, including fire, law enforcement, and EMT personnel may use them in the discharge of official duties.

- Lake Fairlee, *Thetford, West Fairlee, Fairlee*
- Lake Hortonia, *Sudbury and Hubbardton*
- Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay and the connecting waters), *Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport*
- Lake Morey, *Fairlee*
- Lake Rescue, *Ludlow*
- Lake St. Catherine, *Wells and Poultney*
- Little Averill Lake, *Averill*
- Little Salem Lake, *Derby*
- Maidstone Lake, *Maidstone*
- Marshfield Reservoir (Mollys Falls Reservoir), *Cabot*
- Miles Pond, *Concord*
- Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), *Calais and Woodbury*
- Newark Pond, *Newark*
- Norton Pond, *Norton*
- Parker Pond, *Glover*
- Peacham Pond, *Peacham*
- Pensioner Pond, *Charleston*
- Seymour Lake, *Morgan*
- Shadow Lake, *Glover*
- Somerset Reservoir, *Somerset*
- Sunset Lake, *Benson*
- Wallace Pond, *Canaan*
- Waterbury Reservoir, *Waterbury*
- Willoughby Lake, *Westmore*
- Woodbury Lake (Sabin Pond), *Calais and Woodbury*



Lisa Wall with two nice brown trout she caught at Lake St. Catherine.

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AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

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Anglers', Hunters' and Trappers' CHECKLIST

Before leaving a lake or stream:

- CLEAN** off any mud, plants (even small fragments), and animals from boats, trailers and equipment. Put in trash.
- DRAIN** water from your bait bucket, livewell, bilge, boat, boat trailer, boating equipment and fishing equipment immediately after leaving the water.
- DRY** anything that comes into contact with water.
- Never release live bait or move live fish or fish eggs from one water to another.
- Never leave waters with any live fish.
- Buy your minnows from licensed bait dealers.
- Remove organisms you can't see on your boat, waders and gear by:
 - Scrubbing with hot, soapy water and rinsing.
 - Spraying with high-pressure water.
 - Drying in the sun for 5 days.
 - Soaking clothes and other "soft" items in hot, soapy water for at least 30 minutes and scrubbing thoroughly before using in another water body.
 - Switching to rubber or studded-soled wading boots. Use of felt-soled boots and waders in waters of Vermont is illegal.

Report sightings of suspected aquatic nuisance species to Fish & Wildlife, 802-241-3700, or the Department of Environmental Conservation, 802-241-3777.

Types of Aquatic Nuisance Species

ALEWIFE: Small invasive baitfish recently established in Lake St. Catherine and Lake Champlain. May displace smelt and other native forage fish and depress reproductive capacity of trout and salmon. Alewives may not be used as bait in Vermont.

DIDYMO: An invasive freshwater microscopic algae documented in several rivers in the Lake Champlain basin, Connecticut River watershed and the Batten Kill. Forms extensive 'blooms' on the bottoms of rocky river beds. Smothers aquatic insect habitats, native algae, and other organisms. Spread by felt-soled waders and other clothing and equipment that has not been properly cleaned before moving between waters.

EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL: Prolific invasive aquatic plant found in Lake Champlain and many inland lakes in Vermont. Interferes with boating, fishing and swimming, and displaces native plants. Easily spread when plant fragments are caught and moved on boat trailers, propellers, anchors and other equipment, or in live wells.

MUTE SWAN: Very large white bird with orange bill, observed annually in Vermont since 1993. Highly aggressive during the nesting season and may drive away or kill native waterfowl. May also attack humans and negatively impact aquatic habitats.

SEA LAMPREY: Parasitic aquatic nuisance fish found in Lake Champlain and a number of its tributaries. Preys on salmon, trout, and other fish, causing substantial economic impact to the lake fisheries. Anadromous sea lampreys in the Connecticut River watershed are not a "nuisance species."

SPINY WATER FLEA: Tiny invasive crustacean not yet found in Vermont but discovered in nearby Great Sacandaga Lake, NY, in 2008. Clogs fishing rod guides, fouls fishing lines, alters native species populations and may harm fisheries. Spread by "hitchhiking" on fishing gear that isn't cleaned, or in bilge water, bait buckets, or livewells that aren't drained before moving to a different waterbody.

VARIABLE-LEAVED WATERMILFOIL: Invasive aquatic plant recently discovered in Halls Lake, Newbury, VT and Missisquoi Bay, Lake Champlain. Easily spread by fragments with impacts similar to the closely related Eurasian watermilfoil, but be even more aggressive and difficult to control.

WATER CHESTNUT: Prolific invasive annual plant found in southern Lake Champlain and a few inland lakes. Interferes with boating, hunting and fishing, and displaces native plants. Spreads by seeds or parts of plants caught on boats and equipment.

ZEBRA MUSSEL: Tiny D-shaped invasive mollusks, well established in Lake Champlain and Lake Bomoseen. Clog water intake pipes, damage boat engines, obscure historic shipwrecks, and alter native species populations. Adult zebra mussels can attach and be moved on boat hulls, engines and other equipment. Microscopic larva can get trapped and moved in water of boat engines, bilges, bait buckets, and live wells.

NOTICE:

Transporting any aquatic plant or aquatic plant part, zebra mussel or quagga mussel on the outside of a vehicle, boat, personal watercraft, trailer, or other equipment is illegal. Violators are subject to a penalty of up to \$1000.00.

The use of felt-soled boots or waders in Vermont waters is prohibited. Violators are subject to a penalty of up to \$1000.00. Visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com/felt.cfm for more information.

HOW DOES MERCURY GET INTO FISH?

MERCURY IN THE ENVIRONMENT

Mercury is an atmospherically deposited toxic metal, which has contaminated waterbodies. Mercury is emitted to the atmosphere during the combustion of fossil fuels and municipal and medical waste. It is deposited to watersheds where it transforms into methylmercury. Highly toxic methylmercury is easily assimilated by microscopic organisms at the bottom of the food web. Once in the food web, methylmercury bio-accumulates, reaching higher concentrations in the tissues of predatory fishes. Mercury is also directly assimilated by fish across the gill membrane.

MERCURY AND HEALTH

Mercury has been found at levels in fresh water fish in many lakes and ponds in the northeast exceeding health guidelines. Scientific studies have linked mercury with developmental problems, and with kidney and nervous system damage. Women who are pregnant should not eat fish with high levels of mercury. Mercury affects fetal development, preventing the brain and nervous system from developing normally. Affected children show lowered intelligence, impaired hearing, and poor coordination. Walleye, smallmouth bass, and chain pickerel show the highest concentrations of mercury. Please see the Health Department's website (www.healthvermont.gov) for the most current advisory.

MORE INFORMATION ON MERCURY IN FISH

Go to the Health Department's Web page at www.healthvermont.gov. There is also a mercury website at www.mercot.org.

LET'S GET THE LEAD OUT!

It is illegal to use lead sinkers weighing one-half ounce or less.

Loons and some other water birds can die from lead poisoning after swallowing lead fishing sinkers and jigs lost by anglers. You can help by switching to non-lead fishing tackle and by helping to spread the word for others to do the same.

A loon with lead poisoning may have physical and behavioral changes, including loss of balance, gasping, tremors, and impaired ability to fly. A weakened bird is more vulnerable to predators and it may have trouble feeding, mating, nesting, or caring for its young. After ingesting lead some loons lose weight and die within two to three weeks.

Research in the northeastern United States and Canada has documented that poisoning from lead sinkers and jigs can account for 10 to 50 percent of dead adult loons found. It is the leading cause of observed loon deaths here in the Northeast.

What can you do to help?

- Use non-lead fishing weights.
- Spread the word. Tell other anglers about the problem and encourage them to switch to non-lead alternatives.
- Remove lead sinkers and jigs from your tacklebox.

Some other ways to help loons:

- Remove spent fishing line and other materials from Vermont waters and shorelines to reduce entanglement, another cause of loon deaths.
- Maintain a respectful distance from wild animals. Use binoculars to get a great view.
- Observe and report loon sightings and nest activities, but do not approach a nest.
- Participate in the annual Vermont Loon Watch on the third Saturday in July. For information call 802-241-3700.
- Support continuing loon and other nongame wildlife management efforts by donating to the Vermont Nongame Wildlife Fund on your Vermont income tax form or on hunting and fishing license applications.
- Buy Vermont Conservation License Plates for your vehicle.

Preventing Human Lead Exposure from Fishing Sinkers

Some fishing sinkers contain lead. Lead can be dangerous to your body if breathed in or eaten. Prolonged and high levels of exposure to lead can cause brain and nerve damage, slowed growth in children, and reproductive problems and high blood pressure in adults.

In order to prevent exposure to lead, please handle lead sinkers with care and use the following guidelines:

- Wash hands with soap after holding or using lead sinkers
- Never put lead sinkers in your mouth. This includes biting down on or chewing lead sinkers.
- Never handle or eat food immediately after handling lead sinkers unless hands have been washed with soap first.
- Take proper precautions when melting lead and pouring sinkers at home.
- Switch to sinkers that do not contain lead or zinc. Alternatives to lead sinkers are made of steel, bismuth, tungsten, resin and glass.

If you suspect lead poisoning in your child or yourself, or you would like further information, call:

**Vermont Department of Health
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
800-439-8550 or 802-865-7786**

This office provides screening, public information and technical assistance:

**The National Lead Information Center
800-424-LEAD
www.epa.gov/lead**

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

Improved mapping in this edition includes state and federal public lands as well as the locations of free public fishing access areas. Also included is a chart showing fish species found in lakes and streams.

It is important for all of us who fish today to do our best to pass our fishing tradition on to the next generation. To help make it easier, young anglers do not need a license until they are 15 years old, and Vermont offers significantly reduced license rates for anglers 15-18 years old (\$8 for residents, \$15 for nonresidents).

Fishing in Vermont is easier than in many states because we have more than 800,000 acres of federal and state public land open to fishing. Be sure to look at the maps included here that show where you can find state wildlife management areas, state forests, state parks, national wildlife refuges, and the Green Mountain National Forest. More detailed maps of state wildlife management areas are on the Fish & Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) and in the "Guide to Wildlife Management Areas of Vermont" book available through the online store.

To learn more about Vermont fishing, check in at our website or call us at (802) 241-3700. Copies of helpful publications available on the website can be found under "Fishing."

If you don't live in Vermont, planning your trip and finding a place to stay is easy at www.VermontVacation.com. Additional information about lodging and guides is available from the Vermont Outdoor Guides Association at www.voga.org and at 1-800-425-8747.

Fishing licenses can be purchased online through our website and from agents statewide.

USING THE MAPS

First, use the *Map Guide*, which contains the whole state and directs you to the specific map page for the area of the state you wish to fish. Find the map page for the area you wish to fish and go to that page. The maps are clearly labeled with their map page (1-15). As you look at the map page you will notice small numbers (stream section number) inside colored boxes. These numbers indicate sections of rivers with a regulation that is different than the general regulations. In addition to the numbers, the stream sections are also highlighted in either a **YELLOW** or **BLUE-GREEN** color. Once you have this number go to the *Index of Rivers & Streams*, and in the last column you will find the stream section number. Below that row you will find the special regulations for that section. An alternative is to locate the name of the river or stream on the map. Once you have the name, you can go to the *Index of Rivers & Streams* and find the special regulation for that section.

For example, on Map 6 you will see number 57. Using the *Index of Rivers & Streams*, you will find that this section is on Ridley Brook (also labeled on the map) from the Winooski River upstream to the first falls. This section has a special trout regulation with a 10" to 16" protected slot and a 2 trout daily limit of which only 1 can be greater than 16 inches.

Lakes and Ponds

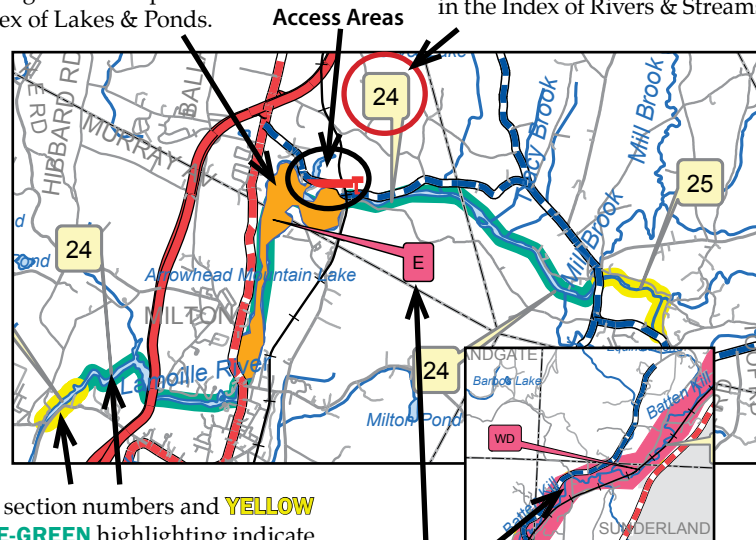
Lakes that are colored **ORANGE** contain some special fisheries regulations. On these lakes be sure to check the *Index of Lakes & Ponds* for the specific regulation on these water bodies.

Aquatic Nuisance Species

The maps also include information on the distribution of aquatic nuisance species (ANS). Streams with ANS are labeled with a code in a **rose box** and certain streams are highlighted in **rose**. Lakes with ANS are labeled with a code in a **rose box**. The ANS codes are listed on the indices for *Rivers & Streams* and *Lakes & Ponds*. Please remember, 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 as yet undetected. For more information on aquatic nuisance species spread prevention practices see page 57.

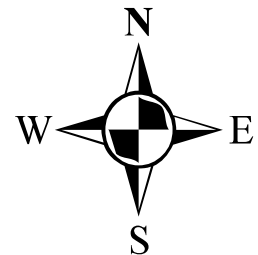
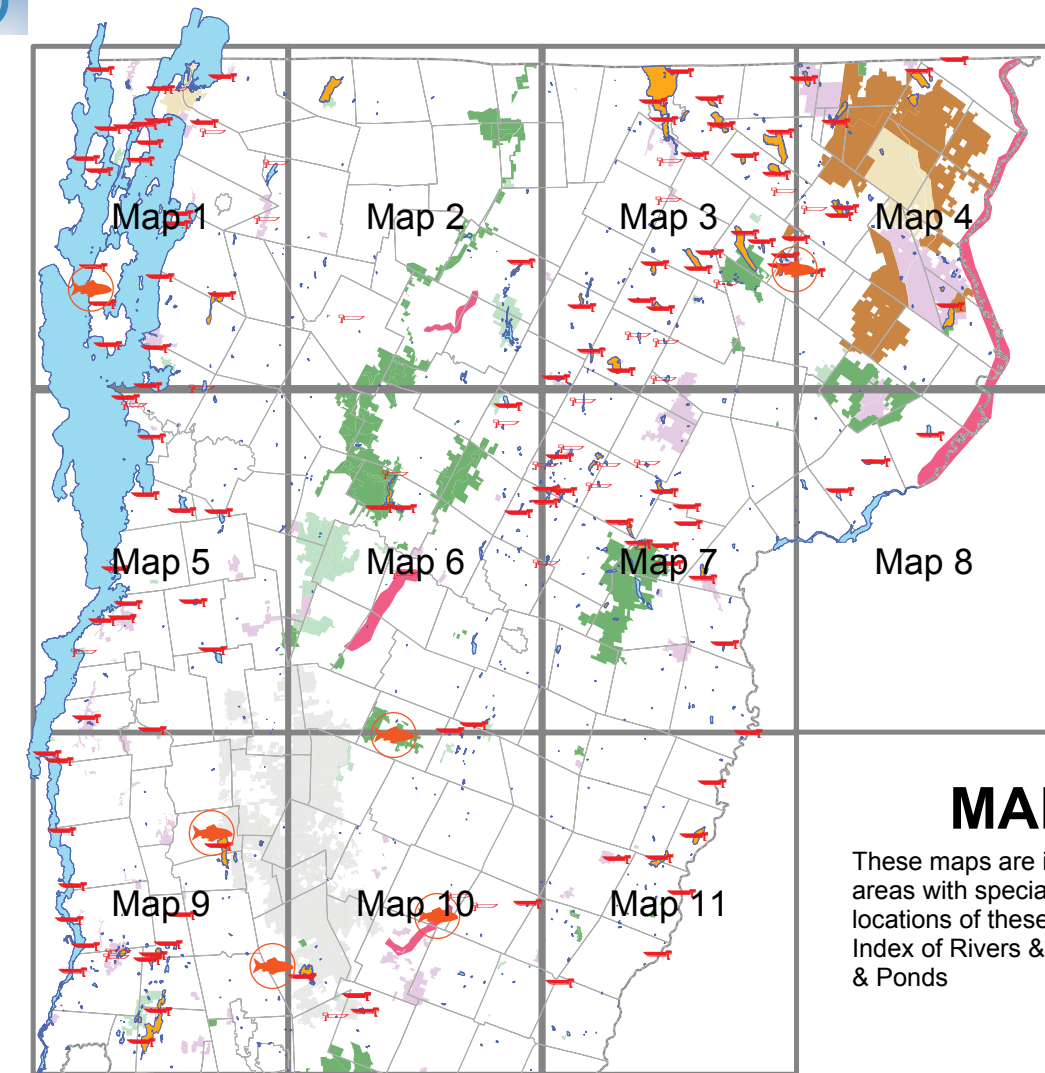
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The numbers refer to the last column in the *Index of Rivers & Streams*.



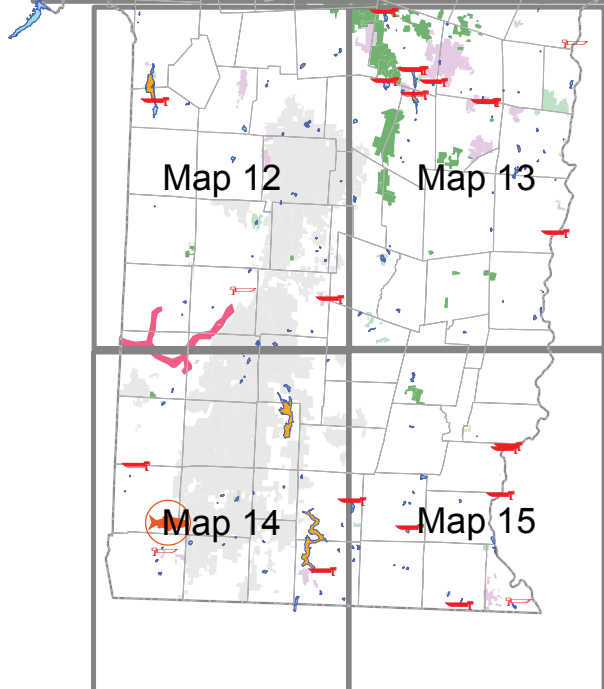
Stream section numbers and **YELLOW** or **BLUE-GREEN** highlighting indicate special regulations.

Indicates the presence of Aquatic Nuisance Species.














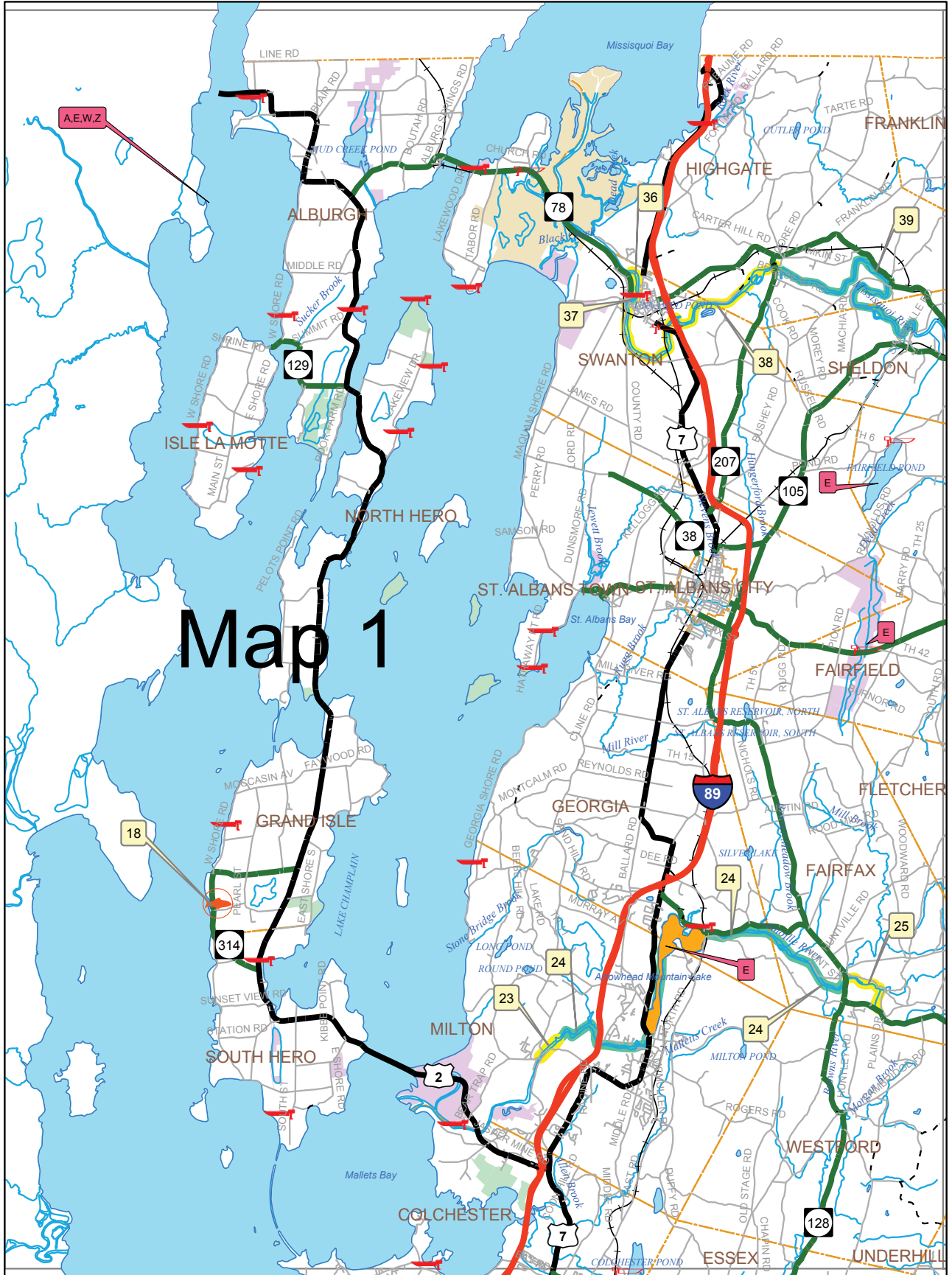
MAP GUIDE

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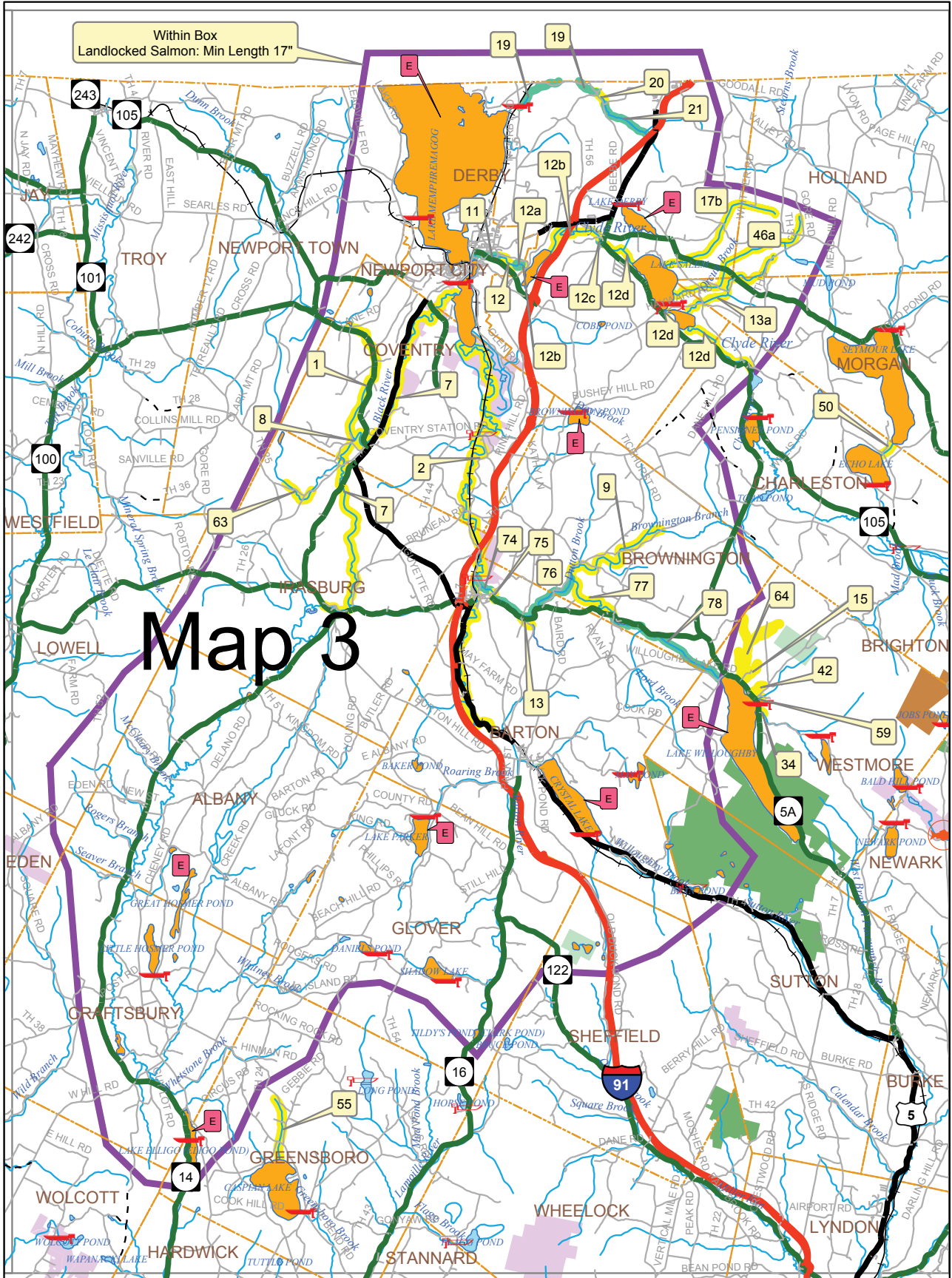
Legend

-  Fish Hatchery
-  Access Area - Carry-on
-  Access Area - Trailer
-  Special Regulation Lakes
-  Federal Wildlife Refuge
-  Federal Lands
-  Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)
-  State Forests
-  State Parks
-  Publicly Accessible Private Lands
-  Aquatic Nuisance Species



Map 1

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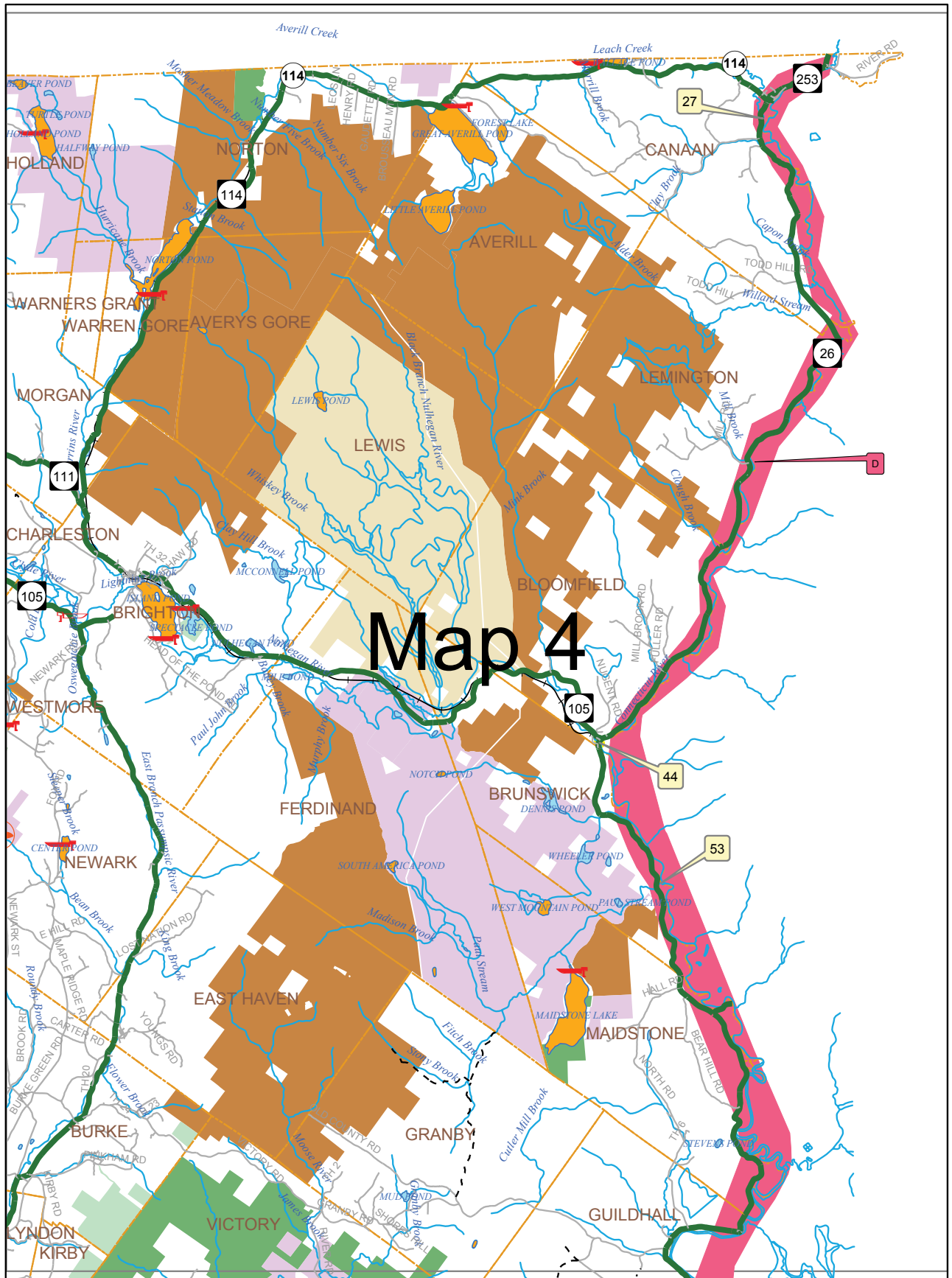


Within Box
Landlocked Salmon: Min Length 17"

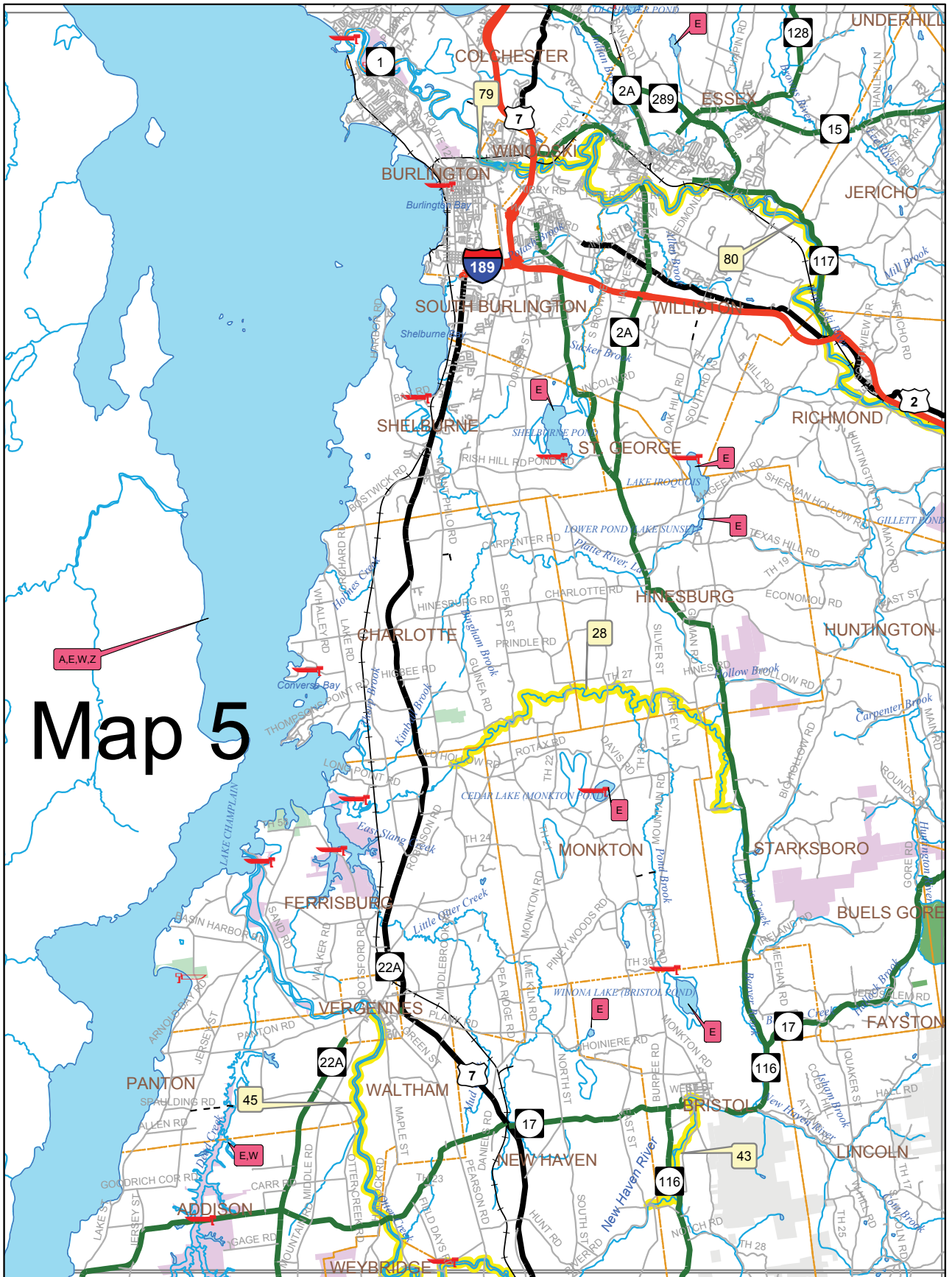
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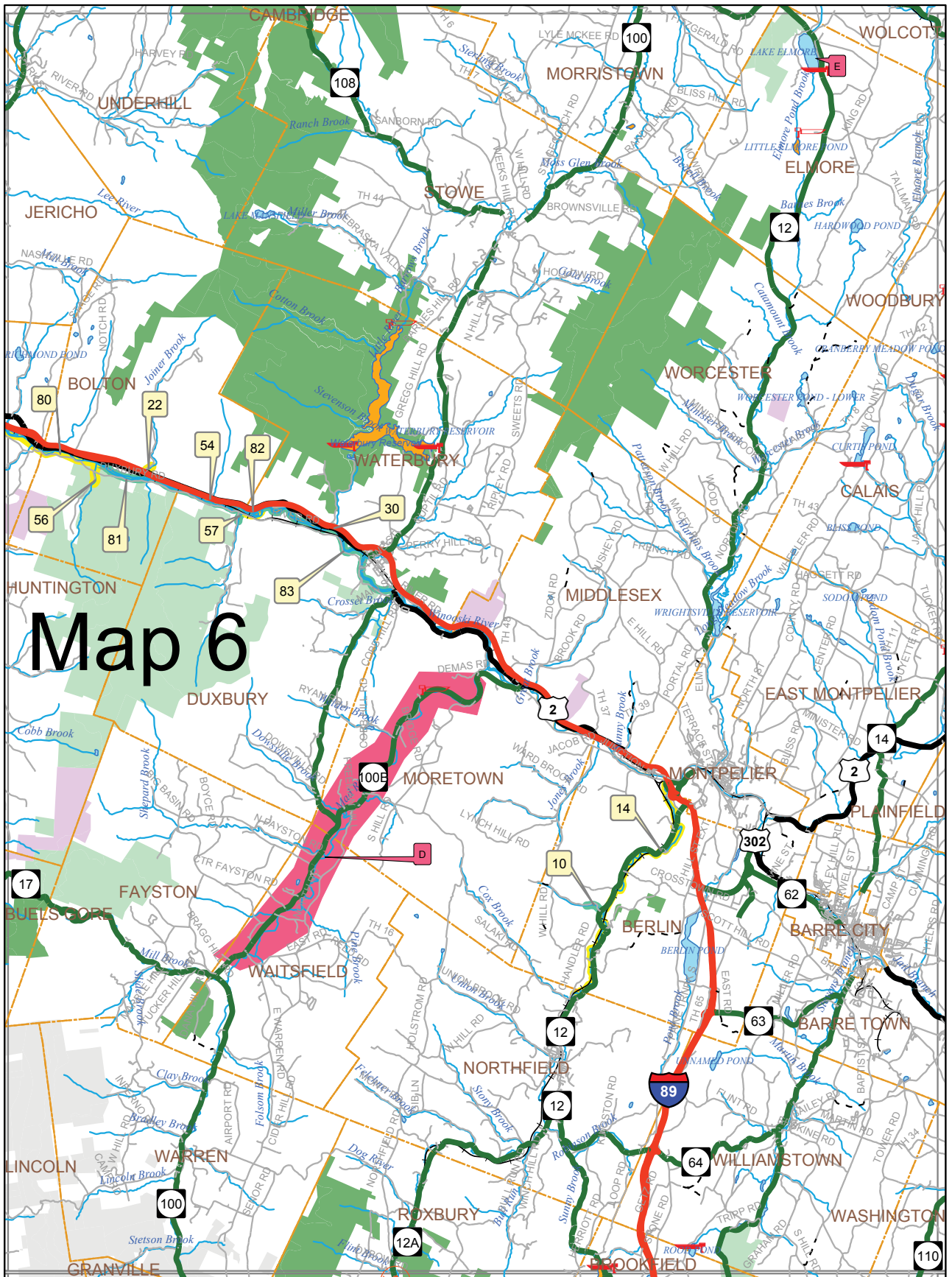
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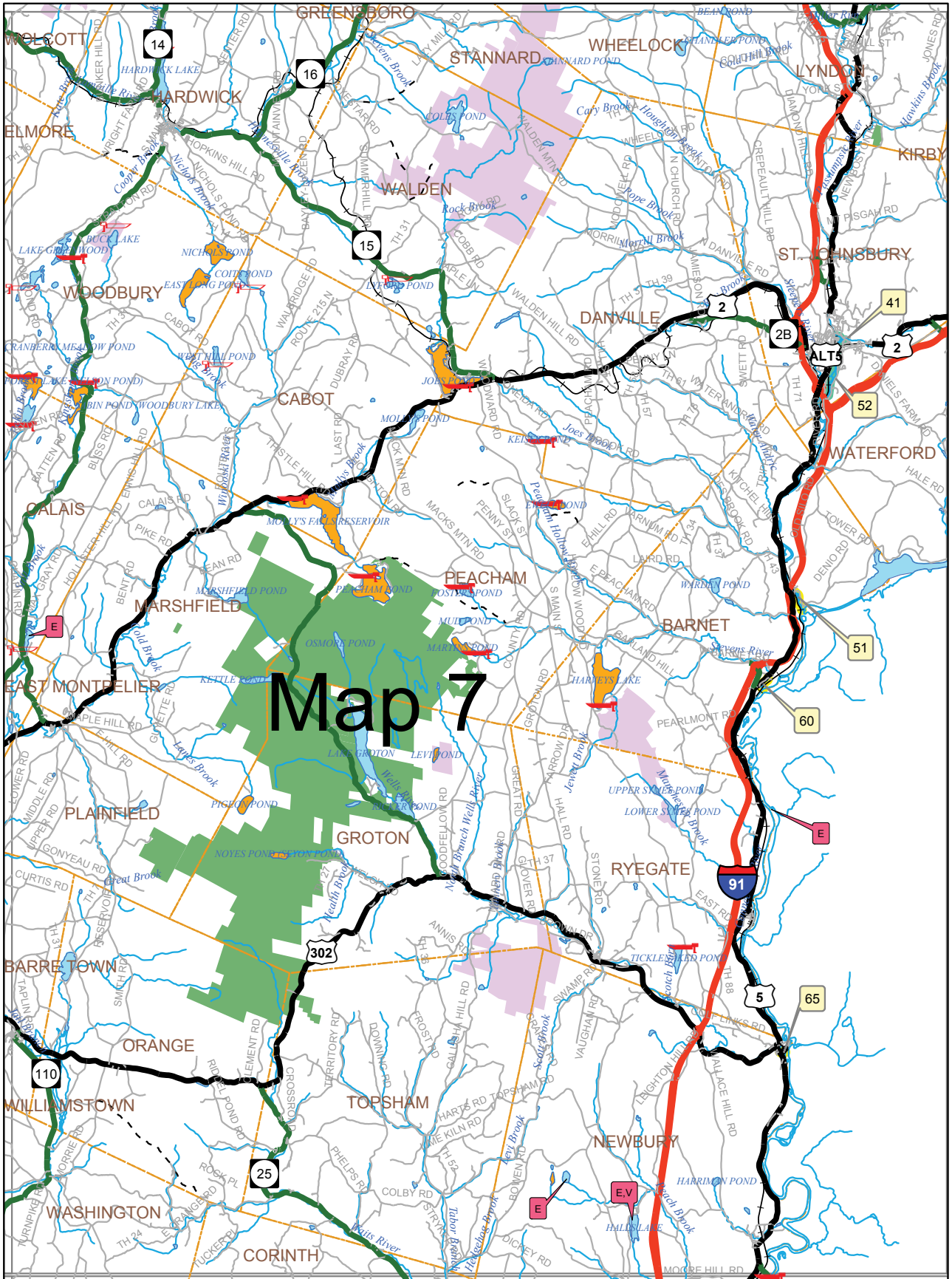
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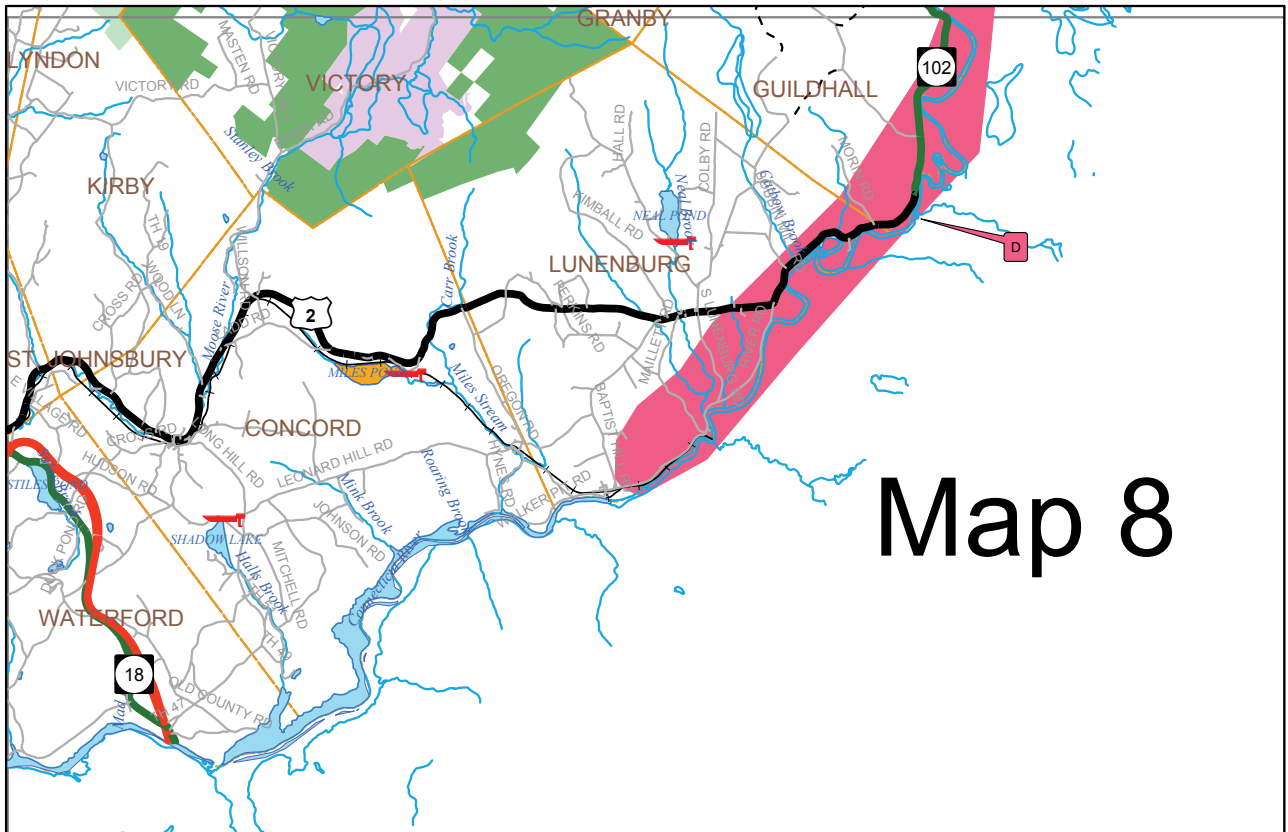


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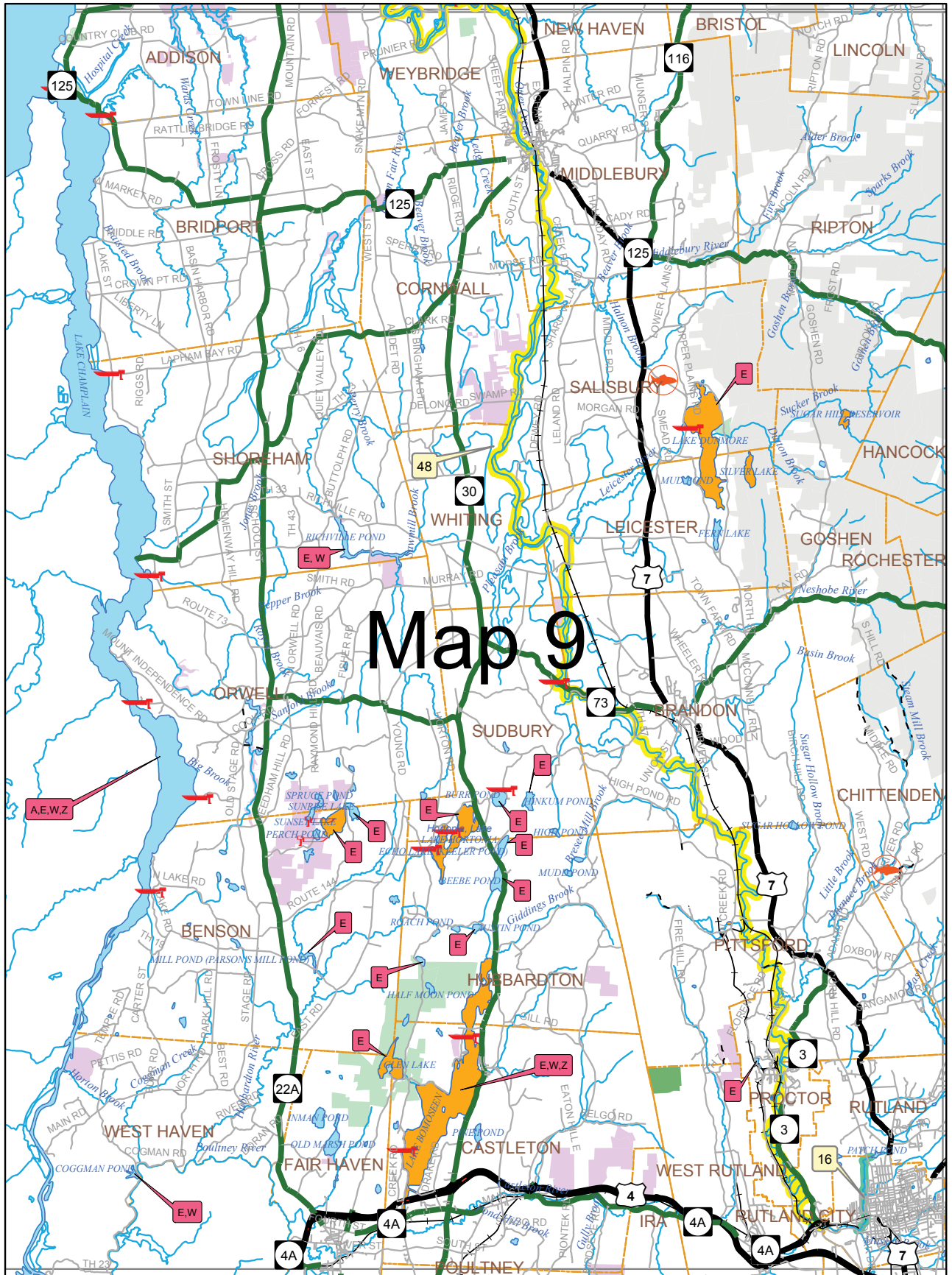
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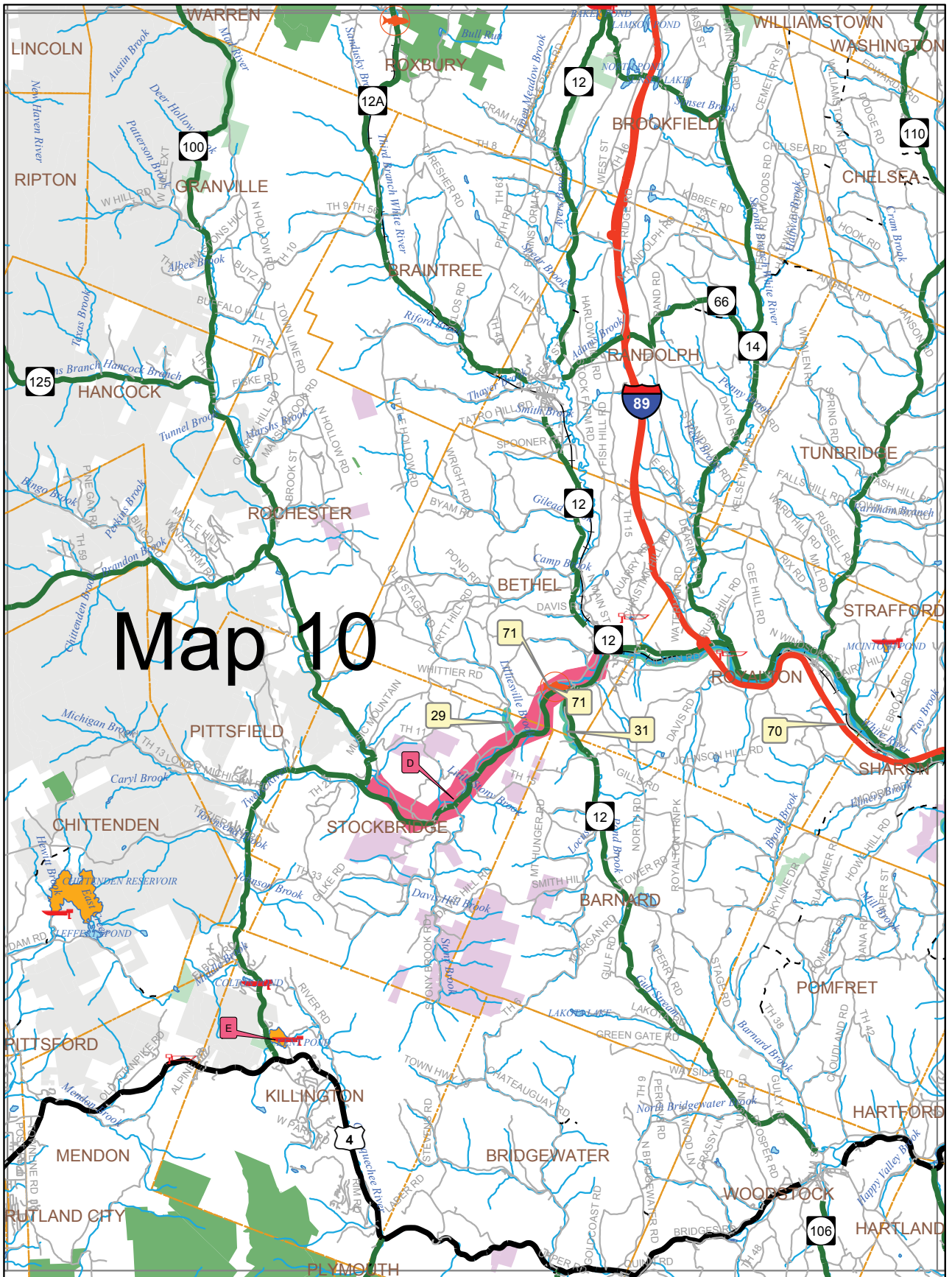
THE MEMORIES ARE ALWAYS BIGGER THAN THE FISH. DON'T LET ONE GET AWAY.

START A LIFETIME OF NEW MEMORIES.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife makes family friendly fishing easy with free fishing for kids under 15 and special youth fishing licenses. Plus, June 9, 2012 is Free Fishing Day.

Stumped on where to go fishing? Check out Vermont's Family-Friendly Fishing Opportunities at www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fish_familyfishing.cfm where you'll find great fishing spots that are close to home and fun places for kids to take their parents fishing!

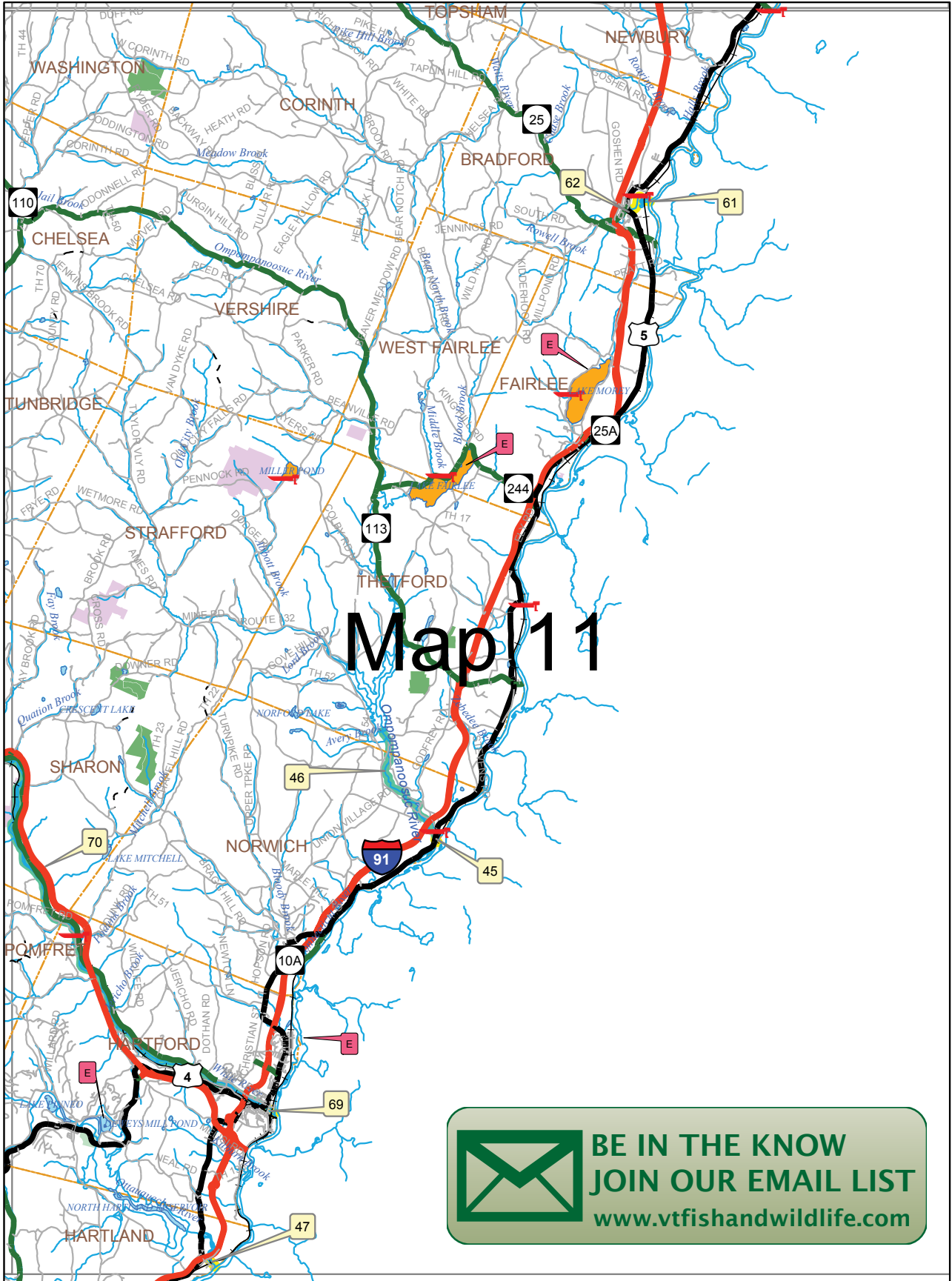




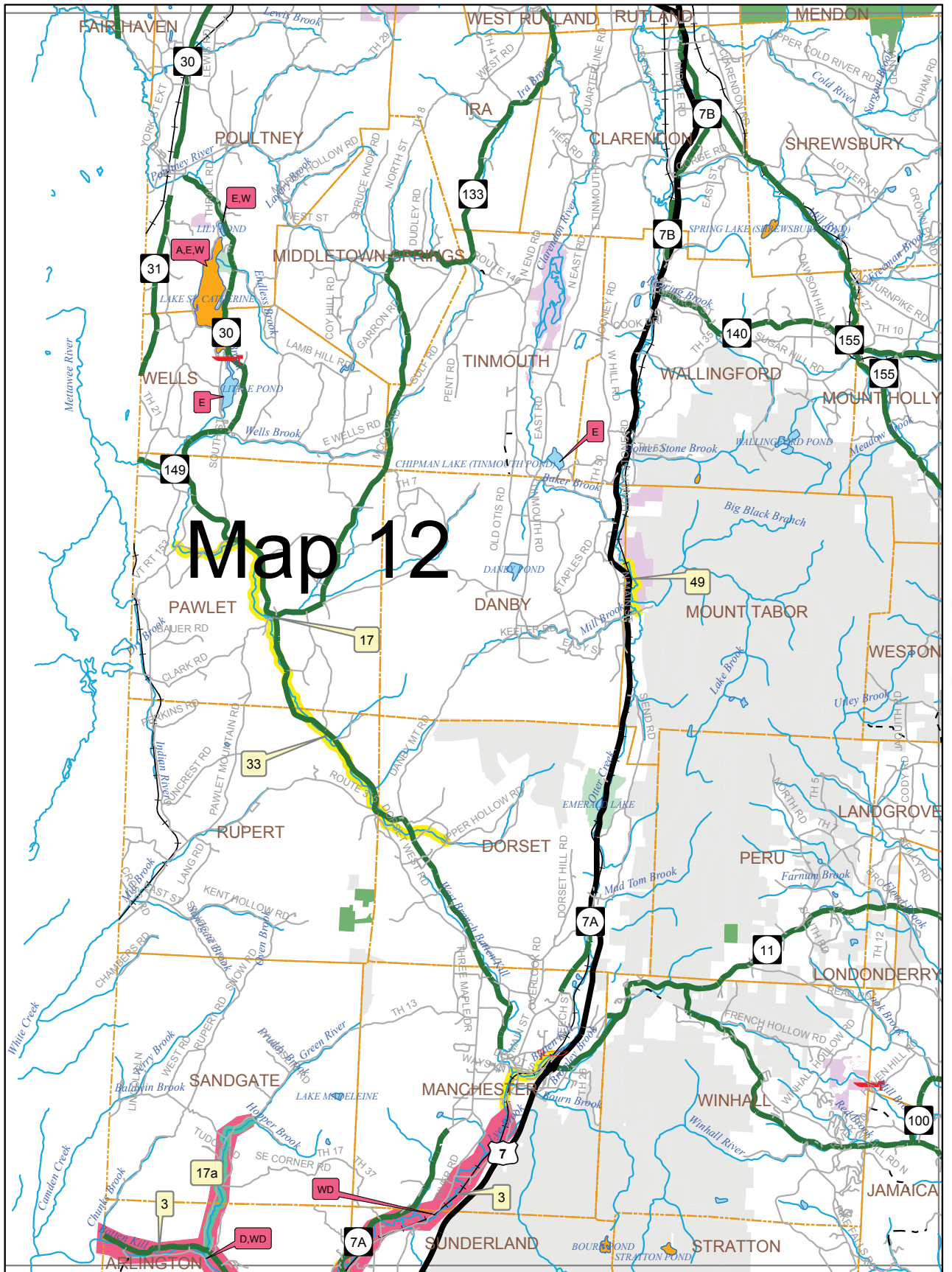
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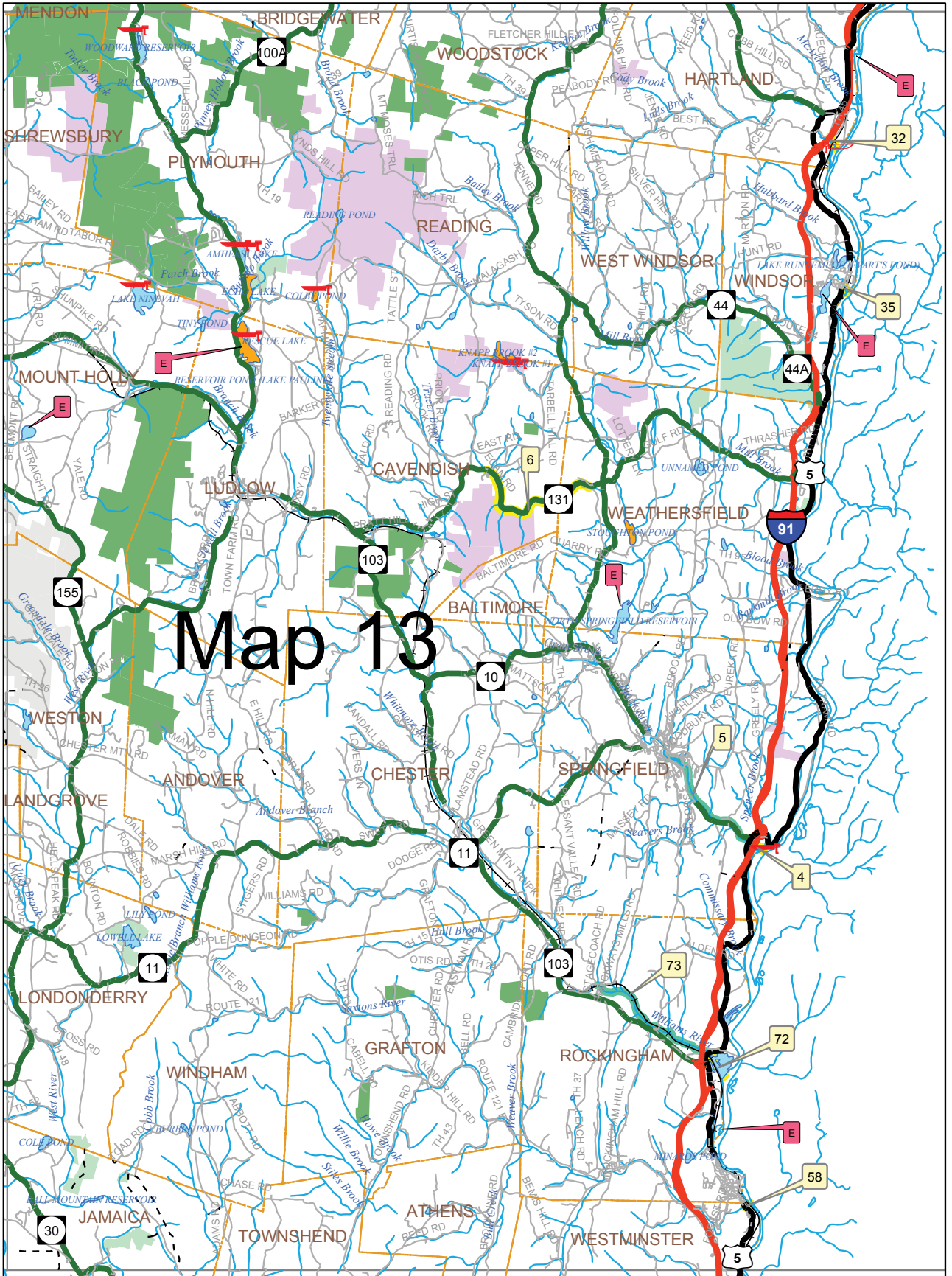
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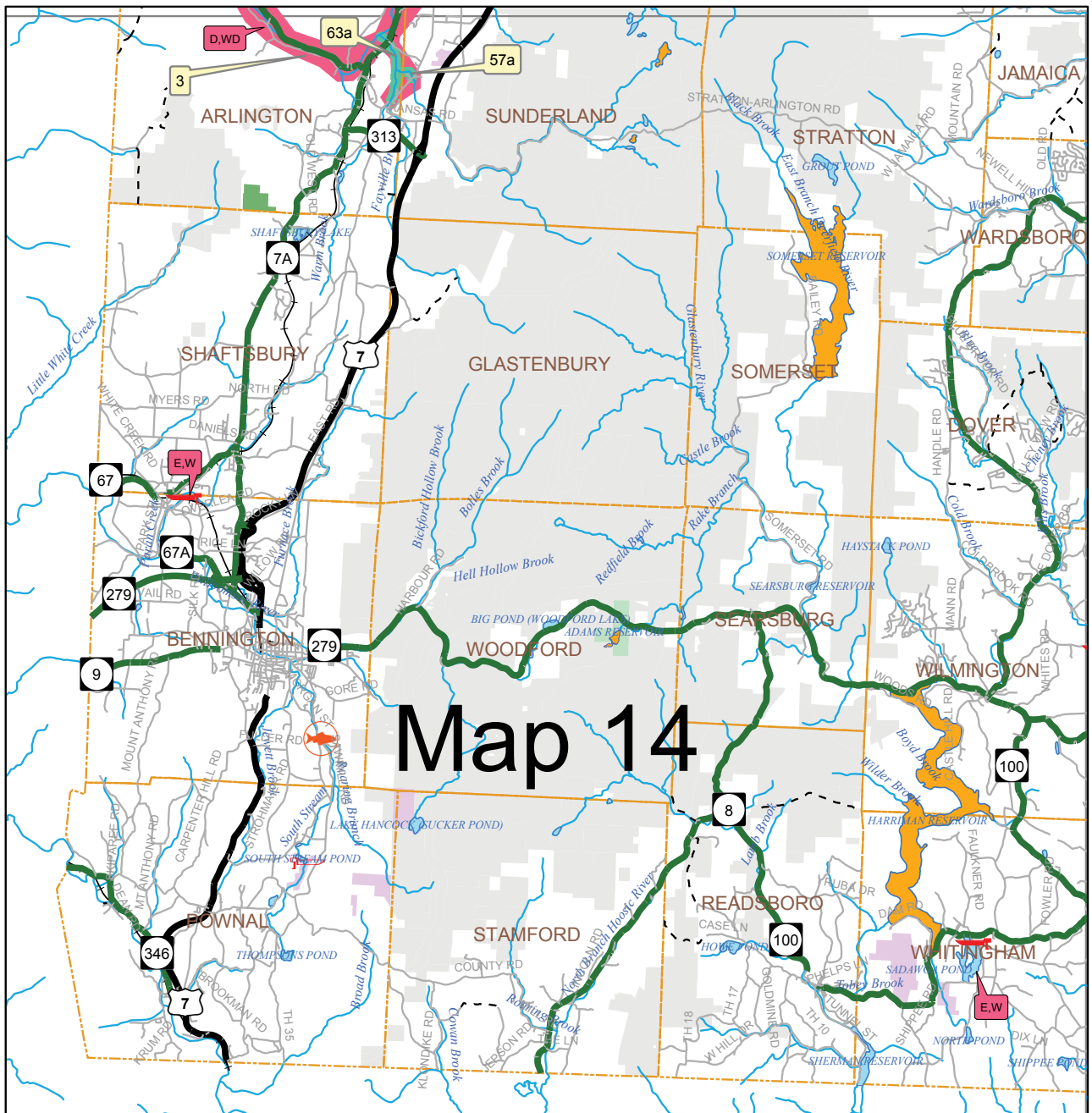
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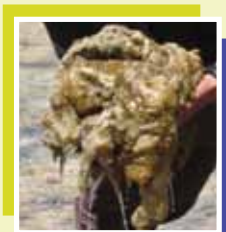


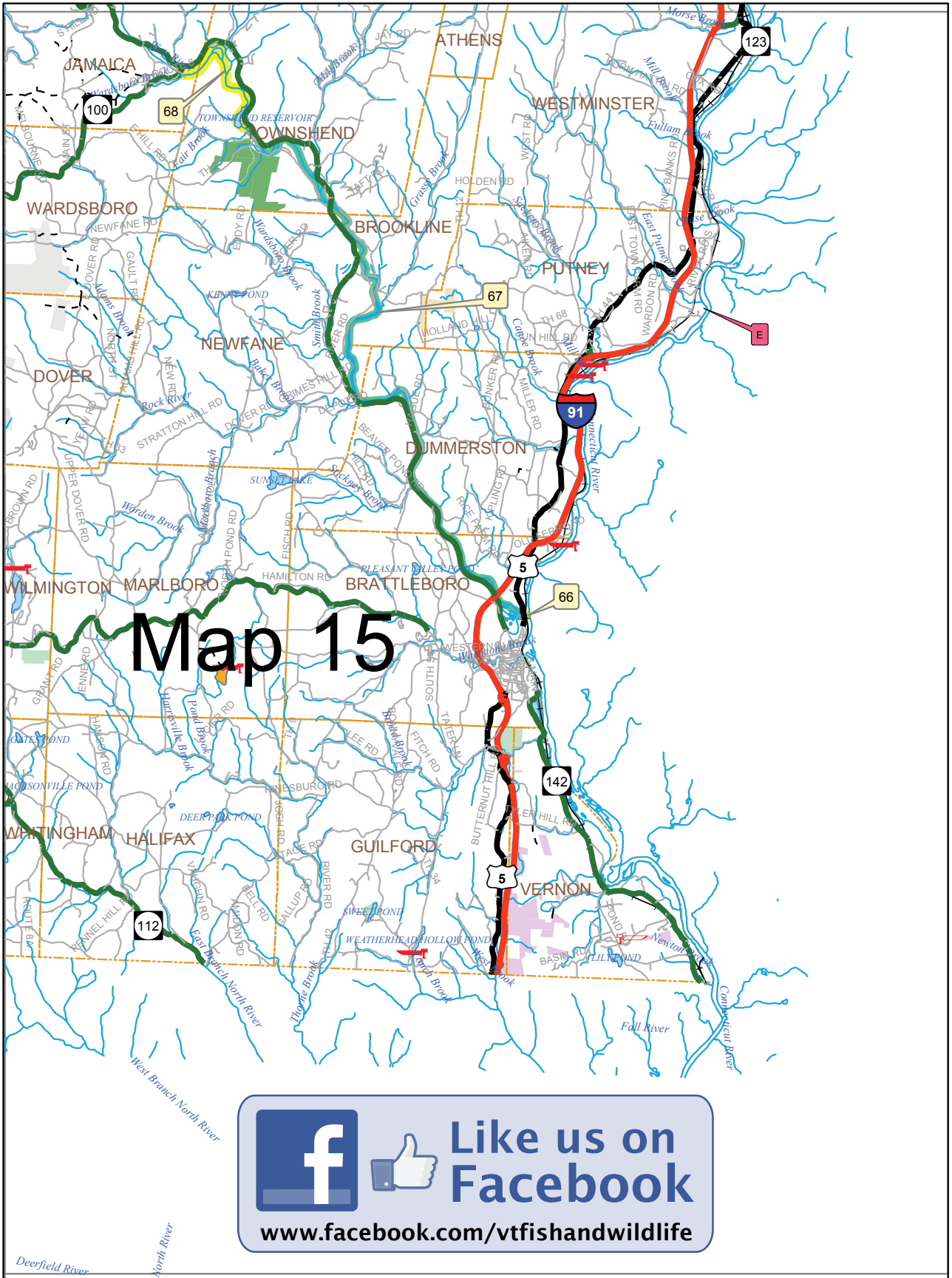
Stop Rock Snot



Didymo, a.k.a Rock Snot, is the common name for *Didymosphenia geminata*, an invasive freshwater microscopic algae. It has been found in the Connecticut, Passumpsic, White, Gihon and Mad Rivers as well as the Batten Kill.

Didymo forms extensive 'blooms' on the bottoms of rocky river beds, smothering aquatic life forms such as aquatic insects, native algae, and other organisms. The algae bloom is aesthetically unpleasing, and can reduce the recreational values of a waterbody.





Map 15



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INDEX OF RIVERS & STREAMS

For rivers, streams, brooks and creeks **NOT LISTED** in this index, see *Table 1, Table 3, and Table 4.*

Rivers & Streams	Town	County	Table	Map	Stream Section #	ANS*
Alder Brook						
<i>Black River to Sargent Pond Outlet</i> • Closed to Fishing – Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Landlocked Salmon Minimum Length 17"	Coventry	Orleans	1	3	1	
<i>Sargent Pond to Headwater</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Coventry	Orleans	1	3		
Barton River						
<i>From the downstream side of the US Rt 5 bridge southernmost and closest to the Village of Barton in Barton downstream to Lake Memphremagog</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout	Coventry/ Irasburg	Orleans	1	3	2	
<i>US Rt 5 bridge southernmost and closest to the village of Barton in Barton to headwaters</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	All Applicable Towns	Orleans	1	3		
Battenkill River						
<i>NY Border to base of Dufresne Dam in Manchester</i> • All Trout must be Released Immediately	Arlington/ Sunderland/ Manchester	Bennington	1	12, 14	3	WD
<i>Dufresne Dam in Manchester to headwaters, and all tributaries</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	12		WD
Black River (Trib Conn)						
<i>CT R main channel to I-91 Bridge, Springfield</i>	Springfield	Windsor	4	13	4	E
<i>From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Lovejoy Dam in Springfield</i> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5 • Open to Year Round Trout Fishing (Catch and Release outside of trout season using artificial flies or lures)	Springfield	Windsor	2	13	5	E
<i>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</i> • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 2 trout aggregate	Weathersfield/Cavendish	Windsor	1	13	6	
<i>Howard Hill Bridge to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	13		
Black River (Trib Memph)						
<i>Lake Memphremagog upstream to 600 feet below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout	Newport City, Coventry	Orleans	1	3	7	
<i>From 600 feet below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry upstream to the top of the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Coventry	Orleans	1	3	8	
<i>Old Harman Mill in Coventry upstream to the downstream side of the VT Rts 14/58 bridge in Irasburg</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout	Newport City, Coventry	Orleans	1	3	7	
<i>VT Rts 14/58 bridge to headwaters</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	All Applicable Towns	Orleans	1	3		

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D=Didymo; WD=Whirling Disease

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Brownington Branch of Willoughby River						
<i>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).</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Brownington	Orleans	1	3	9	
<i>From Second road crossing on Brownington Chilafox Road (TH #15) Crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafox Road (TH #15) to headwaters.</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Brownington	Orleans	1	3		
Chase Brook						
<i>From its confluence with the Dog River upstream approximately 1/2 mile to the top of the natural falls in Berlin.</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Berlin	Washington County	1	6	10	
Clyde River						
<i>Lake Memphremagog to the downstream edge of the arch bridge at Gardner park entrance</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Newport City	Orleans	1	3		
<i>Downstream edge of the arch bridge at Gardner park entrance to the downstream edge of the bridge on Lower Clyde Street in Newport City</i> • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 using artificial flies and lures only • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Newport City	Orleans	1	3	11	
<i>From the downstream edge of the bridge on Lower Clyde Street in Newport City upstream to 260 feet below the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City.</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 10 • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 using artificial flies and lures only • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Newport City	Orleans	1	3	12	
<i>From 260 feet 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.</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Closed to Fishing: Sept 1 through Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Newport City	Orleans	1	3	12a	
<i>Top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City, to the downstream edge of the bridge on Bridge Street, Derby</i> • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 using artificial flies and lures only • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Newport City and Derby	Orleans	1	3	12b	
<i>Downstream edge of the bridge on Bridge Street, Derby to the downstream edge of the bridge on VT Rt 105, Derby</i> • Closed to Fishing: September 1 through October 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Derby	Orleans	1	3	12c	
<i>Downstream edge of the bridge on VT Rt 105, Derby to Citizens Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), W. Charleston</i> • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 using artificial flies and lures only • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	All Applicable Towns	Orleans	1	3	12d	
<i>Citizens West Charleston Dam to Island Pond outlet</i>	Charleston/Brighton	Orleans/Essex	1	3,4		
Coche Brook						
<i>Little Salem Lake to headwaters</i> • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Derby, Morgan	Orleans	1	3	13a	
Connecticut River						
<i>(Including tributaries, bays and setback to 1st highway bridge)</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	4	4,7,8,11,13,15		D, E

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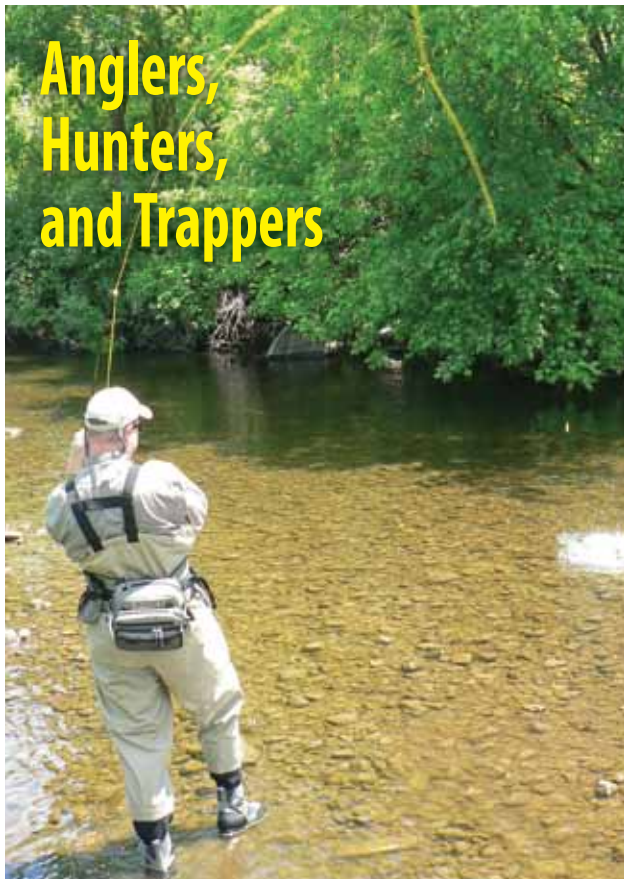
Rivers & Streams	Town	County	Table	Map	Stream Section #	ANS*
Country Club Brook						
<i>From its confluence with the Willoughby River extending upstream to Hollow Road (TH #14) in Barton.</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Barton	Orleans	1	3	13	
<i>Hollow Road (TH #14) Bridge in Barton to headwaters</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Barton	Orleans	1	3		
Dead Creek						
<i>Dead Creek to Panton Road bridge in Panton.</i> • Lake Champlain Boundaries	Panton	Addison	3	5		E, W
<i>Panton Road Bridge in Panton upstream to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	Addison	2	5		E, W
Dog River						
<i>Winooski River, Berlin/Montpelier, to the downstream edge of the Junction Road Bridge in Berlin/Montpelier</i>	Berlin/Montpelier	Washington	1	6		
<i>Downstream edge of the Junction Road Bridge in Berlin/Montpelier upstream to the top of Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield.</i> • Trout: – 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	All Applicable Towns	Washington	1	6	14	
<i>Top of Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield upstream to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	Washington	1	6		
Dorin Brook						
<i>Lake Willoughby upstream 3/4 mile</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Westmore	Orleans	1	3	15	
<i>From 3/4 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwaters</i>	Westmore	Orleans	1	3		
East Creek (Orwell)						
<i>East Creek to the falls in Orwell (downstream of Mount Independence Road)</i> • Lake Champlain Boundaries	Orwell	Addison	3	9		
East Creek (Rutland City)						
<i>From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approximately 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City</i> • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: – Season: 2nd Saturday in April to October 31 – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2	Rutland City	Rutland	1	9	16	
Flower Brook						
<i>From its confluence with the Mettawee River extending upstream (approximately 1000 ft) to the downstream edge of the Rt 30 bridge in Pawlet</i> • Trout: – Length Limit: 10" to 14" protected slot (all fish 10" to 14" must be released) – Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 14 inches	Pawlet	Bennington	1	12	17	
<i>VT Rt 30 Bridge, Pawlet, to headwaters</i>	Pawlet/Dorset	Bennington	1	12		
Gihon River						
	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	2		D
Green Brook						
<i>Salem Lake to headwaters</i> • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Derby	Orleans	1	3	17b	
Green River						
<i>From its mouth on the Batten Kill upstream to its confluence with Moffitt Hollow Brook</i> • Trout: – Catch and Release between Oct 1 and Oct 31 – All trout must be immediately released	Arlington/Sandgate	Bennington	1	12	17a	WD
Hall's Brook						
<i>Lake Memphremagog to the headwaters</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Derby	Orleans	1	3		
Hatchery Brook						
<i>Lake Champlain to main drive for State Fish Hatchery</i> • CLOSED TO FISHING	Grand Isle	Grand Isle		1	18	

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Johns River						
Lake Memphremagog to the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Rd (TH #6) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Derby	Orleans	1	3		
From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Rd (TH #6) to downstream edge of the bridge on Beebe Rd (TH #3) • Closed to Fishing: October 1 to October 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout	Derby	Orleans	1	3	19	
From the downstream edge of the bridge on Beebe Rd (TH #3) upstream approximately two tenths of a mile to the downstream edge of the bridge on Elm Street (TH #2) in Derby. • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 and October 1 to October 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout	Derby	Orleans	1	3	20	
Downstream edge of the bridge on Elm Street (TH #2) in Derby to US 5 in Derby • Closed to Fishing: October 1 to October 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout	Derby	Orleans	1	3	21	
US 5 in Derby to headwaters • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Derby	Orleans	1	3		



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Using Felt-Soled Boots and Waders in Vermont's waters is illegal.

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- Switch to rubber or studded-soled wading boots.

Before leaving a lake or stream:

- Clean off any mud, plants (even small fragments), and animals from boats, trailers and equipment. Put in trash.
- Drain water from your bait bucket, livewell, bilge, boat, boat trailer, boating equipment and fishing equipment immediately after leaving the water.
- Dry anything that comes into contact with water.

Remove organisms you can't see on your boat, waders and gear by either:

- Scrubbing with hot, soapy water and rinsing.
- Spraying with high-pressure water.
- Drying in the sun for 5 days.



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Joiner Brook						
<i>Winooski River upstream approx. 1900 feet to first falls</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: 10" to 16" protected slot: (all fish 10" to 16" must be released) – Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 16 inches 	Bolton	Chittenden	1	6	22	
<i>First falls to headwater</i>	Bolton	Chittenden	1	6		
Lamoille River						
<i>Lamoille River to the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Rd in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Champlain Boundaries 	Milton	Chittenden	3	1		E
<i>From the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Rd in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge) upstream to the top of the first dam (Peterson Dam) in Milton.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: March 16 through May 31 	Milton	Chittenden	3	1	23	E
<i>From the Lake Champlain boundary (top of Peterson Dam in Milton) upstream to downstream edge of the bridge on Rt 104 in the Village of Fairfax (Arrowhead Mountain Lake – See Lakes Table)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Open to Year Round Trout Fishing (Catch and Release outside of trout season using artificial flies or lures) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5 • Walleye: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Season: 1st Saturday in May through October 31 – Length Limit: Minimum length 18" – Daily Limit: 3 	All Applicable Towns	Chittenden/Franklin	2	1	24	E
<i>Lamoille River from the downstream edge of the bridge on Rt 104 in the Village of Fairfax upstream (approximately 1.6 miles) to the top of the Fairfax Falls Dam in Fairfax.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Open to Year Round Trout Fishing (Catch and Release outside of trout season using artificial flies or lures) • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Season: 2nd Saturday in April to October 31 – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5 	Fairfax	Franklin	2	1	25	
<i>Hydroelectric dam at Fairfax Falls in Fairfax upstream to the downstream side of the railroad bridge in Johnson</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	1		
<i>From the downstream side of the railroad bridge in Johnson upstream (approx 3.7 miles) to the downstream edge of the Ten Bends Drive bridge in Hyde Park</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: Minimum length 16 inches – Daily Limit: 2 trout total – Gear Restrictions: Artificial lures and flies only 	Johnson and Hyde Park	Lamoille	1	2	26	
<i>From the downstream edge of the Ten Bends Drive bridge in Hyde Park to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	2		
LaPlatte River						
<i>LaPlatte River to the falls in Shelburne (under Falls Road bridge).</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Champlain Boundaries 	Shelburne	Chittenden	3	5		E
Leach Creek						
<i>CT R main channel to VT Rt 102 Bridge, Canaan</i>	Canaan	Essex	4	4	27	
<i>VT Rt 102 Bridge, Canaan to headwaters</i>	Canaan	Essex	1	4		

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Lewis Creek						
<i>Lewis Creek to the falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road).</i> • Lake Champlain Boundaries	North Ferrisburgh	Addison	3	5		E
<i>From the Lake Champlain boundary (falls in North Ferrisburgh) upstream to the State Prison Hollow Rd (TH#3) bridge in Starksboro</i> • Open to Year Round Trout Fishing (Catch and Release outside of trout season using artificial flies or lures)	All Applicable Towns	Addison	1	5	28	
<i>State Prison Rd (TH#3) to headwaters</i>	Starksboro/Bristol	Addison	1	5		
Lilliesville Brook						
<i>From the confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on the Lilliesville Brook Rd.</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Stockbridge/Bethel	Windsor	1	10	29	
Little Otter Creek						
<i>Lake Champlain to the falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Rd).</i> • Lake Champlain Boundaries	Ferrisburgh Center	Chittenden	3	5		
Little River						
<i>US Rt 2 Bridge to its beginning at base of Waterbury Dam</i>	Waterbury	Washington	1	6		
<i>From the confluence with Winooski River upstream to the Rt 2 bridge in Waterbury</i> • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: – Season: 2nd Saturday in April to October 31 – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2	Waterbury	Washington	1	6	30	
Locust Creek						
<i>From its confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on Rt 12.</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Bethel/Barnard	Windsor	1	10	31	
Lulls Brook						
<i>CT R main channel to I-91 Bridge, Hartland</i>	Hartland	Windsor	4	13	32	
<i>I-91 Bridge, Hartland to Headwaters</i>	Hartland	Windsor	1	13		
Mad River						
	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	6		D
Malletts Creek						
<i>Malletts Creek to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (US 2 and US 7) in Colchester.</i> • Lake Champlain Boundaries	Colchester	Chittenden	3	1		
Mettawee River						
<i>NY Border to the downstream edge of the Rt 153 bridge in Pawlet</i>	Pawlet	Rutland	1	12		
<i>From the downstream edge of the Rt 153 bridge in Pawlet upstream (approximately 16 miles) to the downstream edge of the first bridge on Dorset Hollow Rd and including tributary: Flower Brook upstream (approximately 1000 ft.) to the downstream edge of the Rt 30 bridge in Pawlet.</i> • Trout: – Length Limit: 10" to 14" protected slot: (all fish 10" to 14" must be released) – Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 14 inches	Pawlet	Rutland	1	12	33	
<i>First bridge on Dorset Hollow Rd, in Dorset, to headwaters</i>	Dorset	Bennington	1	12		
Mill Brook						
<i>Lake Willoughby upstream 1/4 mile</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Westmore	Orleans	1	3	34	
<i>From 1/4 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwaters</i>	Westmore	Orleans	1	3		
Mill Brook (Windsor)						
<i>CT R main channel to US Rt 5 Bridge, Windsor</i>	Windsor	Windsor	4	13	35	
<i>US Rt 5 Bridge, Windsor to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	13		
Mill River						
<i>Lake Champlain to the falls in Georgia (just upstream of Georgia Shore Rd bridge).</i> • Lake Champlain Boundaries	Georgia	Franklin	3	1		

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Missisquoi River						
Lake Champlain to Riverside Cemetery (5120' below Swanton Dam)	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	3	1		E, W
Riverside Cemetery (5120' below Swanton Dam) to 850' below the Swanton Dam • Closed to Fishing: March 16 to the Friday before the 1st Saturday in May, both dates inclusive	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	3	1	36	E
From the top of the Swanton Dam in the Village of Swanton downstream approximately 850 ft. to the water treatment plant on the west side of the river, and downstream approximately 850 ft. to the upstream end of the cement breakwater on the east side of the river. • Closed to Fishing: March 16 through May 31	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	3	1	37	E
Missisquoi River from Swanton Dam in the Village of Swanton upstream to the Highgate Falls Dam • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5 • Muskellunge: – Daily Limit: Zero, All muskellunge unintentionally taken must be immediately released	Swanton/Highgate	Franklin	2	1	38	E
Highgate Falls Dam to top of the Sheldon Springs Dam in Sheldon Springs • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	2	1	39	
Sheldon Springs Dam in Sheldon Springs to downstream edge of Kane Rd (TH-3) bridge in Sheldon	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	1, 2		
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 • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: – Season: 2nd Saturday in April to October 31 – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2	Sheldon and Enosburg	Franklin	1	2	40	
From the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls to Headwaters	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	2, 3		
Moose River						
From confluence with Passumpsic River upstream (approx. 350 ft) to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the Village of St. Johnsbury • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: – Season: 2nd Saturday in April to October 31 – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2	Village of St. Johnsbury	Caledonia	1	7	41	
From downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the Village of St. Johnsbury to headwaters	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	7		
Mud Creek						
Lake Champlain to the dam in Alburg (just upstream of Route 78 bridge). • Lake Champlain Boundaries	Alburg	Grand Isle	3	1		
Myers Brook						
Lake Willoughby upstream 1/2 mile • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Westmore	Orleans County	1	3	42	
From 1/2 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwater	Westmore	Orleans County	1	3		

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New Haven River						
<i>From the confluence with Otter Creek in New Haven, to Munger Street Bridge, New Haven</i>	New Haven	Addison	1	5		
<i>From Munger Street Bridge in New Haven upstream (approximately 4.1 miles) to the South Street bridge in Bristol.</i>	New Haven/Bristol	Addison	1	5	43	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: 10" to 16" protected slot: (all fish 10" to 16" must be released) – Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 16 inches 						
<i>South Street Bridge, Bristol to headwaters</i>	Bristol	Addison	1	5, 9		
Nulhegan River						
<i>CT R main channel to VT Rt 102 Bridge, Bloomfield</i>	Bloomfield	Essex	4	4	44	
<i>VT Rt 102 Bridge, Bloomfield to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	4		
Ompompanoosuc River						
<i>CT R main channel to US Rt 5, Norwich</i>	Norwich	Windsor	4	11	45	E
<i>From the Connecticut River boundary (US Rt 5 in Norwich) upstream to the top of the flood control dam in Union Village in the town of Thetford.</i>	Norwich/Thetford	Windsor/Orange	2	11	46	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Open to Year Round Trout Fishing (Catch and Release outside of trout season using artificial flies or lures) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5 						
<i>Top of the flood control dam in Union Village in the town of Thetford to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	11		
Orcutt Brook						
<i>Salem Lake to headwaters</i>	Derby, Morgan, Holland	Orleans	1	3	46a	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 						
Ottawaquechee River						
<i>CT R main channel to 1st highway bridge crossing, Hartland</i>	Hartland	Windsor	4	11	47	
<i>1st highway bridge crossing, Hartland to Headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	11		
Otter Creek						
<i>Lake Champlain to the top of the dam in the city of Vergennes</i>	Vergennes	Addison	3	5		E, W
<i>From the Lake Champlain boundary (Falls at Vergennes) upstream to the top of the Center Rutland Falls in Rutland.</i>	Vergennes/Rutland	Addison/Rutland	2	5, 9	48	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Open to Year Round Trout Fishing (Catch and Release outside of trout season using artificial flies or lures) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5 						
<i>Top of the Center Rutland Falls in Rutland to VT Railway Bridge, Danby</i>	All Applicable Towns	Rutland	1	9		
<i>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).</i>	Danby	Rutland	1	12	49	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Season: 2nd Saturday in April to October 31 – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 						
<i>Danby-Mt. Tabor Forest Road bridge (Forest Road #10) to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	Bennington/Rutland	1	12		
Outlet Brook						
<i>From the highway bridge near Echo Lake in Charleston upstream to the top of the dam at the outlet of Seymour Lake.</i>	Charleston/Brighton	Orleans County	1	3	50	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 						

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Passumpsic River						
<i>CT R main channel to 1st Highway Bridge crossing, Barnet</i>	Barnet	Caledonia	4	7	51	
<i>1st Highway Bridge crossing, Barnet to top of Gage Dam in St. Johnsbury.</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	7		
<i>From top of Gage Dam in St. Johnsbury upstream (appr 2.4 miles) to the top of Arnold Falls Dams. Moose River - From confluence with Passumpsic River upstream (approx. 350 ft) to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the Village of St. Johnsbury</i>	St. Johnsbury	Caledonia	1	7	52	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Season: 2nd Saturday in April to October 31 – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 						
<i>From the top of Arnold Falls in Village of St. Johnsbury to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	7		
Paul Stream						
<i>CT R main channel to VT Rt 102 Bridge, Maidstone</i>	Maidstone	Essex	4	4	53	
<i>VT Rt 102 Bridge, Maidstoneto headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	4		
Pinneo Brook						
<i>Winooski River upstream approx. 100 ft to railroad crossing</i>	Bolton	Chittenden	1	6	54	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: 10" to 16" protected slot: (all fish 10" to 16" must be released) – Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 16 inches 						
<i>Railroad crossing to headwaters</i>	Bolton	Chittenden	1	6		
Porter Brook						
<i>Greensboro, Porter Brook, tributary to Caspian Lake, is to be closed in its entirety.</i>	Greensboro	Orleans County	1	3	55	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 						
Poultney River						
<i>Lake Champlain upstream to Poultney River to Central Vermont Power Dam at Carver Falls in West Haven.</i>	West Haven	Rutland	3	9		E, W
<i>Central Vermont Power Dam at Carver Falls in West Haven to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	9		
Preston Brook						
<i>Winooski River upstream approx. 2600 feet to first falls</i>	Bolton	Chittenden	1	6	56	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: 10" to 16" protected slot: (all fish 10" to 16" must be released) – Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 16 inches 						
<i>First Falls to headwater</i>	Bolton/Huntington	Chittenden	1	6		
Ridley Brook						
<i>Winooski River upstream approx. 1700 ft to first falls</i>	Duxbury	Washington	1	6	57	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: 10" to 16" protected slot: (all fish 10" to 16" must be released) – Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 16 inches 						
<i>First falls to headwaters</i>	Duxbury	Washington	1	6		
Roaring Branch						
<i>From its mouth on the Batten Kill upstream to the downstream side of Bridge # 14 on Sunderland TH 3 in East Kansas</i>	Arlington/Sunderland	Bennington	1	14	57a	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Catch and Release between Oct 1 and Oct 31 – All trout must be immediately released 						
Rock River						
<i>Lake Champlain to the first Canadian border crossing</i>	Highgate	Franklin	3	1		E
Saxtons River						
<i>CT R main channel to US Rt 5 Bridge, Westminster</i>	Westminster	Windham	4	13	58	
<i>US Rt 5 Bridge, Westminster to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	13		
Schoolhouse Brook						
<i>Lake Willoughby upstream 1/4 mile</i>	Westmore	Orleans County	1	3	59	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 						
<i>From 1/4 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwaters</i>	Westmore	Orleans County	1	3		

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Stevens River						
<i>CT R main channel to 1st Highway Bridge crossing Barnet</i>	Barnet	Caledonia	4	7	60	
<i>1st Highway Bridge crossing Barnet to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	7		
Stony Brook (Alder Brook)						
<i>From its confluence with the Black River upstream 3.5 miles to the outlet of Sargent Pond in Coventry.</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Coventry	Orleans County	1	3	1	
<i>Sargent Pond to headwaters</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Coventry	Orleans County	1	3		
Waits River						
<i>CT R main channel to US Rt 5 Bridge, Bradford</i>	Bradford	Orange	4	11	61	
<i>From the Connecticut River boundary (US Rt 5 Bridge, Bradford) upstream to the top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford.</i> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5	Bradford	Orange	2	11	62	
<i>Top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	7, 11		
Ware Brook						
<i>From the downstream edge of the furthest downstream bridge/culvert on Back Coventry Rd (TH #8 in Irasburg) upstream approximately one mile to the top of the first major natural falls on Ware brook.</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Irasburg	Orleans	1	3	63	
Warm Brook						
<i>From its mouth on the Roaring Branch upstream to the base of the so-called Hale Company dam in East Arlington</i> • Trout: – Catch and Release between Oct 1 and Oct 31 – All trout must be immediately released	Arlington/Sunderland	Bennington	1	14	63a	
Wells Brook						
<i>Lake Willoughby to headwater</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Westmore	Orleans	1	3	64	
Wells River						
<i>CT R main channel to US Rt 302 Bridge, Newbury</i>	Newbury	Orange	4	7	65	
<i>US Rt 302 Bridge, Newbury to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	7		
West River						
<i>CT R main channel to US Rt 5 Bridge, Brattleboro</i>	Brattleboro	Windham	4	15	66	E
<i>From the Connecticut River boundary (US Rt 5 Bridge) upstream to the Townshend Dam (Townshend).</i> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Open to Year Round Trout Fishing (Catch and Release outside of trout season using artificial flies or lures) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5	Townshend/Jamaica	Windham	2	15	67	E
<i>Top of Townshend Lake Dam in Townshend to VT Rt 100 Bridge, Jamaica</i> • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5	Townshend/Jamaica	Windham	2	15	68	
<i>VT Rt 100 Bridge, Jamaica, to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	12, 13, 15		

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White River						
<i>CT R main channel to Bridge St. Bridge (US Rt 5), Hartford</i>	Hartford	Windsor	4	11	69	D
<i>From the Connecticut River boundary (US Rt 5 Bridge) upstream to the downstream edge of Route 107 bridge in Bethel.</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	2	10, 11	70	D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Open to Year Round Trout Fishing (Catch and Release outside of trout season using artificial flies or lures) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5 						
<i>From the confluence with Lilliesville Brook in Stockbridge downstream 3.3 miles to 220 ft. downstream of the confluence with Cleveland Brook in Bethel.</i>	Stockbridge/Bethel	All Applicable Counties	1	10	71	D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: 18" Minimum Length – Daily Limit: 1 trout – Gear Restriction: Artificial lures and flies only 						
<i>Lillieville Brook, Stockbridge, to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	10		D
Williams River						
<i>CT R main channel to US Rt 5 Bridge, Rockingham</i>	Rockingham	Windham	4	13	72	E
<i>From the Connecticut River boundary (Ys Rt 5 Bridge) upstream to the top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham.</i>	Rockingham	Windham	2	13	73	E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Open to Year Round Trout Fishing (Catch and Release outside of trout season using artificial flies or lures) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5 						
<i>Top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	13		
Willoughby River						
<i>Barton River to Orleans/Brownington Rd Bridge</i>	Barton	Orleans	1	3	74	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout 						
<i>Orleans/Brownington Rd Bridge to natural falls top</i>	Barton	Orleans	1	3	75	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout 						
<i>Natural falls top to Brownington Branch confluence</i>	Barton/Brownington	Orleans	1	3	76	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout 						
<i>Brownington Branch confluence to downstream edge of the bridge on VT Rt 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington)</i>	Brownington	Orleans	1	3	77	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout 						
<i>Downstream edge of the bridge on VT Route 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington) to Willoughby Lake outlet</i>	Brownington/Barton/ Westmore	Orleans	1	3	78	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout 						

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Rivers & Streams	Town	County	Table	Map	Stream Section #	ANS*
Winooski River						
Lake Champlain upstream to the first railroad bridge (approximately 9 mile) in Winooski and Burlington.	Winooski/Burlington	Chittenden	3	5		E
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. • Closed to Fishing: March 16 through May 31	Winooski/Burlington	Chittenden	3	5	79	
From the Winooski One Hydro Dam west of Main Street (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington upstream to Preston Brook, Bolton • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Open to Year Round Trout Fishing (Catch and Release outside of trout season using artificial flies or lures) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5	All Applicable Towns	Chittenden	1	5, 6	80	
From Preston Brook mouth upstream (approximately 4.4 miles) to the Ridley Brook mouth • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Open to Year Round Trout Fishing (Catch and Release outside of trout season using artificial flies or lures) • Trout: – Length Limit: 10" to 16" inches protected slot: (all fish 10" to 16" must be released) – Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 16 inches • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5	Bolton/Duxbury/Waterbury	Chittenden/Washington	1	6	81	
Ridley Brook mouth upstream to the top of the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury. • Open to Year Round Trout Fishing (Catch and Release outside of trout season using artificial flies or lures) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5	Bolton/Duxbury/Waterbury	Chittenden/Washington	1	6	82	
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) Little River: From the confluences with Winooski River upstream to the Route 2 bridge in Waterbury. • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: – Season: 2nd Saturday in April to October 31 – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2	Duxbury/Waterbury	Washington	1	6	83	
Route 2 Bridge (East side of Waterbury Village) in Waterbury to headwaters	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	6, 7		



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Adams Reservoir • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited	Woodford	Bennington	5	14	21			N	5mph
Amherst Lake	Plymouth	Windsor	2	13	81	St		Y	
Ansel Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)	Bethel	Windsor	5	10	2	Sc			
Arrowhead Mountain Lake • Open to fishing year round (see table for regulations on specific species)	Milton/Fairfax	Chittenden/Franklin	2	1	760	St	E	Y	Other
Athens Pond	Athens	Windham	2	13	21			N	5mph
Austin Pond	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	9	28		E	N	5mph
Back Pond	Brighton	Essex	2	3	10				
Baker Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Barton	Orleans	5	3	51	Sud		N	5mph
Baker Pond (Brookfield Pond) • Largemouth Bass: – Length Limit: No minimum length. 10" to 12" protected slot (all bass 10" to 12" must be released) – Daily Limit: 10 bass, only 1 greater than 12 inches	Brookfield	Orange	2	10	31	St		Y	5mph
Bald Hill Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)	Westmore	Orleans	5	3	108	St		Y	
Ball Mountain Reservoir	Jamaica	Windham	2	13	85			Y	5mph
Bancroft Pond	Plainfield	Washington	5	7	14				
Bean Pond	Lyndon	Caledonia	2	7	24			Y	5mph
Bean Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Sutton	Caledonia	5	3	30	Sc		N	5mph
Beaver Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited	Holland	Orleans	5	4	40	Sf		N	5mph
Beck Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)	Newark	Caledonia	5	4	6	Sud			
Beebe Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited	Sunderland	Bennington	5	14	—		E		
Big Averill Lake (Great Averill Lake) • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • All Species: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length limits) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: – Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate	Norton/Averill	Essex	5	4	828	St		Y	
Big Fish Pond (Vail Pond) • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Sutton	Caledonia	5	3	16				
Big Mud Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited	Mt. Tabor	Rutland	5						
Big Pond (Woodford Lake)	Woodford	Bennington	2	14	31			Y	5mph
Big Salem Lake (Salem Lake) • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15	Derby	Orleans	2	3	764	St			

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Billings Marsh Pond	West Haven	Rutland	2	9	56			N	5mph
Black Pond	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	9	20	Sud	E	N	5mph
Black Pond	Plymouth	Windsor	2	13	20			N	5mph
Blake Pond	Sutton	Caledonia	2	3	8	Sf			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
Bliss Pond	Calais	Washington	2	6	46			Y	5mph
Blueberry Lake (Warren Lake)	Warren	Washington	2	6	48			N	5mph
Bomoseen, Lake	Castleton/ Hubbardton	Rutland	2	9	2360	St	E, W, Z	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in January to March 15 									
Bourn Pond	Sunderland	Bennington	5	12	48			N	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
Branch Pond	Sunderland	Bennington	5	14	34			N	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
Bristol Pond (Winona Lake)	Bristol	Addison	2	5	248	St	E	Y	
Brookfield Pond (Baker Pond)	Brookfield	Orange	2	10	31			Y	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largemouth Bass: – Length Limit: 10" to 12" protected slot (all bass 10" to 12" must be released) – Daily Limit: 10 bass, only 1 greater than 12 inches 									
Brown Pond	Westmore	Caledonia/Orleans	2	3	15	Sud			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
Brownington Pond	Brownington/ Derby	Orleans	2	3	139	St	E	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Bruce Pond	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	3	27			Y	5mph
Buck Lake	Woodbury	Washington	2	7	39	Sc		N	5mph
Burbee Pond	Windham	Windham	2	13	50	Sf		N	5mph
Burr Pond	Pittsford	Rutland	2	9	20			N	5mph
Burr Pond	Sudbury	Rutland	2	9	85	St	E	Y	Others
Carmi, Lake (Franklin Pond)	Franklin	Franklin	2	2	1402	St	E	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walleye: – Open Season: 1st Saturday in May to March 15th – Length Limit: Minimum length 15", 17" to 19" protected slot (all walleye between 17–19 inches must be released) – Daily Limit: 5 fish limit provided only 1 is over 19" 									
Caspian Lake	Greensboro	Orleans	5	3	789	Mt		Y	Others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • All Species: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: – Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout 									

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Cedar Lake (Monkton Pond)	Monkton	Addison	2	5	123	St	E	Y	
Center Pond	Newark	Caledonia	5	4	79	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate</i> 									
Champlain, Lake			3	1, 5, 9		Xt	E,W,Z,LBV,A	Y	
Chandler Pond	Wheelock	Caledonia	2	7	68			N	5mph
Charleston Pond (Lubber Lake)	Charleston	Orleans	2	3	40	Uf		N	5mph
Chipman Lake (Tinmouth Pond)	Tinmouth	Rutland	2	12	79	Pc	E	Y	
Chittenden Reservoir	Chittenden	Rutland	2	10	702	St		Y	Others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in January to March 15</i> • Walleye: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Open Season: June 1 through March 15</i> – <i>Length Limit: Minimum Length 22"</i> – <i>Daily Limit: 2</i> 									
Clark Pond (Tildy's Pond)	Glover	Orleans	2	3	33	Sud			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Clyde Pond	Derby	Orleans	2	3	186	Uc	E	N	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Cobb Pond	Derby	Orleans	2	3	27			N	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Cogman Pond	West Haven	Rutland	2	9	20		E, W	N	5mph
Coits Pond	Cabot	Washington	2	7	40	Sud		N	5mph
Colby Pond	Plymouth	Windsor	5	13	20	St		Y	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) 									
Colchester Pond	Colchester	Chittenden	2	1,5	186	Mc		N	
Cole Pond	Jamaica	Windham	2	13	41			N	5mph
Coles Pond	Walden	Caledonia	2	7	125	Mc		Y	
Colton Pond	Killington	Rutland	2	10	27	St		Y	5mph
Comerford Reservoir (CT River)	Waterford/Concord	Caledonia/Essex	4	7	777	Ut			
Cow Mountain Pond	Granby	Essex	5	4	10	Mf			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
Cranberry Meadow Pond	Woodbury	Washington	2	6	28			N	5mph
Crescent Lake	Sharon	Windsor	2	11	20			N	5mph
Crystal Lake	Barton	Orleans	5	3	763	St	E	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • All Species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit)</i> • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Curtis Pond	Calais	Washington	2	6	72	St		Y	Others
Cutler Pond	Highgate	Franklin	2	1	25			N	5mph
Danby Pond	Danby	Rutland	2	12	56			Y	5mph
Daniels Pond	Glover	Orleans	2	3	66	St		Y	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Danyow Pond	Ferrisburgh	Addison	2	5	192			Y	5mph
Deer Park Pond	Halifax	Windham	2	15	22			N	5mph

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Dennis Pond	Brunswick	Essex	2	4	49	Pf		N	5mph
Derby Pond	Derby	Orleans	2	3	207	St	E	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Deweys Mill Pond	Hartford	Windsor	2	11	56		E	N	5mph
Duck Pond	Craftsbury	Orleans	2	3	9	Sc			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Duck Pond	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	3	7				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Duck Pond	Sutton	Caledonia	2	3	8	Sc			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Dufresne Pond	Manchester	Bennington	5						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
Dunmore, Lake									
North of a line from Sucker Brook to the island	Salisbury/Leicester	Addison	5	9	985	St	E	Y	
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South of a line from Sucker Brook to the island	Salisbury/Leicester	Addison	2	9	985	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Daily Limit: 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	5	7	188	Pf		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Daily Limit: 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	5	3	550	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • All Species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" 									
Echo Lake	Plymouth	Windsor	2	13	104	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 									
Echo Lake (Keeler Pond)	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	9	54		E	Y	
Eden Lake	Eden	Lamoille	2	2	194	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 									

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Elligo, Lake	Craftsbury/ Greensboro	Orleans	2	3	174	St	E	Y	
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Elmore Lake	Elmore	Lamoille	2	6	219	St	E	Y	Others
Emerald Lake	Dorset	Bennington	2	12	28	Sf		N	5mph
Ewell Pond	Peacham	Caledonia	5	7	51	St		Y	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) 									
Fairfield Pond	Fairfield	Franklin	2	1	446	Sud	E	Y	
Fairfield Swamp Pond	Swanton	Franklin	2	1	152	Sc	E	Y	5mph
Fairlee, Lake	Thetford/ Fairlee/W. Fairlee	Orange	2	11	457	St	E	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15</i> 									
Fern Lake	Leicester	Addison	2	9	69	Mc		Y	5mph
Flagg Pond	Wheelock	Caledonia	2	3	111	Sud		N	5mph
Forest Lake	Averill	Essex	5	4	62			Y	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
Forest Lake (Nelson Pond)	Calais/ Woodbury	Washington	5	7	133	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • All Species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit)</i> • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate</i> 									
Fosters Pond	Peacham	Caledonia	2	7	61	St		Y	5mph
Franklin Pond (Lake Carmi)	Franklin	Franklin	2	2	1402			Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walleye: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Open Season: 1st Saturday in May to March 15th;</i> – <i>Length Limit: Minimum length 15", 17" to 19" protected slot (all walleye between 17" to 19" must be released)</i> – <i>Daily Limit: 5 fish with only 1 over 19"</i> 									
Gale Meadows Pond	Londonderry	Windham	2	13	195	St	E	Y	5mph
Gates Pond	Whitingham	Windham	2	14	30			N	5mph
Gillett Pond	Richmond	Chittenden	2	5	30			N	5mph
Glen Lake	Castleton/ Fair Haven/ Benson	Rutland	2	9	206	Sf	E	Y	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15</i> 									
Goshen Dam (Sugar Hill Reservoir)	Goshen	Addison	5	9	63				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
Great Averill Lake (Big Averill Lake)	Norton/ Averill	Essex	5	4	828	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • All Species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit)</i> • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate</i> 									
Great Hosmer Pond	Craftsbury/ Albany	Orleans	2	3	140	Mt	E	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Green River Reservoir	Hyde Park	Lamoille	2	2	554	Sc		N	5mph
Greenwood Lake	Woodbury	Washington	2	7		St		Y	Others

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Griffith Lake • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited	Mt. Tabor	Rutland	5						
Griggs Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Albany	Orleans	2	3	6				
Groton Lake	Groton	Caledonia	2	7		Sr		Y	
Grout Pond	Stratton	Windham	2	14	84	Gc		N	5mph
Half Moon Pond	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	9	23	Sc		N	5mph
Halfmoon Pond	Fletcher	Franklin	2	2	21			Y	5mph
Halfway Pond	Norton	Essex	2	4	22	Sf		N	5mph
Halls Lake	Newbury	Orange	2	7	85	Mt	E, V	Y	Others
Hancock Lake (Sucker Pond)	Stamford	Bennington	2	14		Mf		N	5mph
Hapgood Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)	Peru	Bennington	5						
Hardwick Lake	Hardwick	Caledonia	2	7	145	Sc		N	5mph
Hardwood Pond	Elmore	Lamoille	2	6	44			N	5mph
Harriman Pond	Newbury	Orange	2	7	20			N	5mph
Harriman Reservoir • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15	Whitingham/ Wilmington	Windham	2	14	2040	Ut		Y	
Hartwell Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Albany	Orleans	5	3	16	Pf			
Harveys Lake • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: – Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate	Barnet	Caledonia	2	7	351	St		Y	
High Pond	Sudbury	Rutland	2	9	20			N	5mph
Hinkum Pond	Sudbury	Rutland	2	9	60		E	N	5mph
Holland Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)	Holland	Orleans	5	4	325	St		Y	
Horse Pond	Greensboro	Orleans	2	3	32	Sc		Y	5mph
Hortonia, Lake (Horton Pond) • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15	Hubbardton/ Sudbury	Rutland	2	9	479	St	E	Y	
Indian Brook Reservoir	Essex	Chittenden	2	5	50	Mc	E	N	5mph
Inman Pond	Fair Haven	Rutland	2	9	85			N	5mph
Island Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15	Brighton	Essex	2	4	626	St		Y	
Jacksonville Pond	Whitingham	Windham	2	15	20			N	5mph

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Jobs Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited	Westmore	Orleans	5	3	39	St		Y	5mph
Joos Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15	Cabot/ Danville	Washington/ Caledonia	2	7	396	St		Y	
Johnson Pond	Orwell	Rutland	2	9	20			N	5mph
Keiser Pond	Danville	Caledonia	2	7	33	St		Y	5mph
Kenny Pond	Newfane	Windham	2	15	26			N	5mph
Kent Pond • Largemouth Bass: – Length Limit: No minimum length. 10" to 12" protected slot (all bass 10" to 12" must be released) – Daily Limit: 10 bass, only 1 greater than 12 inches	Sherburne	Rutland	2	10	99	St	E	Y	5mph
Kettle Pond	Groton	Caledonia	2	7	109	Sf		Y	5mph
Kidder Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Irasburg	Orleans	2	3	16				
Knapp Brook Pond No. 1 • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species)	Cavendish/ Reading	Windsor	5	13	25	St		Y	5mph
Knapp Brook Pond No. 2 • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)	Cavendish/ Reading	Windsor	5	13	35	St		Y	5mph
Lake Abenaki	Thetford	Orange	2	11	44			N	5mph
Lake Iroquois	Hinesburg	Chittenden	2	5	243	St	E	Y	
Lamoille Lake	Morristown	Lamoille	2	2				Y	
Lamson Pond	Brookfield		2	10	24			N	5mph
Lefferts Pond	Chittenden	Rutland	2	10	55			N	5mph
Levi Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species)	Groton		5	7	22	Sf		N	5mph
Lewis Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited	Lewis	Essex	5	4	68	Pc		Y	5mph
Lily Pond	Londonderry	Windham	2	13	21			N	5mph
Lily Pond	Vernon	Windham	2	15	41			N	5mph
Little Averill Lake • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • Lake Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum Length 20" • Legal Method: – Angling with not more than 1 line – Ice Fishing with not more than 4 lines • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: – Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate, of which only 1 may be a lake trout • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 – Ice Fishing with not more than 4 lines	Averill	Essex	5	4	467	Pt		Y	
Little Elmore Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)	Elmore	Lamoille	5	6	24	Pc		N	5mph
Little Hosmer Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Craftsbury	Orleans	2	3	180	St		Y	Others
Little Mud Pond	Winhall	Bennington	2	12	21				
Little Pond	Franklin	Franklin	2	2	95			N	5mph
Little Pond	Wells	Rutland	2	12	162	St	E	Y	Others

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Little Rocky Pond	Wallingford	Rutland	5	12	18				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
Little Salem Lake	Derby	Orleans	2	3	--	Sc		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Long Pond (Belvidere Pond)	Eden	Lamoille	2	2	97	Pc	E	N	5mph
Long Pond	Greensboro	Orleans	2	3	100	Sc		N	5mph
Long Pond	Milton	Chittenden	2	1	47	Pf		N	5mph
Long Pond	Newbury	Orange	5	7	15				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
Long Pond	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	3	38			N	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Long Pond	Westmore	Orleans	5	3	90	St		Y	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
Loves Marsh	Castleton	Rutland	2	9	62			N	5mph
Lowell Lake	Londonderry	Windham	2	13	109	Sc		N	5mph
Lower Pond (Lake Sunset)	Hinesburg	Chittenden	2	5	58		E	Y	5mph
Lower Symes Pond	Ryegate	Caledonia	2	7	57	Sud		Y	5mph
Lyford Pond	Walden	Caledonia	2	7	33	Sc		Y	5mph
Madeleine Lake	Sandgate	Bennington	2	14	20			Y	5mph
Maidstone Lake	Maidstone	Essex	5	4	745	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • All Species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Daily Limit: 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	5	3	10	Sc			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
Marshfield Dam (Mollys Falls Reservoir)	Cabot	Washington	2	7	397	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 									
Martins Pond	Peacham	Caledonia	5	7	82	St		Y	Others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
May Pond	Barton	Orleans	5	3	116	St		N	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
McAllister Pond	Lowell	Orleans	2	2	25			N	5mph
McConnell Pond	Brighton	Essex	2	4	87	Pf		N	5mph

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McIntosh Pond	Royalton	Windsor	5	10	23	St		Y	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
Memphremagog, Lake									
<i>Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay and the connecting waters), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport, excluding all waters of the Clyde River Watershed upstream of the hydroelectric dam that creates West Charleston Pond (Lubber Lake) in West Charleston and excluding Willoughby Lake and all waters that flow into it.</i>	Newport/ Derby/ Coventry	Orleans	2	3	5966	St	E	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" 									
Mendon Beaver Pond	Mendon	Rutland	2	10	6	Sc			
Metcalf Pond	Fletcher	Franklin	2	2	81	Mc	E	Y	
Mile Pond	Ferdinand	Essex	2	4	26			N	5mph
Miles Pond	Concord	Essex	2	8	215	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 									
Mill Pond (Kennedys Pond)	Windsor	Windsor	2	13	77	Mt	E	N	5mph
Mill Pond (Parsons Mill Pond)	Benson	Rutland	2	9	39		E, W	N	5mph
Miller Pond	Strafford	Orange	2	11	64	St		Y	5mph
Milton Pond	Milton	Chittenden	2	1	24			N	Others
Mirror Lake (No. 10 Pond)	Calais	Washington	2	7	85	St		Y	Others
Mollys Falls Reservoir (Marshfield Dam)	Cabot	Washington	2	7	397	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 									
Mollys Pond	Cabot	Washington	2	7	38	Pf		N	5mph
Moore Dam Reservoir (CT River)	Waterford	Caledonia	4	8	1235	Ut			
Morey, Lake	Fairlee	Orange	2	11	547	St	E	Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • Largemouth Bass: Minimum Length 14", Bag limit 5 bass 									
Mud Creek Pond	Alburg	Grand Isle	2	1	333			N	5mph
Mud Pond	Craftsbury	Orleans	2	3	35			N	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Mud Pond	Granby	Essex	2	4	55			N	5mph
Mud Pond	Hyde Park	Lamoille	5	2	14			N	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
Mud Pond	Irasburg	Orleans	2	3	5				
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Mud Pond	Leicester	Addison	2	9	23			N	5mph
Mud Pond	Morgan	Orleans	2	3	35	Pf		N	5mph
Mud Pond	Peacham	Caledonia	2	7	34			N	5mph
Mud Pond	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	3	5				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Mud Pond (Forscythie Pond)	Thetford	Orange	2	11	20			N	5mph
Mudd Pond	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	9	20			N	5mph
Neal Pond	Lunenburg	Essex	2	8	185	St		Y	
Nelson Pond (Forest Lake)	Calais/ Woodbury	Washington	5	7	133	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • All Species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
Newark Pond	Newark	Caledonia	2	3	153	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 									
Nichols Pond	Woodbury	Washington	5	7	171	Pc		Y	5mph
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Ninevah Lake	Mount Holly	Rutland	2	13	171	St		Y	5mph
Norford Lake	Thetford	Orange	2	11	21			N	5mph
Northeast Developers Pond	Wells	Rutland	2	12				Y	5mph
North Hartland Reservoir	Hartland	Windsor	2	11	215	Gt	E	Y	
North Montpelier Pond	East Montpelier	Washington	2	7	72	Sc	E	Y	5mph
North Springfield Reservoir	Springfield	Windsor	2	13	290	Gt	W	Y	5mph
North Pond	Brookfield	Orange	2	10	24			N	5mph
North Pond	Chittenden	Rutland	5					Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
North Pond	Whitingham	Windham	2	14	20			N	5mph
Norton Brook Reservoir	Bristol	Addison	2	5	--				
Norton Pond	Norton/Warrens Gore	Essex	5	4	583	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • All Species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see table for daily and length Limit) 									
Notch Pond	Ferdinand	Essex	5	4	22	Pf		Y	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
Noyes Pond (Seyon Pond)	Groton	Caledonia	5	7	39	Sr		N	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Open Season: 2nd Saturday in April to last Sunday in October, between 6:00 AM and one hour after sunset. Access to waters controlled by Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation – Legal Method: Angling, 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 filed off, only from boats rented from the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (Shore and tributary fishing are prohibited). 									

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Sabin Pond (Woodbury Lake)	Calais/ Woodbury	Washington	2	7	142	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15</i> 									
Sadawga Pond	Whitingham	Windham	2	14	194	St	E	Y	
Salem Lake (Big Salem Lake)	Derby	Orleans	2	3	764	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15</i> 									
Sargent Pond	Coventry	Orleans	2	3	6	Pf			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Schofield Pond	Hyde Park	Lamoille	2	2	29			N	5mph
Searsburg Reservoir	Searsburg	Bennington	2	14	25			N	5mph
Seymour Lake	Morgan/ Charleston	Orleans	5	3	1769	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • Lake Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Length Limit: Minimum Length 20"</i> • Legal Method: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Angling with not more than 1 line</i> – <i>Ice Fishing with not more than 4 lines</i> • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate, of which only 1 may be a lake trout</i> • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15</i> – <i>Ice Fishing with not more than 4 lines</i> 									
Seyon Pond (Noyes Pond)	Groton	Caledonia	5	7	39			N	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Open Season: 2nd Saturday in April to last Sunday in October, between 6:00 AM and one hour after sunset. Access to waters controlled by Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation</i> – <i>Legal Method: Angling, 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 filed off, only from boats rented from the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (Shore and tributary fishing are prohibited).</i> 									
Shadow Lake	Concord	Essex	2	8	128	St		Y	
Shadow Lake	Glover	Orleans	5	3	210	St		Y	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • All Species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit)</i> • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Shaftsbury Lake	Shaftsbury	Bennington	2	14	27			N	5mph
Shelburne Pond	Shelburne	Chittenden	2	5	452	St	E	Y	
Sherman Reservoir	Whitingham	Windham	2	14	160	Ut		Y	
Shippee Pond	Whitingham	Windham	2	14	24			N	5mph
Shrewsbury Pond (Spring Lake)	Shrewsbury	Rutland	5	12	66			N	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate</i> 									

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Lakes & Ponds	Town	County	Table	Map	Lake Area (acres)	Access ¹	Aquatic Nuisance Species ²	Internal Combustion Boat Motors Allowed ³	Other Boating Restrictions
Silver Lake	Barnard	Windsor	2	10	84	Scr		Y	Others
Silver Lake	Georgia	Franklin	2	1	27	Scr		N	Others
Silver Lake	Leicester	Addison	5	9	101	Sc		N	5mph
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)									
Smith Pond	Newport	Orleans	2	9	--				
• Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"									
Smith Pond	Pittsford	Rutland	2	3	--				
Sodom Pond	East Montpelier	Washington	2	6	21			N	5mph
Somerset Reservoir	Somerset/Stratton	Windham	2	14	1568	Ut		Y	Others
• Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15									
South America Pond	Ferdinand	Essex	5	4	29	Pf		N	5mph
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited									
South Pond	Eden	Lamoille	2	2	103			Y	
South Pond	Marlboro	Windham	5	15	68	St		N	
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31									
South Stream Pond	Pownal	Bennington	2	14	24	St		Y	5mph
Spectacle Pond	Brighton	Essex	2	4	103	St		Y	
Spring Lake (Shrewsbury Pond)	Shrewsbury	Rutland	5	12	66			N	5mph
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: – Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate									
Spruce Pond	Orwell	Rutland	2	9	25			N	5mph
Stannard Pond	Stannard	Caledonia	5	7	25	Sf		N	5mph
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)									
Star Lake	Mount Holly	Rutland	2	13	63	Mt	E	Y	5mph
St. Catherine Lake	Wells/Poultney	Rutland	2	12	904	St	E, W, LBV, A	Y	Others
• Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15									
Sterling Pond	Cambridge	Lamoille	5	2	8				
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited									
Stevens Pond	Maidstone	Essex	2	4	26			N	5mph
Stoughton Pond	Weathersfield	Windsor	5	13	56	Gt		Y	5mph
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)									
Stratton Pond	Stratton	Windham	5	12	46			N	
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited									
Sugar Hill Reservoir (Goshen Dam)	Goshen	Addison	5	9	63	Uf		Y	5mph
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)									
Sugar Hollow Pond	Pittsford	Rutland	2	9	21	Uf		N	5mph
Sunrise Lake	Benson	Rutland	2	9	57	Pc	E	Y	5mph
Sunset Lake	Benson/Orwell	Rutland	5	9	202	Sud	E	Y	
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • All Species: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: – Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate									
Sunset Lake	Brookfield	Orange	2	10	25	Pc		N	5mph

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Sunset Lake	Marlboro	Windham	2	15	96	Mc		N	Others
Sweeny Pond	Glover	Orleans	2	3	9				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Sweet Pond	Guilford	Windham	2	15	20			N	5mph
Tildys Pond (Clark Pond)	Glover	Orleans	2	3	33			Y	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Thompsons Pond	Pownal	Bennington	2	14	28			N	5mph
Ticklenaked Pond	Ryegate	Caledonia	2	7	54	St		Y	5mph
Tiny Pond	Ludlow	Windsor	2	13	29			Y	5mph
Toad Pond	Charleston	Orleans	2	3	22			N	5mph
Townshend Reservoir	Townshend	Windham	2	15	108	Gt		Y	5mph
Turtle Pond	Holland	Essex	2	4	27	Sf		N	5mph
Turtlehead Pond	Marshfield	Washington	2	7	69				
Tuttle Pond	Hardwick	Caledonia	2	7	21			N	5mph
Unknown Pond	Avery's Gore	Essex	5	4	19	Pf			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
Unknown Pond	Ferdinand	Essex	5	4	12	Pf			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
Upper Symes Pond	Ryegate	Caledonia	2	7	20	Sf		N	5mph
Vail Pond (Big Fish Pond)	Sutton	Caledonia	5	3	16	Sud			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Valley Lake (Dog Pond)	Woodbury	Washington	2	7	88	Sc		Y	Others
Vernon Hatchery Pond	Vernon	Windham	5						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
Walker Pond	Coventry	Orleans	2	3	18				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Wallace Pond	Canaan	Essex	2	4	532	St			
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Wallingford Pond	Wallingford	Rutland	2	12	87	Gf		N	5mph
Wantastiquet Pond	Weston	Windsor	2	13	44			N	5mph
Wapanacki Lake	Wolcott	Lamoille	2	3	21			N	5mph
Warden Pond	Barnet	Caledonia	2	7	46			Y	5mph
Waterbury Reservoir	Waterbury/ Stowe	Washington Lamoille	2	6	839	St		Y	Others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 									
Weatherhead Hollow	Guilford	Windham	2	15	33	St		Y	5mph
West Hill Pond	Cabot	Washington	2	7	46	Sud		N	5mph

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West Mt. Pond	Maidstone	Essex	5	4	60	Pc		N	5mph
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)									
Wheeler Pond	Barton/ Caledonia	Orleans	5	3	15	Sc		Y	5mph
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"									
Willoughby, Lake	Westmore	Orleans	5	3	1653	St	E	Y	
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • All Species: – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit)</i> • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: – <i>Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate</i> • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – <i>Length Limit: Minimum length 10"</i>									
Winona Lake (Bristol Pond)	Bristol	Addison	2	5	248	St	E	Y	
Wolcott Pond	Wolcott	Lamoille	2	3	74	St		Y	5mph
Woodbury Lake (Sabin Pond)	Calais/ Woodbury	Washington	2	7	142	St		Y	
• Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15</i>									
Woodward Reservoir	Plymouth	Windsor	2	13	106	St		Y	5mph
Worcester Pond, Lower	Worcester	Washington	2	6	35			N	5mph
Wrightsville Reservoir	East Montpelier	Washington	2	6	190			Y	Others
Zack Woods Pond (Perch Pond)	Hyde Park/ Wolcott	Lamoille	5	2	30	Pc		N	5mph
• Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)									

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TABLE 1: General Fishing Regulations for Rivers, Streams, Associated Beaver Ponds, and Unnamed Impoundments

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON		0		No open season
LAKE STURGEON		0		No open season
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbow = no more than 12 Total of brown + rainbows = no more than 6	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LAKE TROUT	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LANDLOCKED SALMON	15"			
AMERICAN SHAD	None	2	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS	None	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
WALLEYE and SAUGER	18"	Total of walleye + sauger = no more than 3	Angling	1st Sat. in May to Oct. 31
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
MUSKELLUNGE		0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures and flies only	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31

TABLE 2: General Fishing Regulations for Lakes, Ponds, Impoundments, Reservoirs, and Particular Rivers and Streams

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON	0			No open season
LAKE STURGEON	0			No open season
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbows = no more than 6	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LAKE TROUT	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LANDLOCKED SALMON	15"			
AMERICAN SHAD	None	2	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Catch and Release Season)	None		Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only	2nd Sat. in April to Fri. before 2nd Sat. in June
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Regular Season)	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Angling	2nd Sat. in June To Nov. 30
WALLEYE and SAUGER	18"	Total of walleye + sauger = no more than 3	Angling, Ice fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
MUSKELLUNGE		0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures and flies only	All year
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
CARP, SUCKERS, BOWFIN, MULLET, GAR	None	None	Angling, Bow w/arrow attached to line, Ice fishing	All year
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Angling, Ice fishing	All year

TABLE 3: General Fishing Regulations for Lake Champlain
Includes the setbacks at the same water level and the lower portion of its tributaries as defined on page 46. Spawning waters are not included.

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
LAKE STURGEON	0			No open season
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	12"	Total of brook + brown + rainbows = no more than 3	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
LAKE TROUT	15"	3	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
LANDLOCKED SALMON	15"	2		
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Catch and Release Season)		0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only	2nd Sat. in April to Fri. before 2nd Sat. in June
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Regular Season)	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Angling	2nd Sat. in June to Nov. 30
WALLEYE and SAUGER	18"	Total of walleye + sauger = no more than 3	Angling, Ice fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
CHAIN PICKEREL	None	10	Shooting, spearing	March 25 to May 25
			Angling, Ice fishing	All year
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Shooting, spearing	March 25 to May 25
			Angling, Ice fishing	All year
MUSKELLUNGE		0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only	All year
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
CARP, SUCKERS, BOWFIN, MULLET, GAR, BULLHEAD, SHAD,	None	None	Angling, Bow w/arrow attached to line, Ice fishing	All year
			Shooting, spearing	March 25 to May 25
YELLOW PERCH	None	None	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Angling, Ice Fishing	All year

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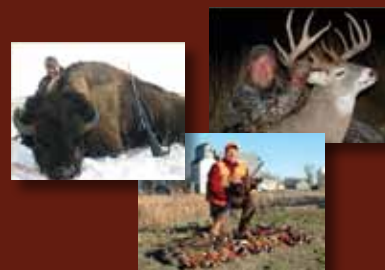


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TABLE 4: General Fishing Regulations for the Connecticut River

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

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

SEASON: Open to fishing all year, except no fishing Oct. 16–Dec. 31 from the confluence of the Upper Ammonoosuc River and the Connecticut River in Northumberland, N.H., to the northern boundary of the town of Canaan, VT.

DEVICES: No more than 6 ice fishing devices are allowed, 2 of which may be handlines. Anglers must have personal control over the devices at all times, whether operated or not, and must visit the devices at least once each hour. **When fishing in open water, no more than 2 lines may be used.**

SPECIES RULES THE RULES BELOW APPLY DURING THE OPEN SEASON FOR FISHING.

AMERICAN SHAD	2 fish daily limit; no size restrictions.
ATLANTIC SALMON	No open season for Atlantic salmon until declared by the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission.
BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT	The season for taking brook, brown or rainbow trout by all legal methods shall open on January 1 and close October 15. Through open water the daily limit is 5 fish or 5 pounds (whichever limit is first reached), except the daily limit is 1 fish from the Samuel Moore Dam downstream to the Rte. 18 bridge. Through the ice the daily limit is 2 fish, except the daily limit is 1 fish from the Samuel Moore Dam downstream to the Rte. 18 bridge.
BLACK BASS	The daily bag limit for black bass from January 1 to March 31 is 2 fish, of which only one bass may be greater than 16 inches. The daily limit for black bass from April 1 to May 14 and June 16 to June 30 is 2 fish. Between May 15 and June 15 all black bass shall be immediately released unharmed, at the site of catch, to the waters from which taken. The daily limit for black bass from July 1 through December 31 is 5 fish. During the period beginning May 15 and ending June 15, black bass shall be taken only by artificial lures and flies.
CARP	May be taken by any legal method and by bow and arrow with cord attached, in that part of the river beginning at the point on the northern boundary of Grafton County in New Hampshire which is directly opposite the town of Concord, Vermont, south to the Massachusetts border.
HORNED POUT	The daily limit is 25 fish.
NORTHERN PIKE	The daily limit is 1 fish; minimum total length 28 inches.
PICKEREL	The daily limit is 10 fish.
WALLEYE (PIKE PERCH)	No person shall take walleye 16 to 18 inches; the daily limit is 4 fish, of which only 1 can be larger than 18 inches.
OTHER SPECIES OF FISH	The daily limit for black crappie, white perch, yellow perch and sunfish is 25 fish for each species. The daily aggregate possession limit is 50 fish for all listed species, including horned pout.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

From a point 1,600 feet upstream from the bridge in North Stratford upstream to a point 250 feet below the Lyman Falls Dam in North Stratford, and marked by a sign, the following restrictions 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 feet below the dam.

Wilder Dam in Wilder, Vermont, and Lebanon, New Hampshire, shall be closed to all fishing to a point 150 feet below the dam.

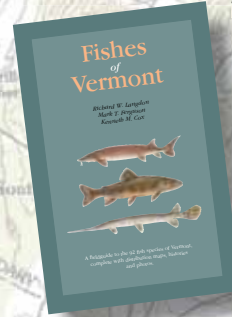


TABLE 5: General Fishing Regulations for Certain Lakes and Ponds listed in Index of Lakes & Ponds

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON	0			No open season
LAKE STURGEON	0			No open season
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbows = no more than 6	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LAKE TROUT	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LANDLOCKED SALMON	15"			
AMERICAN SHAD	None	2	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Catch and Release Season)		0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only	2nd Sat. in April to Fri. before 2nd Sat. in June
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Regular Season)	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Angling	2nd Sat. in June To Oct. 31
WALLEYE and SAUGER	18"	Total of walleye + sauger = no more than 3	Angling	1st Sat. in May to Oct. 31
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
MUSKELLUNGE		0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31

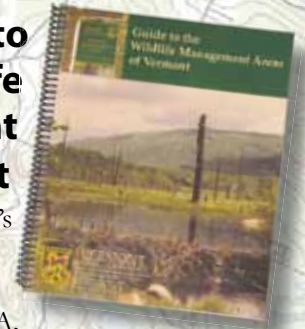
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Fishes of Vermont



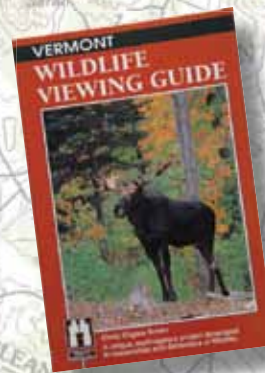
The *Fishes of Vermont: a field guide to the fish species of Vermont* presents a Vermont-specific identification key, describes the life histories of all 92 species and maps their distribution--features that fishermen, natural history buffs, conservationists and natural resource managers will all find useful. Price is \$26.45 plus shipping.

Guide to the Wildlife Management Areas of Vermont



Here is a guide to Vermont's 81 Wildlife Management Areas. It features detailed colored maps of each WMA, habitat descriptions, and what wildlife you may see while exploring the area. Get your guide today and start your adventure. Price is \$17.25 plus shipping.

Vermont Wildlife Viewing Guide



This 63-page guide will lead you to fifty premier wildlife viewing areas in Vermont and improve your chances of seeing wildlife once you arrive. Included are detailed descriptions of each viewing site and its wildlife, maps and access information, helpful wildlife viewing tips, and beautiful color photographs of Vermont's diverse wildlife and natural areas. Price is \$9.49 plus shipping.

Get your books today on line at
www.vtfishandwildlife.com (click on FW Store)



Vermont's Family-Friendly Fishing Opportunities

Finding a good place to take the kids fishing can seem like a mystery if you haven't ventured out before, but we are providing some clues to make it a lot easier by putting together a web-based list of over 20 family-friendly fishing hotspots.

Making Memories

Your kids are growing up so fast it won't be long before they're on their own. What memories will you be able to share with them? Chances are they won't remember their best day of watching television, but take them fishing and you'll make memories you can share for a lifetime.

Where to Go? Ask the Experts!

Vermont offers many opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors while fishing with family and friends. We've asked our experts, our fishery biologists, to compile this list of family-friendly fishing opportunities. We've chosen locations across the state where you can take the kids fishing and have an excellent chance of catching some fish. This list offers just a taste of countless fishing opportunities across Vermont—you could spend a lifetime exploring our rivers and lakes and never run out of new places to go

All the destinations provide opportunities to fish from shore, and at some, you can rent a boat or launch your own. Some locations also offer other fun activities like swimming and playgrounds to complement your fishing trip.

We Make it Easy

- Kids under the age of 15 can fish without a license.
- Special fishing license for youths 15 to 17 years old.
- We have a Free Fishing Day, usually the second Saturday in June, when anyone can fish in Vermont without a license.
- We offer one, three and seven-day fishing licenses.

Visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fish_familyfishing.cfm to learn more about fishing opportunities—including directions, a list of fish species present, a satellite image overview, and links to additional helpful information.



Master Angler Program - Get on the Anglers' Honor Role

Vermont's wealth of waters and abundant fish populations provide great opportunities to experience outstanding fishing. **Vermont's Master Angler Program** recognizes the achievements of anglers who catch big fish from Vermont waters.

The program offers two award categories for adults and youths:

Trophy Angler - Anglers catching a fish exceeding the minimum qualifying length in any of the 33 species categories will receive a handsome certificate commemorating the catch. Their names and catches will also be included in the Vermont Trophy Fish Report, posted annually on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website.

Master Angler - Anglers demonstrating the skill necessary to catch multiple species that all exceed the minimum qualifying lengths outlined in this program, in the same calendar year, will be recognized as "Vermont Master Anglers" and will receive a lapel pin at the end of the year. To qualify for the annual Vermont Master Angler Pin, an individual angler must submit qualifying entries for 5 or more species categories within a calendar year. Pins will be issued at the end of the year.

The Vermont Master Angler Program accepts entries for fish that have been harvested or released. Just be sure to follow the rules on submitting a good, clear photograph of your catch!

Find the rules, qualifying species and application form online at: www.vtfishandwildlife.com/masterangler.cfm.



**Trophy Angler Mike Daley of Mechanicville, NY
46" Longnose Gar from Lake Champlain**

Vermont Fish Healthy, Local, and Tasty!

Everyone knows that fishing is a great way to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. But don't forget that eating the fish you catch is good for your health, good for the environment, and good for your taste buds!

Good for Your Brain and Your Heart

The omega-3 fatty acids found in fish serve as essential building blocks for the human brain and benefit the heart.

Go Green – Eat Fish

There is no better way to "eat local" than to catch your own fish. And, when you eat local you have the satisfaction of knowing fewer fossil fuels were burned in getting your meal to the table.

A Tasty Meal

Vermont fish are tasty. What better way to end a pleasant day on the water with family and friends than to enjoy a delicious meal of fresh fish?

Learn more about the benefits of eating Vermont fish at www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fish_advisory.cfm.



**Trophy Angler Diane Wooldridge of West Marlboro VT
20" Smallmouth Bass from Harriman Reservoir**



BROOK TROUT

Salvelinus fontinalis



Coldwater species

Vermont's only native stream-dwelling trout. Actually a char, they have worm-like marking against a greenish back, and their flanks are covered with light yellowish spots, with small bright red spots surrounded by blue halos along the lateral mid-section. They have squarish tails, hence the nickname "Squaretails."

BROWN TROUT

Salmo trutta



Coldwater species

A true trout that were first brought to Vermont from their native Europe in 1892. They have a light brown overall color, especially in streams, with dark spots intermixed with reddish-orange spots along their flanks, with each spot surrounded by a light halo.

LAKE TROUT

Salvelinus namaycush



Coldwater species

A native to many of Vermont's deep, cold lakes and like brook trout, are actually a char. They have a forked tail, white leading edges on their lower fins, and irregular light spots against a back-ground color that ranges from light olive green to gray.

LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON

Salmo salar



Coldwater species

Identical to sea-going Atlantic salmon. They have a forked tail, silvery flanks, and black spots on the upper half of their body. Unlike lake-dwelling brown trout, which they can closely resemble, salmon have no spots on their adipose and tail fins.

RAINBOW SMELT

Osmerus mordax



Coldwater species

A small, slender schooling fish found in Vermont's deeper and colder lakes. They have a strongly forked tail and iridescent silver flanks. They are a favorite forage fish of trout and salmon, and are popular with ice fishermen.

RAINBOW TROUT

Oncorhynchus mykiss



Coldwater species

A true native to the American West that were introduced in Vermont in the 1800s. Their tail and flanks are heavily spotted with small, well-defined black spots, and their flank usually has a pink or reddish stripe, for which they are named. Migratory lake-run rainbow trout are silverfish in color and are called steelhead.

BROWN BULLHEAD

Ameiurus nebulosus



Warmwater species

The "horned pout" are the most common member of the catfish family in Vermont. They have smooth, olive-brown to dark-brown flanks with a sharp, stout spine on the leading edge of their dorsal and pectoral fins. They have a broad, flat mouth surrounded by six whisker-like barbels.

CHAIN PICKEREL

Esox niger



Warmwater species

A member of the same family that includes northern pike. Unlike pike, pickerel have fully scaled gill covers, and their tail, dorsal and anal fins have no conspicuous spots or blotches. Their flanks are a light, golden green, with dark, chain-like markings.

LARGEMOUTH BASS

Micropterus salmoides



Warmwater species

The largest member of the sunfish family in Vermont. They have a large, round mouth when open, and when their mouth is closed their upper jaw extends well past their eye. Their flanks are light green to golden-green, with a pronounced horizontal bar.

NORTHERN PIKE

Esox lucius



Coolwater species

A long, slender fish that has a large mouth, and dorsal and anal fins placed far to the rear. They have greenish gray flanks with several rows of irregular, yellowish-white bean shaped spots. Pike have scales only on the upper half of their gill covers and their tail, dorsal and anal fins have dark spots or blotches.

PUMPKINSEED

Lepomis gibbosus



Warmwater species

A small, brightly colored sunfish that is representative of a group of fish called "panfish," which in Vermont includes bluegill, redbreast sunfish, rock bass and black crappie. Panfish rarely exceed 10 inches, but they are excellent eating, abundant and fun to catch for anglers of all ages.

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Micropterus dolomieu



Warmwater species

Closely related to largemouth bass, except they prefer cooler, clearer waters and when their mouth is closed their upper jaw extends only to just below their eye. Their flanks are golden green to brownish bronze, with 8 to 15 dark, thin vertical bars.

YELLOW PERCH

Perca flavescens



Coolwater species

One of Vermont's favorite food fishes and common to waters throughout the state. A schooling fish, yellow perch have golden-yellow flanks with 6 to 8 dark vertical bars. In the late winter and early spring, spawning males develop bright orange lower fins.

WALLEYE

Stizostedion vitreum



Coolwater species

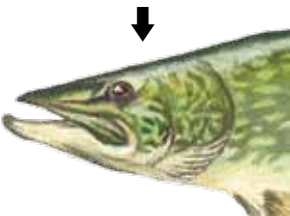
The largest member of the perch family that includes yellow perch and sauger. They have a large, silvery eye, a milky belly and flanks that range from olive brown to golden-yellow. Walleye can be differentiated from sauger, which they closely resemble, by their first dorsal fin, which is dusky colored and spotless.

PICKEREL FAMILY

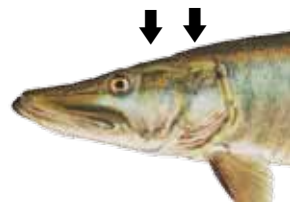
Look for the color pattern but particularly notice the scalation of the cheek and gill cover.



Pickerel
Have both cheek and gill fully scaled



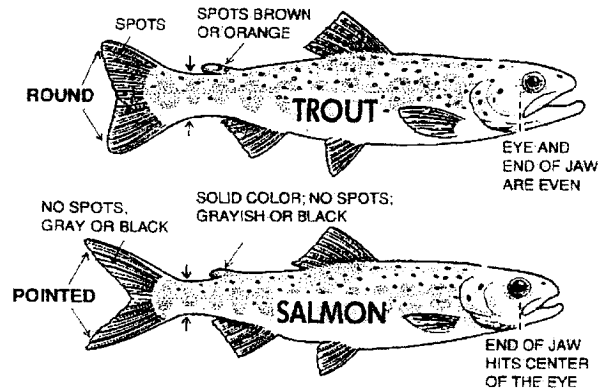
Northern Pike
Have upper half of gill cover scaled and fully scaled cheek.



Muskellunge
Have only the upper half of gill and cheek scaled.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO FISH IS \$500

Atlantic salmon live in the Connecticut River and its tributaries. Your cooperation is essential for their survival. Know the difference between trout and salmon. Young salmon (parr) resemble brown trout. Familiarize yourself with the difference. Most parr rarely exceed 6 inches in length. Violations of the law governing Atlantic salmon may result in a \$500 fine.



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Vermont Fish & Wildlife



Who We Are

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department employees have served the public for over 100 years. We are 134 fulltime staff in five divisions: Fisheries, Wildlife, Law Enforcement, Outreach, and Licensing/Business Office. We are biologists, game wardens, support staff, educators, technicians and administrative staff.

Our **MISSION**: *To conserve fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the people of Vermont.*

We are supported each year by 50-60 seasonal employees and over 400 volunteer instructors in our Conservation Camps, hunter and angler education programs, land management activities, wildlife restoration efforts, fish stocking and other activities. These programs are also supported by many conservation and sportsmen's organizations volunteering their time and resources.



What We Do

- Monitor and inventory fish, wildlife and plant species.
- Manage fish and wildlife populations in balance with their habitats and the needs of people.
- Research and initiate management programs for fish and wildlife habitats and natural communities.
- Conserve and protect land and water.
- Regulate the harvest, use and sale of fish and wildlife.
- Restore and protect endangered and threatened species.
- Fish culture and stocking.
- Public outreach and natural resource education.
- Provide many opportunities for fishing, hunting, trapping, wildlife watching, boating, and public land for accessing lakes, ponds and rivers and Wildlife Management Areas for fish and wildlife based outdoor activities.
- Provide law enforcement services for protecting wildlife, public safety and search and rescue.

Fish and Wildlife Are Important to People

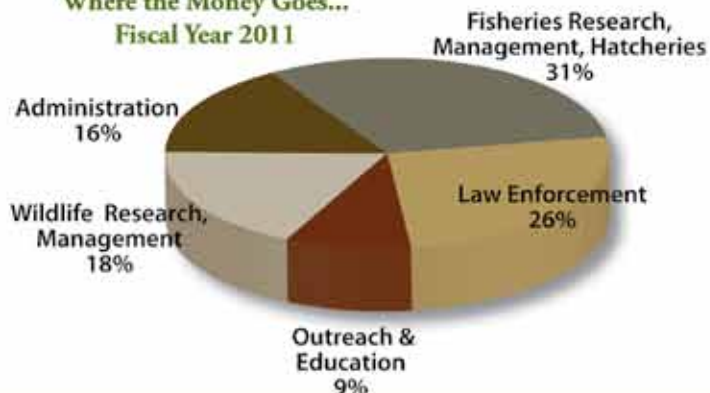
- Vermont ranks 3rd in the U.S. in people who enjoy and participate in fish and wildlife based activities. These activities contribute over \$376 million dollars to Vermont's economy.
- The daily contributions made by Vermont Fish & Wildlife staff and supporting volunteers help make Vermont a better place to live, work and play.

Our Funding

Where the Money Comes From...
Fiscal Year 2011



Where the Money Goes...
Fiscal Year 2011





NORTHEAST KINGDOM

Lakes & Ponds	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	Species																
				LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	BROWN TROUT	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGEMOUTH BASS	CHAMP PICKEREL	NORTHERN PINE	SMALLMOUTH BASS	BULLHEAD	BURBOT						
Baker Pond	3	51	Sud	•																
Bald Hill Pond	3	108	St	•																
Bean Pond	3	30	Sc	•																
Beaver Pond	4	40	Sf	•																
Beck Pond	4	6	Sud	•																
Blake Pond	3	8	Sf	•																
Brown Pond	3	15	Sud	•																
Brownington Pond	3	139	St						•			•		•						
Caspian Lake	3	789	Mt	•	•	•		•	•											
Center Pond	4	79	St	•		•														
Charleston Pond	3	40	Uc					•		•	•	•	•							
Clyde Pond	3	186	Uc					•	•		•	•	•							
Coles Pond	7	125	Mc					•		•	•	•	•							
Comerford Reservoir	7	777	Ut	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•							
Cow Mountain Pond	4	10	Mf	•					•	•	•	•	•							
Crystal Lake	3	763	St	•	•			•		•	•	•	•							
Daniels Pond	3	66	St					•		•	•	•	•							
Dennis Pond	4	49	Pf							•	•	•	•							
Derby Pond	3	207	St					•		•	•	•	•							
Dolloffs Pond	3	3	Sc	•																
Duck Pond	3	8	Sc	•																
Echo Lake	3	550	St	•	•			•					•							•
Flagg Pond	3	111	Sud					•		•	•	•	•							
Great Averill Lake	4	828	St	•		•		•												
Great Hosmer Pond	3	140	Mt					•		•	•	•	•							
Halfway Pond	4	22	Sf							•										
Hardwick Lake	7	145	Sc					•		•	•	•	•							
Hartwell Pond	3	16	Pf	•																
Holland Pond	4	325	St	•						•	•	•	•							
Horse Pond	3	32	St							•	•	•	•							
Island Pond	4	626	St	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•							
Jobs Pond	3	39	St	•																
Lake Elligo	3	174	St	•	•			•		•	•	•	•							
Lake Memphremagog	3	5,966	Xt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lake Parker	3	250	St	•				•		•	•	•	•							
Lake Willoughby	3	1,653	St	•	•	•	•	•	•											•
Lewis Pond	4	68	Gc	•																
Little Averill Pond	4	467	Pt	•		•														
Little Elmore Pond	6	24	Pf	•																
Little Hosmer Pond	3	180	St					•		•	•	•	•							
Long Pond	3	38	Sf					•												
Long Pond	3	90	St					•		•	•	•	•							
Long Pond	3	100	Sc	•		•														
Lower Symes Pond	7	57	Sc							•	•	•	•							
Lyford Pond	7	33	St					•		•	•	•	•							
Mackville Pond	7	11	Mc	•																
Maidstone Lake	4	745	St	•	•			•						•	•					
Marl Pond	3	10	Pc	•																

Northeast Kingdom

Lakes & Ponds

Lakes & Ponds	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	Species																
				LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	BROWN TROUT	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGEMOUTH BASS	CHAMP PICKEREL	NORTHERN PINE	SMALLMOUTH BASS	BULLHEAD	BURBOT						
May Pond	3	116	St	•																
McConnell Pond	4	87	Pf																	
Miles Pond	8	215	St																	
Moore Reservoir	4	1,235	Ut	•	•			•		•	•	•	•							•
Neal Pond	8	185	St																	
Nelson Pond	7	132	Sc		•															
Newark Pond	3	153	St	•																
Norton Pond	4	583	St																	
Notch Pond	4	22	Sc	•																
Nulhegan Pond	4	37	Pf																	
Paul Stream Pond	4	20	Pf																	
Pensioner Pond	3	173	St																	
Perch Pond	2	7	Pc	•																
Round Pond	3	14	Sf																	
Round Pond	3	13	Sf																	
Salem Lake	3	764	St		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•							
Seymour Lake	3	1,769	St		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							•
Shadow Lake	8	128	St																	
Shadow Lake	3	218	St	•	•															
South America Pond	4	29	Sf	•																
Spectacle Pond	4	103	St		•															
Stannard Pond	7	25	Sf	•																
Sukes Pond	4	9	Pf	•																
Turtle Pond	4	27	Sf																	
Unknown Pond	4	19	Pf	•																
Unknown Pond	4	12	Sf	•																
Upper Symes Pond	7	20	Sf																	
Vail Pond	3	16	Sud	•																
Wallace Pond	4	532	St		•															
West Mountain Pond	4	60	Sc	•																
Wheeler Pond	3	15	Sc	•																
Zack Woods Pond	2	23	Pc	•																

Rivers & Streams

Rivers & Streams	LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	BROWN TROUT	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGEMOUTH BASS	CHAMP PICKEREL	NORTHERN PINE	SMALLMOUTH BASS	BULLHEAD	BURBOT
Barton River	•	•	•								
Black River	•	•	•								
Clyde River	•	•	•	•							
Connecticut River	•	•	•								
Granby Stream	•										
Lamoille River	•	•	•								
Madison Brook	•										
Millers Run	•		•								
Missisquoi River	•	•	•								
Moose River	•		•								
Nulhegan River	•		•								
Nulhegan River Black Branch	•										
Nulhegan River East Branch	•										
Nulhegan River North Branch	•										
Paul Stream	•										
Passumpsic River	•	•	•								
Passumpsic River East Branch	•	•									
Passumpsic River West Branch	•	•									
Stevens River	•										
Willoughby River	•	•	•								

Access Key

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



SOUTHEAST REGION



SOUTHWEST REGION

Lakes & Ponds	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	Species																
				LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW SALMON LAKES TROUT	YELLOW PERCH	NORTHERN PETCH	WALLEYE	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGEMOUTH BASS	CHIN PICKEREL	BULLHEAD	CRAPPIE	PANFISH					
Amherst Lake	13	81	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ansel Pond	10	2	Sc	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Baker Pond	10	31	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Colby Pond	13	20	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Echo Lake	13	104	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Gale Meadows Pond	13	195	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Grout Pond	14	84	Gc	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Harriman Reservoir	14	2,040	Ut	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Knapp Brook #1	13	25	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Knapp Brook #2	13	35	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lake Fairlee	11	457	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lake Morey	11	547	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lake Ninevah	13	170	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lake Raponda	15	121	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lowell Lake	13	109	Sc	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
McIntosh Pond	10	23	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Mill Pond (Kennedy's Pond)	13	77	Mt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Mill Pond (Parson's Mill Pond)	9	39	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Miller Pond	11	64	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
North Hartland Reservoir	11	215	Gt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
North Springfield Reservoir	13	290	Gc	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Rescue Lake	13	180	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Rood Pond	6	23	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sadawga Pond	14	194	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sherman Reservoir	14	160	Ut	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Silver Lake	10	84	Scr	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Somerset Reservoir	14	1,568	Ut	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
South Pond	15	68	Snt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Star Lake	13	63	Mt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Stoughton Pond	13	56	Gt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sunset Lake	10	25	Pc	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sunset Lake	15	96	Mcn	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Townshend Reservoir	15	108	Gt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Vernon Hatchery Pond	15	S	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Wallingford Pond	12	87	Gf	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Weatherhead Hollow Pond	15	33	Srt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Woodward Reservoir	13	106	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Lakes & Ponds	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	Species																
				LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW SALMON LAKES TROUT	YELLOW PERCH	NORTHERN PETCH	WALLEYE	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGEMOUTH BASS	CHIN PICKEREL	BULLHEAD	CRAPPIE	PANFISH					
Beebe Pond	14	Gc	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bourn Pond	12	48	Gf	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Branch Pond	14	34	Sc	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Burr Pond	9	85	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Chipman Lake (Tinmouth Pond)	12	79	Pc	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Chittenden Reservoir	10	702	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Colton Pond	10	27	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Danby Pond	12	56	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Dufresne Dam	12	12	Sc	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Emerald Lake	12	28	Sf	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Glen Lake	9	206	Sf	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Half Moon Pond	9	23	Sc	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Hancock Lake (Sucker Pond)	14	51	Mf	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Kent Pond	10	99	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lake Bomoseen	9	2,360	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lake Hortonia	9	479	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lake Paran	14	40	Snt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lake Shaftsbury	14	27	Sc	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lake St. Catherine	12	904	Srt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Little Pond	12	162	St	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
South Stream Pond	14	24	Snt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Spring Lake	12	66	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Stratton Pond	12	46	Gf	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Rivers & Streams

Batten Kill	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Batten Kill West Branch	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Castleton River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Clarendon River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cold River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Green River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Hoosic River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Mettawee River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Mill River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Poultney River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Walloomsac River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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Day	JAN.		FEB.		MAR		
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	
1	7 26	4 22	7 09	4 59	6 27	5 39	☾
2	7 26	4 23	7 08	5 01	6 25	5 40	
3	7 26	4 23	7 07	5 02	6 23	5 42	
4	7 26	4 24	7 05	5 03	6 21	5 43	
5	7 26	4 25	7 04	5 05	6 20	5 44	
6	7 26	4 26	7 03	5 06	6 18	5 46	
7	7 26	4 27	7 02	5 08	6 16	5 47	☉
8	7 25	4 29	7 00	5 09	6 14	5 48	☉
9	7 25	4 30	6 59	5 10	6 13	5 49	
10	7 25	4 31	6 58	5 12	6 11	5 51	
11	7 25	4 32	6 56	5 13	6 09	5 52	
12	7 24	4 33	6 55	5 15	6 07	5 53	
13	7 24	4 34	6 54	5 16	6 05	5 55	
14	7 23	4 35	6 52	5 17	6 04	5 56	☾
15	7 23	4 37	6 51	5 19	6 02	5 57	☾
16	7 22	4 38	6 49	5 20	6 00	5 58	☾
17	7 22	4 39	6 48	5 22	5 58	6 00	
18	7 21	4 40	6 46	5 23	5 56	6 01	
19	7 20	4 42	6 45	5 24	5 54	6 02	
20	7 20	4 43	6 43	5 26	5 53	6 03	
21	7 19	4 44	6 41	5 27	5 51	6 05	☀
22	7 18	4 46	6 40	5 28	5 49	6 06	☀
23	7 18	4 47	6 38	5 30	5 47	6 07	
24	7 17	4 48	6 37	5 31	5 45	6 08	
25	7 16	4 50	6 35	5 32	5 43	6 09	
26	7 15	4 51	6 33	5 34	5 42	6 11	
27	7 14	4 52	6 32	5 35	5 40	6 12	
28	7 13	4 54	6 30	5 36	5 38	6 13	
29	7 12	4 55	6 28	5 38	5 36	6 14	
30	7 11	4 57			5 34	6 16	☾
31	7 10	4 58			5 32	6 17	

Day	APR.		MAY		JUNE		
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	
1	5 31	6 18	4 41	6 55	4 09	7 28	
2	5 29	6 19	4 39	6 56	4 09	7 28	
3	5 27	6 21	4 38	6 57	4 08	7 29	
4	5 25	6 22	4 37	6 58	4 08	7 30	☉
5	5 23	6 23	4 35	6 59	4 08	7 31	
6	5 22	6 24	4 34	7 01	4 07	7 31	☉
7	5 20	6 25	4 33	7 02	4 07	7 32	
8	5 18	6 27	4 31	7 03	4 07	7 33	
9	5 16	6 28	4 30	7 04	4 06	7 33	
10	5 15	6 29	4 29	7 05	4 06	7 34	
11	5 13	6 30	4 28	7 06	4 06	7 34	☾
12	5 11	6 32	4 26	7 08	4 06	7 35	
13	5 09	6 33	4 25	7 09	4 06	7 35	
14	5 08	6 34	4 25	7 10	4 06	7 36	
15	5 06	6 35	4 23	7 11	4 06	7 36	
16	5 04	6 36	4 22	7 12	4 06	7 36	
17	5 03	6 38	4 21	7 13	4 06	7 37	
18	5 01	6 39	4 20	7 14	4 06	7 37	
19	4 59	6 40	4 19	7 15	4 06	7 37	☀
20	4 58	6 41	4 18	7 16	4 06	7 38	☀
21	4 56	6 43	4 17	7 17	4 07	7 38	
22	4 54	6 44	4 16	7 18	4 07	7 38	
23	4 53	6 45	4 15	7 19	4 07	7 38	
24	4 51	6 46	4 15	7 20	4 07	7 38	
25	4 50	6 47	4 14	7 21	4 08	7 38	
26	4 48	6 49	4 13	7 22	4 08	7 38	
27	4 47	6 50	4 12	7 23	4 09	7 38	☾
28	4 45	6 51	4 12	7 24	4 09	7 38	
29	4 44	6 52	4 11	7 25	4 10	7 38	
30	4 42	6 54	4 10	7 26	4 10	7 38	
31			4 10	7 27			

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- Drain** boat and equipment away from water.
- Dry** anything that comes into contact with water.

Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

Day	JULY			AUG.			SEPT.		
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.		Rise A.M.	Set P.M.		Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	
1	4 11	7 38		4 38	7 14		5 14	6 26	
2	4 11	7 37		4 39	7 13	☉	5 15	6 24	
3	4 12	7 37	☉	4 40	7 12		5 16	6 22	
4	4 12	7 37		4 42	7 10		5 17	6 20	
5	4 13	7 37		4 43	7 09		5 18	6 18	
6	4 14	7 36		4 44	7 08		5 19	6 17	
7	4 14	7 36		4 45	7 06		5 21	6 15	
8	4 15	7 35		4 46	7 05		5 22	6 13	☾
9	4 16	7 35		4 47	7 03	☾	5 23	6 11	
10	4 17	7 34		4 48	7 02		5 24	6 09	
11	4 18	7 34	☾	4 50	7 00		5 25	6 07	
12	4 18	7 33		4 51	6 59		5 26	6 05	
13	4 19	7 33		4 52	6 57		5 28	6 04	
14	4 20	7 32		4 53	6 56		5 29	6 02	
15	4 21	7 31		4 54	6 54		5 30	6 00	
16	4 22	7 30		4 55	6 53		5 31	5 58	☀
17	4 23	7 30		4 56	6 51	☀	5 32	5 56	
18	4 24	7 29		4 58	6 50		5 33	5 54	
19	4 25	7 28	☀	4 59	6 48		5 34	5 52	
20	4 26	7 27		5 00	6 46		5 36	5 51	
21	4 27	7 26		5 01	6 45		5 37	5 49	
22	4 28	7 25		5 02	6 43		5 38	5 47	☾
23	4 29	7 24		5 03	6 41		5 39	5 45	
24	4 30	7 23		5 05	6 40	☾	5 40	5 43	
25	4 31	7 22		5 06	6 38		5 41	5 41	
26	4 32	7 21	☾	5 07	6 36		5 43	5 39	
27	4 33	7 20		5 08	6 34		5 44	5 38	
28	4 34	7 19		5 09	6 33		5 45	5 36	
29	4 35	7 18		5 10	6 31		5 46	5 34	
30	4 36	7 17		5 11	6 29		5 47	5 32	☉
31	4 37	7 15		5 13	6 27	☉			

Day	OCT.			NOV.			DEC.		
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.		Rise A.M.	Set P.M.		Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	
1	5 49	5 30		6 28	4 39		7 06	4 12	
2	5 50	5 28		6 29	4 38		7 07	4 12	
3	5 51	5 27		6 31	4 37		7 08	4 12	
4	5 52	5 25		6 32	4 35		7 10	4 12	
5	5 53	5 23		6 33	4 34		7 11	4 11	
6	5 55	5 21		6 35	4 33		7 12	4 11	☾
7	5 56	5 19		6 36	4 32	☾	7 13	4 11	
8	5 57	5 18	☾	6 37	4 30		7 13	4 11	
9	5 58	5 16		6 39	4 29		7 14	4 11	
10	6 00	5 14		6 40	4 28		7 15	4 11	
11	6 01	5 12		6 41	4 27		7 16	4 11	
12	6 02	5 11		6 43	4 26		7 17	4 11	
13	6 03	5 09		6 44	4 25	☀	7 18	4 12	☀
14	6 04	5 07		6 45	4 24		7 19	4 12	
15	6 06	5 05	☀	6 47	4 23		7 19	4 12	
16	6 07	5 04		6 48	4 22		7 20	4 12	
17	6 08	5 02		6 49	4 21		7 21	4 13	
18	6 10	5 00		6 51	4 20		7 21	4 13	
19	6 11	4 59		6 52	4 19		7 22	4 13	
20	6 12	4 57		6 53	4 19	☾	7 22	4 14	☾
21	6 13	4 56		6 54	4 18		7 23	4 14	
22	6 15	4 54	☾	6 56	4 17		7 23	4 15	
23	6 16	4 52		6 57	4 16		7 24	4 15	
24	6 17	4 51		6 58	4 16		7 24	4 16	
25	6 19	4 49		6 59	4 15		7 25	4 17	
26	6 20	4 48		7 01	4 15		7 25	4 17	
27	6 21	4 46		7 02	4 14		7 25	4 18	
28	6 23	4 45		7 03	4 14	☉	7 25	4 19	☉
29	6 24	4 43	☉	7 04	4 13		7 26	4 20	
30	6 25	4 42		7 05	4 13		7 26	4 21	
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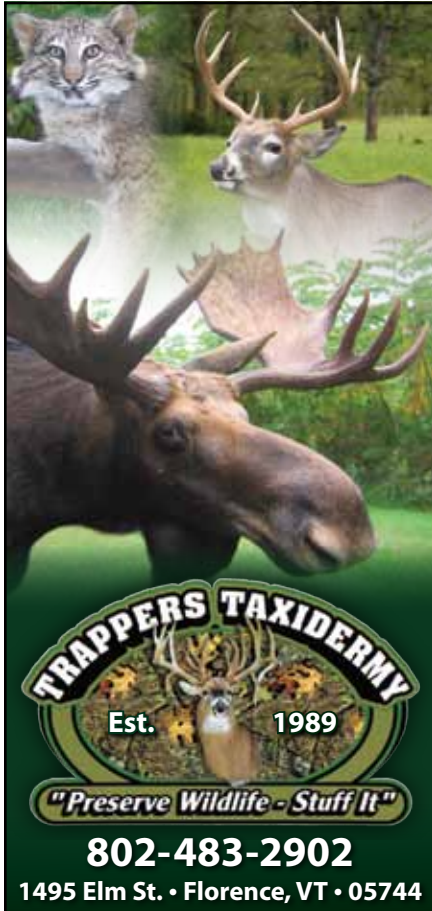
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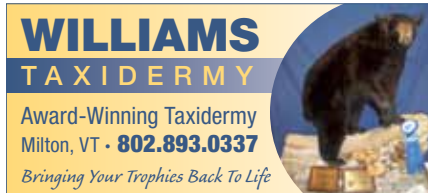
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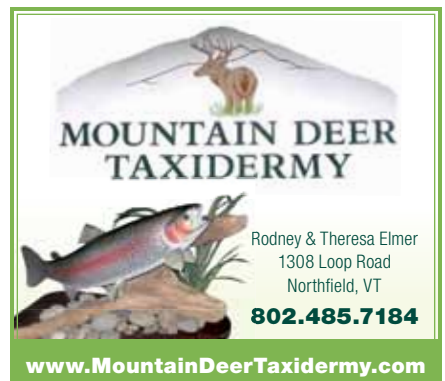
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