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Cover Photo: Commissioner Patrick Berry fly-fishing on a section of the Winooski River near Bolton that was recently opened to year-round catch-and-release trout fishing. Photo by Tom Rogers, Vt Fish & Wildlife Dept.

Cover Inset Photo: Photo by Charles Willey

Fish & Wildlife Laws

The purpose of Vermont Fish & Wildlife laws is to help protect, manage, control and conserve the fish and wildlife of the state. Every individual who hunts, fishes or traps is responsible for knowing the fish and wildlife laws. This lawbook provides the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's interpretation of these laws. It is formatted to make the laws easier to read and understand. For a complete wording of Vermont's fish and wildlife statutes and regulations, consult *Vermont Statutes Annotated, Part 4, Title 10*, available at Town Clerks' offices and on the Internet at www.leg.state.vt.us/statutesMain.cfm. Any questions you have regarding these laws should be directed to your local game warden.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER



New Opportunities for Hunting & Fishing

This past year will be long remembered as a landmark for sportsmen and women in Vermont. A host of new regulations, legislation and Fish & Wildlife Department policies are expanding hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities, enhancing protection for fish and wildlife resources, creating efficiencies for acquiring licenses and permits, and preserving the rights of sportsmen and women across Vermont.

The "Sportsman's Act of 2013," passed as H.101, was initiated by the department and supported by a host of hunting, fishing, trapping and traditional interest groups. The bill passed to unanimous acclaim in both houses of the legislature and was signed into law by Governor Shumlin.

To better protect wildlife and habitat throughout the state, H.101 prohibits the importation and possession of wild hogs. These insidious critters carry a variety of nasty diseases and can cause significant habitat destruction.

The law also requires that any person taking a nuisance bear must first attempt to make reasonable, non-lethal measures to protect his or her property. Intentionally feeding bears is prohibited as well. More information on the bear regulations and how to avoid issues with bears can be found on page 30.

In another new provision, landowners now have the opportunity to legally post, or enclose, their property so that hunting, fishing and trapping will be allowed by permission only. This will afford landowners another option for managing these activities on their property without the need to prohibit all trespass.

Additional changes, including the addition of a Free Fishing Day in January, will offer both seasoned anglers and those new to the sport, more opportunities to enjoy the exceptional fishing resources the state has to offer. Lastly, many administrative functions have been made more efficient, including an expedited application process for hunters seeking antlerless deer and moose permits.

Governor Shumlin and the legislature also supported a significant and much-needed general fund increase for the department. For decades, hunters and anglers have provided the lion's share of financial support for fish and wildlife conservation. Vermont ranks first among the lower 48 states in our rate of participation in wildlife-based recreation, and enhancing support from the general fund ensures that all Vermonters share in the responsibility of protecting and managing wildlife resources.

A host of new regulations are also noteworthy. Over the past couple of years, the department has worked collaboratively with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board—the independently appointed 14 member body that sets hunting, fishing and trapping regulations—to greatly expand opportunities and protect the rights of sportsmen and women.

Highlights include:

- Opening more than 70 miles of river to year-round catch-and-release trout fishing
- Providing new year-round bass fishing opportunities all across Vermont
- Loosening baitfish regulations to allow easier transport on the same body of water
- Expanding the rabbit hunting season by 2 weeks in the Northeast Kingdom
- Expanding the late bear season by an additional 4 days
- Enhancing trapping opportunities for beaver
- Protecting the rights of hunters, anglers and trappers on department lands

As we head to the woods and waters in 2014, I am grateful for the tremendous resources we have right here in our backyard and for the new opportunities we have been afforded. And as I fished the Winooski River as pictured on the cover—a stretch that is now open to year round trout fishing—I was grateful for the support of the Vermonters who helped make this a landmark year for sportsmen and women across Vermont.



Patrick Berry, Commissioner



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Big Game Hunting

Deer	Bow & Arrow		Oct. 4 – 26 & Dec. 6 – 14
	Youth Deer Weekend		Nov. 8 – 9
	16 Day Regular Season		Nov. 15 – 30
	Muzzleloader		Dec. 6 – 14
Black Bear			Early Season: Sept. 1 – Nov. 14 Late Season: Nov. 15 – 23
Turkey	Youth Turkey Weekend		April 26 – 27
	Spring Season		May 1 – 31
	Fall Seasons	Bow & Arrow only	In all WMUs statewide October 4 – 24
		Shotgun or Bow & Arrow	WMUs B, D1, D2, G, H, I, J1, J2, L, M, O, P, and Q October 25 – Nov. 2 WMUs F1, F2, K, and N October 25 – Nov. 9
Moose			October hunting season; permit lottery held each year.

Small Game Hunting

Hare, Rabbit	Sept. 28, 2013 – March 9, 2014 & Sept. 27, 2014 – March 8, 2015 WMUs D & E remain open through March 31
Gray Squirrel	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31
Ruffed Grouse (Partridge)	Sept. 27 – 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. 26, 2013 – Feb. 9, 2014 & Oct. 25, 2014 – Feb. 8, 2015
Raccoon	Oct. 11 – 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. 25 – Dec. 31
Otter	Oct. 26, 2013 – Feb. 28, 2014 & Oct. 25, 2014 – Feb. 28, 2015
Muskrat	Oct. 26, 2013 – March 31, 2014 & Oct. 25, 2014 – March 31, 2015
Fisher	Dec. 1 – 31
Bobcat	Dec. 1 – 16
Beaver	Oct. 26, 2013 – March 31, 2014 & Oct. 25, 2014 – March 31, 2015
Marten, Lynx, Wolf, Eastern Mountain Lion	Closed Season

Fishing

Trout & Landlocked Salmon	April 12 – Oct. 31
Lake Champlain	No Closed Season
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass	June 14 – Nov. 30
Catch & Release — Lakes and Ponds	April 12 – June 13
Pickereel, N. Pike, Yellow Perch	No Closed Season
Walleye	May 4, 2013 – March 15, 2014 & May 3, 2014 – March 15, 2015
All waters except Chittenden Reservoir and the Connecticut River	
Chittenden Reservoir and Connecticut River	See Tables 2 and 4
Smelt	No Closed Season
Free Fishing Days	Jan. 25, and June 14, 2014

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1. ONLINE AT WWW.VTFISHANDWILDLIFE.COM

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You will need:

- **A PRINTER TO PRINT YOUR LICENSE.** Printing requires Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer. You can download the free Acrobat Reader software from our website.
- **A CREDIT CARD.** We accept Visa or MasterCard for payment.

Nice to have ready if you have one:

- Your Conservation Identification Number. You can look up your Conservation ID on the website.
- Your license number from your previous license purchased online.

TO PURCHASE A HUNTING, COMBINATION, ARCHERY OR TRAPPING LICENSE:

You must have held a previous hunting, combination, archery or trapping license or have passed a State approved safety course. There will be a place on the application for you to enter your previous license number or you may certify that you have held this type of license previously or passed a State approved safety course.

TO PURCHASE A FISHING LICENSE:

Anyone can apply for fishing-only licenses. There is no requirement for a previous fishing license. **If you are purchasing a term fishing license**, make sure you select the day you plan to start fishing. Term fishing licenses run consecutive days.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

To type your information as you wish it to appear on your license. The license you print from your printer is **your official license**, and you should carry it and a photo ID whenever you go fishing, hunting or trapping. **Please make sure you SIGN your printed license.** It will not be valid without your signature.

2. PURCHASE YOUR LICENSE AT ONE OF OUR DISTRICT OFFICES OR FROM AUTHORIZED LICENSE AGENTS STATEWIDE.

3. PRINT A LICENSE APPLICATION FROM OUR WEBSITE TO FILL OUT AND SEND IN WITH YOUR PAYMENT.

Licenses are Required

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 (except if their right to obtain a license is under suspension). 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.

My License Covers What?

BASIC HUNTING AND COMBINATION LICENSES include a late season bear tag, and a November season legal buck tag. They also cover small game hunting. Add-on licenses are required for early season bear, archery deer season, muzzleloader deer season, and turkey seasons (each with their own tags).

FISHING AND COMBINATION LICENSES cover fishing throughout the year.

FISHING: 14 years of age or younger, no license required.

FREE Fishing Days (NEW this year)

JANUARY 25 AND JUNE 14, are Free Fishing Days in Vermont this year. Residents and nonresidents may fish without a license. All legal fishing methods and limits apply.

Free Fishing Days are intended to introduce first-time anglers to the joys of fishing.

Military Personnel

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



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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 Fish & Wildlife offices, license agents and our website.

Any questions on eligibility for military licenses should be directed to 802-828-1190 or fwinformation@state.vt.us or sent to:

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department
Attn: Licensing
1 National Life Drive, Dewey Building
Montpelier, VT 05620-3208

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.

Mentored Hunting License

Mentored Hunting licenses are available from Fish & Wildlife offices and 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.



Vermont is a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

The Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact (IWVC) ensures that in participating states, nonresident violators will receive the same treatment as resident violators. IWVC member states reciprocate in the suspension or revocation of licenses and permits resulting from violation of hunting, fishing or trapping laws.

If an individual's license or permit privileges are revoked in one compact member state, they are subject to suspension or revocation in all other member states. For example, if a Vermont resident has their hunting privileges suspended in Minnesota, their privileges may also be suspended in Vermont and in all other compact states. This helps prevent habitual violators from relocating their illegal activities to other member's states.

The IWVC also has established procedures that cause a nonresident violator who fails to comply with the terms of a citation issued in a participating state to face the possibility of the suspension of their wildlife license privileges in their home state until the terms of the citation are met. The goal of the IWVC is to facilitate improved enforcement of hunting, fishing and trapping laws through the cooperation of law enforcement units in member states.

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 shall only be issued twice to any one individual.

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 on our website, in person or through the mail to the Fish & Wildlife office for a one-time fee of \$50.

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. each year.

We are requesting that you update your permanent license each year regardless of whether or not you used your tags.

This updated license will include current year tags. You may update your license at no cost on-line at our website

www.vtfishandwildlife.com. If you are unable to go on-line you may go to any participating Point Of Sale license agent or Fish & Wildlife Office and request to have your permanent license updated.

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 Fish & Wildlife office or our website.

A Vermont resident who is paraplegic may receive a free permanent fishing, hunting 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 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 = 6x current adult license price.
- for children 1–15 years old = 16x current adult license price.
- for adults 16–24 years old = 31x current adult license price.
- for adults 25–64 years old = 26x current adult license price.

We are requesting that you update your lifetime license each year regardless of whether or not you used your tags.

This updated license will include current year tags. You may update your license at no cost on-line at our website www.vtfishandwildlife.com. If you are unable to go on-line you may go to any participating Point Of Sale license agent or Fish & Wildlife Office and request to have your license updated.

Requirements for Hunting, Combination Hunting and 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, by calling 802-828-1193.

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*.

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 in Vermont or any

other state that is a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

(NEW this year) Landowners may not hunt, fish or trap on their land if their license is suspended.

FINE—up to \$2,000 and additional suspension period.

REMEDIAL COURSE: A person whose license is revoked with 15 or more points accumulated in five years must 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)*.

2014 LICENSE FEES

Resident		5-Year License
Fishing (under age 15 no license needed)	\$25.00	\$119.00
Youth Fishing (ages 15-17)	\$8.00	
Three-Day Fishing ¹	\$10.00	
Hunting	\$25.00	\$119.00
Youth Hunting (age 17 or under)	\$8.00	
Combination	\$40.00	\$194.00
Youth Combination (age 17 or under)	\$12.00	
Mentored Hunting	\$10.00	
Trapping	\$20.00	\$94.00
Youth Trapping (age 17 or under)	\$10.00	
Archery-Deer (hunting license needed) ³	\$23.00	
Turkey (hunting license needed)	\$23.00	
Bear (Sept. 1 – Nov. 15 early season – hunting license needed)	\$5.00	
Muzzleloader-Deer (hunting license needed) ⁴	\$23.00	
Permanent license (Residents only, 65 or older)	\$50.00	

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.

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 on the Fish & Wildlife website, from Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department offices and license agents statewide.

A state waterfowl stamp is good for the calendar year and no longer needs to be signed by the hunter.

Nonresident		5-Year License
Fishing (under age 15 no license needed)	\$50.00	\$244.00
Youth Fishing (age 17 or under)	\$15.00	
One-Day Fishing ¹	\$20.00	
Three-Day Fishing ¹	\$22.00	
Seven-Day Fishing ¹	\$30.00	
Hunting	\$100.00	\$494.00
Youth Hunting (age 17 or under)	\$25.00	
Combination	\$135.00	\$669.00
Youth Combination (age 17 or under)	\$30.00	
Mentored Hunting	\$10.00	
Trapping	\$300.00	\$1,494.00
Small Game ²	\$50.00	
Archery-Deer (hunting license needed) ³	\$38.00	
Archery Only-Deer (hunting license NOT needed) ³	\$75.00	
Turkey (hunting license needed)	\$38.00	
Bear (Sept. 1 – Nov. 15 early season – hunting license needed)	\$15.00	
Muzzleloader-Deer (hunting license needed) 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.

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



GENERAL REGULATIONS

“TAKE” and “TAKING” mean pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, capturing, trapping, disturbing, harrising, worrying, wounding, snaring or netting fish, birds or other animals. 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.

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.

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.

INTERFERING WITH HUNTERS, ANGLERS 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.

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

VIOLATORS: In addition to the person who actually violates a regulation for hunting, fishing, or 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 court penalties, anyone 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.

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 safety zone and no more than 200 feet apart. Shooting is prohibited in the Safety Zone and no wild animal may be taken within it without permission from the owner.

Posted Property Under Fish & Wildlife Law

Hunting, fishing or trapping on properly posted land is illegal without **written permission**. This includes land posted for hunting, fishing or trapping **by permission only**. 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 if requested by the landowner.

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It is illegal to damage or remove posters prohibiting hunting, fishing or trapping.

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

POSTING & BY PERMISSION ONLY SIGNS

(Permission Only Signs are NEW this year)

A landowner, or a person having the exclusive right to take fish or wild animals on land or the waters thereon, who desires to protect his or her land or waters over which he or she has exclusive control, may maintain signs stating that:

- the shooting, trapping or taking of game or wild animals is prohibited or is **by permission only**;
- fishing or the taking of fish is prohibited or is **by permission only**;
- fishing, hunting, trapping and taking of wild animals and fish are prohibited or are **by permission only**.

Permission Only signs shall be dated and contain the owner's name and a method by which to contact the property owner or a person authorized to provide permission to hunt, fish or trap on the property.

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 11 inches by 8 ½ inches in size.
- Lettering and background on the signs must be of contrasting colors.
- 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) 828-1000. **(NEW this year)** Only the State permit is required.

Sale or Purchase of Fish and Game

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

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 to be 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.

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 State Game 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.

Transportation of Fish or 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 of fish or 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.

Public Use of Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department Lands

(NEW this year) *The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department owns more than 80 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), two conservation camps, five fish culture stations, and other conservation lands totaling more than 133,000 acres throughout Vermont. A new rule enacted in 2013 allows the department to better protect the public's use of and interests in these lands. This rule does not apply to Fish and Wildlife fishing access areas. WMAs were created for the conservation of fish, wildlife and their habitat, and to provide people with opportunities to enjoy these resources through fish- and wildlife-based outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, trapping and wildlife viewing and photography. The goal of the rule is to formalize existing and ongoing management in order to improve enforcement, clarify priority uses, set clear expectations for the use of these lands, and protect the safety of the public. Wildlife Management Area maps are available at www.vtfishandwildlife.com or at VT Fish & Wildlife District Offices.*

DEFINITIONS

Commercial activity means any activity or service that produces income for any person, group, business or entity, including any activity or service by any non-profit entity where a fee is required or requested.

Emergency situation means an unintended or unforeseen situation that poses a risk to health or life of a person or animal.

AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES

The following activities are authorized activities on all lands under this rule:

- A. Hunting, fishing, trapping, target shooting *at designated shooting ranges*, and associated activities in accordance with all applicable Vermont Fish and Wildlife laws and regulations;
- B. Fish and wildlife viewing and photography;
- C. Boating, including launching and landing, for fish-based and wildlife-based activities where not otherwise prohibited by any other relevant regulations or statutes;

- D. Dispersed, wildlife-based pedestrian activities including walking, snowshoeing, swimming, cross-country skiing, and collection of shed antlers;
- E. Non-commercial picking of berries, nuts, fungi and other wild edibles except ginseng;
- F. The activities specified in A, B, and C when conducted by a person as a commercial activity, including guiding for purposes of fishing, hunting and trapping;
- G. Camping for purposes of hunting, fishing or trapping:
 1. Non-primitive camping with a portable shelter equipped with a self-contained, portable, sanitary toilet *on sites designated by the department for this purpose*, for no more than 16 days during the periods of May 1-31, September 1 through December 15; See WMA maps for designated camp site locations.
 2. Primitive camping (occupying a site in a natural environment with no developed facilities, leaving the site in its original condition so there is no or minimal evidence of human visitation) on the following WMAs for no more than 3 consecutive nights; Camp sites must be at least 200 feet from any waterbody, property line, or road:

Arthur Davis WMA, Bald Hill WMA, Bill Sladyk WMA, Les Newell WMA, Pine Mountain WMA, Plymbsbury WMA, Roy Mountain WMA, Steam Mill Brook WMA, Victory Basin WMA, West Mountain WMA.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- The operation of any ATV, UTV, or any wheeled or tracked motorized vehicle not registered for public highway use, except as provided under special permit from the Commissioner to accommodate a person with a qualified disability pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- Use of motorized vehicles except on roads specifically designated for such use (see WMA maps);
- Snowmobiling except as approved by the department and on designated corridors (see WMA maps);
- Horseback riding, dog sledding, non-motorized cycle riding, or use of motorized vehicles except on designated corridors (see WMA maps);
- Draft and pack animals, except for retrieval of legally harvested moose, deer and black bear during the respective hunting season(s);
- Commercial activities except for authorized activities in **A**, **B**, and **C** of this rule;
- Artifact or fossil collection;
- Fires except in emergency situations, or for non-primitive and primitive camping as specified in this rule;
- Abandoning, or disposing of any animal carcass, or their parts, except that portions of fish or game legally harvested on the property may be deposited on site during routine field processing for preservation and transport, or parts used in conjunction with legal trapping;
- Construction or placement of temporary or permanent structures, except for tree stands and ground blinds as specified for use on State Wildlife Management Areas under General Hunting Information, and duck blinds as specified under the Game Bird Hunting section of this guidebook;
- Collection of plants, trees, evergreen brush or limbs, except wild edibles as allowed under **E** of this rule;
- Use of any fireworks or pyrotechnic devices except signal flares in an emergency situation;
- Feeding or baiting of wildlife except if otherwise authorized by law;
- Taking of fish from a fish culture station except during special events established by the department, including but not limited to fishing derbies, clinics and educational events;
- Entering within 500 feet of any building or other associated infrastructure that is associated with a department fish culture station or conservation camp during times of the day other than those times posted for public use;
- Parking of vehicles except while engaged in an Authorized Activity;
- All other activities not specifically authorized by this rule, or authorized in writing by the Commissioner including, but not limited to: parasailing, hang-gliding, recreational rock climbing, and geocaching.

Vermont's Comprehensive Deer Management Review Plan

Evaluating deer management options based on stakeholder input and sound wildlife science.

Vermont manages our deer population with the goal of keeping a consistently healthy and age-diverse herd across the state, despite changes in weather, habitat and hunting patterns. To assess current deer regulations and management strategies, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is currently undergoing a Comprehensive Deer Management Review Plan.

While the plan establishes deer population objectives, it also allows for changes to hunting seasons and regulations based on the desires of Vermont's hunters. The Fish & Wildlife Department wants to include Vermont citizens in this process as a way of being responsive to our stakeholders. The department, working with the Fish and Wildlife Board, is considering issues that affect our management decisions and how hunters feel about their experience in the field, such as the antler point restriction and the current makeup of the hunting seasons.

Stakeholder Involvement

We have employed several strategies to get Vermonters involved in the evaluation process of our deer management program. In order to solicit the input of Vermont stakeholders, the department has:

- Conducted public meetings
- Offered public input surveys
- Developed regional working groups
- Created a web site to share our findings
http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/wildlife_CDMhome.cfm

We have held public forums across the state to meet with citizens in groups both large and small to better foster one-on-one conversations about deer management practices. The surveys we conducted have been used to learn more about hunters in



Erik Werner of Brandon, VT took this impressive deer in Vermont's 2012 archery deer season.

the state—where they live and hunt, their ages and gender, what their participation rates are, and their level of satisfaction. We also formed regional working groups to solicit and interpret deer hunter input regarding current season structures and harvest regulations for the regions they represent.

The Next Steps

The results from these meetings, surveys, and working groups will be used to gauge Vermonters' preferred management options and to help guide deer management strategies in the future. All topics are up for discussion, including various season lengths and dates, antler restrictions, and bag limits. The Fish & Wildlife Department will evaluate public input to help determine how to best achieve management goals.

HUNTER ACCESS in VERMONT

Why this vital resource is so important and what you can do to help maintain it.

Vermont stands among the few states privileged with legal access to private land for hunting, fishing and trapping. But posted land is increasingly taking away that privilege for sportsmen and women. The amount of posted land registered with the town in Vermont rose from 100,000 acres in 1971 to 230,000 acres thirty years later. These figures do not include the acreage of land posted, but not officially registered. You can do your part to decrease the amount of posted land in Vermont.

Hunting is important to Vermont's culture and to the conservation of the state's wildlife. Hunting generates a significant number of jobs in Vermont, giving the state's tourism industry a boost between leaf-peeping season and winter skiing. Many Vermont families rely on game as a healthy source of meat that is natural, local, free-range, and organic.

Landowners

Deer browsing has profound implications for Vermont's forested ecosystems. Over-abundant deer can threaten endangered plant species, reduce cover and feed for other wildlife, and destroy habitat for nesting songbirds. They damage crops, gardens and flowers and bushes along people's homes. Regulated hunting is a wildlife management tool that effectively controls deer densities.

Landowners should know that they are not liable for personal injury nor property damage claims by members of the public who access their land or water free of charge for recreational purposes. Many landowners find that granting access to their property to law-abiding, ethical hunters helps them keep a watchful eye out for unlawful or unethical activity on their land. "Road-hunting" has now become more difficult with the passage of The Sportsman's Act of 2013 prohibiting hunting within 25 feet of a road and prohibiting shooting across a road.

The Sportsman's Act also gave landowners the legal authority to enforce Hunting by Permission Only signs on their property. Some landowners post their land following a bad interaction with a single hunter.

Hunting by Permission Only signs allow landowners to prohibit some hunters from using their land while keeping it open to those that have been given permission.

Hunters

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department urges hunters who wish to hunt on private land to get landowner permission before proceeding. Getting the landowner's permission not only helps maintain good relations between hunters and the general public, but the landowners also can be helpful sources of knowledge of the trails and features of their property in ways that can benefit a hunter. And many landowners who post would still allow hunters who ask permission to hunt on their land.

Hunters should consider visiting the department's Hunter Access Vermont website. The website maintains a database of private landowners and individuals seeking hunting access to private lands in order to match hunters with landowners seeking help in controlling deer damage. The Hunter Access Vermont website also offers tips for hunters and landowners on building strong partnerships, options for managing access and a downloadable Courtesy Permission Card.

While Vermont's constitution protects the right to hunt on open lands, it is the hunter's responsibility to be respectful of the landowners whose property they use. To ensure this tradition carries forward to the next generation, please be sure to be courteous to landowners and thank them for the opportunity to hunt on their land.



Photo by Sandy Macys

Courtesy Permission Card - Land User's Copy

I would like permission to access your land for the purpose of: _____
hunting, fishing, trapping, other

Landowner's Name: _____

Landowner's Address: _____

Phone number: _____

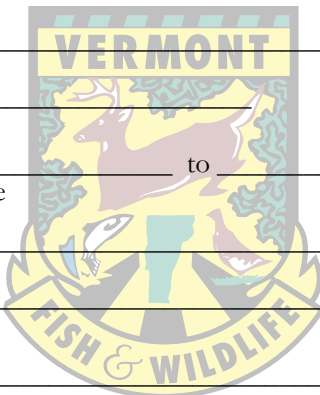
Permission given from _____ to _____
date date

Restrictions: _____

Landowner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby agree to conduct myself and members of my party as true sportsperson –safe, legal and ethical- and accept the responsibilities that are part of hunting and outdoor recreation. I will follow all laws, safety rules and the sportsman's code. I will immediately report any violations observed. I pledge to respect and follow any additional restrictions as stated by the landowner. I will not hold the landowner responsible for any accidents or injuries while on the landowner's property. I also understand this permission can be revoked at any time for any reason.

REPORT ALL VIOLATIONS. CALL OPERATION GAME THIEF 1-800-75ALERT (1-800-752-5378) OR
REPORT VIOLATIONS ONLINE: www.vtfishandwildlife.com/laws_thief.cfm.



Courtesy Permission Card - Landowner's Copy

Land User's Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number: _____

Max number in party: _____

Vehicle description - Year: _____ Make: _____ Color: _____

License plate #: _____ License #: _____

- I hereby agree to conduct myself and members of my party as true sportsperson –safe, legal and ethical- and accept the responsibilities that are part of hunting and outdoor recreation.
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- I will immediately report any violations observed. Call Operation Game Thief 1-800-75ALERT (1-800-752-5378) or report violations online: www.vtfishandwildlife.com/laws_thief.cfm
- I pledge to respect and follow any additional restrictions as stated by the landowner.
- I will not hold the landowner responsible for any accidents or injuries while on the landowner's property. I also understand this permission can be revoked at any time for any reason.

Thank you for giving me the privilege to hunt, fish, or trap on your land.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(land user)

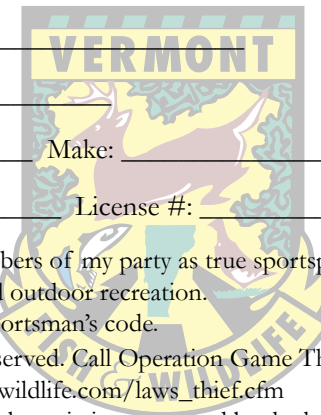




Photo by Eric Nuse

Where Can I Hunt in Vermont?

Vermonters have a proud heritage of living close to the land in our very rural state. Hunting is a way of life here. In fact, the Vermont Constitution guarantees the right to hunt. Article 67 states “The inhabitants of this State shall have liberty in seasonable times, to hunt and fowl on the lands they hold, and on other lands not enclosed.” But what does that mean?

All **private land** in Vermont is open to all hunters when that land is not posted as closed to hunting. While landowner permission is not required for hunters on private lands, hunters should still ask the permission of the landowner before proceeding. Hunters who treat the land and landowner with respect almost always find that landowners are happy to grant permission.

Hunters in Vermont should remember that it is illegal to shoot at wildlife from within 25 feet of all public highways. Shooting across public highways is also prohibited. It’s also a good idea for hunters to maintain a safe distance from houses in order to not disturb occupants.

Visit www.otfishandwildlife.com/wildlife_hunteraccess_huntertips.cfm for tips on hunting on private land.

Vermont has more than 800,000 acres of federal and state public land open to hunting; **National Wildlife Refuges**, the **Green Mountain National Forest**, and all **state forests**. **State parks** are open to hunting outside the operating season.

Perhaps the crown jewel of hunting in Vermont is the state’s system of **Wildlife Management Areas**, or **WMAs**. All WMAs are open to hunting, trapping, fishing and other wildlife related outdoor activities. Check out the maps and other information on the Fish & Wildlife website (www.otfishandwildlife.com), and in the “Guide to Wildlife Management Areas of Vermont” guidebook, available through the online store.

The Fish & Wildlife Department recently opened the first public **shooting range** in Vermont at Hammond’s Cove in Hartland. There are numerous privately operated shooting ranges throughout the state. Information about these ranges is available on our website.

The maps near the back of this guide show state and federal lands. To learn more about Vermont hunting, check our website, call us at (802) 828-1000, or ‘Like’ our Facebook page.

Vermont's Youth Hunting Programs: Lifelong Pursuit

Vermont makes it easy for families to take time out and focus on the young hunter by offering youth-oriented hunter education classes and special youth seasons

Hunter Education: The First Step

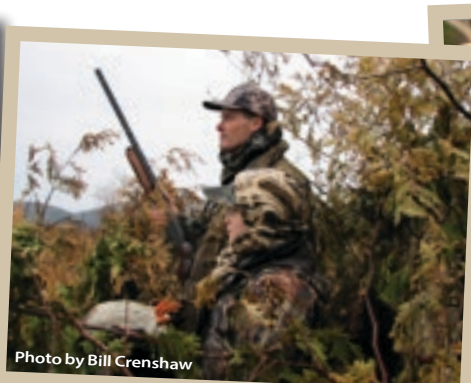
To purchase their first license, all aspiring hunters, bowhunters and trappers must first successfully complete their respective hunter education course. All Vermont courses are free. They are led by certified volunteer instructors, and they are open to all ages and experience levels. The courses include basic firearm, bowhunter (and combination hunter-bowhunter) and trapper education. While they are available year-around, most courses are offered between August and October. All courses include a hands-on field day to learn shooting and navigation skills.

You can locate a course on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website. Check back frequently as the website is updated often when new courses are scheduled, or sign-up to receive an email notification when a class in your area is posted.

To find a course or for more information:
www.vtfishandwildlife.com/edu_hunter.cfm

Homestudy Option

Most courses are offered in a homestudy format to provide opportunities to all hunters. Rather than



GIVING BACK: MENTORING YOUNG HUNTERS

A youngster's first hunt can mark the beginning of a lifelong passion for the outdoors and a commitment to wildlife conservation.

To make the most of your time together:

- **Hunt Safe.** No matter what the age, hunting is one of the safest outdoor activities. Youth hunters are among the safest hunters when accompanied by an alert mentor.
- **Go often.** Don't just hunt the youth weekends. Lifelong hunting participation is directly related to the amount of time spent hunting in youth, especially when these experiences occur with a family or mentor.
- **Hunt Smart.** Scouting and range practice are a necessary and exciting ingredients to any successful hunt.
- **Model Behavior.** Safe and responsible hunters are mentored by safe and responsible hunters.
- **Have Fun!** Being with family and friends and generally having a good time is more important to youth hunters than harvesting game. Don't push too hard but help young hunters learn to appreciate the special opportunity that hunting offers. Above all, young hunters need positive reinforcement and encouragement.



Photo by John Austin

The Fielder and Brown families have a long tradition of hunting together out of their camp at Coles Pond.

attending a series of classroom lectures, the student completes a workbook or an online course. A field day is still required for these courses.

Youth Season: Special Opportunities to Hunt

The department offers three special youth-only hunting seasons -- spring turkey, waterfowl and deer -- to ensure young hunters get the quality training they need from experienced hunters. These special seasons increase confidence in the hands-on use of firearms, reinforce the principles of hunting safety and promote interest in hunting and wildlife conservation. Most importantly, they take place under the supervision of an experienced mentor. Supervision by an unarmed adult is always required.

Being with family and friends is the most important factor in youth hunting interest. Hunting regularly during one's youth leads to lifelong hunting participation. Thus these seasons are helping to produce confident, avid young hunters who go on to become successful, enthusiastic adult hunters.

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.*



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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. It's also 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 rimfire 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 muzzleloader 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.

A light may be used to illuminate and shoot a raccoon once treed by a dog, or dogs, during the raccoon hunting season. A light may also be used to illuminate a raccoon once treed by a dog, or dogs, during the training season.

Laser sights are illegal for hunting.

Hunting Hours

WATERFOWL & OTHER MIGRATORY BIRDS: See the Syllabus of State and Federal Hunting Regulations for Migratory Birds In Vermont available in September.

TURKEY :

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

RACCOON: 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.

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.



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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 802-828-1000.

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: **(NEW this year)** 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 25 feet of the traveled portion of a public highway. It is illegal to shoot a firearm, a bow and arrow, or a crossbow over or across the travelled 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 with a hunting license may train a dog to hunt and pursue the species listed below during the specified times:

- **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 with a hunting license, 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.

(NEW this year) A person training a hunting dog may possess a handgun while training, provided that the person shall not take game by any method. A long gun may not be carried while training a dog with game.

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.

Applications for the "Leashed Tracking Dog Certificate" cost \$25.00. First-time leashed tracking dog certificates, valid for five years, cost \$100.00 for residents and \$200.00 for nonresidents. Applicants must pass a test. Renewal certificates are \$125.00 for residents and \$225.00 for nonresidents.



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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 (WMAs). Temporary tree stands and ground blinds are allowed without written permission from the department from the third Sunday in August through the third Saturday in December, May 1-31 (dates inclusive), or during any Youth Hunting Day or Youth Hunting Weekend. Blinds used during any other time (for wildlife viewing or photography) may be erected and used with prior written permission from the District Manager of the WMA. For information on placement of blinds on or in waters of the state for the purpose of waterfowl hunting, see *Duck Blinds* under the **Game Bird Hunting** section.

Temporary blinds on state WMAs 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 0.9 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. The marking must be placed 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. Construction of any tree stand or ground blind does not confer exclusive use of its location to the person who built it. Any person may use that location for purposes consistent with this rule.



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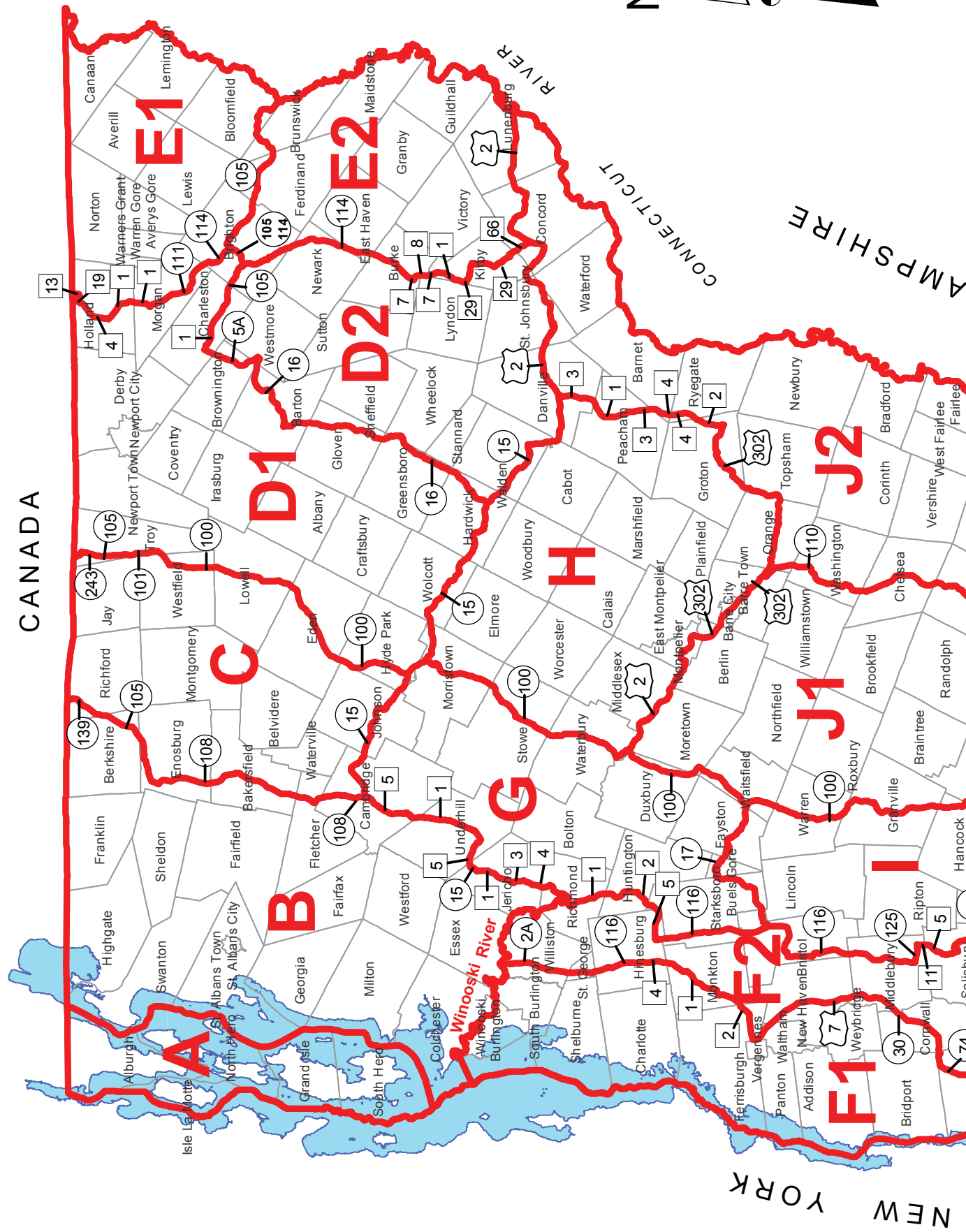
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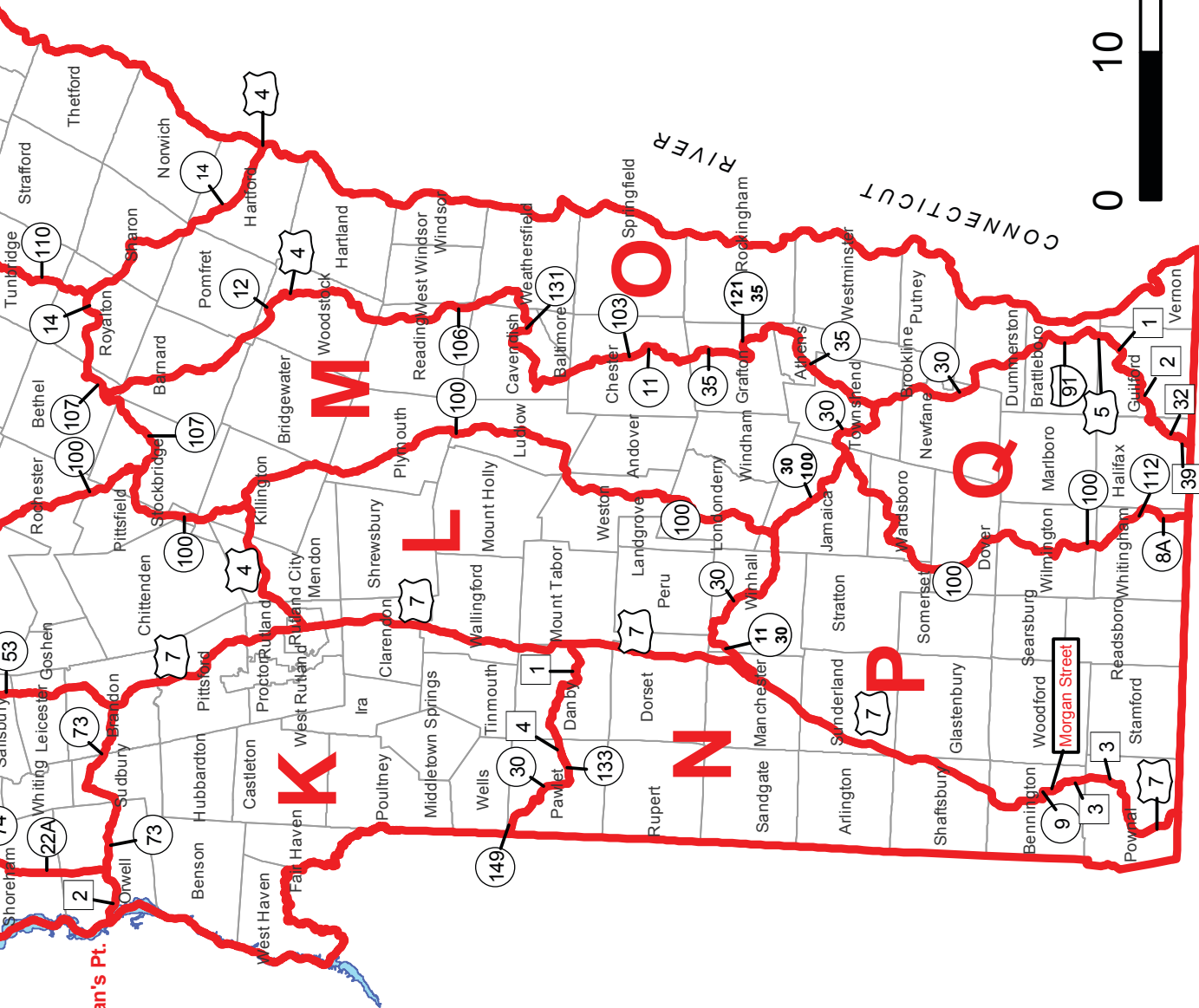


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BIG GAME

Definition

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

Tagging

A **BIG GAME** animal must immediately be tagged when taken. The tag shall be placed on the carcass in a location that is open to view and shall remain there during possession and transportation, until 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 more information on CWD, check page 41 and the following websites: www.vtfishandwildlife.com and 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, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Texas, 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, only 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 at our website: www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

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) that are 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

A person shall not take more than three deer in a calendar year, only two of which may be legal bucks. Individual season restrictions apply.

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.

Reporting Deer

A person taking deer 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 deer carcass shall be transported out of state without first being reported.

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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.
- 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.

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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.

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.

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. 4–26 and Dec. 6–14, 2014

LICENSES: Any person wishing to hunt deer with a bow and arrow during archery deer season must have an archery license/tag. A hunting or combination hunting and fishing license is required in addition to an archery license, except for nonresident archery-only deer license.

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 2012 and 2013, 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.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO CARRY A RIFLE, SHOTGUN OR MUZZLELOADER WHILE BOW HUNTING DEER IN THE BOW AND ARROW SEASON.

(NEW this year) A hunter may possess a pistol or revolver while archery hunting.



The pistol or revolver MAY NOT be used to take game or dispatch the deer.

CROSSBOWS ARE ILLEGAL FOR HUNTING.

Exception: A crossbow may be used by special permit to take any game that may be 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 to obtain a crossbow license. 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. (Check during the year for any regulation changes on the use of crossbows.)

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.

**Youth Deer Hunting Weekend—
Nov. 8–9, 2014**

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



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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 has the youth hunter in his or her charge.

**November Rifle Deer Season —
Nov. 15–30, 2014**

LIMIT: One legal buck with at least one antler having two or more points may be taken anywhere in the state. A person shall not take more than three white-tailed deer in a year in all deer hunting seasons, only two of which may be legal bucks.

**Muzzleloader Deer Season —
Dec. 6–14, 2014**

LICENSES: Muzzleloader license and hunting license required.

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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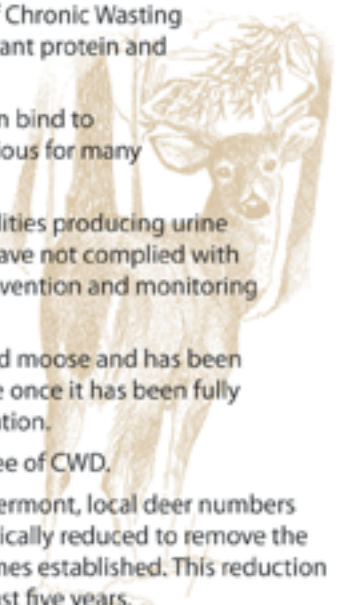
- Hunt or take deer, bear or turkeys with bait
- Feed deer
- Pick up carcasses of protected wildlife
- Take game except with a gun, bow and arrow, or crossbow by permit
- Set or use a snare
- Set or use any device to discharge a firearm for the purpose of taking any wild animal
- Take waterfowl, wild 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 raccoon hunting with a dog.



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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Be Bear Aware










People often encourage bears to come out of the forest by providing food without realizing it. Once bears become used to these food sources and come into frequent human contact, people sometimes call them “nuisance bears.” Feeding a bear increases the bear’s chance of being struck by a vehicle, causing property damage, threatening human safety, and eventually having to be destroyed. If one individual in an area feeds bears, the bear will often cause problems in the entire neighborhood.

Purposely feeding a bear is not just bad for the bear, **it’s also illegal**.

Vermont law also states that residents must take reasonable measures to protect their property from bears before lethal force can be taken.

Some of the most common sources of food that attract bears are: pet food, bird feeders, barbecue grills, garbage, household trash containers, open dumpsters, and campsites with accessible food and food wastes.

Some measures you can take to avoid creating nuisance bears include:

-  Keep chickens and honeybees secure within an electric fence or other bear-proof enclosure.
-  Birdfeeders are the most common bear attractant. Feed birds only during the winter months, from Dec 1 to March 31.
-  Never feed bears, deliberately or accidentally.
-  Feed your pets indoors.
-  Clean outdoor grills after each use, including the grease trap underneath.
-  Store bird seed, pet food, livestock feed, and bio-fuels such as grease indoors in air-tight containers.
-  If you have livestock, dispose of animal carcasses immediately by burying or incinerating.
-  Dispose of garbage frequently and store in bear-proof containers.
-  Support state and local efforts to conserve bear habitat.

The Fish & Wildlife Department will no longer reimburse claimants for damage by bears to livestock, fruit, or bees beginning July 1, 2013. Farmers will still be reimbursed as long as their land is not posted against hunting.

It is your responsibility to avoid attracting bears. Bears are wild animals that belong in their natural habitat—the forest.

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 at approximately 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. The ‘early season’ bear hunting regulation changes are intended to help stabilize the bear population while providing the Fish & Wildlife Department with information that is important in improving Vermont’s bear management program.





BEAR HUNTING

Vermont has an excellent bear population with bears found in all of the state except the Champlain Islands. Your hunting license comes with a “late season bear tag” good from the first day of November rifle deer season through the second Sunday of the November rifle deer season. An “early season tag” for September 1 through the day before the first day of the November rifle deer season may be purchased separately (hunting license required).

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— Early Season — Sept. 1–Nov. 14, 2014 Late Season — Nov. 15–23, 2014

- 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.
- **(NEW this year)** It is illegal to feed bears, even when not hunting for them.
- We recommend that you not shoot a bear with cubs.

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.

Reporting Bear

A person taking bear 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. **Please provide a pre-molar tooth from the bear at the same time.** No bear carcass shall be transported out of state without first being reported.

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 or at



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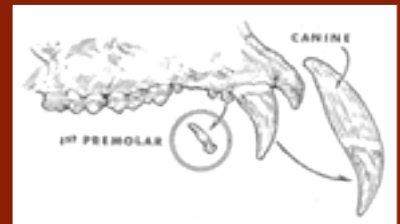
www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Resident and nonresident permit applications also are available with the regulation.

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.

HOW OLD IS THAT BEAR?

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. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/BearToothRemoval> for a video on removing the pre-molar. 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.



Photo by Wayne Laroche

MOOSE HUNTING

Vermont moose hunting permit lotteries are held for hunting permits 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 percent are allocated to nonresidents.

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 most 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 4,000 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.

Reporting Turkey

A person taking turkey 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 turkey carcass shall be transported out of state without first being reported.

Youth Turkey Hunting Weekend—April 26–27, 2014

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, 2014

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

LIMIT: Two bearded turkeys for the spring season.

All Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) 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 4–24, 2014 in all WMUs statewide
- Shotgun or Bow and Arrow: October 25–November 2, 2014 in WMUs B, D1, D2, G, H, I, J1, J2, L, M, O, P, and Q
- Shotgun or Bow and Arrow: October 25–November 9, 2014 in WMUs F1, F2, K, and N.



Photo by Lawrence Pyne

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 Syllabus of State and Federal Hunting Regulations for Migratory Birds will be available in September on the VTF&W website and from license agents.

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, ringnecks, 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.

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 on the Fish & Wildlife website, from Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department offices 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.

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.

Spruce Grouse or Ruffed Grouse? Know the Difference



Spruce grouse occur in the Nulhegan Basin near Moose and Yellow Bogs on the Conte National Wildlife Refuge and Wenlock Wildlife Management Area (WMA). They also are found in Victory Basin WMA and Victory State Forest.

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, overgrown 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.



Photo by Deb James

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 WMUs D & E remain open through March 31	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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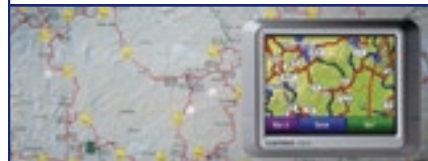
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FURBEARER HUNTING & TRAPPING

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

An applicant for a trapping license must have 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
- A signed 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 in Montpelier (phone 802-828-1190).

Seasons

Furbearer Hunting

Bobcat	Jan. 10 – Feb. 7
Red & Gray Fox	Oct. 26, 2013 – Feb. 9, 2014 & Oct. 25, 2014 – Feb. 8, 2015
Raccoon	Oct. 11 – Dec. 31
Muskrat	March 20 – April 19
Coyote, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel	No Closed Season
Marten, Lynx, Wolf, Eastern Mountain Lion	No Open Season

Furbearer Trapping

Mink, Skunk, Red & Gray Fox, Raccoon, Coyote, Opossum, Weasel	Oct. 25 – Dec. 31
Otter	Oct. 26, 2013 – Feb. 28, 2014 & Oct. 25, 2014 – Feb. 28, 2015
Muskrat	Oct. 26, 2013 – March 31, 2014 & Oct. 25, 2014 – March 31, 2015
Fisher	Dec. 1 – 31
Bobcat	Dec. 1 – 16
Beaver	Oct. 26, 2013 – March 31, 2014 & Oct. 25, 2014 – March 31, 2015
Marten, Lynx, Wolf, Eastern Mountain Lion	No Open Season

Restrictions

- **(NEW this year)** Trapping in Wildlife Management Unit-E requires setting traps under special restrictions designed to avoid Canada lynx. This new regulation is available on the Fish & Wildlife website and from our offices.
- 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 trapping fur-bearing animals shall visit his/her traps at least once every calendar day, except as provided below, and dispatch or release any animal caught therein.
- A person who sets body gripping traps in the water or under the ice, or foothold or cage traps under the ice shall visit his/her traps at least once every three calendar days and remove any animal caught.
- 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.
- All traps under ice will be marked with a tag visible above the ice.

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- A person shall not set a body gripping trap with a jaw spread over eight inches measured inside the jaws unless the trap is set five feet or more above the ground, or in the water.
- A person shall not use toothed foothold traps or snares when trapping.
- 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 fur-bearing animal, except as provided by rules of the board or part 4 of Title 10.
- A person shall not possess a fur-bearing animal trapped outside of its legal season without the written authorization of the department, not to include animals taken pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4828.
- A person shall not possess fur or skin of a fur-bearing animal unlawfully taken.
- A person shall not take a fur-bearing animal by use of any poisonous mixture.
- A person shall not take a fur-bearing animal from its den by cutting, digging, smoking, by the use of chemicals, or by the use of mechanical devices.

- 2. Include tension adjustable, squarenotch trigger brackets. Four-way and/or V-notch triggers are illegal to use.
Diagrams on the next page illustrate these requirements.

Bobcat; Otter; Fisher

- 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 or more feet above the ground, or in the water.
- The skins of bobcat, otter, and fisher legally taken may be possessed, transported, bought and sold only when tagged and marked as hereinafter provided.
- A person who takes bobcats, otter, or fisher during these seasons shall notify authorized department staff within 48 hours of the close of the season. Pelts shall be presented to authorized department staff for tagging. Such tags shall remain affixed to the pelts until tanned. Carcasses shall be surrendered to authorized department staff at the time of tagging.

Beaver; Muskrat

- When trapping muskrat between March 1 and March 31, body gripping traps are restricted to 5 inches or less.
- A person shall not disturb or destroy a beaver or muskrat house or den or place a trap therein, thereon, or in the entrance thereof.
- A person may set a trap within 10 feet of the nearest point, above the water, of a beaver house or dam only from the 4th Saturday in October through the last day of February, all dates inclusive.
- Except for the setting of traps as provided above, a person shall not interfere in any manner with dams, dens, or houses of beaver except upon prior written approval from the Commissioner.
- When trapping beaver between March 1 and March 31, body gripping traps shall:
 1. Have a parallel trigger and trigger stop. Acceptable trigger stops include twisted wire, cable ties, wire wrap, or welded bead. The trigger should be offset at least 8 inches from one side of the trap and be no longer than 6 1/2 inches. Trigger wires must be joined together.

- 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 authorized department staff.
- A person who takes bobcat, fisher, and otter pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4828 and who desires to keep the pelt shall notify authorized department staff within 84 hours of the taking. Pelts shall be presented to authorized department staff for tagging. Such tags shall remain affixed to the pelts until tanned. Carcasses shall be surrendered to authorized department staff at the time of tagging.

Raccoons

- A person shooting raccoons during the raccoon hunting season shall use a 0.22 caliber rimfire firearm or a shotgun with #2 shot or smaller.
- A light may be used to illuminate and shoot raccoon once treed by a dog, or dogs, during the raccoon hunting season. A light may also be used to illuminate a raccoon once treed by a dog, or dogs, during the training season.

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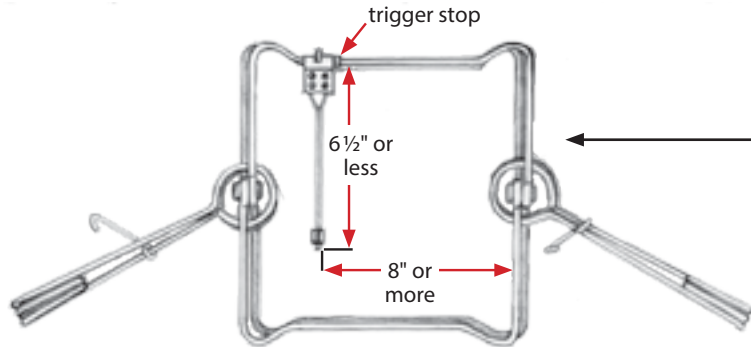
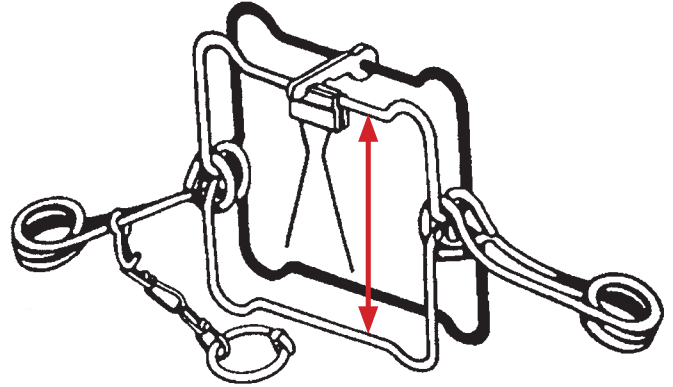
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BODY-GRIPPING TRAP DIAGRAMS

How to measure a body-gripping trap:

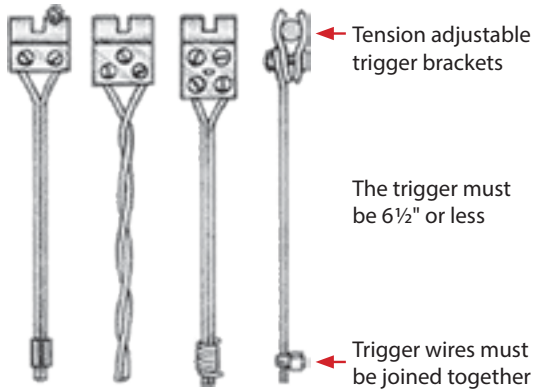
Measure the inside distance between the outer frames of the trap. The addition of one or more bars to the inside of the frame **does not** change the way these traps are measured. The measurement is still the **MAXIMUM** distance as shown in this picture:



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

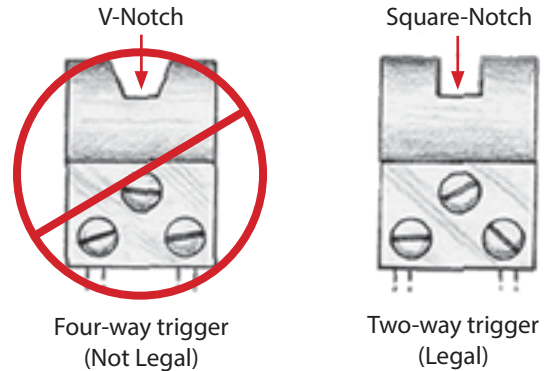
Body-gripping trap with tension adjustable/parallel trigger & trigger stop.

Examples of Acceptable Tension Adjustable/Parallel Triggers

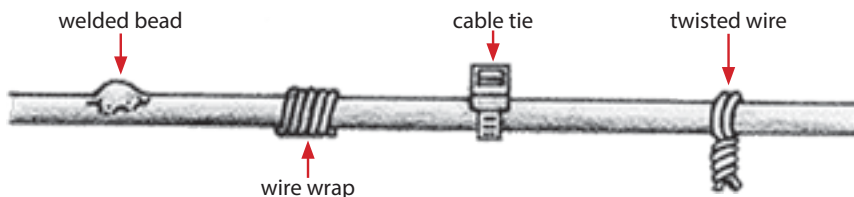


Recommended tension: 8 to 12 oz.

Examples of Non-legal vs. Legal Trigger Brackets



Examples of Acceptable Trigger Stops





Canada Lynx or Bobcat?

Know the Difference

Canada Lynx are a state endangered and federally threatened species. They are very similar in appearance and habits to bobcats, and their range overlaps with them and other furbearer species. Therefore it is important for trappers and hunters to know how to distinguish lynx from bobcats, to recognize their preferred habitat types, and to avoid capturing or harvesting lynx.

Fur

- Lynx pelts are relatively bland and grayish.
- Bobcat pelts are reddish brown and have more distinct spots and streaks.

Tail

- Lynx tails appear much the same viewed top or bottom. The lynx tail tip is completely black all around.
- Bobcat tails show black bars with a white tip when viewed from above and show a lot of white underneath.

Hind Legs and Feet

- The hind legs of lynx are disproportionately longer, causing them to have a “stooped” appearance.
- Lynx feet are snowshoe-like and are at least twice the size of bobcat feet.

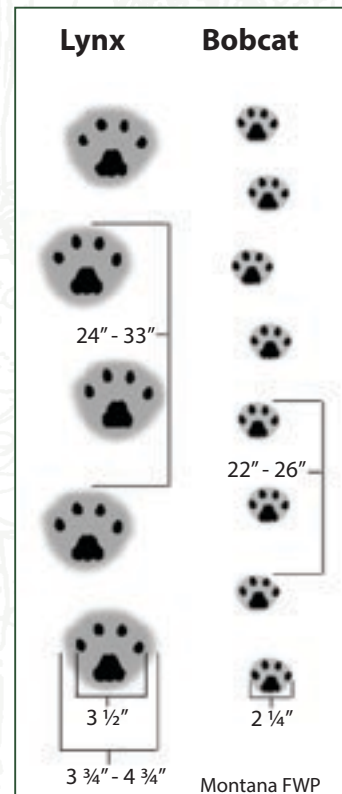
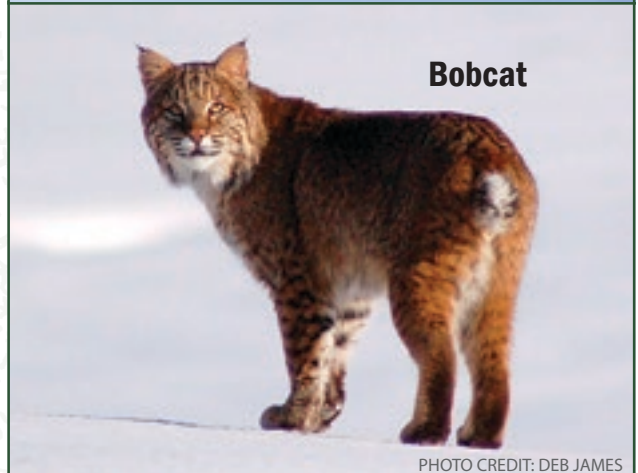
What Trappers Need to Know

- Learn the key identifying features of Canada lynx and bobcat.
- **Go to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) or contact us for the trapping regulations in WMU E designed to protect lynx.**
- Because the possibility exists for lynx to be encountered outside of WMU E, all trappers should familiarize themselves with lynx sign and be prepared to adjust their methods to avoid incidentally capturing a lynx.
- Trappers who incidentally trap a lynx should release uninjured animals immediately and contact their local game warden as soon as possible. If an injury is suspected, trappers should contact their local game warden immediately for instructions on how to proceed.

Bobcat Hunting Methods to Help Avoid Taking Lynx

- Tracks should be closely examined and measured before any trailing dogs are released.
- Any treed bobcat should carefully be identified and confirmed as not being a lynx before it is harvested. A treed lynx should be abandoned immediately with harnessed dogs in tow.
- If predator calls are used in areas lynx may frequent, it is essential to identify and confirm any responding animals to assure a lynx is not shot.
- Since it may be difficult or impossible to positively identify a moving or partially hidden animal as a lynx or bobcat, it is best not to shoot at all whenever positive identity is unknown.

Trappers or hunters who encounter lynx or lynx sign should quickly report their observations to wildlife biologist Chris Bernier at (802) 885-8833.



Tracks are shown with shaded area representing impression of hair in the snow



CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

A THREAT TO VERMONT'S DEER HERD

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

Prevention of CWD is key. When the first case of CWD is discovered in a new area such as Vermont, wildlife officials must work immediately to stop it from spreading further. You can help by learning the signs of CWD and reporting sick deer to your local game warden or by calling Vermont Fish & Wildlife at 802-828-1000. Deer infected with CWD are usually weak and skinny. Other symptoms include excessive drinking and urination, drooling, listlessness, drooping ears and lowered head.

CWD is frequently spread from captive deer. The state of Vermont prohibits captive deer or moose from entering the state. This disease continues to spread over long distances by the movement of captive deer and elk involved in the captive deer and elk industry. There is no reliable live-test for CWD, and infected animals can appear healthy for years.

Vermont prohibits the rehabilitation of deer or moose to prevent CWD from spreading. Deer fawns are frequently mistaken as being 'abandoned' because the mother leaves them alone for most of the day to avoid attracting the attention of predators. Rehabilitation of fawns does not work and fawns brought into captivity will almost certainly die. If you see a fawn on its own, please leave it alone. Wild animals need to stay wild.

It is illegal to feed or bait deer in Vermont. Deer that are fed gather in large numbers and can quickly spread CWD and other diseases.

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. Use synthetic alternatives instead.



Restrictions apply for the importation of deer or moose carcasses or parts from states or provinces that have, or have had, CWD. To date, the disease has been documented in more than 20 states and two Canadian provinces including New York State. New Hampshire and Massachusetts have not documented CWD. See "Importing" under the Big Game section for details.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has been testing Vermont deer for CWD since 2002. Results indicate that Vermont is currently free of CWD.

The Following States & Provinces Have or Have Had CWD

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

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



Green Mountain Conservation Camp

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What a great way to spend a week this Summer!

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Photo by Tom Rogers

Where Can I Fish in Vermont?

Few experiences are more enjoyable than spending a summer afternoon fishing for bass on a lake or casting for trout on a mountain stream in the early morning light. Fishing is a great way to connect with nature and is a fun activity to share with friends and family. 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. Plenty of opportunity to angle for fish!

WHAT A DEAL!

A fishing license costs only half as much as a tank of gas or a couple of movie tickets, but unlike gas or movie tickets, your fishing license lets you fish for a whole year with just a single purchase. And children under 15 can fish for free. Fishing licenses are available at any Fish & Wildlife district office, through authorized agents in stores throughout

the state or even more conveniently on our website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com). Your fishing license helps to fund the management and conservation of Vermont’s excellent fisheries resources.

COLDWATER KINGS

Vermont has four species of trout -- lake trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, and the state’s signature native fish, the brook trout. Trout are considered “coldwater” fish. They can only survive and reproduce naturally in streams with cold, clean water and diverse habitat. Trout are also stocked in some of the larger streams and rivers in Vermont that become too warm in the summer to support wild trout. The best fishing for stocked trout is shortly after the fish have been stocked in May before water temperatures increase in the summer. In contrast, wild trout in Vermont’s cold streams and rivers can be caught all summer long and even into the fall. Regardless of the season, trout fishing is usually best around dawn or dusk, when trout are most active.

Vermont lakes such as Champlain, Seymour, Willoughby and Caspian are renowned for their **trout and landlocked salmon fishing**, while rivers such the Batten Kill, Mettawee, White, and Dog deserve to be included among **America's great trout streams**.

PANFISH = SUMMERTIME FUN

Perch, crappie, sunfish, rock bass, and bullhead are easy to catch, abundant, and taste delicious, making them a good choice for the frying pan. Many lakes and ponds in Vermont host one or all of these species and they can be targeted from boats, bridges or shore. Fishing is best late in the ice fishing season, just before iceout, and in the first few months of spring through May and June. However, panfish are warmwater species so fishing can be good all summer. They can be caught at any time of the day, but morning and evening are often best. The most productive way to catch panfish is usually to fish a worm on or near the bottom or suspended under a bobber.

BUCKETMOUTHS AND GATORS

Bass, pike and pickerel have been growing in popularity with Vermont's anglers. Like panfish, these species prefer warmwater in lakes and larger rivers, so they can be caught all summer long; Fishing is often best at dawn and dusk. These fish can be caught using worms or live minnows, but they also respond well to artificial lures such as crankbaits, spoons, and spinners.

There are also several lakes and reservoirs where anglers can target both **warmwater and coldwater fish**, including Waterbury Reservoir and Lakes Champlain, Bomoseen and Memphremagog.

Learn more by visiting the "Where the fish are" tables on page 47. Boats are available for rent through Vermont State Parks.



TRY THIS FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Do you want to catch something out of the ordinary? An ancient dinosaur? A saber-toothed fish? A giant bottom sucking fish vacuum? Vermont has many fish species most anglers have never heard of, and fewer have targeted. These include longnose gar, bowfin, carp and freshwater drum.

Lake Champlain, home to over 90 different species of fish, is a truly unique destination for these unusual but plentiful oddballs of the fish world, and it is quickly becoming a world destination for anglers seeking something out of the ordinary.

These fish can often be caught with simple techniques that anyone can master. Check out Vermont's Master Angler Program to see the full line-up of extraordinary species!





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



Coldwater 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.

Please Release Me...

Meet the Muskie

The muskellunge, or muskie, is the largest member of the pike family, which in Vermont also includes northern pike, chain pickerel and redfin pickerel. Vermont is the only state in New England where muskie are native, occurring only in Lake Champlain and its lower tributaries. Historical documents described the original Lake Champlain muskie population as “rare” but widespread. This isn’t surprising because even in the best North American waters inhabited by muskellunge, they are infrequently seen compared to other fish species. After all, they aren’t called “the fish of 10,000 casts” for nothing! Sometime in the mid-1970s Lake Champlain’s muskellunge population began declining and ultimately disappeared completely from the last known location – the Missisquoi River.

Ecologically, the muskie serves an important role as an apex predator at the top of the food chain in Lake Champlain’s ecosystem. And as a recreational sportfish, there may be no greater quarry for freshwater anglers than the muskie. The muskie is fabled for its size potential of over 40-pounds and 50 inches in length. Its vicious strikes, powerful runs and leaping ability during battle are traits that have converted many an angler into die-hard muskie fanatics after hooking into their first one.

Muskie Management

We recently began a program to bring this majestic fish species back to Lake Champlain. More than 30,000 six-inch long muskie have been stocked into the Missisquoi River and Missisquoi Bay since 2008. If these muskie survive, grow and begin reproducing naturally themselves, they will provide a new, very exciting fishing opportunity for Vermonters.

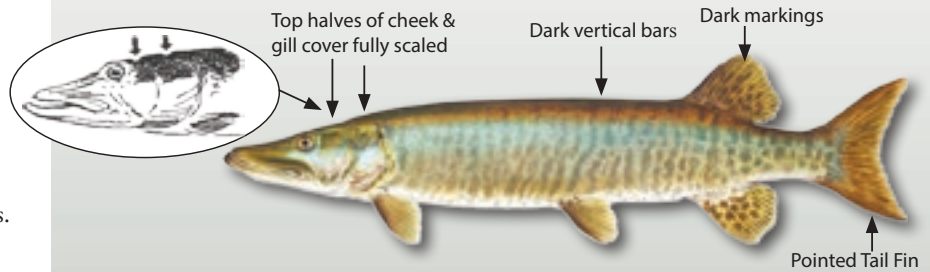
To help achieve this goal, new regulations were passed that prohibit the harvest of muskellunge in Vermont to protect these fish while they grow and mature and ultimately begin reproducing.

Vermont fishing regulations allow muskie fishing on a catch-and-release basis only. Any muskie caught must be released immediately. Because muskie are sometimes difficult to distinguish from northern pike or chain pickerel, and because of the increasingly common pike-pickerel hybrid, it is important for anglers to learn how to identify the muskellunge.

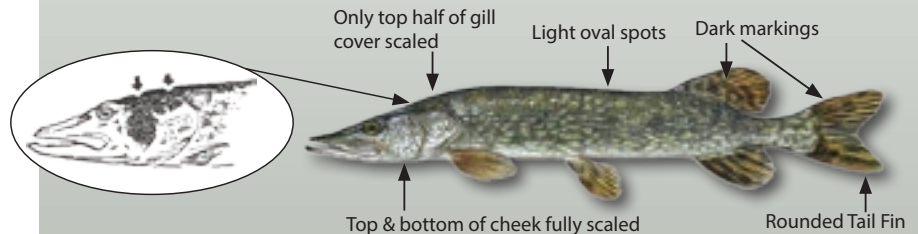
These illustrations should help you correctly identify muskie and other members of the pike family, so you can be sure you release any muskie you catch to ensure the success of this restoration program.

Vermont’s Pike Family

Muskellunge (Up to 55”)



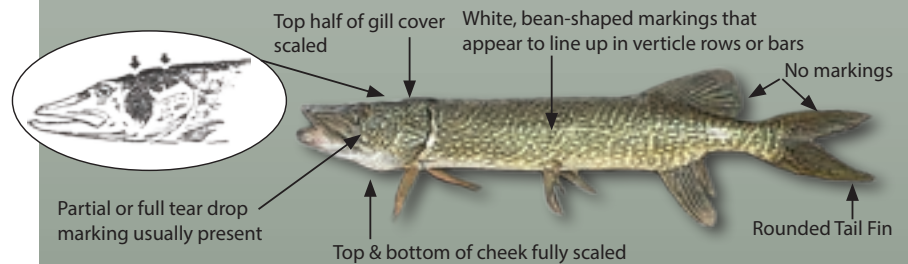
Northern Pike (Up to 45”)



Chain Pickerel (Avg. 15-20”)



Pike-Pickerel Hybrid (Avg. 22-28”)



Redfin Pickerel (Avg. 8-12”)



Is it a Muskie or a Hybrid?

The markings on the side of a muskie are dark vertical bars over a light background whereas the markings on the side of a pike-pickerel hybrid are light vertical bars (or vertical columns of dots) over a dark background.



Family-Friendly Fishing Opportunities and Vermont Master Angler Program

Whether you're an angler who enjoys relaxing with family and friends, casting for whatever will bite, or the type who is always on the hunt for big fish—Vermont has just what you are looking for.







Where to Go? Ask the Experts!

Because fishing is a great way to spend quality time together outside, Vermont's fisheries biologists have compiled a list of family-friendly fishing destinations. This resource can help you enjoy the many spectacular fishing opportunities in Vermont. With it you'll find locations across the state where you can not only take the kids fishing but also have a good chance of catching some fish.

To learn more about fishing opportunities—including getting directions and viewing a list of fish species present, seeing a Google aerial image, and finding links to additional helpful information—visit:

www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fish_familyfishing.cfm.

We Make it Easy

-  Kids under the age of 15 can fish without a license.
-  Youths 15 to 17 years old can fish with a special license.
-  Fish without a license on one of Vermont's two Free Fishing Days:
 -  Fourth Saturday in January and
 -  Second Saturday in June,
-  One-, three- and seven-day fishing licenses are also available.

On the Hunt for Big Fish...

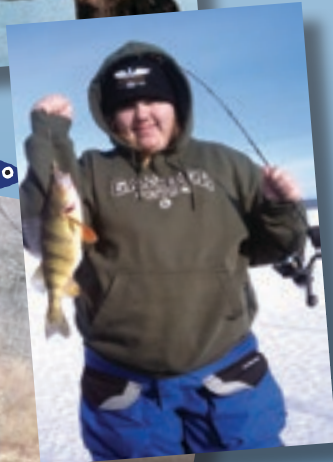
If you need more inspiration to experience some of Vermont's exceptional fishing opportunities, check out a few of the entries in the Vermont Master Angler Program. This length-based program sets "trophy-sized" benchmarks for 33 eligible fish species.

The Master Angler Program recognizes exceptional anglers and the trophy-sized fish they catch from Vermont waters. The program celebrates the fish's ability to survive and grow to amazing sizes, and the angler's skill in catching a trophy sized fish. Qualifying catches are featured on the department's website and in the annual Vermont Master Angler Program report. Anglers that enter qualifying fish receive a handsome certificate and anglers that enter qualifying fish from at least five different species in a calendar year earn the title of "Master Angler." They also receive a collectible lapel pin.

Find the latest entries, rules, qualifying species, application form, and annual reports online at:

www.vtfishandwildlife.com/masterangler.cfm.

Now's your chance to go make some memories that will last a lifetime!





CHAMPLAIN VALLEY



CENTRAL REGION

Lakes & Ponds	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	FISH SPECIES													
				LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	BROWN TROUT	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGEMOUTH BASS	CHARR PICKEREL	WALLEYE	NORTHERN PERCH	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	CRAPPIE	BURBOT	
Arrowhead Mountain Lake	1	760	Ut					C	C	C	P	P	C	C	C	C	C
Lake Carmi	2	1,402	St					C	C	C		P	C	C	C	C	P
Cedar Lake (Monkton Pond)	5	123	St					C	C	C		P	C	C	P		
Lake Champlain	1,59	279,067	Xt	P	P	C	C	P	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Colchester Pond	1,5	186	Mc					C	C			C	C	C	C	P	
Dead Creek	5	753	Scr					P	C	C	P	P	C	C	C	P	
Lake Dunmore	9	985	St	P		P	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	
Fairfield Pond	1	446	Sud					C	P	C		C	C	C	C	P	
Fern Lake	9	69	Mc					C	P	C		C	C	C	C		
Indian Brook Reservoir	5	50	Mc	P				C				P	C	P	P	P	
Lake Iroquois	5	243	St					C	P	C	C	C	C	C	C		
Long Pond	2	97	Pc	P				C			C	C	C	C	C	P	
Long Pond	1	47	Pf					C	C		C	C	C	C			
Metcalf Pond	2	81	Mc					C		C		C	C	C			
Richville Reservoir	9	129	Sc					C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	
Shelburne Pond	5	452	St					C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	
Silver Lake	9	101	Scr	C	C	C		C	C			C	C				
Sugar Hill Reservoir	9	63	Uf	C								C	C				
Sunrise Lake	9	57	Pc					C	P	C		C					
Sunset Lake	9	202	Ut		C	P		C			C	P	C	C			
Winona Lake (Bristol Pond)	5	248	St					C	C	P	C		C	C	C	C	

Rivers & Streams

Rivers & Streams	ACCESS	LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	BROWN TROUT	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGEMOUTH BASS	CHARR PICKEREL	WALLEYE	NORTHERN PERCH	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	CRAPPIE	BURBOT
Browns River		P	P	C								P		
Huntington River		P	C	P										
Lamoille River		P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	P
Lamoille River North Branch		C	C	C										
Lemon Fair River					C	P	P	P	C	C				
Lewis Creek		P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Middlebury River		C	C	C										
Missisquoi River		P	P	C	P	P	C	P	P	C	C	C	P	
New Haven River		C	C	C										
Otter Creek		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Rock River					C	C	C	C	P	C	C			
Trout River		C	P	P										
Tyler Branch		C	C	P										
Winooski River		P	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	P	

Access Key

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

Fish Species Key

C = Common; P = Present

Lakes & Ponds	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	FISH SPECIES													
				LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	BROWN TROUT	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGEMOUTH BASS	CHARR PICKEREL	WALLEYE	NORTHERN PERCH	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	CRAPPIE	BURBOT	
Berlin Pond	10	240	P					C				C	C	P	C	C	
Buck Lake	7	39	Sc	P				C					C	C	C	C	P
Curtis Pond	6	72	St					C				C	C	C			
East Long Pond	7	188	Pf	P	P			C					C	P	C		
Lake Eden	2	194	St		C			C			C	C	C	C	C		
Lake Elmore	6	219	St					C		C		C	C	C	C	C	
Ewell Pond	7	51	St		C			C									
Forest Lake (Nelson Pond)	7	133	St	C	C	C		P	C			C	C	C	C	C	
Fosters Pond	7	61	St									C		C			
Green River Reservoir	2	554	Sc					C	P	C		C	C	C	C	C	
Lake Greenwood	7	80	St	C	C			C				C	C	C	C	C	
Lake Groton	7	385	Sr					C				C	C	C	C	C	
Halls Lake	7	85	Mt					C				C	C	C	C	C	
Harveys Lake	7	351	St	P	P		P	P	C		C		P	P			
Joes Pond	7	396	St	C	C			P	C		P	C	C	C	P		
Keiser Pond	7	33	St					C			C		C	P			
Kettle Pond	7	109	Sf	C				C					C				
Levi Pond	7	22	Sf	P									C				
Marshfield Pond	7	68	Pc					P					P	P	P		
Martins Pond	7	82	St	C										C			
Lake Mirror (No. 10 Pond)	7	85	St	C	P		P	C		C	C	C	C	C	C		
Molly's Falls Reservoir	7	397	Ut	C	C			C	P	C		C	C	C	C		
Molly's Pond	7	38	Pf					C			C						
Nichols Pond	7	171	Pc	P	P			C					C				
North Montpelier Pond	7	72	St					C				C	C	C	C		
Noyes Pond (Seyon Pond)	7	39	Sr	C													
Osmore Pond	7	48	Sf	C											P		
Peacham Pond	7	340	St		C			C	C					C	C		
Ricker Pond	7	92	Sc					C				C	C	C	C	C	
Sabin Pond (Woodbury Lake)	7	142	St	C	C			P	C			C	C	C	C	C	
Ticklenaked Pond	7	54	St					C				C	C	C	C	P	
Valley Lake (Dog Pond)	7	88	Sc					C				C	C	C	C	C	
Waterbury Reservoir	6	859	St	C	C			C	C				C	C	C		
Wolcott Pond	3	74	St					C					P	P	P		
Wrightsville Reservoir	6	190	Mt					C				C	C	C	C	C	

Rivers & Streams

Rivers & Streams	ACCESS	LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	BROWN TROUT	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGEMOUTH BASS	CHARR PICKEREL	WALLEYE	NORTHERN PERCH	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	CRAPPIE	BURBOT
Dog River		C	C	C										
Gihon River		C	P	C										
Mad River		C	C	C										
Waits River		C	C	P										
Waterbury (Little) River		C	C	C										
Wells River		P	P											
Winooski River		C	C	C										



NORTHEAST KINGDOM

Lakes & Ponds	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE		ACCESS	LANDLOCKED BROWN TROUT BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW LAKE TROUT SALMON	YELLOW SMELT	NORTHERN PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGEMOUTH BASS	CHAIN PICKEREL	WALLEYE	SMALLMOUTH BASS	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	CRAPPIE	BURBOT
Bald Hill Pond	3	108	St	P	C			P								P	
Bean Pond	3	30	Sc	P											P		
Beaver Pond	4	40	Sf	P													
Beck Pond	4	6	Sud	P													
Blake Pond	3	8	Sf	P													
Brown Pond	3	15	Sud	P													
Brownington Pond	3	139	St					C		C			C	C	C	P	
Caspian Lake	3	789	Mt		C	P	C	C	C						P		
Center Pond	4	79	St	P		P											
Charleston Pond	3	40	Uc					C		P	P	P	P	P			
Clyde Pond	3	186	Uc					C	P	C	C	C	C	C	C		
Coles Pond	7	125	Mc					C		P		P	P				
Comerford Reservoir	7	777	Ut	P	P			C	P	P	P	C	P	P			
Cow Mountain Pond	4	10	Mf	P													
Crystal Lake	3	763	St		C	C	P	C		P		C	P	P			
Daniels Pond	3	66	St					C		C				P	P		
Derby Pond	3	207	St					C		C	C	C	P	P			
Dolloffs Pond	3	3	Sc	P													
Duck Pond	3	8	Sc	P													
Duck Pond	8	16	Mud					C		C							
Echo Lake	3	550	St		C	C		C				C				C	
Flagg Pond	3	111	Sud					C		C				P			
Forest Lake	7	132	St		P										P		
Great Averill Lake	4	828	St	P		C	P										
Great Hosmer Pond	3	140	Mt					C		C	C		P	P			
Halfway Pond	4	22	Sf							P							
Holland Pond	4	325	St		P	P				C			P				
Horse Pond	3	32	St					C		P							
Island Pond	4	626	St	P	C	C		P	C	P		C	P	C	C	C	P
Jobs Pond	3	39	St	C													
Lake Elligo	3	174	St		C	C		C		C	C	C	C	C	C	P	
Lake Memphremagog	3	5,966	St		P	P	P	P	C	C	P	C	C	C	C	C	P
Lake Parker	3	250	St	P				C		C	C	C	C	C	C		
Lake Willoughby	3	1,653	St	C	C	P	C	P									C
Lewis Pond	4	68	Gc	P										C			
Little Averill Pond	4	467	Pt	P		C	P										
Little Hosmer Pond	3	180	St					C		P	P		P	P			
Long Pond	3	38	Sf					C									
Long Pond	3	90	St					C		P			P	P			
Long Pond	3	100	Sc	P		P										P	
Lower Symes Pond	7	57	Sc					C		C			C				
Lyford Pond	7	33	St					C		P	P		P	P			
Mackville Pond	7	11	Mc		P												
Maidstone Lake	4	745	St		C	C		C						P	C	P	C

Northeast Kingdom

Lakes & Ponds	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE		ACCESS	LANDLOCKED BROWN TROUT BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW LAKE TROUT SALMON	YELLOW SMELT	NORTHERN PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGEMOUTH BASS	CHAIN PICKEREL	WALLEYE	SMALLMOUTH BASS	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	CRAPPIE	BURBOT
May Pond	3	116	St	P													P
Miles Pond	8	215	St						C				C	C	C	P	P
Moore Reservoir	4	1,235	Ut		P	P			C	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	P
Neal Pond	8	185	St						C	P	C	P	C	P	P		
Newark Pond	3	153	St		C				C					C	P		
Norton Pond	4	583	St						C	C			C	P	C	P	
Notch Pond	4	22	Sc		P												
Nulhegan Pond	4	37	Pf						P				P			P	
Paul Stream Pond	4	20	Pf						C						P	P	
Pensioner Pond	3	173	St						C				C	C	C	P	
Perch Pond	2	7	Pc	P													
Round Pond	3	14	Sf										P				
Round Pond	3	13	Sf														
Salem Lake	3	764	St			P		P	C	C	P		C	P	C	C	P
Seymour Lake	3	1,769	St			P	C	C	C	P			P		C	P	P
Shadow Lake	8	128	St							C			C	P	P	P	
Shadow Lake	3	218	St		C		P		C				P		C	P	P
South America Pond	4	29	Sf	P													
Spectacle Pond	4	103	St	P					C				C	C	C	C	C
Stannard Pond	7	25	Sf	P													
Stiles Pond	8	125	Sud							C			C		C	P	P
Turtle Pond	4	27	Sf										P		P		
Unknown Pond	4	19	Pf	P													
Unknown Pond	4	12	Sf	P													
Upper Symes Pond	7	20	Sf										P		P		
Vail Pond	3	16	Sud		P												
Wallace Pond	4	532	St		C				P	C			C	C	C	P	
West Mountain Pond	4	60	Sc	P													
Wheeler Pond	3	15	Sc	P													
Wheeler Pond	4	66	Sud										P			P	P
Zack Woods Pond	2	23	Pc	P													

Rivers & Streams

Barton River		P	P	P					P								
Black River		P	P	P					P							P	
Clyde River		P	P	P	P	P			P	P					P	P	P
Connecticut River		P	P	P					P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Granby Stream		P															
Lamoille River		P	P	P													
Madison Brook		P															
Millers Run		P	P	P													
Missisquoi River		C	P	C													
Moose River		P		P													
Nulhegan River		P		P													
Nulhegan River Black Branch		P															
Nulhegan River East Branch		P															
Nulhegan River North Branch		P															
Passumpsic River		P	P	P													
Passumpsic River East Branch		P	P														
Passumpsic River West Branch		P		P													
Paul Stream		P															
Stevens River		P	P														
Willoughby River		P	P	P													

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SOUTHEAST REGION



SOUTHWEST REGION

Lakes & Ponds	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT ACCESS	BROWN LAKE TROUT	LANDLOCKED SALMON LAKE TROUT	YELLOW PERCH	NORTHERN PIKE	SMALLMOUTH BAS	LARGEMOUTH BAS	CHAIN PICKEREL	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	CRAPPIE	BURBOT
Amherst Lake	13	81	St	C	P	C	C					C	C	C
Ansel Pond	10	2	Sc	P										
Baker Pond	10	31	St	P			C				C		C	C
Colby Pond	13	20	St	C	P									
Echo Lake	13	104	St	C	P	C	C			C	C	C	C	C
Gale Meadows Pond	12	195	St									C		
Grout Pond	14	84	Gc				C							
Harriman Reservoir	14	2,040	Ut	C	P	P	C			P		C	P	C
Knapp Pond #1	13	25	St	C										
Knapp Pond #2	13	35	St	C										
Lake Fairlee	11	457	St	C	C		P	C			C	C	C	C
Lake Morey	11	547	St					C	P	C	C	C	C	C
Lake Ninevah	13	170	St	C				C		C	P	C	C	C
Lake Raponda	15	121	St	C				C		C	C	C	C	C
Lake Runnemedede	13	63						C	C	C	C			C
Lowell Lake	13	109	Sc					C		C	C		P	C
McIntosh Pond	10	23	St	C	C			C			C	C		
Mill Pond (Kennedy's Pond)	13	77	Mt		C	P					C		P	C
Mill Pond (Parson's Mill Pond)	9	39		P	P		P							
Miller Pond	11	64	St	C	C						C			C
North Hartland Reservoir	11	215	Gt	C				C	P		C		C	C
North Springfield Reservoir	13	290	Gc								C			
Rescue Lake	13	180	St	C	C	P	C	C	C	C	C	P	C	P
Retreat Meadows	15	55						C	C	C	C	C	P	C
Rood Pond	6	23	St	P				C			C			
Sadawga Pond	14	194	St								C	C		P
Searsburg Reservoir	14	25		C			P							
Sherman Reservoir	14	160	Ut		P	C		P		P	P	P		
Silver Lake	10	84	Scr					C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Somerset Reservoir	14	1,568	Ut	C				C		P	C	P	P	
South Pond	15	68	St	C	P									
Star Lake	13	63	Mt	C				C			C		C	
Stoughton Pond	13	56	Gt	C				C		C	C		P	P
Sunset Lake	10	25	Pc	P	P			C		C	P			
Sunset Lake	15	96	Mc					P		P	P	P		
Townshend Reservoir	15	108	Gt	C				C				P	P	P
Vernon Hatchery Pond	15	8	S	C	P									
Wallingford Pond	12	87	Gf					P		P	P	P		
Weatherhead Hollow Pond	15	33	Srt					C		C	P	C		C
Woodward Reservoir	13	106	St	C	C		P	C	C	C	C	C	C	C

Rivers & Streams

Black River	P	P	P										P	
Connecticut River			P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Deerfield River			P	P	P									
Ompompanoosuc River			C	C										
Ottawaquechee River			P	P	P									
Saxtons River			P	P	P									
West River			P	P	P							P		
White River			C	C	C							C		
1st Branch White River			C	C	P									
2nd Branch White River			C											
3rd Branch White River			C	C	C									
Williams River			P	P	P									

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Beebe Pond	14	10	Gf	C										
Beebe Pond (Hubbarton)	9	110						C	C		C	P	C	C
Bourn Pond	12	48	Gf	C										
Branch Pond	14	34	Sc	C										
Bullhead Pond	12	5	Sc	C				C			C		P	
Burr Pond	9	85	St					C	C		C	C	C	C
Chipman Lake (Tinmouth Pond)	12	79	Pc					C	C		C	C	C	C
Chittenden Reservoir	10	702	St					C	C		C	P	P	P
Colton Pond	10	27	St	C				C			C		C	
Danby Pond	12	56						C	P		C	C	C	C
Emerald Lake	12	28	Sf					C	C			C	C	C
Glen Lake	9	206	Sf	C				C	C		C	C	C	C
Half Moon Pond	9	23	Sc	C				C			C	P	C	C
Hancock Lake (Sucker Pond)	14	51	Mf									P	P	P
Kent Pond	10	99	St	C	C			C			C	C	C	C
Lake Bomoseen	9	2,360	St		C		P	C	C		C	C	C	C
Lake Hortonia	9	479	St					C	C		C	C	C	C
Lake Paran	14	40	St					C	P		C		C	
Lake Shaftsbury	14	24	Sc					C			C		C	
Lake St. Catherine	12	904	Srt	P	C			P	C		C	C	C	C
Little Pond	12	162	St					P	P		P	P	P	P
South Stream Pond	14	24	St	P	P	P					P	P	P	P
Spring Pond	12	66		P		P								
Stratton Pond	12	46	Gf	C										

Rivers & Streams

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

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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, N.H., 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.

(NEW this year) FREE FISHING DAYS: Vermont now has two Free Fishing Days during which anyone, resident or nonresident, may fish without a license. Saturday, January 25, 2014 and Saturday, June 14, 2014. 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 an 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.*

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
Rivers, streams, brooks, creeks and their unnamed impoundments & beaver ponds	1
Lakes, ponds, reservoirs, impoundments with names	2
Lake Champlain	3
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Certain lakes & ponds	5

Maps

Go to "Using the Maps" on page 63 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.

Do you know who's in the woods with you?



Ticks that carry Lyme disease are most active spring thru fall, but they can also be around in the winter if temperatures rise above freezing.

3 Steps to Tick Protection:

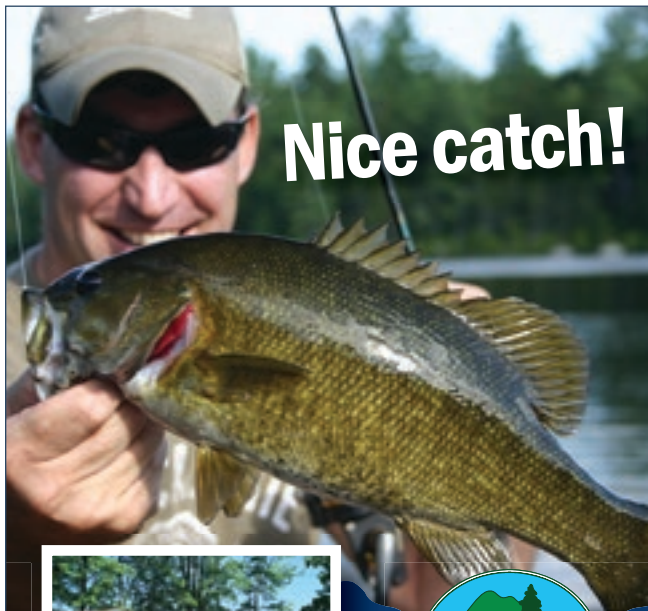
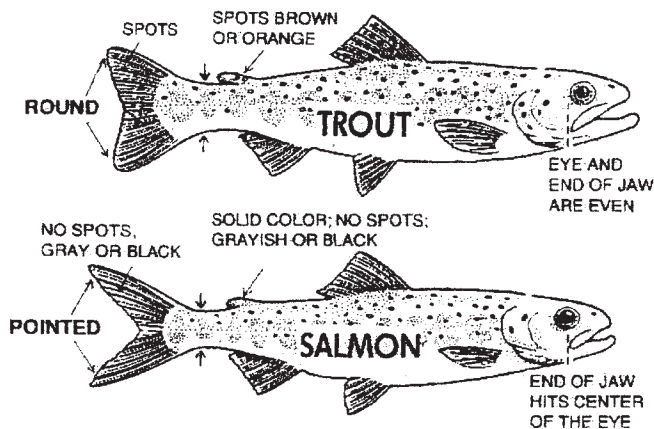
1. Repel ticks with insect repellent
2. Inspect your skin after time outside
3. Remove ticks with tweezers

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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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RELEASING FISH

Harvesting and eating a freshly caught fish is part of the angling experience. However, catch and release fishing can also be enjoyable. Starting in 2014, the Fish & Wildlife Department has added several stretches of catch & release fishing throughout Vermont, which are listed on page 59. When releasing fish, it is important to follow these steps to ensure the fish will survive to fight another day:

- Land a fish as rapidly as possible, because a fish played gently for too long may be too exhausted to recover.
- Keep the fish in the water as much as possible and gently restrain the fish to minimize violent thrashing while unhooking it.
- Remove hooks gently and 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 and rotate the hook shank down and shake gently, allowing the fish to slide off the hook.
- Barbless hooks can increase the survival of released fish, particularly when fishing with bait. Barbs can be pinched flat with pliers.
- Cut the line close to the hook on a fish that is hooked in the gills, throat or stomach and leave the hook on. The hook will rust off the fish within a few days.
- When fishing with live bait, watch the line continuously and set the hook as soon as possible to reduce the chances of the fish swallowing the bait.
- When ice fishing, keep the fish in the water while unhooking it if possible to avoid exposing it to freezing air. This will prevent the fish’s eyes and gills from freezing.
- Before releasing an exhausted fish, cradle it in a swimming position and move it gently back and forth to force fresh water through its gills until the fish is able to maintain an upright position on its own. This could take up to 10 minutes for large, exhausted fish.

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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 176 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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New electronic lure may catch too many fish; one state bans it.

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by Mike Butler

NEWARK, DE- A new fishing technology that set a record for catching bass in Mexico is now showing its stuff in the U.S. It has out-fished shrimp bait in Washington State and beat top-selling U.S. lures three to one in Florida. The new technology is so effective one state, Wyoming, has banned its use.

The breakthrough is a tiny, battery-powered electrical system that flashes a blood-red light down a lure's tail when its moved in water. Fish think it's an injured prey and strike. Some fishing authorities, like those in Wyoming, think that gives fishermen too much of an advantage.

They may be right. Three fishermen using a flashing lure in Mexico caught 650 large-mouth bass in just 25 hours. That's a bass every seven minutes for each person, and a record for the lake they were fishing. They said the bass struck with such ferocity they hardly lost a strike.

In Florida two professionals fished for four hours from the same boat. One used a flashing-red lure; the other used some top-selling U. S. lures. The new, "bleeding"

lure caught three times as many fish.

Before reporting this, I asked a veteran fisherman in my office for his opinion. Monday morning he charged into my office yelling "I caught six monster fish in an hour with this thing! Where did you get it?"

Then I phoned an ichthyologist (fish expert).

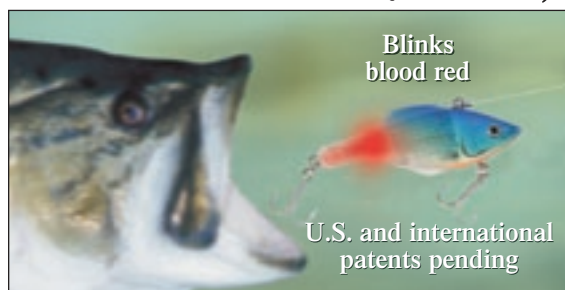
"Predators - lions, sharks," he said, "will always go for the most vulnerable prey. Fish are predators, so if a fish sees a smaller fish bleeding, it knows it's weakened and will strike."

"If a lure could appear to be a live, bleeding fish, a few fishermen could probably empty a lake with it."

I told him three almost did.

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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 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

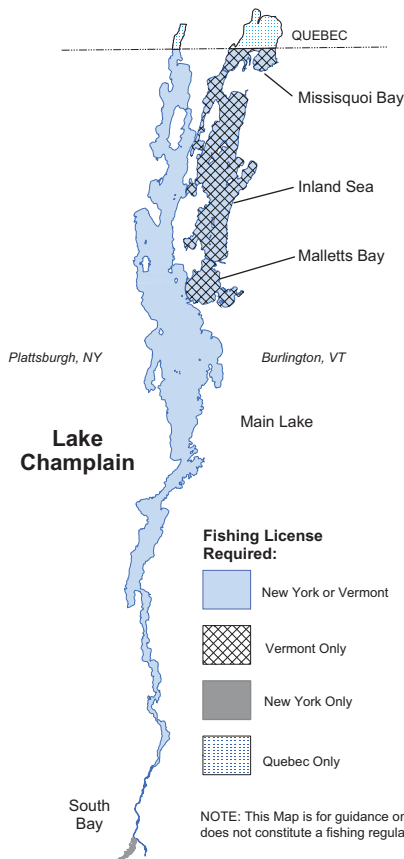
A person fishing by angling shall not take any fish unless it is hooked in the mouth. Any fish not hooked in the mouth shall be immediately released without unnecessary injury.

Baitfish Use & Restrictions

NEW THIS YEAR PERSONAL BAITFISH HARVEST

- Personally harvested baitfish may be used only on the same waterbody

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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
 - Banded killifish
 - Bluegill, pumpkinseed, rock bass, and yellow perch (may only be taken by angling or icefishing, may not be transported alive from waters where caught)
 - Rainbow smelt (may only be taken by angling or icefishing, may not be transported alive from waters where caught, may be sold as bait for use on waterbody where caught)
 - On Lake Champlain – Bluegill, pumpkinseed, rock bass, yellow perch, alewife, and white perch may only be taken by angling or icefishing, may not be transported alive, may only be used for bait on Lake Champlain, and (except for rainbow smelt) may not be commercially harvested or sold as bait. Alewife may only be used or possessed if dead.
- 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. Most lakes, ponds and streams that follow Table 1 and Table 5 rules are **Seasonally Closed Waters**.
- 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**

(NEW THIS YEAR)

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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- A person may transport unused commercially purchased baitfish away from waters of the state by motorized vehicle, and retain for later use on the same waterbody as indicated on the baitfish transportation receipt, within 96 hours from time and date of sale. A person transporting unused commercially purchased baitfish away from the waterbody indicated on the baitfish transportation receipt for later use on said waterbody shall not hold them in any other water of the state. These baitfish must be kept in a closed container isolated from any inflow of lake, pond or stream water, or outflow to such waters of the state.
- Baitfish may be held beyond the 96-hour period on the water in a pen or baitbox 25 cubic feet or less in volume.
- 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.

NEW THIS YEAR 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. Only persons operating a place of business and offering baitfish for sale to the public may apply for and hold a Commercial Bait Dealers permit.
- Commercial Bait Dealers may sell 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, and banded killifish. 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, municipal water source, or other 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.

- 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.
- 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK THE WEBSITE OR CONTACT FISH & WILDLIFE.

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 rustproof 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 tablecloths 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 motorboats, 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.
- Waterskiing.
- 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.

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.

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, creosote, 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 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.

(NEW THIS YEAR) Streams Open to Year-Round Trout Fishing

The sections of 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:** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Howard Hill Road Bridge in Cavendish.
 - **Deerfield River:** From the Woods Road (Medburyville) bridge in Wilmington upstream approximately 2 miles to the VT Route 9W bridge in Searsburg.
- **East Creek (Rutland City):** From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approximately 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City.
- **Hoosic River:** From the Vermont/ New York border upstream to the Vermont/ Massachusetts border.
- **Lamoille River:** From the Lake Champlain boundary (top of Peterson Dam in Milton) upstream to the top of the Cady's Falls Dam in Morristown.
- **Lewis Creek:** From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the State Prison Hollow Road (TH#3) bridge in Starksboro.
- **Missisquoi River:** From the top of the Swanton Dam in Swanton to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.
- **Moose River:** From the confluence with Passumpsic River upstream to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in St. Johnsbury.

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.



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- **Ompompanoosuc River:** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Union Village Dam in Thetford.
- **Otter Creek:** From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the Danby-Mt. Tabor Forest Road bridge (Forest Road #10) in Mt. Tabor.
- **Passumpsic River:** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of Arnolds Falls Dam in St. Johnsbury.
- **Waits River:** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford.
- **(NEW THIS YEAR) Walloomsac River:** From the Vermont/New York border in Bennington upstream to the top of the former Vermont Tissue Plant Dam (downstream of Murphy Road) in Bennington.
- **West River:** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Townshend Dam in Townshend.
- **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 VT Route 2/100 in Duxbury and Waterbury.

NOTE: Check specific stream sections in “Index of Rivers & Streams” for other regulations.

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*
- 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*



**It Might Not Look Like Much...
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AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Do your part to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

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, 802-828-1000, or the Department of Environmental Conservation, 802-828-1535.

Examples of Some Aquatic Nuisance Species in Vermont Waters

ALEWIFE: Invasive baitfish species first found in Lake St. Catherine in 1997 and Lake Champlain in 2004. May displace smelt and other native forage fish through competition for food and space resources. Trout and salmon that feed extensively on alewives may also suffer reproductive failure. Alewives may not be used as bait in Vermont except for on Lake Champlain, and only as dead bait. Please see the complete Vermont baitfish regulations on pages 54-56 for complete details.

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 and disinfected before moving between waters.

EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL: Prolific invasive aquatic plant found in Lake Champlain and many inland lakes in Vermont. May interfere with boating and swimming, and can displace native aquatic plant species. Easily spread when plant fragments are caught and moved on boat trailers, propellers, anchors, and other equipment.

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 now in the Champlain Canal that may pose a serious threat to Lake Champlain. Clogs fishing rod guides, fouls fishing line, alters native plankton 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 as well as South Bay and Missisquoi Bay, Lake Champlain. Easily spread by fragments with impacts similar to the closely related Eurasian watermilfoil, but may 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 aquatic plant species. 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. Clogs water intake pipes, damages boat engines, obscures historic shipwrecks, and may alter native plankton populations. Adult zebra mussels can attach to 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. The use of felt-soled boots or waders in Vermont waters is prohibited. Violators are subject to a penalty of up to \$1000. Visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com/felt.cfm for more information.

HOW DOES MERCURY GET INTO FISH?

MERCURY IN THE ENVIRONMENT

Mercury is a toxic heavy metal that has contaminated waterbodies worldwide. Mercury is emitted to the atmosphere through burning of fossil fuels, trash and medical waste. When it is deposited in watersheds, it transforms into methylmercury, which is highly toxic and easily enters the food web. Methylmercury can become particularly concentrated in large, carnivorous fish.

MERCURY AND HEALTH

Mercury has been found at levels exceeding health guidelines in freshwater fish in many lakes and ponds in the northeast. Women who are pregnant and young children should not eat fish with high levels of mercury, as high levels of mercury prevent the brain and nervous system from developing normally. Walleye, smallmouth bass, and chain pickerel show the highest concentrations of mercury. Please see the Health Department's website (www.healthvermont.gov) or the mercury website (www.mercuryvt.org) for the most current advisory.



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, accounting for up to 50 percent of dead adult loons. You can help by switching to non-lead fishing tackle and by helping to spread the word for others to do the same. Lead 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.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP LOONS:

- Remove spent fishing line and other materials from Vermont waters and shorelines to reduce entanglement, another major cause of loon deaths.
- Maintain a respectful distance from loons and other 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 contact Eric Hanson at 802-856-8064 or email ehanson@vtcostudies.org.
- 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.
- Learn about loons at www.vtcostudies.org/loons.

PREVENTING HUMAN LEAD EXPOSURE FROM FISHING SINKERS

Some fishing sinkers contain lead which is toxic when eaten, breathed in, or absorbed through the skin.

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

- Switch to sinkers that do not contain lead. Alternatives to lead sinkers are made of steel, bismuth, tungsten, resin and glass.
- Wash hands with soap after holding or using lead sinkers
- Never put lead sinkers in your mouth.
- 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.

If you suspect lead poisoning in your child or yourself, call:

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

For a screening, public information and technical assistance, contact:

**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) 828-1000. 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

Begin by finding the area of the state where you want to fish on the large overview map on page 64 and note which detailed map it falls within. You can then use the detailed map, which contains many symbols to show the locations of access areas as well special regulation rivers & streams and lakes & ponds, and public lands. The key on page 64 is a good guide to these symbols but more detailed information is below.

Where can I launch my boat? The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department maintains boating access areas on waterways throughout Vermont. Access areas are indicated on the map by the red boat symbols. The filled-in boat symbol indicates an access area with a boat ramp usable by a trailer, while the outlined boat symbol indicates an access area that services only carry-on boats such as canoes and kayaks.

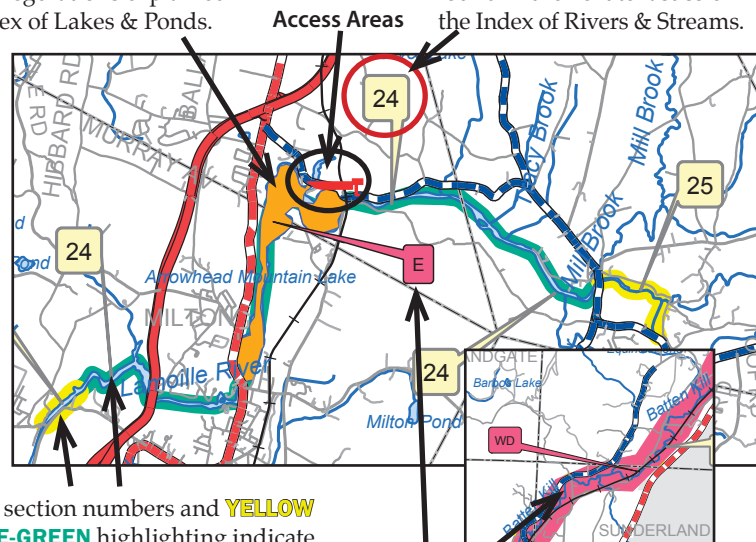
What are the regulations on my waterway? Some rivers & streams and lakes & ponds have special fishing regulations. Rivers & streams with special regulations are highlighted in **YELLOW** or **BLUE-GREEN** on the map. Lakes & Ponds with special regulations are highlighted in **ORANGE**. The regulations for a water body with special regulations are listed on pages 80 to 91 of this guidebook for rivers & streams, and on pages 93 to 107 for lakes & ponds. Special regulation waterbodies are labeled with a number that is found on the second to last column on the charts.

Especially helpful are the **General Fish Regulation tables** on pages 108 through 111, which are sorted by species of fish and water body type.

Are there nuisance species I should look out for? Aquatic nuisance species are labeled with **pink boxes** on lakes & ponds, and with **pink highlights** on rivers & streams. On these waterbodies, particular care should be taken to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species. However, aquatic nuisance species spread prevention practices should always be employed when visiting ANY waterbody, regardless of whether a known infestation is present because invasive species or fish diseases could be present but not yet detected. For more information on aquatic nuisance species spread prevention practices, see page 61.

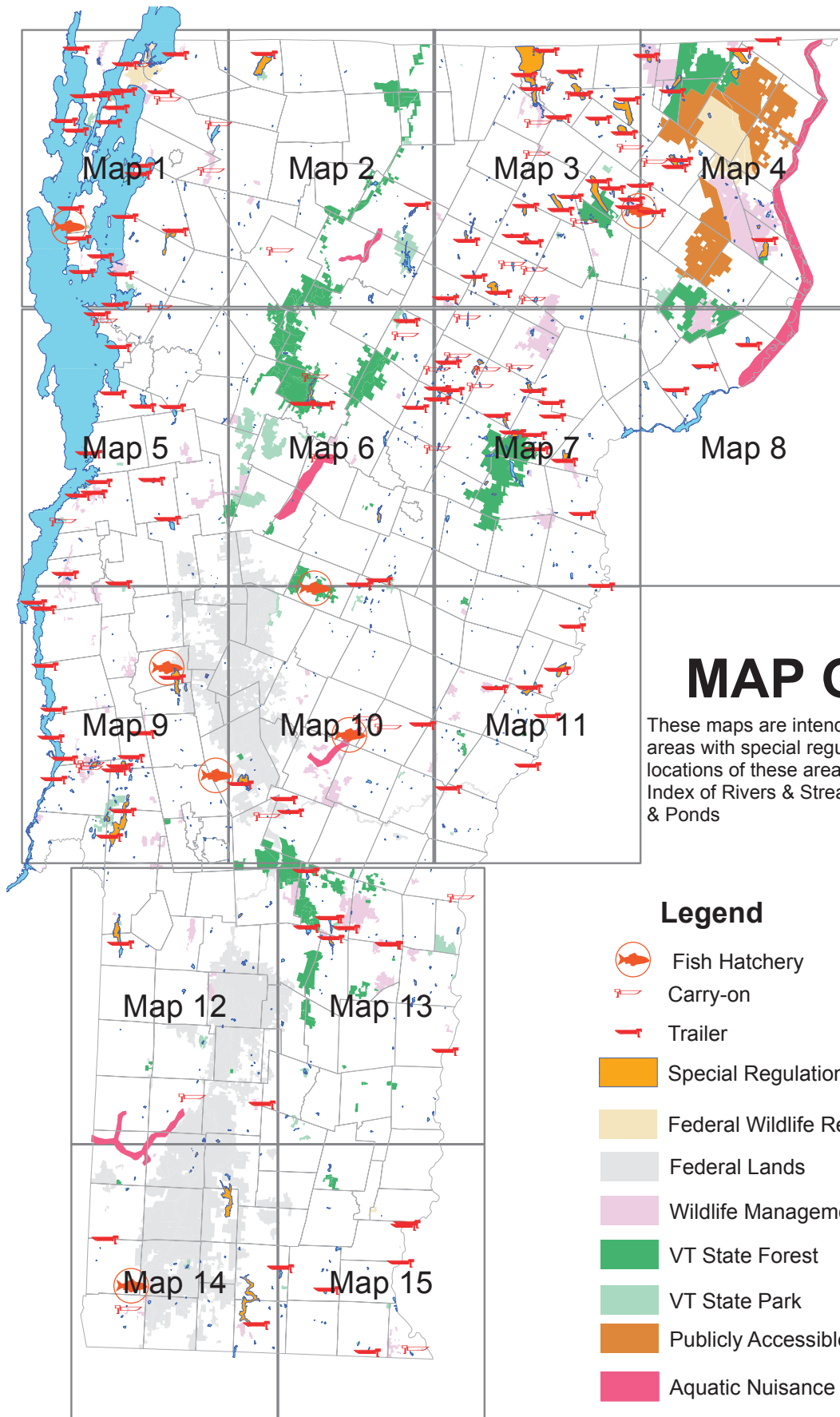
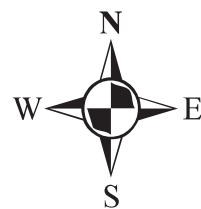
Lakes colored **ORANGE** have special regulations explained in the Index of Lakes & Ponds.

Each number refers to a stream section with a special regulation found in the next to 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.

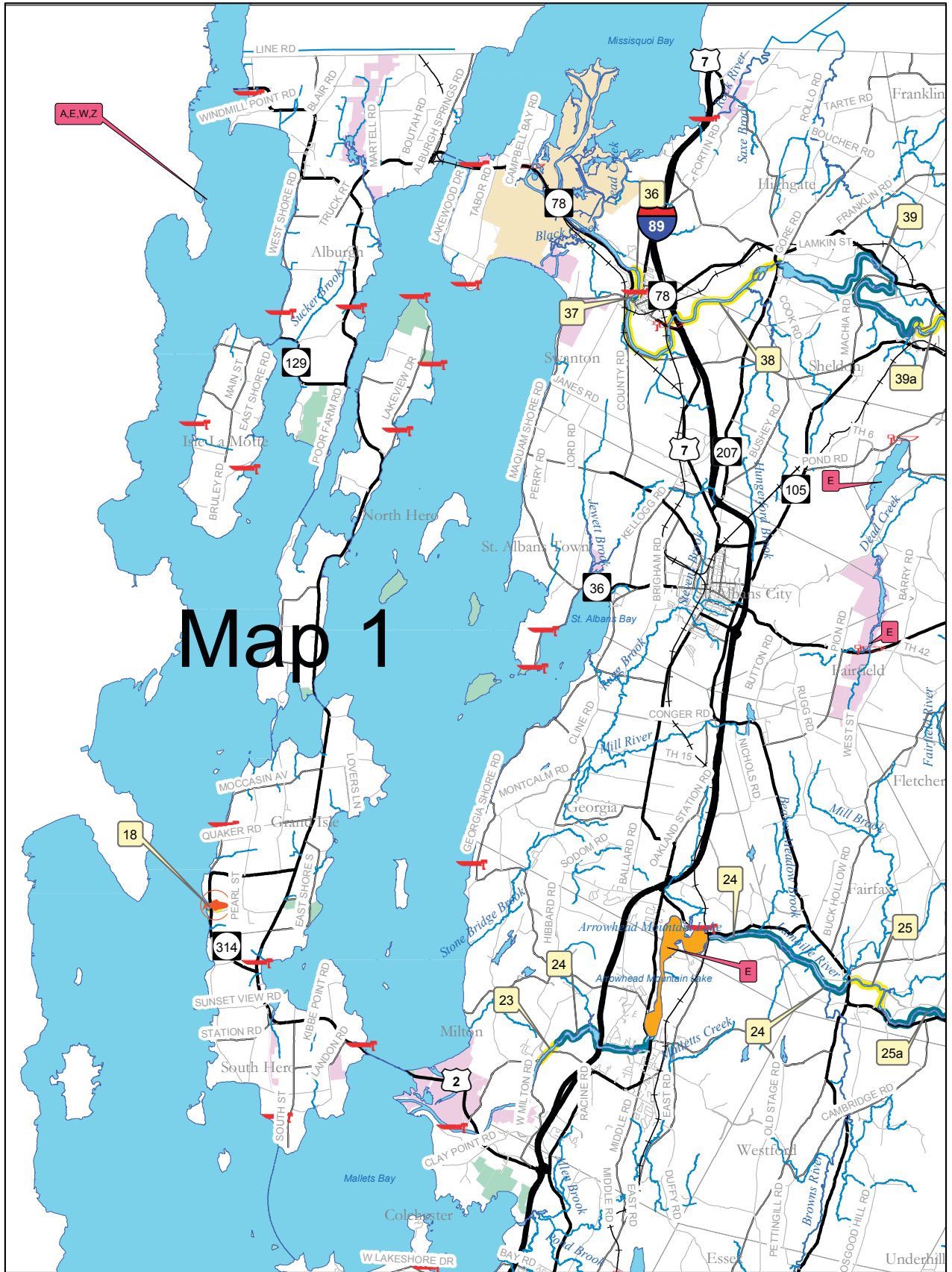


MAP GUIDE

These maps are intended only as a guide to areas with special regulations. The specific locations of these areas are described in the Index of Rivers & Streams and Index of Lakes & Ponds

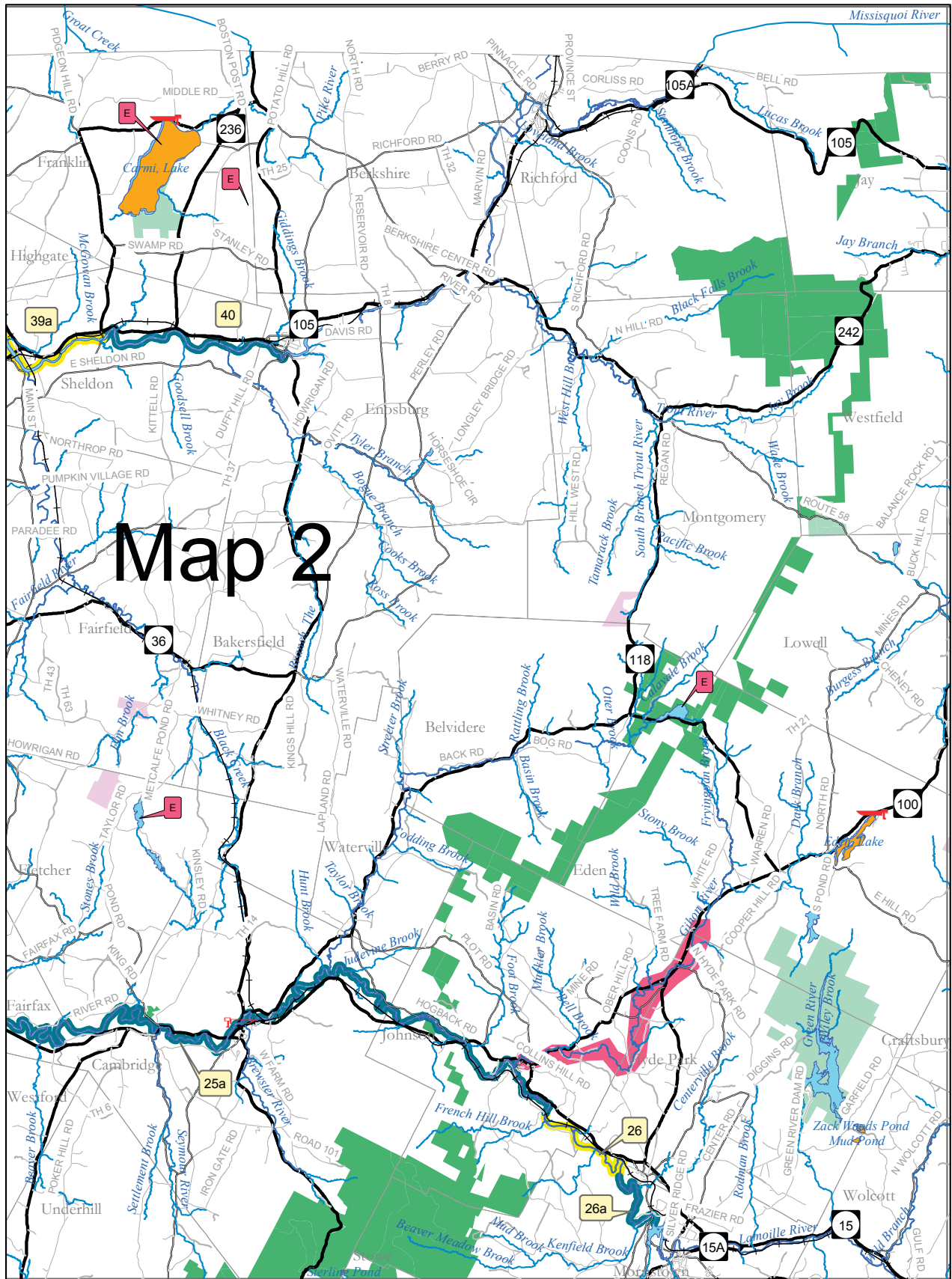
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-  Fish Hatchery
-  Carry-on
-  Trailer
-  Special Regulation Lakes
-  Federal Wildlife Refuge
-  Federal Lands
-  Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)
-  VT State Forest
-  VT State Park
-  Publicly Accessible Private Lands
-  Aquatic Nuisance Species



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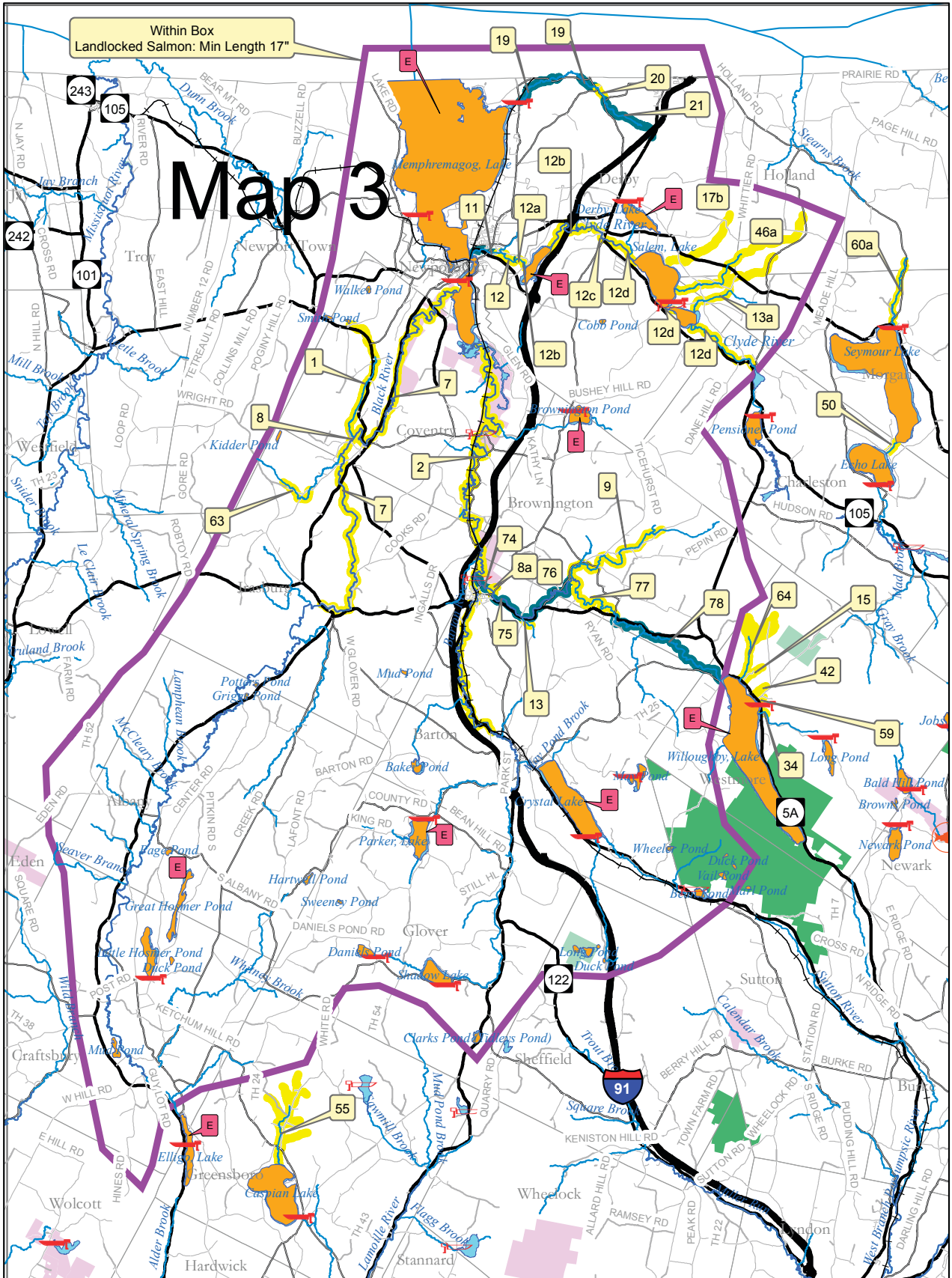
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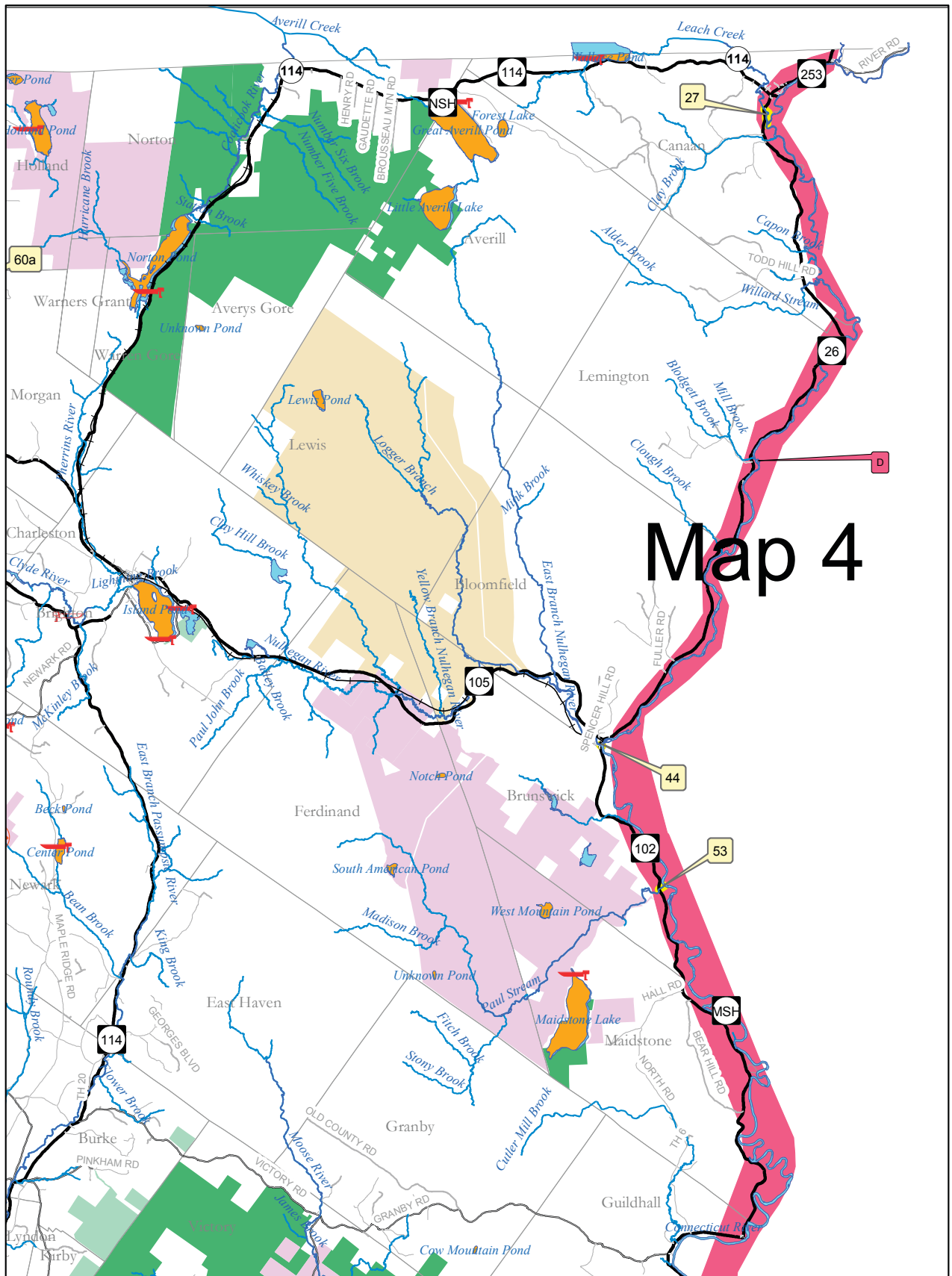
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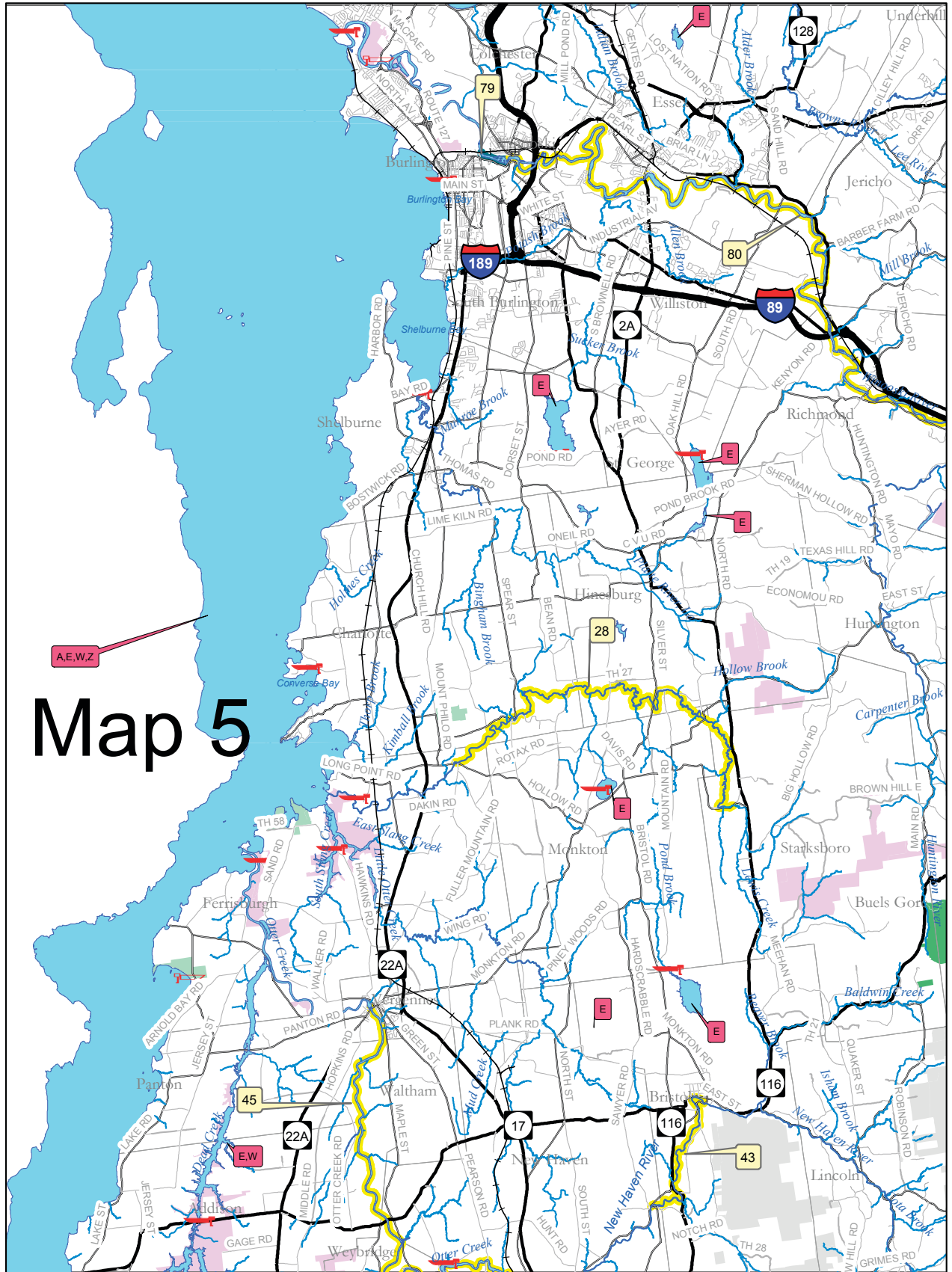


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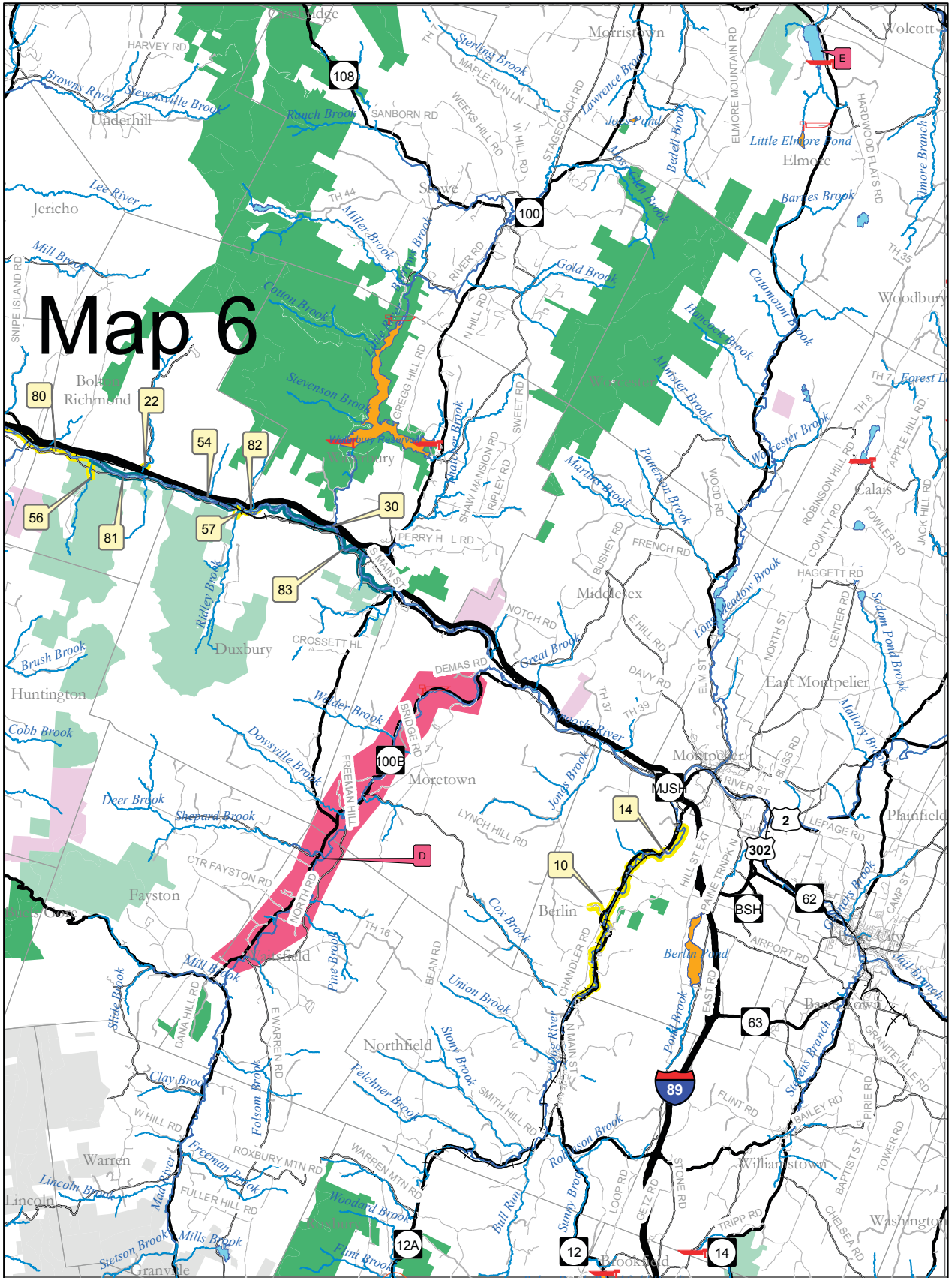
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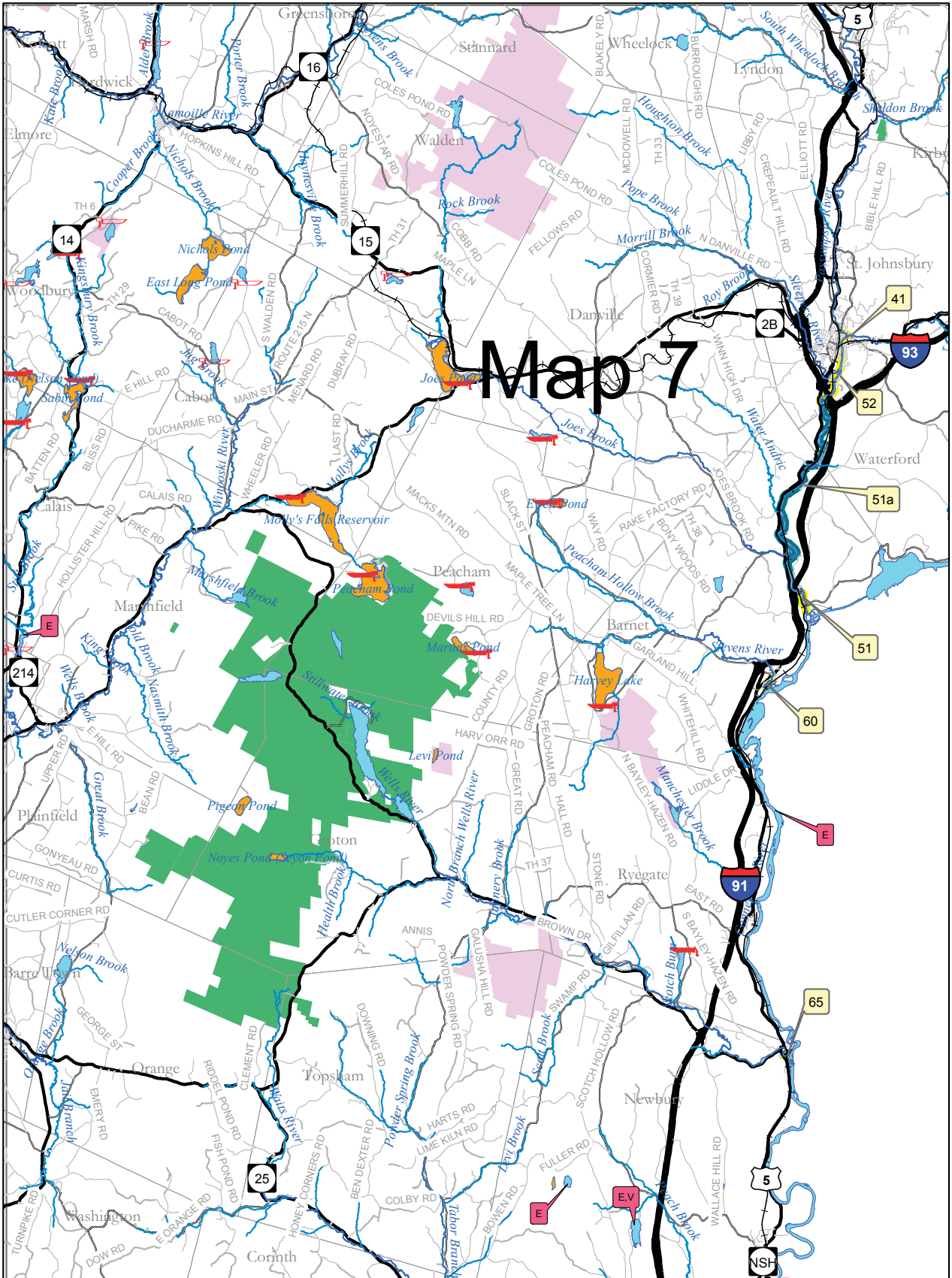


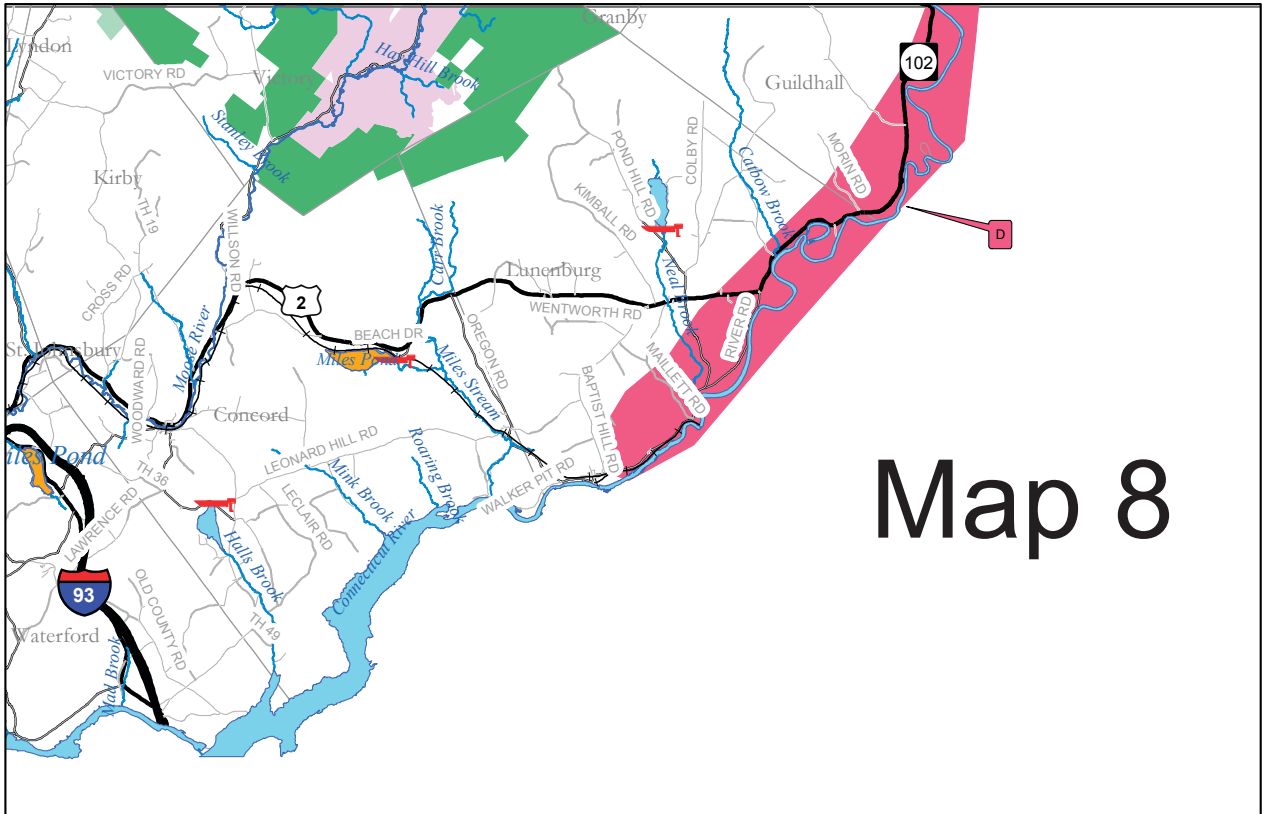
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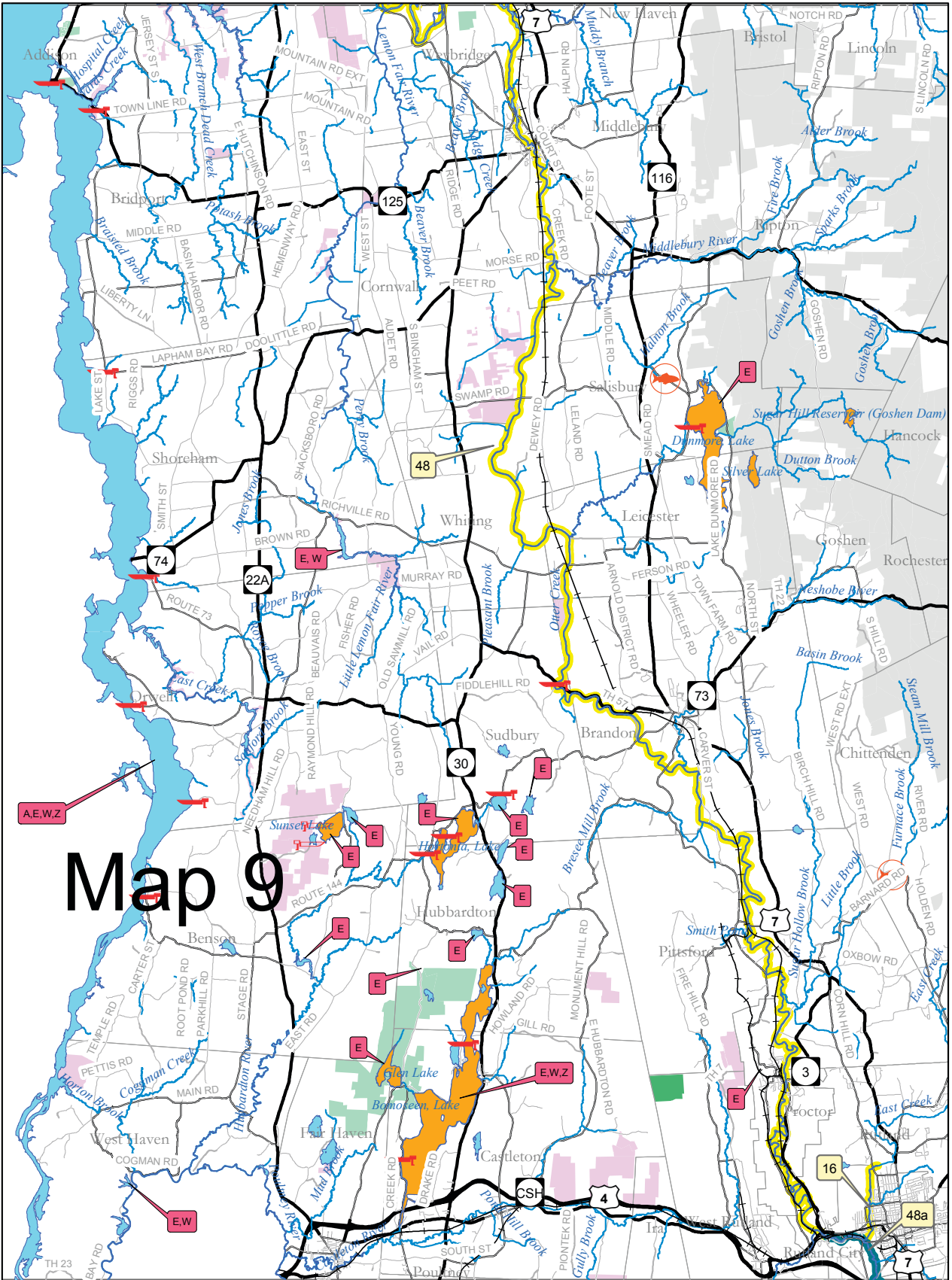
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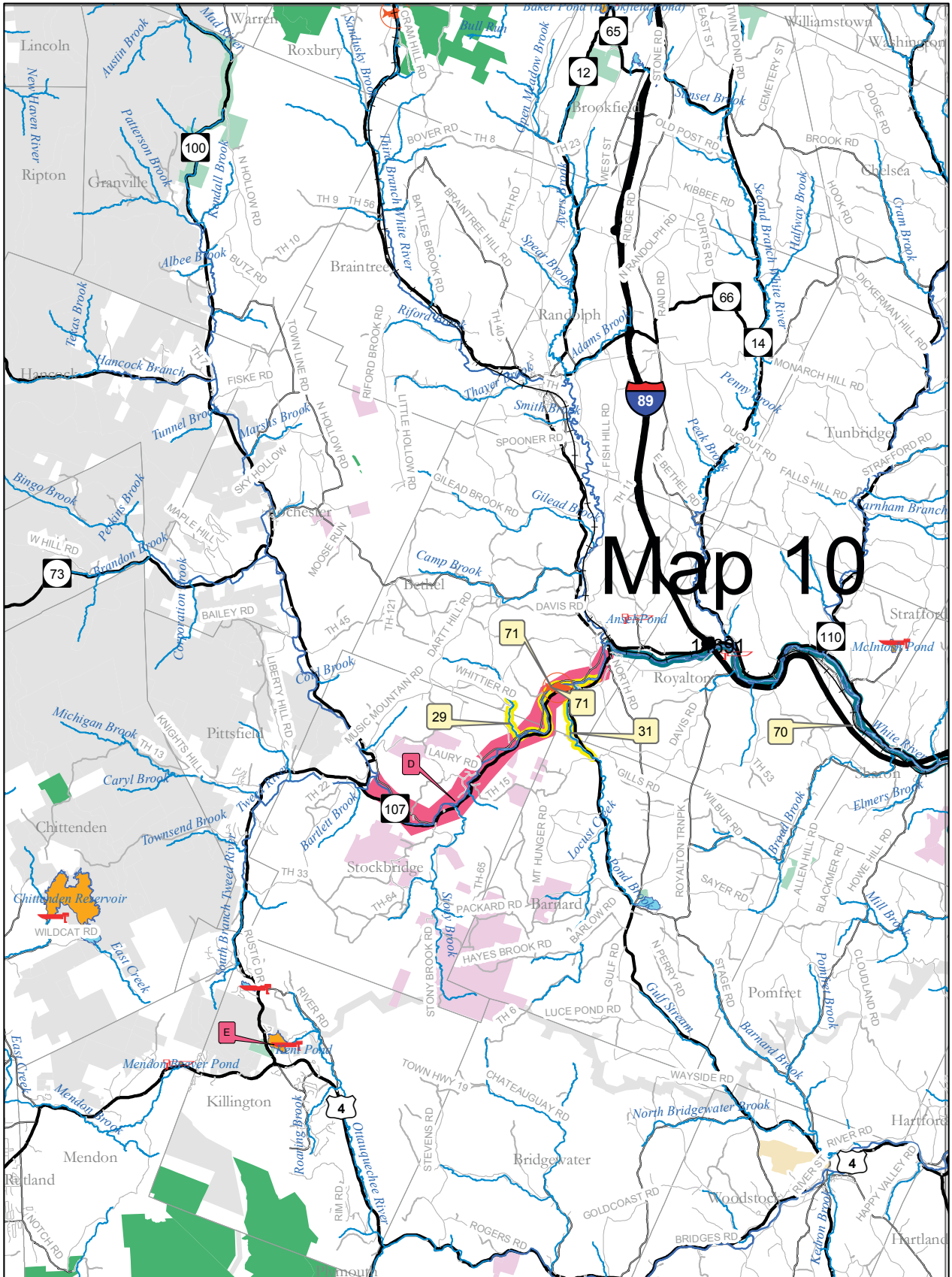
ON THE WATER, MEMORIES AREN'T MADE, THEY'RE CAUGHT.
GET OUT THERE AND CATCH SOME MEMORIES.

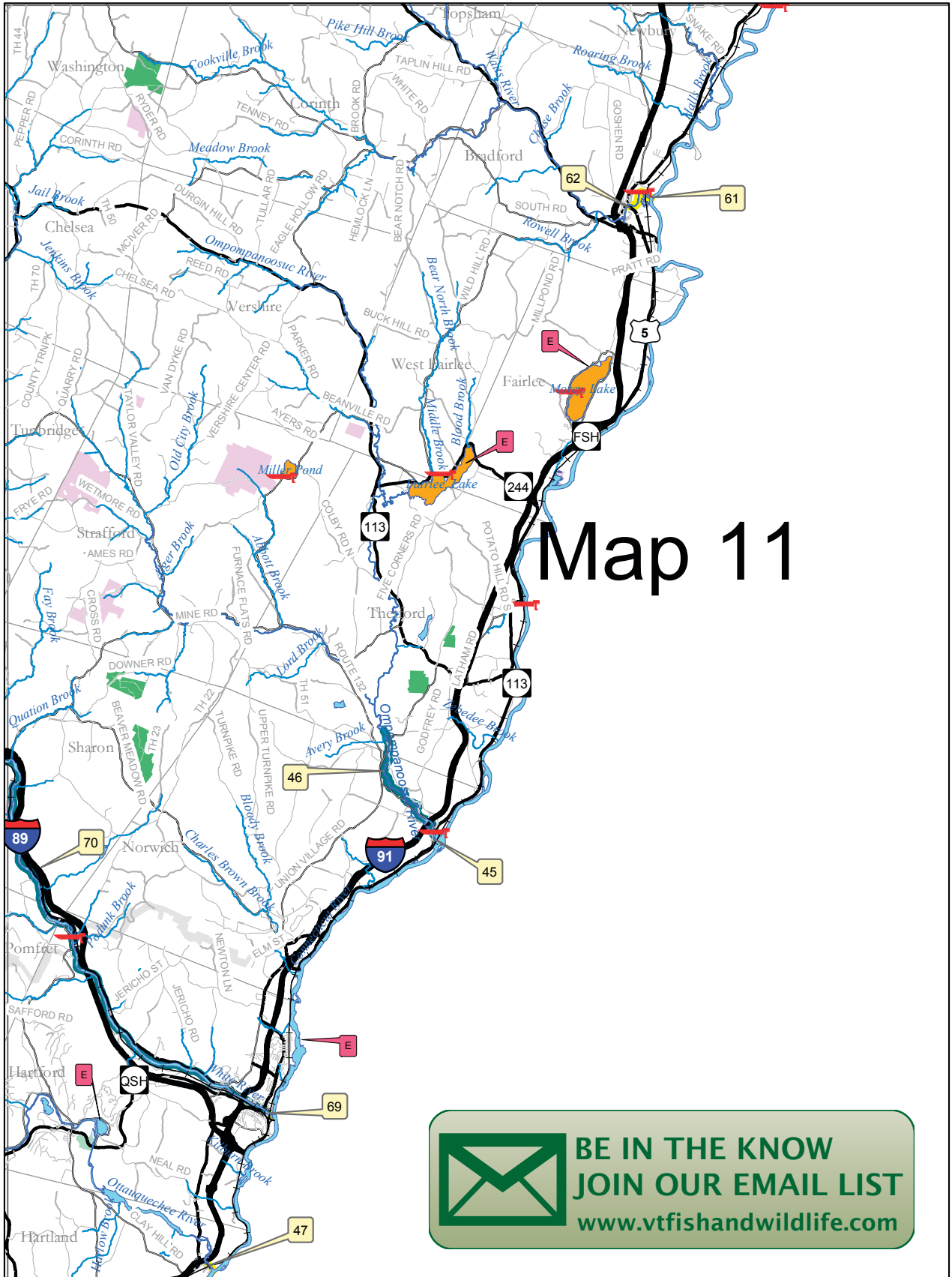
Vermont Fish & Wildlife makes family friendly fishing easy with free fishing for kids under 15 and special youth fishing licenses. Plus, January 25 and June 14, 2014 are Free Fishing Days.

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!



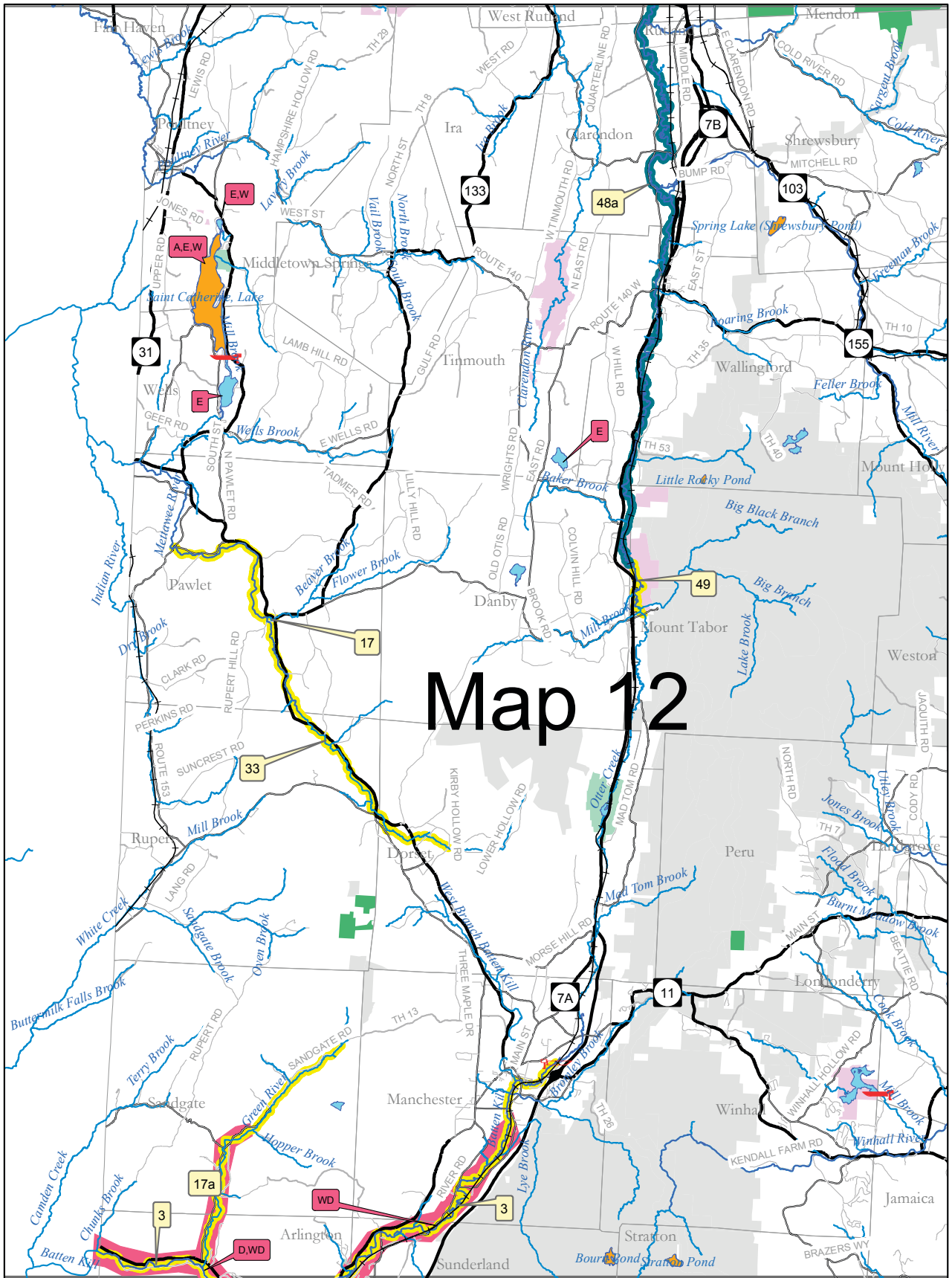
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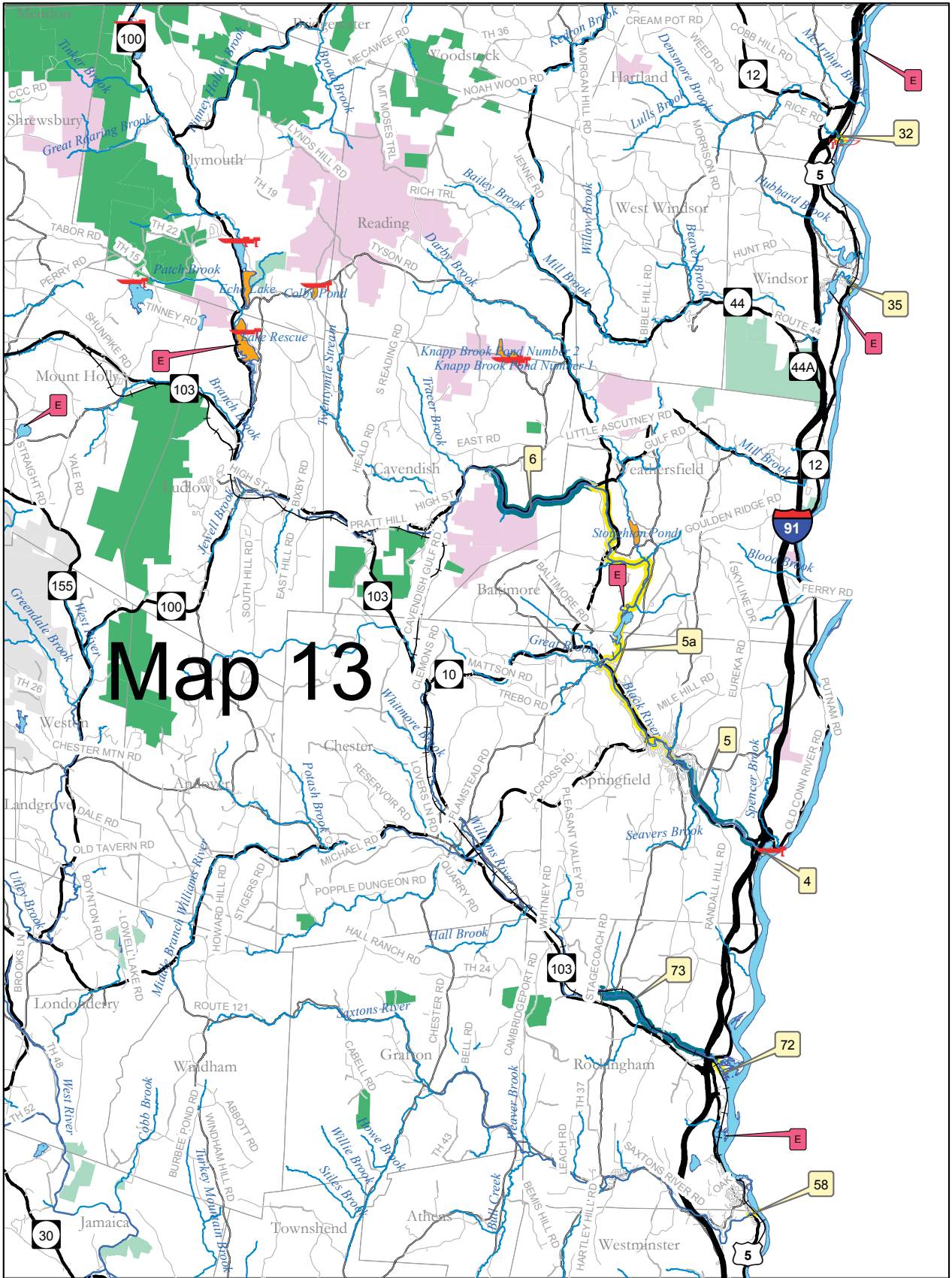




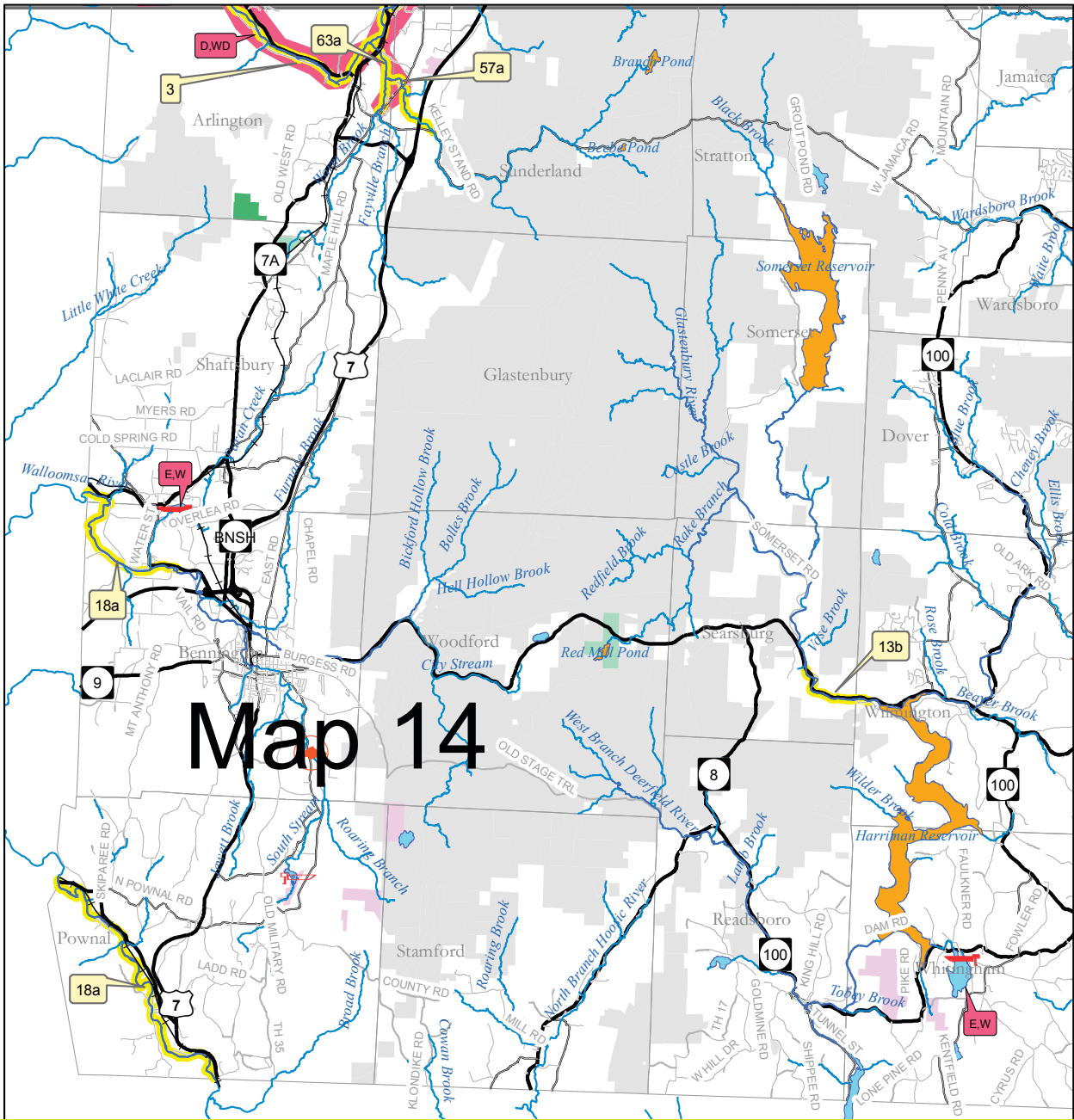
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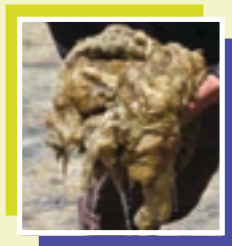


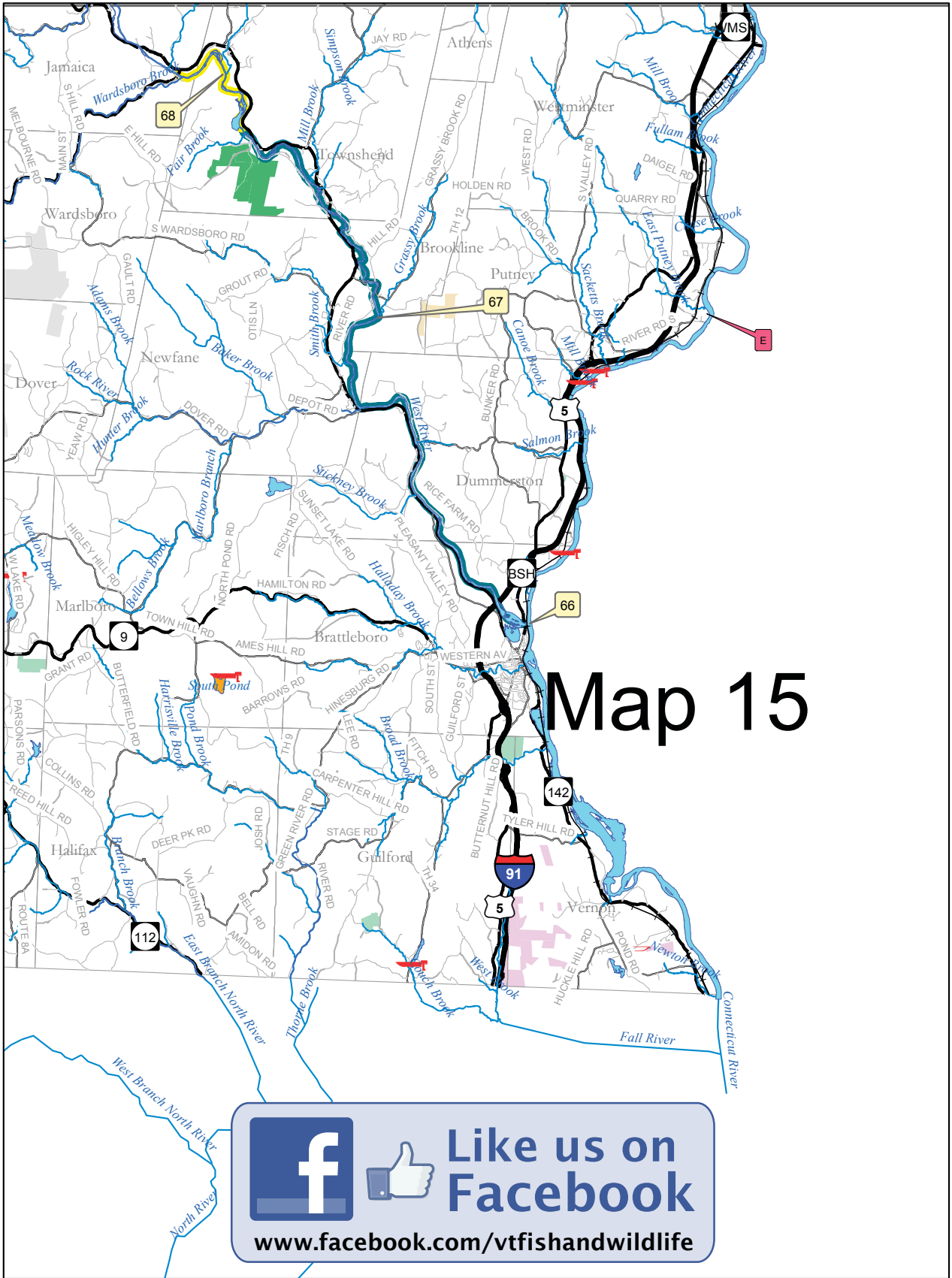
Stop Rock Snot



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 14 ▲

Map 15



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INDEX OF RIVERS & STREAMS

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

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 the former Defrense 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 • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures	Springfield	Windsor	2	13	5	E
<i>From the top of Lovejoy Dam in Springfield upstream to the Downers covered bridge</i> • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	Weathersfield/Cavendish	Windsor	1	13	5a	
<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 • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	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		

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

Rivers & Streams	Town	County	Table	Map	Stream Section #	ANS*
Blodgett/Tarbox Brook						
From the confluence with Willoughby River upstream 1,300ft to bridge on Tarbox Hill Road. • Closed to fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Barton	Orleans	1	3	3a	
Brownington Branch of Willoughby River						
From its confluence at the Willoughby River extending upstream to the second road crossing on Brownington Chilafoux Road (TH #15). Crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafoux Road (TH #15). • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Brownington	Orleans	1	3	9	
From Second road crossing on Brownington Chilafoux Road (TH #15) Crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafoux Road (TH #15) to headwaters. • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Brownington	Orleans	1	3		
Chase Brook						
From its confluence with the Dog River upstream approximately 1/2 mile to the top of the natural falls in Berlin. • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Berlin	Washington County	1	6	10	
Clyde River						
Lake Memphremagog to the downstream edge of the arch bridge at Gardner park entrance • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Newport City	Orleans	1	3		
Downstream edge of the arch bridge at Gardner park entrance to the downstream edge of the bridge on Lower Clyde Street in Newport City • 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	
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. • 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	
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. • 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	
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 • 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	
Downstream edge of the bridge on Bridge Street, Derby to the downstream edge of the bridge on VT Rt 105, Derby • Closed to Fishing: September 1 through October 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Derby	Orleans	1	3	12c	
Downstream edge of the bridge on VT Rt 105, Derby to Citizens Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), W. Charleston • 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	
Citizens West Charleston Dam to Island Pond outlet	Charleston/Brighton	Orleans/Essex	1	3,4		
Coche Brook						
Little Salem Lake to headwaters • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Derby, Morgan	Orleans	1	3	13a	

* Aquatic Nuisance Species:
E=Eurasian Watermilfoil; W=Water Chestnut;
D=Didymo; WD=Whirling Disease

ANS may be present in other waterbodies and not yet detected.
Please follow the recommendations on page 61 to help stop the spread of ANS.

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

Rivers & Streams	Town	County	Table	Map	Stream Section #	ANS*
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
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
Deerfield River						
<i>From the Woods Road (Medburyville) bridge in Wilmington upstream approximately 2 miles to the VT Route 9W bridge in Searsburg.</i> • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	Wilmington/Searsburg	All Applicable Counties	1	14	13b	
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 • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	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		
Hoosic River						
<i>From the VT/NY border upstream to the VT/MA border.</i> • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	Pownal	Bennington	1	14	18a	
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	

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Green River						
<i>From its mouth on the Batten Kill upstream to its confluence with Moffitt Hollow Brook</i>	Arlington/Sandgate	Bennington	1	12	17a	WD
<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 						
Hall's Brook						
<i>Lake Memphremagog to the headwaters</i>	Derby	Orleans	1	3		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 						
Hatchery Brook						
<i>Lake Champlain to main drive for State Fish Hatchery</i>	Grand Isle	Grand Isle		1	18	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED TO FISHING 						
Johns River						
<i>Lake Memphremagog to the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Rd (TH #6)</i>	Derby	Orleans	1	3		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 						
<i>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)</i>	Derby	Orleans	1	3	19	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: October 1 to October 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>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.</i>	Derby	Orleans	1	3	20	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout 						
<i>Downstream edge of the bridge on Elm Street (TH #2) in Derby to US 5 in Derby</i>	Derby	Orleans	1	3	21	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: October 1 to October 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>US 5 in Derby to headwaters</i>	Derby	Orleans	1	3		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 						
Joiner Brook						
<i>Winooski River upstream approx. 1900 feet to first falls</i>	Bolton	Chittenden	1	6	22	
<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	Chittenden	1	6		

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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> • 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> • 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> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5 • Walleye: – Season: 1st Saturday in May through March 15 – 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> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures • 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 • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – 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> • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	1	25a	
<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> • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum length 16 inches – Daily Limit: 2 trout total – Gear Restrictions: Artificial lures and flies only • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	Johnson and Hyde Park	Lamoille	1	2	26	
<i>From the downstream edge of the Ten Bends Drive bridge in Hyde Park to top of Cady's Fall Dam in Morristown</i> • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	Hyde Park and Morristown	Lamoille	1	2	26a	
<i>From the top of Cady's Fall in Morristown 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> • 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		
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> • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) 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		

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Lilliesville Brook						
From the confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on the Lilliesville Brook Rd. • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Stockbridge/Bethel	Windsor	1	10	29	
Little Otter Creek						
Lake Champlain to the falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Rd). • Lake Champlain Boundaries	Ferrisburgh Center	Chittenden	3	5		
Little River						
From the confluence with Winooski River upstream to the Rt 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	Waterbury	Washington	1	6	30	
US Rt 2 Bridge to its beginning at base of Waterbury Dam	Waterbury	Washington	1	6		
Locust Creek						
From its confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on Rt 12. • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Bethel/Barnard	Windsor	1	10	31	
Lulls Brook						
CT R main channel to I-91 Bridge, Hartland	Hartland	Windsor	4	13	32	
I-91 Bridge, Hartland to Headwaters	Hartland	Windsor	1	13		
Mad River						
	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	6		D
Malletts Creek						
Malletts Creek to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (US 2 and US 7) in Colchester. • Lake Champlain Boundaries	Colchester	Chittenden	3	1		
Mettawee River						
NY Border to the downstream edge of the Rt 153 bridge in Pawlet	Pawlet	Rutland	1	12		
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. • 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	
First bridge on Dorset Hollow Rd, in Dorset, to headwaters	Dorset	Bennington	1	12		
Mill Brook						
Lake Willoughby upstream 1/4 mile • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Westmore	Orleans	1	3	34	
From 1/4 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwaters	Westmore	Orleans	1	3		
Mill Brook (Windsor)						
CT R main channel to US Rt 5 Bridge, Windsor	Windsor	Windsor	4	13	35	
US Rt 5 Bridge, Windsor to headwaters	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	13		
Mill River						
Lake Champlain to the falls in Georgia (just upstream of Georgia Shore Rd bridge). • Lake Champlain Boundaries	Georgia	Franklin	3	1		
Missisquoi River						
Lake Champlain to Riverside Cemetery (5120' below Swanton Dam)	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	3	1		E, W

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<i>Riverside Cemetery (5120' below Swanton Dam) to 850' below the Swanton Dam</i> • Closed to Fishing: March 16 to the Friday before the 1st Saturday in May, both dates inclusive	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	3	1	36	E
<i>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.</i> • Closed to Fishing: March 16 through May 31	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	3	1	37	E
<i>Missisquoi River from Swanton Dam in the Village of Swanton upstream to the Highgate Falls Dam</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 • Muskellunge: – Daily Limit: Zero. All muskellunge unintentionally taken must be immediately released	Swanton/Highgate	Franklin	2	1	38	E
<i>Highgate Falls Dam to top of the Sheldon Springs Dam in Sheldon Springs</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	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	2	1	39	
<i>Sheldon Springs Dam in Sheldon Springs to downstream edge of Kane Rd (TH-3) bridge in Sheldon</i> • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	Sheldon and Enosburg	Franklin	1	1, 2	39a	
<i>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</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 • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	Sheldon and Enosburg	Franklin	1	2	40	
<i>From the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls to Headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	2, 3		
Moose River						
<i>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> • 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 • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	Village of St. Johnsbury	Caledonia	1	7	41	
<i>From downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the Village of St. Johnsbury to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	7		
Mud Creek						
<i>Lake Champlain to the dam in Alburg (just upstream of Route 78 bridge).</i> • Lake Champlain Boundaries	Alburg	Grand Isle	3	1		
Myers Brook						
<i>Lake Willoughby upstream 1/2 mile</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Westmore	Orleans County	1	3	42	
<i>From 1/2 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwater</i>	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> • Trout: – 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	New Haven/Bristol	Addison	1	5	43	
<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		
Ompompanoosic 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> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5	Norwich/Thetford	Windsor/Orange	2	11	46	E
<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> • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Derby, Morgan, Holland	Orleans	1	3	46a	
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> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5	Vergennes/Rutland	Addison/Rutland	2	5, 9	48	
<i>Top of the Center Rutland Falls in Rutland to VT Railway Bridge, Danby</i> • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	All Applicable Towns	Rutland	1	9	48a	
<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> • 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 • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	Danby	Rutland	1	12	49	
<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> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Charleston/Brighton	Orleans County	1	3	50	

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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	51a	
• From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures						
<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	
• 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						
• From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures						
<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	
• Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31						
• Trout: – 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	
• 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	
• Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31						
• Trout: – 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	
• Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31						
• Trout: – 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	
• Trout: – 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		

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Schoolhouse Brook						
Lake Willoughby upstream 1/4 mile • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Westmore	Orleans County	1	3	59	
From 1/4 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwaters	Westmore	Orleans County	1	3		
Stevens River						
CT R main channel to 1st Highway Bridge crossing Barnet	Barnet	Caledonia	4	7	60	
1st Highway Bridge crossing Barnet to headwaters	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	7		
Stony Brook (Alder Brook)						
From its confluence with the Black River upstream 3.5 miles to the outlet of Sargent Pond in Coventry. • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Coventry	Orleans County	1	3	1	
Sargent Pond to headwaters • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Coventry	Orleans County	1	3		
Valley Brook						
From Seymour Lake to headwaters • Closed to fishing October 1 to October 31	Morgan and Holland	Orleans	1	2	60a	
Waits River						
CT R main channel to US Rt 5 Bridge, Bradford	Bradford	Orange	4	11	61	
From the Connecticut River boundary (US Rt 5 Bridge, Bradford) upstream to the top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford. • 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	
Top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford to headwaters	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	7, 11		
Walloomsac River						
From the VT/NY border in Bennington upstream to the top of the former Vermont Tissues Plant Dam (downstream of Murphy Road) in Bennington • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: – Season: 2nd Sat in April to October 31 – Length Limits: None – Daily Limits: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures	Bennington	Bennington	1	14	62a	
Ware Brook						
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. • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Irasburg	Orleans	1	3	63	
Warm Brook						
From its mouth on the Roaring Branch upstream to the base of the so-called Hale Company dam in East Arlington • Trout: – Catch and Release between Oct 1 and Oct 31 – All trout must be immediately released	Arlington/Sunderland	Bennington	1	14	63a	
Wells Brook						
Lake Willoughby to headwater • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31	Westmore	Orleans	1	3	64	
Wells River						
CT R main channel to US Rt 302 Bridge, Newbury	Newbury	Orange	4	7	65	
US Rt 302 Bridge, Newbury to headwaters	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	7		

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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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) 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 	Townshend/Jamaica	Windham	2	15	67	E
<i>Top of Townshend Lake Dam in Townshend to VT Rt 100 Bridge, Jamaica</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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		
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) 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 	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	2	10, 11	70	D
<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> <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 	Stockbridge/Bethel	All Applicable Counties	1	10	71	D
<i>Lilliesville 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) 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 	Rockingham	Windham	2	13	73	E
<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> <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 	Barton	Orleans	1	3	74	
<i>Orleans/Brownington Rd Bridge to natural falls top</i> <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 	Barton	Orleans	1	3	75	
<i>Natural falls top to Brownington Branch confluence</i> <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 	Barton/Brownington	Orleans	1	3	76	

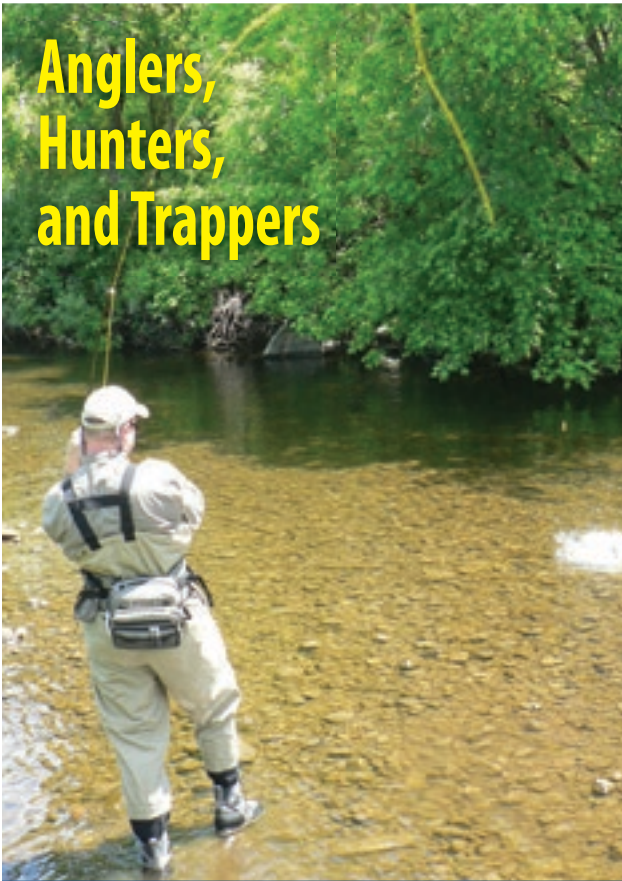
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Willoughby River (continued)						
<i>Brownington Branch confluence to downstream edge of the bridge on VT Rt 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through 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 	Brownington	Orleans	1	3	77	
<i>Downstream edge of the bridge on VT Route 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington) to Willoughby Lake outlet</i> <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 	Brownington/Barton/ Westmore	Orleans	1	3	78	
Winooski River						
<i>Lake Champlain upstream to the first railroad bridge (approximately 9 mile) in Winooski and Burlington.</i>	Winooski/Burlington	Chittenden	3	5		E
<i>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.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to Fishing: March 16 through May 31 	Winooski/Burlington	Chittenden	3	5	79	
<i>From the Winooski One Hydro Dam west of Main Street (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington upstream to Preston Brook, Bolton</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) 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 	All Applicable Towns	Chittenden	1	5, 6	80	
<i>From Preston Brook mouth upstream (approximately 4.4 miles) to the Ridley Brook mouth</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures • Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5 	Bolton/Duxbury/ Waterbury	Chittenden/Washington	1	6	81	
<i>Ridley Brook mouth upstream to the top of the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) 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 	Bolton/Duxbury/Waterbury	Chittenden/Washington	1	6	82	
<i>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)</i> <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 • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 	Duxbury/Waterbury	Washington	1	6	83	
<i>Route 2 Bridge (East side of Waterbury Village) in Waterbury to headwaters</i>	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1	6, 7		

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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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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/Georgia	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	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	9	110		E	Y	Other
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	10				
Berlin Pond • Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass: Catch & Immediate Release Only • Yellow Perch – Daily Limit: 10 Perch	Berlin	Washington	2	6	256	F	E	N	Other
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	12	15				
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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Big Wheeler Pond	Brunswick	Essex	2	4	68	Sud			
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: – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in January to March 15</i> 									
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: – <i>Length Limit: 10" to 12" protected slot (all bass 10" to 12" must be released)</i> – <i>Daily Limit: 10 bass, only 1 greater than 12 inches</i> 									
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
Bullhead Pond	Manchester	Bennington	2	12	14	Sc		N	
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: – <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 17–19 inches must be released)</i> – <i>Daily Limit: 5 fish limit provided only 1 is over 19"</i> 									
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: – <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> – <i>Daily Limit: 2 trout</i> 									

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

2 E=Eurasian Watermilfoil; Z=Zebra Mussel;
W=Water Chestnut; V=Variable-leaf watermilfoil;
LBV=Largemouth Bass Virus; A=Alewife

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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" 									
Coggman 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 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	Sf		N	5mph
Derby Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Derby	Orleans	2	3	207	St	E	Y	
Deweys Mill Pond	Hartford	Windsor	2	11	56		E	N	5mph
Duck Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Craftsbury	Orleans	2	3	9	Sc			
Duck Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17"	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	3	7				
Duck 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	2	3	8	Sc			
Dufresne Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)	Manchester	Bennington	5						
Dunmore, Lake									
<i>North of a line from Sucker Brook to the island</i> • 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	Salisbury/Leicester	Addison	5	9	985	St	E	Y	
<i>South of a line from Sucker Brook to the island</i> • 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	Salisbury/Leicester	Addison	2	9	985	St	E	Y	
East Long Pond • 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	Woodbury	Washington	5	7	188	Pf		Y	
Echo 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 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"	Charleston	Orleans	5	3	550	St		Y	
Echo 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	Plymouth	Windsor	2	13	104	St		Y	
Echo Lake (Keeler Pond)	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	9	54		E	Y	
Eden 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	Eden	Lamoille	2	2	194	St		Y	

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Elligo, Lake	Craftsbury/ Greensboro	Orleans	2	3	174	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> • 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" 									
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	St	E	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	78	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	12	15				
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	414	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	51	Mf		N	5mph
Haggood Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)	Peru	Bennington	5	14	8				
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: – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15</i>	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: – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15</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>	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: – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15</i>	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: – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15</i>	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 • Brook Trout: – Length Limit: 12" to 15" inches protected slot (all fish 12" to 15" must be released) – Daily limit: 2 brook trout only 1 greater than 15 inches	Westmore	Orleans	5	3	39	St		Y	5mph
Joes 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	Killington	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	148			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	Gc		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

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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"> – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15</i> • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Little Wheeler Pond	Brunswick	Essex	2	4	8	Sud			
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"> – <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> 									
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	
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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"> – <i>Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15</i> 									
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 • Brook Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Length Limit: 12" to 15" inches protected slot (all fish 12" to 15" must be released)</i> – <i>Daily limit: 2 brook trout only 1 greater than 15 inches</i> 									
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

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McConnell Pond	Brighton	Essex	2	4	87	Sf		N	5mph
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	
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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
<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 									
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	27			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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Nulhegan Pond	Brighton	Essex	2	4	37	Pf		N	5mph
Old Marsh Pond	Fair Haven	Rutland	2	9	131			N	5mph
Osmore Pond	Peacham	Caledonia	2	7	48	Sf		N	5mph
Page Pond	Albany	Orleans	2	3	16				
<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" 									
Paran Lake	Bennington	Bennington	2	14	40	St	E, W	N	
Parker, Lake	Glover	Orleans	2	3	250	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 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" 									
Patch Pond	Rutland City	Rutland	2	9	20			N	5mph
Paul Stream Pond	Brunswick	Essex	2	4	20	Sf		N	5mph
Peacham Pond	Peacham	Caledonia	5	7	340	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) 									
Pensioner Pond	Charleston	Orleans	2	3	173	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 									
Perch Pond	Benson	Rutland	2	9	24	Sc		N	5mph
Perch Pond (Zack Woods Pond)	Hyde Park/Wolcott		5	2	30	Sc		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) 									
Pigeon Pond	Groton	Caledonia	5	7	69			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) 									
Pine Pond	Castleton	Rutland	2	9	40			N	5mph
Pinneo Lake	Hartford	Windsor	2	11	50			N	5mph
Potters Pond	Albany	Orleans	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" 									
Raponda Lake	Wilmington	Windham	2	15	121	St		Y	
Reading Pond	Reading	Windsor	2	13	22			N	5mph
Red Mill Pond	Woodford	Bennington	5	14	7	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) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
Rescue Lake	Ludlow	Windsor	2	13	180	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 									
Reservoir Pond (Lake Pauline)	Ludlow	Windsor	2	13	32			Y	5mph
Richmond Pond	Richmond	Chittenden	2	6	24			N	5mph
Richville Pond	Shoreham	Addison	2	9	129	Sc	E, W	Y	5mph
Ricker Pond	Groton	Caledonia	2	7	92	Sc		Y	
Roach Pond	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	9	20			N	5mph
Rood Pond	Williamstown/Brookfield	Orange	2	6	23	St		Y	5mph
Round Pond	Holland	Orleans	2	3	14			N	5mph
Round Pond	Milton	Chittenden	2	1	22			N	5mph
Round Pond	Newbury	Orange	2	7	30	Sf	E	N	5mph
Round Pond	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	3	13				
<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" 									
Runnede Lake (Evarts Pond)	Windsor	Windsor	2	13	62			N	5mph

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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
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Shadow Lake	Concord	Essex	2	8	128	St		Y	
Shadow Lake	Glover	Orleans	5	3	210	St		Y	
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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> 									
Silver Lake	Barnard	Windsor	2	10	84	Scr		Y	Others

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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	8				
• 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	6				
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 (including Lilly Pond and Little 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)									
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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
Stiles Pond (NEW THIS YEAR)	Waterford	Caledonia	2	8	135	Sud		N	5mph
• Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass: Catch & Immediate Release Only									
• Yellow Perch: Daily Limit: 10 Perch									
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	Sf			
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Unknown Pond	Ferdinand	Essex	5	4	12	Sf			
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Upper Symes Pond	Ryegate	Caledonia	2	7	20	Sf		N	5mph
Vail Pond (Big Fish Pond)	Sutton	Caledonia	5	3	16	Sud			
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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
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Weatherhead Hollow	Guilford	Windham	2	15	33	St		Y	5mph
West Hill Pond	Cabot	Washington	2	7	46	Sud		N	5mph
West Mt. Pond	Maidstone	Essex	5	4	60	Sc		N	5mph
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Wheeler 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/ Caledonia	Orleans	5	3	15	Sc		Y	5mph
Willoughby, 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 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"	Westmore	Orleans	5	3	1653	St	E	Y	
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) • 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	Calais/ Woodbury	Washington	2	7	142	St		Y	
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) • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species)	Hyde Park/ Wolcott	Lamoille	5	2	30	Sc		N	5mph

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

2 E=Eurasian Watermilfoil; Z=Zebra Mussel;
W=Water Chestnut; V=Variable-leaf watermilfoil;
LBV=Largemouth Bass Virus; A=Alewife

3 The rule prohibits the use of internal combustion motors to power vessels.

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. ANS may be present in other waterbodies and not yet detected. Please follow the recommendations on page 61 to help stop the spread of ANS.



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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.

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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
(NEW this year) LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Catch and Release Season)	None	0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only	Dec. 1st 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 50. 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	Dec. 1 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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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 shall be used to take fish while ice fishing. 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	Rule change pending.
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.

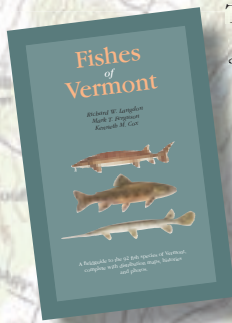


TABLE 5: General Fishing Regulations for Certain Lakes and Ponds listed in Index of Lakes & Ponds

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
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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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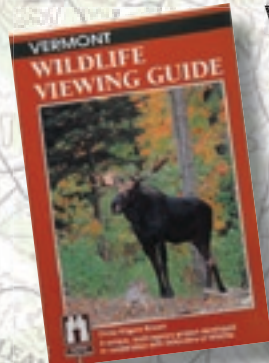
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-  Restoring native species including marten, beaver, moose, fisher, wild turkey, common loon, osprey and peregrine falcon
-  Conserving endangered species such as lynx, bald eagles, turtles, and bats
-  Sustaining wildlife for the next generation and ensuring that our grandchildren will still be able to see brook trout, butterflies, birds, and bears




Education

-  Educating 1,000 campers a year on ecology and natural history at our Green Mountain Conservation Camps at Kehoe and Buck Lake
-  Providing fish and wildlife management graduate courses for teachers and other educators
-  Keeping the public informed about wildlife through news articles, public meetings, Facebook, wildlife festivals, and other events
-  Connecting kids with nature through Project WILD and Growing Up WILD



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-  Offering their extensive outdoor knowledge and skills, wardens are invaluable contributors to searches for people who are lost or injured in remote areas.



Land conservation and public access

-  Managing 133,000 acres of Fish & Wildlife Department-owned land for all to enjoy
-  Partnering with land trusts to put conservation easements on private property that improve habitat and provide public access
-  Maintaining boat ramps, parking areas and wildlife viewing platforms

Land use planning and habitat improvement

-  Working with towns, state forests and parks, and private landowners to create habitat management plans and conservation planning initiatives
-  Reviewing Act 250 and Act 248 land use permits to address impacts to important wildlife habitat

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3. Help STOP aquatic hitchhikers: CHECK, DRAIN, DRY. Make it a habit BEFORE launching and BEFORE leaving to carefully inspect and clean your vessel.
4. Back down ramp, launch and secure your boat to dock or on shore.
5. Immediately move and park your vehicle in the appropriate location.

Remember: SWIMMING OR SUNBATHING at the access is prohibited

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	●	7:08	5:00		6:27	5:38	●
2	7:26	4:23		7:07	5:01		6:26	5:40	
3	7:26	4:24		7:06	5:03		6:24	5:41	
4	7:26	4:25		7:05	5:04		6:22	5:42	
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7	7:25	4:28	◑	7:01	5:08		6:17	5:46	
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14	7:23	4:36		6:51	5:18	◐	6:04	5:55	
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19	7:20	4:42		6:44	5:25		5:55	6:01	
20	7:19	4:44		6:42	5:26		5:54	6:03	
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22	7:18	4:46		6:39	5:29	◑	5:50	6:05	
23	7:17	4:48		6:37	5:30		5:48	6:06	◑
24	7:16	4:49	◑	6:36	5:32		5:46	6:08	
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26	7:14	4:52		6:33	5:34		5:43	6:10	
27	7:13	4:53		6:31	5:36		5:41	6:11	
28	7:12	4:54		6:29	5:37		5:39	6:13	
29	7:11	4:56					5:37	6:14	
30	7:10	4:57	●				5:35	6:15	●
31	7:09	4:59					5:33	6:16	

Day	APR.			MAY			JUNE		
	Rise A.M.	Set P.M.		Rise A.M.	Set P.M.		Rise A.M.	Set P.M.	
1	5:32	6:17		4:41	6:54		4:10	7:27	
2	5:30	6:19		4:40	6:55		4:09	7:28	
3	5:28	6:20		4:39	6:57		4:09	7:29	
4	5:26	6:21		4:37	6:58		4:08	7:29	
5	5:24	6:22		4:36	6:59		4:08	7:30	◑
6	5:23	6:24		4:34	7:00	◑	4:07	7:31	
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29	4:44	6:52	●	4:11	7:25		4:09	7:38	
30	4:43	6:53		4:11	7:25		4:10	7:38	
31				4:10	7:26				

Eastern Standard time—Montpelier, VT

Add 1 hour for Daylight Savings Time if and when in use.

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 ● = New
 ◑ = Third Quarter
 ◐ = First Quarter

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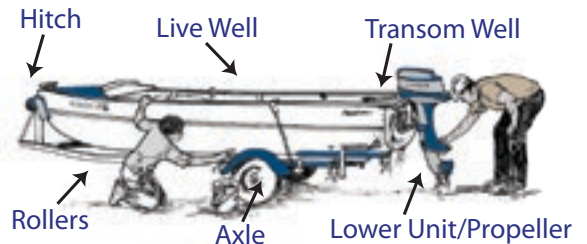


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- Drain** boat and equipment away from water.
- Dry** anything that comes into contact with water.

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



Day	JULY		AUG.		SEPT.	
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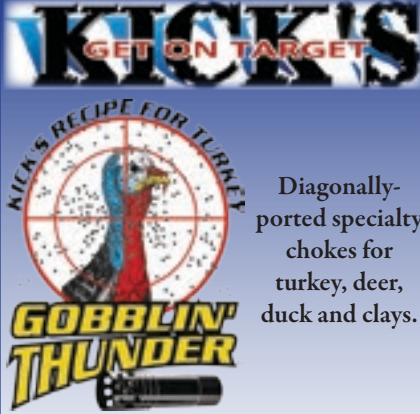


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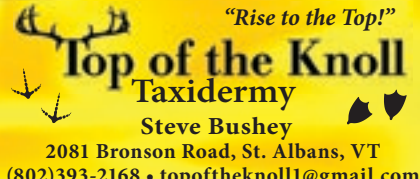



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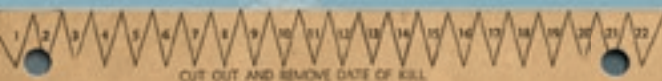
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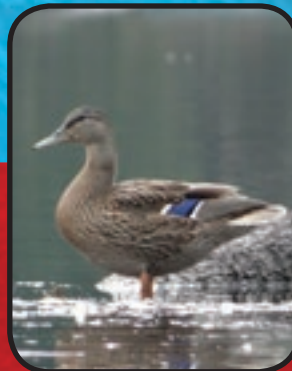
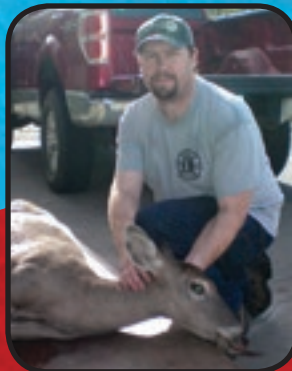


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