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Cover Photo: Fishing is a great way to get kids in the outdoors and to spend quality time with friends and family.

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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.



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A Special Message from the Commissioner



The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has a mission as clear as any you are likely to find. The statement “conservation of fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the people of Vermont,” is not only simple, it encompasses both an obligation and an opportunity.

We are the stewards, on behalf of all Vermonters—whether they hunt every season or occasionally watch birds in their backyards—of all the state’s plants and creatures, from the peregrine falcon to the rainbow smelt, from the smallest endangered

freshwater mussel to our resurging population of black bear, and from the dwarf birch to the lumbering moose.

But there is one word in that elegant phrase that garners too little attention. The word is habitat.

Of all the creatures in Vermont, perhaps none demonstrate the interdependence of an animal and its landscape more than white-tailed deer. Deer are more tolerant of human development than many species. A common joke among deer hunters that they frequently arrive home after a long day in remote, wild country only to spook a deer in their driveway.

Despite this tolerance of developed areas, deer depend on the landscape. Without adequate browse, and lacking the cover necessary to block winter snows or evade predators, deer numbers will dwindle. With healthy habitat, the population is incredibly resilient. But conversely, with too few hunters, deer populations can swiftly surpass what the land can support. Then, deer can rapidly overbrowse forests, cause car accidents or destroy crops.

That’s why we work to improve and protect the landscape for deer and for all wildlife. White-tailed deer in Vermont are near the northern edge of their range, struggling to survive winter’s deep snow and cold temperatures. For this reason, the Department puts high priority on protecting deer wintering habitats. Since 1995, we have protected and prevented the loss of approximately 54,000 acres of deer wintering area.

But, unlike in the West, here in Vermont 80 percent of the land is owned privately. So we try to expand our efforts beyond state property by helping landowners conserve important features on their property, and working with them to secure federal habitat-improvement grants.

Many of these projects have profound benefits to deer, ranging from creating young forest to enhancing the softwood cover of a deer wintering area. Since 2004, the Fish & Wildlife Department, in partnership with NRCS and Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, has improved more than 8,000 acres of wildlife habitat on private lands.

While there is a great deal more to be done, it’s clear that our mission has evolved into an effective, multi-faceted approach to conserving and managing habitat for the benefit of deer and for all of Vermont’s plants and animals. Working with hunters and landowners, we have been quite successful.

Together, we can create the right balance of deer, hunters, and accessible land to ensure we maintain a healthy deer population within a healthy habitat. That is our goal and our hope.

Louis Porter, Commissioner



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Big Game Hunting

| | | | | |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Deer | Bow & Arrow | | Oct. 1 – 28 & Dec. 3 – 11 | |
| | Youth Deer Weekend | | Nov. 5 – 6 | |
| | 16 Day Regular Season | | Nov. 12 – 27 | |
| | Muzzleloader | | Dec. 3 – 11 | |
| Black Bear | | | Early Season: Sept. 1 – Nov. 11 Late Season: Nov. 12 – 20 | |
| Turkey | Youth Turkey Weekend | | April 23 – 24 | |
| | Spring Season | | May 1 – 31 | |
| | Fall Seasons | Bow & Arrow only | In all WMUs statewide | October 1 – 21 |
| | | Shotgun or Bow & Arrow | WMUs B, D1, D2, G, H, I, J1, J2, L, M, O, P, and Q WMUs F1, F2, K, and N | October 22 – 30 October 22 – Nov. 6 |
| Moose | | | October hunting season; permit lottery. | |

Small Game Hunting

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|---------------------------|--|
| Hare, Rabbit | Sept. 26, 2015 – March 13, 2016 & Sept. 24, 2016 – March 12, 2017 WMUs D & E remain open through March 31 |
| Gray Squirrel | Sept. 1 – Dec. 31 |
| Ruffed Grouse (Partridge) | Sept. 24 – Dec. 31 |
| Woodcock, Waterfowl | To Be Announced |
| Crow | Jan. 15 – April 11 & Aug. 19 – Dec. 19 Friday - Monday inclusive |

Furbearer Hunting

| | |
|---|---|
| Bobcat | Jan. 10 – Feb. 7 |
| Red & Gray Fox | Oct. 24, 2015 – Feb. 14, 2016 & Oct. 22, 2016 – Feb. 12, 2017 |
| Raccoon | Oct. 8 – Dec. 31 |
| Muskrat | March 20 – April 19 |
| Coyote | Open Year Around |
| Marten, Lynx, Wolf, Eastern Mountain Lion | Closed Season |

Furbearer Trapping

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|---|---|
| Mink, Skunk, Red & Gray Fox, Raccoon, Coyote, Opossum, Weasel | Oct. 22 – Dec. 31 |
| Otter | Oct. 24, 2015 – Feb. 29, 2016 & Oct. 22, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017 |
| Muskrat | Oct. 24, 2015 – March 31, 2016 & Oct. 22, 2016 – March 31, 2017 |
| Fisher | Dec. 1 – 31 |
| Bobcat | Dec. 1 – 16 |
| Beaver | Oct. 24, 2015 – March 31, 2016 & Oct. 22, 2016 – March 31, 2017 |
| Marten, Lynx, Wolf, Eastern Mountain Lion | Closed Season |

Fishing

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|--|---|
| Trout & Landlocked Salmon | April 9 – Oct. 31 |
| Lake Champlain | No Closed Season |
| Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass | June 11 – Nov. 30 |
| Catch & Release — Lakes and Ponds | April 9 – June 10 |
| Catch & Release — Lakes Champlain only | Dec. 1, 2015 – June 10, 2016 |
| Pickering, N. Pike, Yellow Perch | No Closed Season |
| Walleye | May 2, 2015 – March 15, 2016 & May 7, 2016 – March 15, 2017 |
| Chittenden Reservoir and Connecticut River | See Tables 2 and 4 |
| Sauger | No Open Season |
| Smelt | No Closed Season |
| Free Fishing Days | Jan. 30, and June 11, 2016 |

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- A credit card. We accept Visa or MasterCard for payment.

NICE TO HAVE READY IF YOU HAVE ONE:

- Your Conservation Identification Number or CID #. You can look up your Conservation ID on the website or find it on your previous license.
- Your Vermont 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 in Vermont, any other state or Canada or have passed a State approved safety course. There will be a place on the application for you to enter your previous Vermont license number or you may complete the license affidavit form certifying 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 a fishing license. 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 are for consecutive days.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Type your information as you wish it to appear on your license. Your printed license and a photo ID should be carried whenever you go fishing, hunting or trapping.

(NEW this year) A digital version of your license carried with you is also acceptable, except for minor children who must still carry a paper license signed by their parent.

2. Purchase your license at one of our district offices or from an authorized license agent. A list

of license agents is available on our website or you can call us at 802-828-1190 for an agent closest to you.

3. Print a license application from our website to fill out and send in with your payment.

Licenses are Required

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

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

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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 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:

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Resident Status

In order to obtain resident licenses, a person must have lived in Vermont for the six months immediately prior to applying for a license and NOT claimed residence elsewhere for any other reason.

An applicant for a resident lifetime license must have been a resident for at least 12 months or must be a dependent of a resident.

A nonresident student who is enrolled in a high school, college or university within the state is entitled to a resident fishing, hunting or combination license.

To qualify, the student must have successfully completed two successive semesters at his or her Vermont 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.

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.



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.

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 holder. 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, at an authorized license agent, at our district offices 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 archery deer, he/she must purchase the additional archery license. If waterfowl hunting, he/she must also purchase state and federal duck stamps and register with H.I.P. each year.

Permanent licenses do not include duck stamps or entries into the moose and antlerless lotteries or permits.

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 or who is certified by a physician to have permanent severe physical mobility disability, 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 60% 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.

Permanent licenses do not include duck stamps or entries into the moose and antlerless lotteries or permits.

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.

Lifetime and Permanent License Renewal

NEW! If you intend to hunt, fish, or trap in 2016, you must update your lifetime, permanent disability, or permanent license regardless of whether or not you used your tags. This is a new statutory requirement and it has been put in place to allow the department to collect accurate harvest and licensing information for lifetime licenses. There is no penalty for the failure to renew.

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 authorized license agent or Fish & Wildlife Office and request to have your license updated.

You can also call us at 802-828-1190 to be updated. A license agent may charge you up to \$1.50 for a reprint.

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. Signed 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 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 centerfire and rimfire 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*. An electronic or digital copy of the license is acceptable, except for minor children who must still carry a paper license signed by their parent.

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.

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).

2016 License Fees

| Resident | | 5-Year License |
|--|---------|----------------|
| Fishing (under age 15 no license needed) | \$26.00 | \$124.00 |
| Youth Fishing (ages 15-17) | \$8.00 | |
| Three-Day Fishing ¹ | \$11.00 | |
| Hunting | \$26.00 | \$124.00 |
| Youth Hunting (age 17 or under) | \$8.00 | |
| Combination | \$41.00 | \$199.00 |
| Youth Combination (age 17 or under) | \$12.00 | |
| Mentored Hunting | \$10.00 | |
| Trapping | \$23.00 | \$109.00 |
| 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. 11 early season – hunting license needed) | \$5.00 | |
| Muzzleloader-Deer (hunting license needed) ⁴ | \$23.00 | |
| Permanent license (Residents only, 65 or older) | \$50.00 | |

| Nonresident | | 5-Year License |
|--|----------|----------------|
| Fishing (under age 15 no license needed) | \$51.00 | \$249.00 |
| Youth Fishing (ages 15-17) | \$15.00 | |
| One-Day Fishing ¹ | \$21.00 | |
| Three-Day Fishing ¹ | \$23.00 | |
| Seven-Day Fishing ¹ | \$31.00 | |
| 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 | \$305.00 | \$1,519.00 |
| 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. 11 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 and their fees are available on-line at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

"TAKE" and **"TAKING"** mean pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, capturing, trapping, disturbing, harrying, 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:


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

Threatened & Endangered Species

Anyone who takes or injures a Vermont Threatened or Endangered Species is subject to either civil enforcement or

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criminal prosecution for a big game violation. Criminal penalties include up to 60 days incarceration, a \$500 fine to \$2000 fine, a \$2000 payment to the fish and game fund, and restitution costs. Agency civil enforcement penalties are capped at \$42,500 for a single violation. The complete list of threatened and endangered species is available on the Fish & Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com). The list includes: lake sturgeon, stonecat, timber rattlesnake, bald eagle, spruce grouse, beach heather, great laurel, 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.

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

A landowner, or a person having the exclusive right to take fish or wild animals on land or the waters thereon may maintain signs stating that hunting, fishing, or trapping or any combination of the three is **prohibited or by permission only**.

See *10 V.S.A. Appendix Sect. 14* for fish stocking requirements to post against fishing.

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

Posting and Permission Only Signs

- The owner or person posting the land, shall annually record the posting at the town clerk's office for a fee of \$5.00.
- Signs must be not less than 8 ½ inches by 11 inches.
- Lettering and background on the signs must be of contrasting colors.
- Signs must be maintained at all times and dated each year.
- Signs must be erected on or near all boundaries, at each corner, and not over 400 feet apart.
- Signs shall not be considered void if other language is added, as long as a reasonable person would understand that hunting, fishing or trapping are prohibited.

LOCATION OF POSTING SIGNS: Posting signs and "By Permission Only" 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. 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. 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

Vermont Fish & Wildlife owns 89 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), two conservation camps, five fish culture stations, and other conservation lands totaling more than 133,000 acres throughout Vermont. A rule enacted in 2013 allows the department to better protect the public's use of and interests in these lands. WMAs were created for the conservation of fish, wildlife and their habitats, 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. 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:

- Hunting, fishing, trapping, target shooting *at designated shooting ranges*, and associated activities in accordance with all applicable Vermont Fish & Wildlife laws and regulations;
- Fish and wildlife viewing and photography;
- Boating, including launching and landing, for fish-based and

wildlife-based activities where not otherwise prohibited by any other relevant regulations or statutes;

- Dispersed, wildlife-based pedestrian activities including walking, snowshoeing, swimming, cross-country skiing, and collection of shed antlers;
- Non-commercial picking of berries, nuts, fungi and other wild edibles except ginseng;
- Guiding for purposes of fishing, hunting and trapping;
- Camping for purposes of hunting, fishing or trapping:

- 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.

- 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 within the following WMAs:

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

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 guiding for purposes of fishing, hunting and trapping, or wildlife viewing;
- 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 when allowed under 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: para-sailing, hang-gliding, recreational rock climbing, and geocaching.

New Deer Hunting Regulations

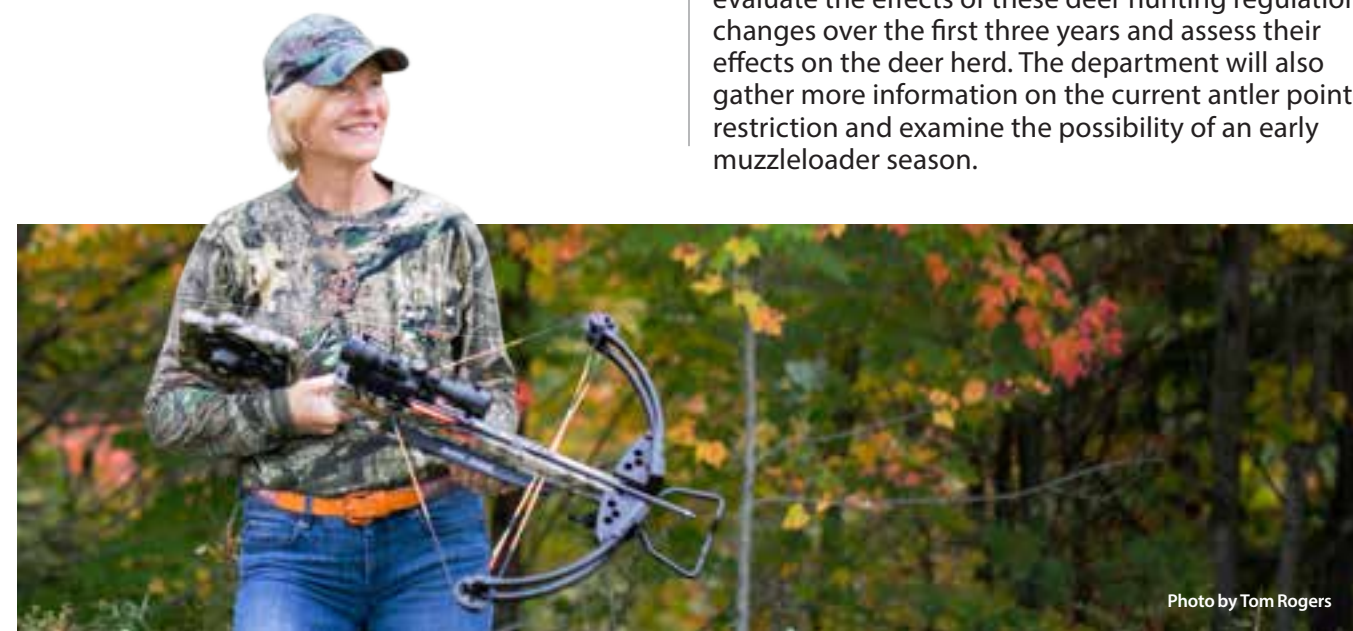
New rules and regulations in 2016 expand opportunities for hunters while continuing to maintain a healthy deer herd

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Board voted to make several changes to deer hunting regulations starting in 2016. They did this in collaboration with the Fish & Wildlife Department after gathering information through public hearings, regional working groups, and by listening to department staff, hunters, and landowners.

During this process, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department conducted a public survey and found that 68 percent of Vermont hunters were generally satisfied with Vermont deer hunting. As a result, the Fish & Wildlife Board decided to implement several small changes to deer hunting regulations instead of a major overhaul.

Crossbows

Crossbows are now legal in Vermont for hunters aged 50 and older whenever a regular bow and arrow can be used for hunting. The Board decided to allow these hunters to use a crossbow because license sales data indicate that participation in archery hunting declines among hunters in their 50's. Crossbows may still be used by hunters of any age with a disability who receive a crossbow permit.



An extended archery season

The Board added five days to the end of the October portion of archery season to expand hunting opportunity with a limited impact on deer populations. The first part of archery season will begin the first Saturday in October and run 28 consecutive days. These five days were added at the end of the October portion of the archery season based on input from hunters who wanted more hunting opportunities closer to the buck rut.

The second part of archery season would remain the same to coincide with the December muzzleloader season – nine days beginning the Saturday after the end of the November deer season.

The lengths of youth deer season, November rifle season and muzzleloader season remain the same.

Lower bag limits

The archery and muzzleloader season limits have been reduced from three to two deer.

Evaluation

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department will evaluate the effects of these deer hunting regulation changes over the first three years and assess their effects on the deer herd. The department will also gather more information on the current antler point restriction and examine the possibility of an early muzzleloader season.

Natural Deer Fluid Lures Banned

Why the threat of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) led the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Board to ban the use of these products



Chronic wasting disease, or CWD, is a disease that spreads quickly within deer herds, particularly among adult bucks, and causes infected individuals to lose body weight and eventually die. It is 100-percent fatal to white-tailed deer and is currently found in 23 states and two Canadian provinces.

Why ban urine lures?

CWD is spread by deer urine and other bodily fluids. After infected fluid is deposited in soil, it can remain infectious for decades. Because of this, Vermont recently joined Arizona, Virginia, Ontario, and parts of Pennsylvania in banning the use of natural deer urine lures by hunters.

Synthetic lures and food-scented lures pose no threat to the herd and are still permitted for use by hunters in Vermont.

Deer are able to contract CWD and spread the disease for up to a year before they demonstrate any symptoms of the disease. Deer can only be tested for CWD after they die. Therefore, facilities may be producing and selling deer urine lures from deer herds that show no symptoms of the disease but are actually infected with CWD. This happened in Pennsylvania - the first case of CWD was recorded in

a captive deer facility that claimed to be "CWD-free" and was selling deer urine lures online.

Destroy existing urine lures

It is not possible to track and recall bottles of lure that have been sold from an infected facility, so hunters would unknowingly continue to use urine that likely contains CWD prions and risk spreading the disease. Even if most captive deer herds are actually "CWD-free," urine lures from different sources are commonly mixed so all it would take is one infected herd to create a problem.

Once CWD is established in wild deer herds, no state has been able to control it despite considerable effort and expense. In most cases, states try to slow the spread of the disease through a dramatic depopulation of the local deer herd.

What you can do

The Fish & Wildlife Board and the Fish & Wildlife Department felt that implementing strong preventative measures was the only tool available to combat this disease. You can help Vermont's deer herd and follow the law by using synthetic lure alternatives.



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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 hunters unless that land is "Posted" against hunting. The only exception is that landowner permission is required for youth turkey and youth deer 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 usually find that landowners are happy to grant permission.

Visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com 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 except in specifically designated areas. Check out the WMA maps on the Fish & Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com), and in the "Guide to Wildlife Management Areas of Vermont" guidebook, available through the online store.

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.

Youth Hunting: Lifelong Pursuit

Vermont makes it easy for families to take time out and focus on young hunters by offering special youth seasons

Hunter Education: The First Step

No matter their age, all aspiring hunters, bowhunters and trappers must first successfully complete their respective hunter education course before purchasing their first license. The courses are free, led by certified volunteer instructors, and open to all ages and experience levels. The courses include basic firearm, bowhunter, combination hunter-bowhunter, and trapper education. Though available year-around, most courses are offered between August and October. All courses include a hands-on field day. Finding a course is

easy using online registration. Just pick your desired class type, and sign up! You can even search by location or date for specific classes in your area. Check back frequently as the website is updated often when new courses are scheduled. Bookmark this link for all our course listings: <http://www.register-ed.com/programs/vermont>

To find a course or for more information visit us online:
http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt/hunter_education



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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 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 this experience occurs with a family member or mentor.

- **Hunt Smart.** Scouting and range practice are necessary and exciting ingredients in 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.

Homestudy Option

Most courses are offered in a homestudy format to meet the needs of today's busy lifestyles. Rather than attending a series of classroom lectures, students complete a workbook or an online course before attending a field day.



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, weekend-long 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, unarmed mentor. Being with family and friends is the most important reason why kids hunts and 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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Fluorescent Orange

Hunter orange is not required by law in Vermont, but wearing it might save your life. Almost all 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 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 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 & (NEW this year) Suppressors

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, or a gun suppressor.

"Gun suppressor" means any device for silencing, muffling, or diminishing the report of a portable firearm, including any combination of parts, designed or redesigned, and intended for use in assembling or fabricating a gun suppressor, and any part intended only for use in such assembly or fabrication.

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.

Bow and Arrow

Unless otherwise provided, any game which may be taken by shooting may be taken by use of bow and arrow.

Crossbows (NEW this year)

Crossbows may be used as a means of take during any season that permits the use of bow and arrow by any person 50 years or older, or anyone with a disability permit.

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 raccoon 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 each year 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.)

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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.

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

PERMANENTLY DISABLED HUNTERS: A permanently disabled hunter with a proper permit may hunt from a stationary boat, or a motor vehicle that is at least 10 feet from the traveled portion of the road and when he or she has the landowner's permission to park. Shooting across the road is prohibited. 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: A person shall not take or attempt to take any wild animal by shooting a firearm, muzzleloader, bow and arrow or crossbow while on or within 25 feet of the traveled portion of a public highway, except a public highway designated Class 4 on a town highway map. A person while on or within the traveled portion of a Class 4 public highway shall not take or attempt to take any wild animal by shooting a firearm, muzzleloader, bow and arrow, or crossbow. It is illegal to shoot a firearm, muzzleloader, bow and arrow, or crossbow over or across the travelled portion of a public highway. Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

AERIAL HUNTING: It is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take wild animals while a person is in an aircraft. Aircraft includes, but is not limited to, planes and helicopters.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take wild animals by use of an unmanned aerial vehicle or drone. "Drone" means any device capable of flying in the air which is remotely, automatically or otherwise piloted without an occupant.

It is unlawful for any person to use an aerial vehicle, drone or unmanned aircraft to:

- Attempt to locate, surveil, or aid or assist in attempting to locate or surveil any wild animal for the purpose of taking or attempting to take a wild animal; or
- Communicate the location of any wild animal to any person on the ground for the purpose of taking or attempting to take a wild animal; or
- Drive, harass, or otherwise assist or aid in the taking or attempting to take a wild animal.

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 sporting 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 through the day before the opening day of raccoon hunting season, 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.

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. A permitted bear houndsman may not pursue any bear for any hunter beyond a half-hour after sunset.

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.

Tree Stands & Ground Blinds

PRIVATE LAND: A person must have the landowner's permission to build, erect, maintain, use or occupy a permanent or portable tree stand or ground blind for any purpose on any private land in Vermont. Anyone who builds, erects, or

maintains a tree stand or ground blind shall permanently mark the stand or blind with the owner's name and address. Marking must be legible and placed so it can be read conveniently and easily. This does not apply to a landowner who builds, erects, or maintains a tree stand or ground blind on his or her own land. It is illegal to use someone else's stand or 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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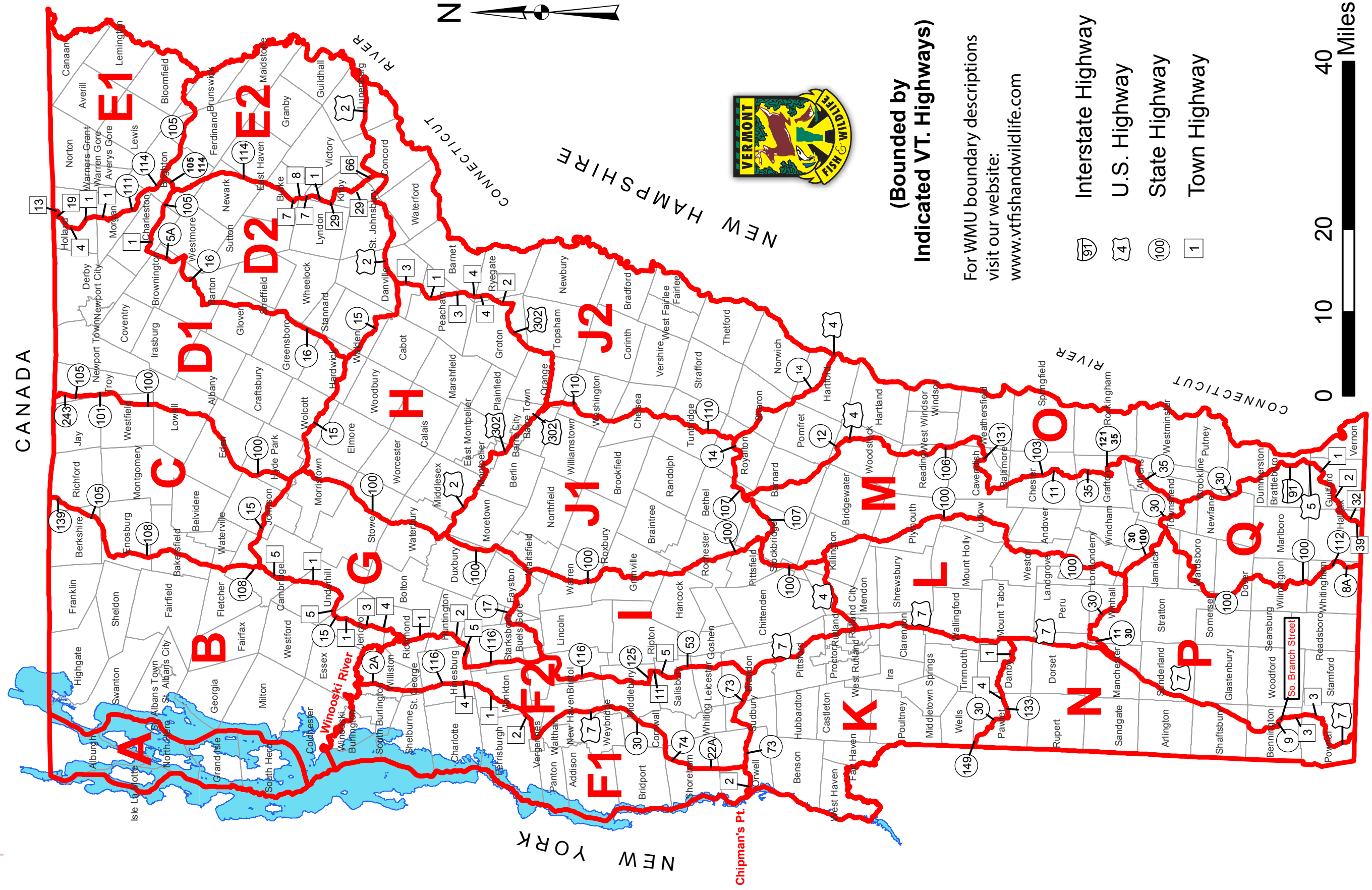
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Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) Map



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. Either a paper tag or durable tag may be used.

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.

Biological Information

Proper management of big game populations requires the collection of critical biological data that is used to estimate the size and health of the populations. Successful hunters need to make every effort to provide this information when reporting a big game animal.



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. A person shall not transport game taken by someone else unless the person who took the game accompanies it.

All other regulations regarding the transportation of fish or game apply to the transportation of big game. 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).

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.

Optional Vermont Big Game Tag

Optional Vermont Big Game Tags are available from license agents as durable alternatives to the paper tags on licenses. Optional tags may be used to tag deer, bear or turkeys, but they are not for use with moose or muzzleloader antlerless deer. Record your CONSERVATION ID number (top left corner of your license) on the Optional Big Game Tag. A qualifying landowner may use the tag by writing "landowner" in the same space.

The existing paper tag that comes with a license may also be used.

- 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.

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. They also may face additional civil penalties. 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.

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.

The greatest deer densities are found in eastern counties south of St. Johnsbury, as well as the southwest and northwest quarters of the state. Generally, the Green Mountain range 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. Two 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 Limits and Regulation Updates

Deer regulations are usually updated annually. The deer permit numbers for antlerless deer hunting for each WMU are issued in the late spring or early summer. After public notice and hearings, the Board lists 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" (See definition below). A hunter may take no more than one legal buck per season (youth, archery, rifle, muzzleloader). Although archery season is divided into an early and late portion, it is considered a single season.

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.

Biological information

Deer hunters can contribute valuable information for the management of Vermont's deer herd by 1) completing the annual rifle season hunter effort surveys should they receive one in the mail, and 2) reporting their deer at select biological check stations during the youth and rifle season weekend. This will enable biologists to record key information such as age, antler characteristics, and health of the harvested deer.

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.

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 and Deer Lures

(NEW this year) 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, and they are not a product containing any cervid urine, blood, gland oil, feces, or other bodily fluids, 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;

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- 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 from its base at the main beam to its 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 and only if allowed annually by the Fish & Wildlife Board.

Bow & Arrow Deer Season — Oct. 1–28 and Dec. 3–11, 2016

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: (NEW this year) No more than two deer may be taken during the archery season only one of which may be a legal buck, not to exceed the annual limit. One legal buck may be taken during the two-part October and December archery season anywhere in the state. For purposes of the one legal buck annual archery season limit, the October and December seasons are considered one season and hunters may take only one legal buck during the entire season. In 2015, Wildlife Management Units E1 and E2 were 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.otfishandwildlife.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 or with crossbow by a person 50 years of age or older, or by crossbow by a person with a disability permit. 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 archery hunting deer in the bow and arrow season.

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.

(NEW this year) CROSSBOWS: A crossbow may be used by anyone 49 years of age or younger with a crossbow disability permit or by anyone 50 years of age or older to take any game that may be taken by bow and arrow. The crossbow disability permit is issued to a person so physically impaired that he or she cannot operate a standard bow and 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. 5–6, 2016

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 BY LAW in order to hunt on private land with a youth deer tag during youth deer weekend. All relevant game laws and regulations apply during the **YOUTH DEER HUNTING WEEKEND**, including the prohibition on baiting and road hunting.

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

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

November Rifle Deer Season — Nov. 12–27, 2016

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. 3–11, 2016

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.

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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.

Caution: It Is Unlawful To —

- Hunt or take deer, bear, turkeys or waterfowl with bait
- Feed deer or bear
- Pick up carcasses of protected wildlife
- Take game except with a gun, bow and arrow, or crossbow by permit
- Set or use a snare
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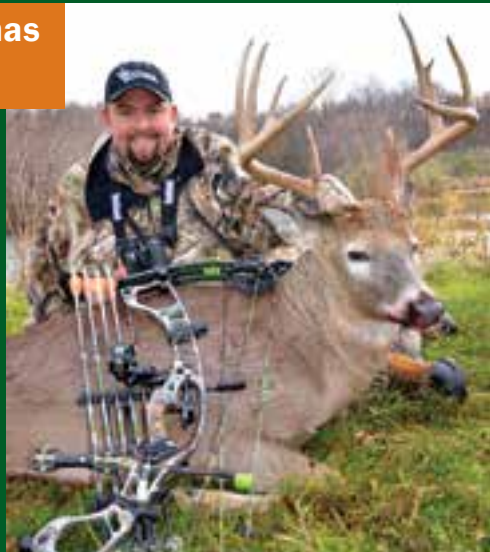


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Be Bear Aware










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. 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

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.



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 bears by finding concentrated food sources 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 is also great-tasting, nutritious meat. When properly prepared, bear meat compares favorably to pork.

General Bear Hunting— Early Season — Sept. 1–Nov. 11, 2016 Late Season — Nov. 12–20, 2016

- 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.
- It is illegal to feed bears, even when not hunting for them.
- We recommend that you do 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.

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.



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 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. It is unlawful to take a bear that is being pursued by hounds if you are not a permit or sub-permit holder.



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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.). A couple 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. You can now look up the number of bonus points you have accumulated through the moose hunt lotto at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

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 permit 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 .45 caliber with a minimum barrel length of 20 inches and designed to be fired from the shoulder;
- A muzzleloading pistol of not less than .45 caliber with a minimum barrel length of 10 inches;
- A shotgun not less than 20 gauge with slugs;
- A bow of not less than 50 pound draw weight.



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Wild turkeys represent one of Vermont's greatest conservation success stories. By the mid-1800s turkeys had disappeared from the state. 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 recently taken nearly more than 5,000 gobblers in the spring season and more than 1,000 birds in the fall.

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 vertical bow and arrow may be used by any hunter. Hunters 50 years old and older may use crossbows. Only number 2 through number 8 shot shall be used or possessed, and an arrowhead must be at least 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 immediately attach the proper tag to the carcass. The tag must remain on the carcass until the carcass is prepared for consumption.

Safety

Turkey hunting requires some additional measures of safety that may not be practiced in other forms of hunting. Never stalk a gobbling turkey — your chances of getting close are poor and you may be sneaking up on another hunter.

Wear blaze orange when walking in and out of your hunting site, and wrap any turkeys you bag in blaze orange. Use only hen calls to avoid potentially attracting another hunter with a gobbler call. Sit with your back against a tree in a spot with a good field of vision, and avoid sitting in the potential line of fire should another hunter mistakenly shoot at your decoy.

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 23–24, 2016

Vermont's **YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING WEEKEND** was initiated in 2002 and has been a great success. Most recently, more than 750 turkeys were harvested by resident and nonresident youth hunters during this special weekend which is held 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.

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

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, 2016

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 1-21, 2016 in all WMUs statewide
- Shotgun or Bow and Arrow: October 22-October 30, 2016 in WMUs B, D1, D2, G, H, I, J1, J2, L, M, O, P, and Q
- Shotgun or Bow and Arrow: October 22 - November 6, 2016 WMUs F1, F2, K, and N.

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.

Migratory Game Bird Regulations

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

Waterfowl Hunting

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

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

Seasons & Bag Limits

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|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 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 |
| (NEW this year) Crow | Friday – Monday only, inclusive, January 15 - April 11 and August 19 – December 19 | No limit |

* Practically nonexistent except by private stocking.

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. Note that the federal waterfowl stamp must be signed.

Before you start waterfowl hunting, make sure you have the following four things:

1. A valid Vermont hunting license.
2. A Federal duck stamp, available at most post offices
3. A Vermont state duck stamp, available wherever Vermont hunting licenses are sold

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 black ducks 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.

4. A H.I.P. number, available at www.vtfishandwildlife.com or at 1-877-306-7091

(State and federal duck stamps are required only for hunters 16 and older)

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.

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.

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.

Placement of signs for the purposes of claiming duck blind locations has no basis in law and is unenforceable.

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 a 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. A H.I.P. number is required to hunt woodcock and common snipe.

Spruce Grouse or Ruffed Grouse? Know the Difference



Male Spruce Grouse



Female Spruce Grouse



Ruffed Grouse

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 significant fines..

Harvest Information Program for Migratory Game 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 on 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.

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 portion of the state at 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.



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.

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).

Furbearer Hunting Seasons

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| Bobcat | Jan. 10 – Feb. 7 |
| Red & Gray Fox | Oct. 24, 2015 – Feb. 14, 2016 & Oct. 22, 2016 – Feb. 12, 2017 |
| Raccoon | Oct. 8 – Dec. 31 |
| Muskrat | March 20 – April 19 |
| Coyote, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel | No Closed Season |
| Beaver, Otter, Mink, Fisher, Marten, Lynx, Wolf, Mountain Lion | No Open Season |

Furbearer Trapping Seasons

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|---|--|
| Mink, Skunk, Red & Gray Fox, Raccoon, Coyote, Opossum, Weasel | Oct. 22 – Dec. 31 |
| Otter | Oct. 24, 2015 – Feb. 29, 2016 & Oct. 22, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017 |
| Muskrat | Oct. 24, 2015 – March 31, 2016 & Oct. 22, 2016 – March 31, 2017 |
| Fisher | Dec. 1 – 31 |
| Bobcat | Dec. 1 – 16 |
| Beaver | Oct. 24, 2015 – March 31, 2016 & Oct. 22, 2016 – March 31, 2017 |
| Marten, Lynx, Wolf, Mountain Lion | No Open Season |

Restrictions

- 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.
- 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.

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- 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.

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.

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

Bobcat; Otter; Fisher

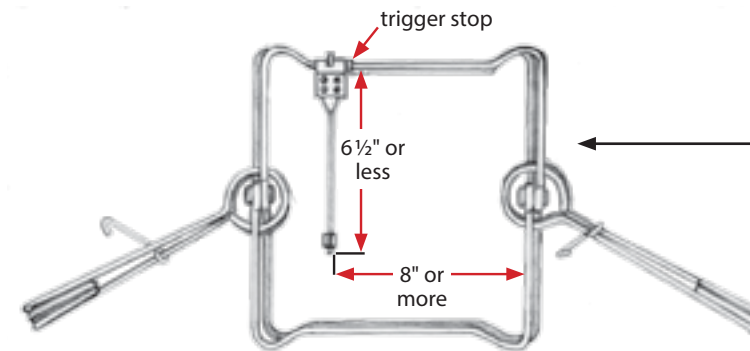
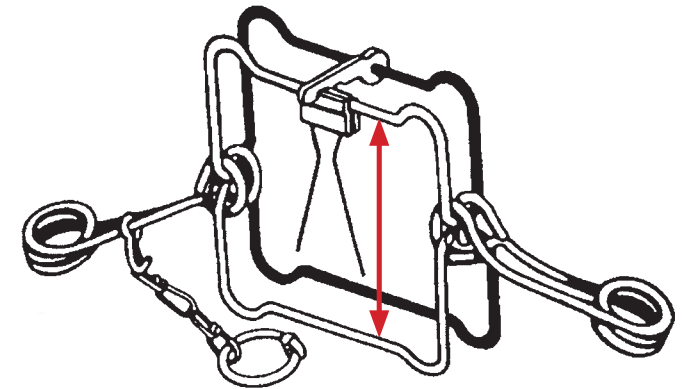
- From December 17 to December 31, both dates inclusive, in order to minimize incidental bobcat harvest during the remainder of the fisher season, a person shall not set a body-gripping trap with a jaw spread over 6 inches measured inside the jaws unless the trap is set 5 or more feet above the ground, 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.
- 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.

How to measure a body-gripping trap:

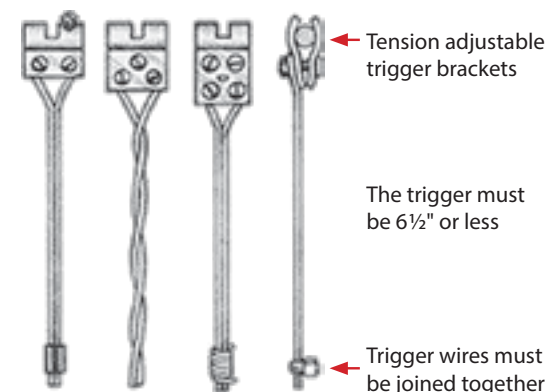
Measure the inside distance between the outer frames of the trap. The addition of one or more bars to the inside of the frame **does not** change the way these traps are measured. The measurement is still the **MAXIMUM** distance as shown in this picture:



Specific Requirements of the March Beaver Season Trap Configuration are Shown in this Diagram:

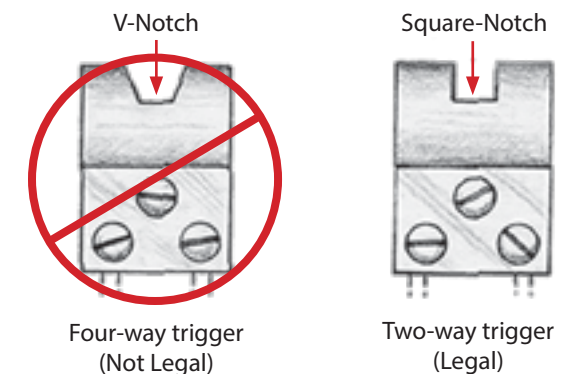
Body-gripping trap with tension adjustable/parallel trigger & trigger stop.

Examples of Acceptable Tension Adjustable/Parallel Triggers

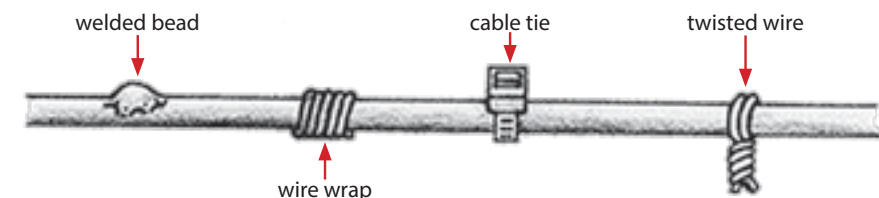


Recommended tension: 8 to 12 oz.

Examples of Non-legal vs. Legal Trigger Brackets



Examples of Acceptable Trigger Stops



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Canada Lynx or Bobcat?

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 variably colored, often appearing reddish brown or gray, 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 **must notify the department as soon as possible before removing the animal from the trap**, unless a department official cannot be reached in time to avoid injury to the lynx. Any lynx released under this provision must be reported to the department within 24 hours from the time it was discovered. To report an incidental capture, call Chris Bernier at (802)777-0823 or contact your local game warden.

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.

Canada Lynx - state endangered



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Bobcat



PHOTO CREDIT: DEB JAMES

| Lynx | Bobcat |
|-----------------|-------------|
| | |
| | |
| 24" - 33" | |
| | |
| | |
| 3 1/2" | 2 1/4" |
| 3 3/4" - 4 3/4" | Montana FWP |

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. If CWD is ever 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.

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.

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, Maine 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.

NEW this year It is illegal 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.

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, Ohio, 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

Canoeing, campfires, fishing and fun.
What a great way to spend a week this Summer!

Discover Vermont's wildlife and master outdoor skills. Vermont Fish & Wildlife offers one-week sessions for boys and girls, ages 12 to 14.

Sessions run from June through August at two beautiful lake-side locations.

For more information call 802-828-1460 or visit our website: www.vtfishandwildlife.com



Making Fishing Memories in Vermont for 125 Years

Fishing is a popular pastime enjoyed by many throughout Vermont. This year marks a particularly important milestone in the Green Mountain State as the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department celebrates the 125th anniversary of the Vermont fish hatchery program! Although a lot has changed since the inception of the hatchery program in 1891, our mission to restore and maintain fish populations and to provide recreational angling opportunities has remained steadfast.

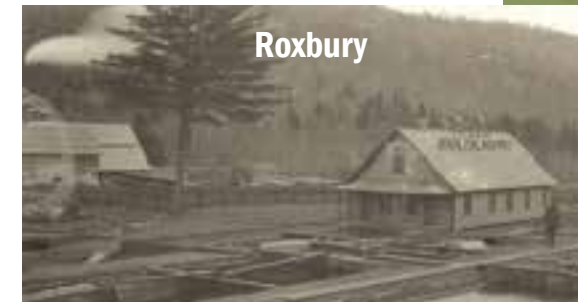
Whether you have trolled for landlocked Atlantic salmon and lake trout on Lake Champlain with your friends, casted a bobber and worm for brook trout on a family fishing trip to Rood Pond, or just enjoyed the excitement of casting a fly in the early dawn for a Winooski River brown trout, stocked fish have played an important part in the heritage and enjoyment of many Vermonters.

Simply put, Vermont just wouldn't be Vermont without its diverse and exciting angling opportunities. We at the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department are proud of our longstanding legacy of improving Vermont's fisheries and connecting people with the outdoors through fish stocking for more than 125 years. Visit one of our fish culture stations today to see firsthand what has changed throughout the last century!

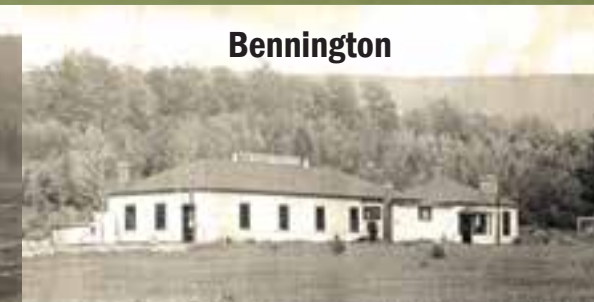
Even after 125 years, family and friends are still making memories by fishing in Vermont.



In the early days, wagons like this one from Roxbury Fish Hatchery (built 1891) stocked fish across Vermont.



Roxbury



Bennington

This year marks milestone years for Vermont's two oldest fish hatcheries: Roxbury Hatchery is 125 years old and Bennington Fish Hatchery is 100 years old.



Fish rearing techniques might have changed over the years but the department's commitment to raising quality fish for Vermont's waters has not.



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. 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 fishing opportunity!

WHAT A DEAL!

A fishing license costs less than a tank of gas but allows you to fish for a whole year with just a single purchase. As a special bonus children under 15 can fish for free. Fishing licenses are conveniently available on our website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com). Your fishing license helps to fund the management and conservation of Vermont's fisheries.

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 "coldwater" fish. They can only survive in cold, clean water and diverse habitat. Trout are also stocked in some of the larger streams and rivers 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 and June before water temperatures increase. In contrast, wild trout in Vermont's cold streams and rivers can be caught all summer long and 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 as the Batten Kill, Mettawee, White, and Willoughby are high on the list of Vermont's prime 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. Best of all, a lake or pond might be just down the road from your house. 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.

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

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...

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department works to protect and restore rare and endangered fish species. To help us in this effort, we're asking anglers to learn to identify these species and release them immediately if caught while fishing.

Muskellunge (or "muskie")

More than 44,000 muskies have been stocked in the Missisquoi region in an effort to bring this majestic fish species back to Lake Champlain. If these muskies survive and begin reproducing naturally, they will provide an exciting fishing opportunity in Vermont. They are sometimes difficult to distinguish from northern pike or chain pickerel, and the increasingly common pike-pickerel hybrid.



While anglers may legally target muskie statewide with artificial flies and lures, all muskie caught anywhere in Vermont must be released immediately.

Sturgeon

The lake sturgeon is listed as an endangered species in Vermont. Biologists have documented spawning activity in Vermont rivers that were historical sturgeon spawning sites, and they are working to restore sturgeon by improving habitat, restoring stream flow, removing obstructions in rivers, and lessening the impact of sea lamprey predation.



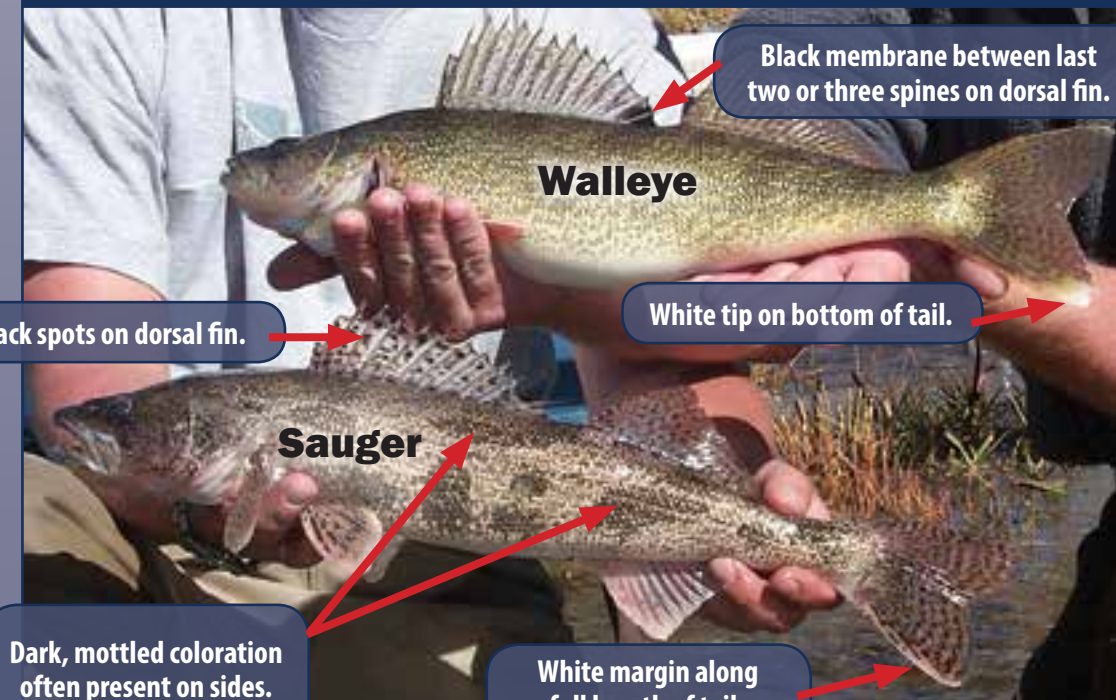
Anglers may not target sturgeon and must release them if caught incidentally. Please report the sighting to the department.

Sauger or Walleye? Please Learn the Difference

Sauger

Sauger populations are declining across their range and Vermont is no exception. To help protect this fish, a new regulation prohibits anglers from targeting sauger. Since walleye and sauger are similar in appearance, anglers should learn how to distinguish between the two.

If a sauger is caught incidentally, anglers must release it and should report the sighting to the department.



NEW for 2016! Master Angler Bonus Challenge

We've added a new twist to the popular Master Angler Program we're calling the "Bonus Challenge." For five years now, anglers from around the state have enjoyed learning about fish biology, habitat, and feeding preferences, and using that knowledge to catch a wide variety of trophy sized fish species.

Now we're looking to put your angling knowledge and skills to the test by challenging anglers to catch five Master Angler species we randomly selected from four categories: Coldwater, Warmwater, Panfish, and Alternative – plus one "wild card" species. New "Bonus Challenge" species lists will be developed each year.

Any angler who successfully completes the 2016 Bonus Challenge will receive extra recognition and a special prize!

Master Angler Program

But don't worry – the regular Master Angler Program will continue as always, recognizing exceptional anglers and the trophy-sized fish they catch from Vermont waters. All qualifying catches will continue to be featured on the department's website and in the annual Master Angler Program report. Anglers will receive a certificate for each trophy fish catch, and a collectible lapel pin for catching at least five different species of their choice from the list of 33 eligible Master Angler species.

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

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 will help you enjoy the many spectacular fishing opportunities in Vermont. Whether you want to stay close to Burlington, or check out fishing at one the Vermont's state parks, or head to the Northeast Kingdom, we've picked locations where you can take the kids fishing and have a good chance of catching some fish.

To learn more about Vermont's great fishing opportunities visit: www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

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.
- Two Free Fishing Days - no license needed on the last Saturday in January and second Saturday in June.
- One-, three- and seven-day fishing licenses are available.

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're looking for.

2016 Bonus Challenge Species



Where the Fish Are



Champlain Valley

| Lakes & Ponds | MAP NUMBER | ACREAGE | ACCESS | LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT | RAINBOW BROOK TROUT | RAINBOW SALMON | YELLOW PERCH | SMALLMOUTH BASS | LARGEMOUTH BASS | CHAIN PICKEREL | NORTHERN PERCH | WALLEYE | BULLHEAD | PANFISH | GRAPPIE | BURBOT |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|--------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| Arrowhead Mountain Lake | 1 | 760 | Ut | | | | | C | C | C | P | P | C | C | C | C |
| Lake Carmi | 2 | 1,402 | St | | | | | C | C | C | | | P | C | C | C |
| Cedar Lake (Monkton Pond) | 5 | 123 | St | | | | | C | C | C | | | | P | C | P |
| Lake Champlain | 1,59 | 279,067 | Xt | | P | P | C | C | P | C | C | C | C | C | C | C |
| Colchester Pond | 1,5 | 186 | Mc | | | | | 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 | C |
| Fairfield Pond | 1 | 446 | Sud | | | | | C | P | 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 |
| Lake Iroquois | 5 | 243 | St | | | | | C | P | C | 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 | C | C |
| Metcalf Pond | 2 | 81 | Mc | | | | | C | | C | C | | C | C | C | C |
| Richville Reservoir | 9 | 129 | St | | | | | C | C | C | | | C | C | C | C |
| Shelburne Pond | 5 | 452 | St | | | | | 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 | | C | C |
| Sunset Lake | 9 | 202 | Ut | | C | P | | C | | C | P | C | C | C | C | C |
| Winona Lake (Bristol Pond) | 5 | 248 | St | | | | | C | C | P | C | | C | C | C | C |

Rivers & Streams

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| Browns River | | P | P | C | | | | | | | | | | | P | |
| Huntington River | | P | C | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lamoille River | | P | P | C | P | P | P | P | P | C | C | C | P | P | | |
| Lamoille River North Branch | | C | C | C | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lemon Fair River | | | | | | C | 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 | | |
| 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



Central Region

| Lakes & Ponds | MAP NUMBER | ACREAGE | ACCESS | LANDLOCKED BROOK TROUT | RAINBOW BROOK TROUT | RAINBOW SALMON | YELLOW PERCH | SMALLMOUTH BASS | LARGEMOUTH BASS | CHAIN PICKEREL | NORTHERN PERCH | WALLEYE <th>BULLHEAD</th> <th>PANFISH</th> <th>GRAPPIE</th> <th>BURBOT</th> | BULLHEAD | PANFISH | GRAPPIE | BURBOT |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|--------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| Berlin Pond | 10 | 240 | | | | | | | | C | | | C | C | P | C |
| Buck Lake | 7 | 39 | Sc | | | | | | | C | | | | | C | C |
| Curtis Pond | 6 | 72 | St | | | | | | | C | C | C | | | C | P |
| East Long Pond | 7 | 188 | Pf | | | | P | P | | C | | | | | C | P |
| Lake Eden | 2 | 194 | St | | | | C | | | C | | | C | C | C | C |
| Lake Elmore | 6 | 219 | St | | | | | | | 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 |
| Fosters Pond | 7 | 61 | St | | | | | | | | | | C | | C | |
| Green River Reservoir | 2 | 554 | Sc | | | | | | | C | P | C | C | C | C | C |
| Lake Greenwood | 7 | 80 | St | | | | C | C | | C | | | C | C | C | C |
| Lake Groton | 7 | 385 | Sr | | | | | | | C | C | C | C | C | C | C |
| Halls Lake | 7 | 85 | Mt | | | | | | | C | C | C | C | C | C | C |
| Harveys Lake | 7 | 351 | St | | | | 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 |
| 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 | C |
| Molly's Falls Reservoir | 7 | 397 | St | | 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 |
| 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 |
| Sabin Pond (Woodbury Lake) | 7 | 142 | St | | | | C | C | | P | C | | C | C | C | C |
| Ticklenaked Pond | 7 | 54 | St | | | | | | | C | | | C | C | C | P |
| Valley Lake (Dog Pond) | 7 | 88 | Sc | | | | | | | C | | | C | | C | C |
| Waterbury Reservoir | 6 | 859 | St | | | | C | C | | C | C | | | | C | C |
| Wolcott Pond | 3 | 74 | St | | | | | | | C | | | | | P | P |
| Wrightsville Reservoir | 6 | 190 | St | | | | | | | C | | | C | C | C | C |

Rivers & Streams

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|--------------------------|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

RELEASING FISH

Harvesting and eating a freshly caught fish is part of the angling experience. However, catch and release fishing can also be enjoyable. The Fish & Wildlife Department has many catch & release fishing locations throughout Vermont, which are listed on page 58. 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 months.
- 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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Location of Recently Visited Waterbodies

1 Vessels 500+

Data Source: LCBP
Origin water bodies are those visited by a vessel within two weeks of entering Lake Champlain during the 2014 Boat Launch Steward season (Memorial Day-Labor Day). Data are limited to visitors interviewed by stewards.

Boat Launch Steward Sites

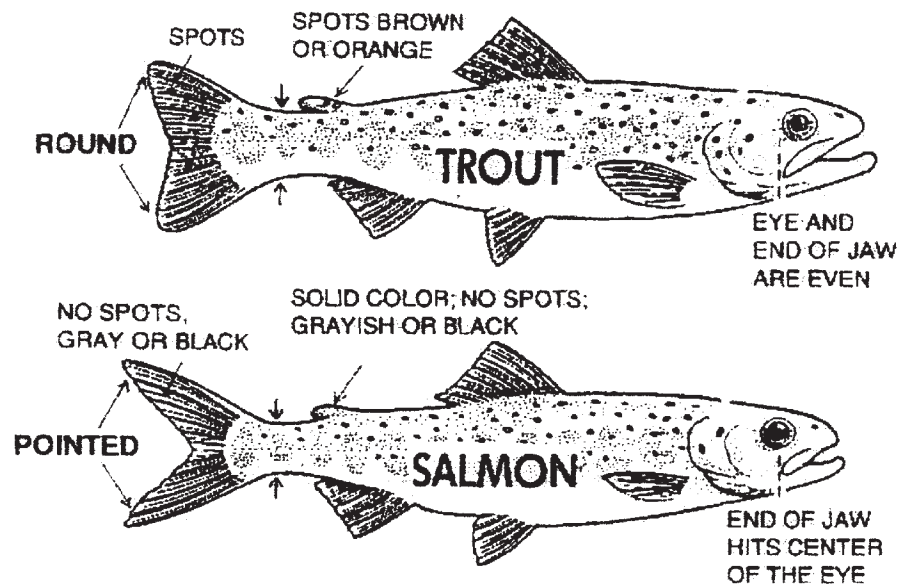
- 10 STEWARDS
- 18 LAUNCHES
- 14,175 BOATS SURVEYED
- 31,159 VISITORS
- 71.8% BOATS HAD AQUATIC ORGANISMS ON THEM
- 7.5% BOATS CARRIED INVASIVE SPECIES
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Using the Fishing Information Section

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.*

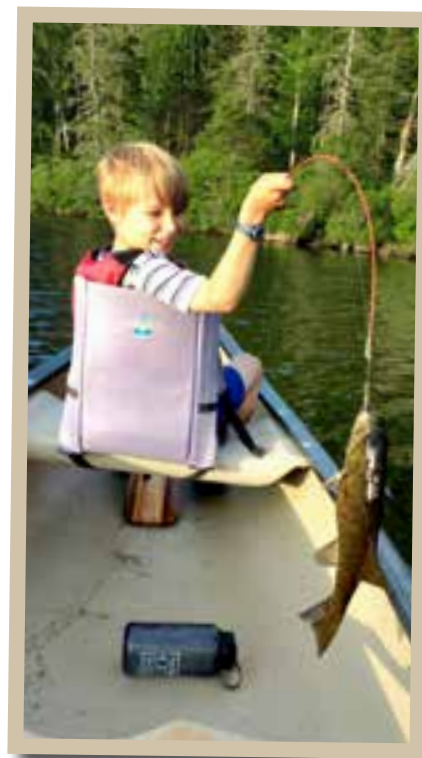
The *Index of Rivers & Streams* contains the map page where the stream is located and the stream section number, which is also located on the map page.

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 |
| Connecticut River | 4 |
| 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.



Sam Brondyke, Groton State Forest

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.

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.

Catch-and-Release

Angling as explained elsewhere, except that fish must be released immediately where caught.

Fishing Tools

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

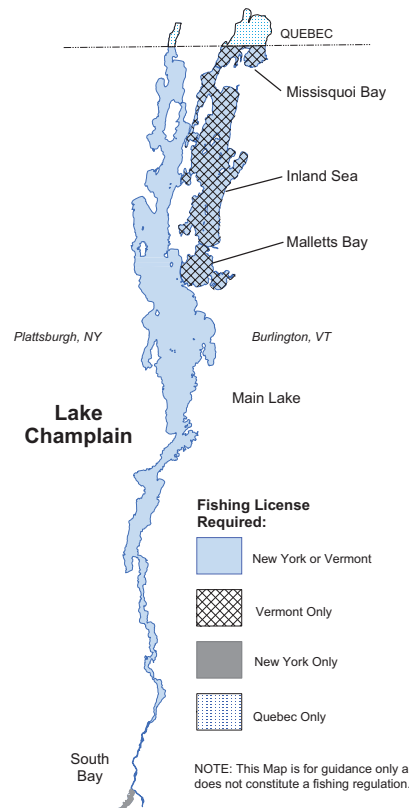
DOWNRIGGER: A device used to deliver fishing lines to a desired depth, and when so used, not considered a fishing line.

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.

LURE: A man-made device designed to catch only one fish at a time, to include a spoon, plug, spinner, bait harness, tandem-hook 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.

Where Can I Fish?



Fishing Methods

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.

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

Seasons and Hours

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 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.

Hours

The legal fishing day is the 24-hour period beginning at 12:00 midnight and continuing until the next 12:00 midnight. 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.

Free Fishing Days

Vermont now has two Free Fishing Days during which anyone, resident or nonresident, may fish without a license. Saturday, January 30, 2016 and Saturday, June 11, 2016. All legal fishing methods and limits still apply.

Limits

The daily limit refers to the number of fish legal to keep during the legal fishing day.

The possession limit is 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.

Taking is defined as: 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.

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 Vermont waters 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. Immediate control refers to such constant control as would enable an angler to respond without delay to a fish taking his or her bait, lure or fly.

Fish Length Restrictions & Filleting Fish

Fish with a length restriction may be filleted or consumed on the water so long as the head, vertebrae and tail are retained intact to enable determination of 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.

Foul Hooking

Foul hooking (PROHIBITED) is hooking a fish in any other part of the body than the mouth with a hook or hooks, or manipulating hooks to hook a fish in a body part other than the mouth. A person fishing by angling or ice fishing 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

Personal Baitfish Harvest

- Personally harvested baitfish may be used only on the same waterbody from which they were collected.
- A "waterbody" is defined to include all tributaries of lakes and ponds up to the first barrier impassable by fish. For rivers and streams it includes all tributaries to that river or stream up to the first barrier impassable by fish. Anglers can freely move up and down connecting streams and rivers to fish with live bait, provided they don't pass a barrier (dam or waterfall for example).
- A person may only harvest the following fish species for use as bait:
 - Eastern silvery minnow
 - Fathead minnow
 - Bluntnose minnow
 - Emerald shiner
 - Golden shiner
 - Spottail shiner
 - Common shiner
 - Mimic shiner
 - Creek chub
 - Fallfish
 - Blacknose dace
 - Longnose dace
 - Northern redbelly dace
 - White sucker
 - Longnose sucker
 - 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.

- Except in Seasonally Closed Waters, baitfish may be taken 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/ice fishing by hook and line.

- The personal harvest of baitfish is only allowed in Seasonally Closed Waters, between the second Saturday in April through October 31, during open season for trout and then only by angling or the use of minnow traps no longer than eighteen inches with an entrance not exceeding one inch in diameter. 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

Commercially 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.
- 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.



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- Commercially prepared and preserved baitfish and fish eggs available from retail stores may be purchased and used as bait, and may be taken home and kept for later use, provided they are retained in the original packaging at all times.

Commercial Bait Dealers

- Any person who buys baitfish for resale or sells baitfish is required to obtain a Commercial Bait Dealers permit from the Commissioner. 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 10 V.S.A. Sect. 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.

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

Fishing tournaments are contests 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. 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

A fishing house is 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. These 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:

- 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.
- The launching of inboard and outboard motorboats engaging in any activity and parking of vehicles and trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with that purpose.
- Trapping, hunting and parking of vehicles and boat trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with that purpose.
- 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.

- ATVs and snowmobiles when being used solely for the purposes of ice fishing.
- 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.

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- 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.

- Special permits shall not be issued and may be revoked immediately for activities that substantially interfere with authorized uses.
- Permit fees shall be in accordance with the schedule of fees established under 10 V.S.A. §4132(e).

Speed Limit

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

Littering

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

Lead Sinkers

It is illegal to sell, offer for sale or use a lead sinker in Vermont. "Sinker" means any device which weighs one-half ounce or less and is attached to a fishing line for the purpose of sinking the line, and does not include other lead fishing related items such as weighted fly line, lead-core fishing line, downrigger cannonballs, weighted flies, lures, spoons, or jig heads.

Streams Open to Year-Round Trout Fishing

The sections of 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.

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.
- 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, stonecats, or spiny softshell turtles.
- Leave trash on the ice, in the water, or on the shore/streambank.

General Requirements, Definitions & Prohibitions

- **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.
- **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 (Green Power Mountain Dam) in Bradford.
- **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 Brookway 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*

Tips for Anglers: Spiny Water Flea

The spiny water flea is an aquatic invasive species that can sometimes be problematic to anglers using downriggers and other trolling set-ups. To limit the buildup of spiny water fleas on their lines anglers can try:

- ➔ Spooling their reels with heavier weight main line and attaching smaller diameter leaders. A common rigging setup among charter captains is to run a heavier-weight monofilament main line attached to lighter-weight fluorocarbon leader.

Why it works: The heavier main line helps to prevent spiny water fleas from catching the line between their barbs and accumulating, while the smaller diameter leader allows lures to be fished effectively for line-shy species such as trout and salmon.

- ➔ Purchase specialty lines designed with a specific shape and produced with materials that work to prevent spiny water fleas from snagging the line.



Prevent the Spread of Spiny Water Fleas

Drying is the most effective way to kill all life stages of the- spiny water flea. In addition to cleaning and draining boats of all water, anglers should dry boats, fishing line, equipment, and anchor lines, etc. for five days. If moving to another body of water within five days, anglers should spray the hull and other external areas or recreational equipment with high pressure (2500 psi) hot water (140°F for 10 seconds).

For more information on preventing the spread of invasive species, visit: www.vtwaterquality.org/lakes/htm/ans/lp_ans-index.htm



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- 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*

Lake Champlain Waters

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

- Dead Creek to Panton Road bridge in Panton;
- East Creek to the falls in Orwell (downstream of Mount Independence Road);
- Lamoille River to the top of first dam (Peterson Dam) in Milton;

- LaPlatte River to the falls in Shelburne (under Falls Road bridge);
- Lewis Creek to the falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road);
- Little Otter Creek to the falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Road);
- Malletts Creek to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (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 (Green Mountain 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.

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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. May form extensive 'blooms' on the bottoms of rocky river beds.

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, sturgeon and other fish, causing substantial economic impact to the lake's fisheries. Anadromous sea lampreys in the Connecticut River watershed are not parasitic when they migrate upriver to spawn and are not a nuisance species.

SPINY WATER FLEA: Tiny invasive crustacean that first appeared in Lake Champlain in 2014. Alters native plankton populations, clogs fishing rod guides, fouls fishing line, and alters native plankton populations. Spread by hitchhiking on boating or 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.

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.
- 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.

Mercury and Fish

Mercury is a toxic heavy metal that can become particularly concentrated in large, carnivorous fish. Mercury has been found at levels exceeding health guidelines in some freshwater fish for some people. While the benefits of eating fish generally outweigh the risks of mercury exposure, women who are pregnant and young children should select fish with low levels of mercury. Brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout and yellow perch have lower mercury levels, while 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.mercvt.org) for the most current advisory.

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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 tackle.
- 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.
- Support continuing loon and other nongame wildlife conservation efforts by donating to the Vermont Nongame Wildlife Fund on your Vermont income tax form or by purchasing a Vermont Conservation License Plates for your vehicle.

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 or allow young children to handle lead sinkers or put them in their mouth.

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

Planning Your Trip

These maps include 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 15-17 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 fishing 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, practices to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species 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.

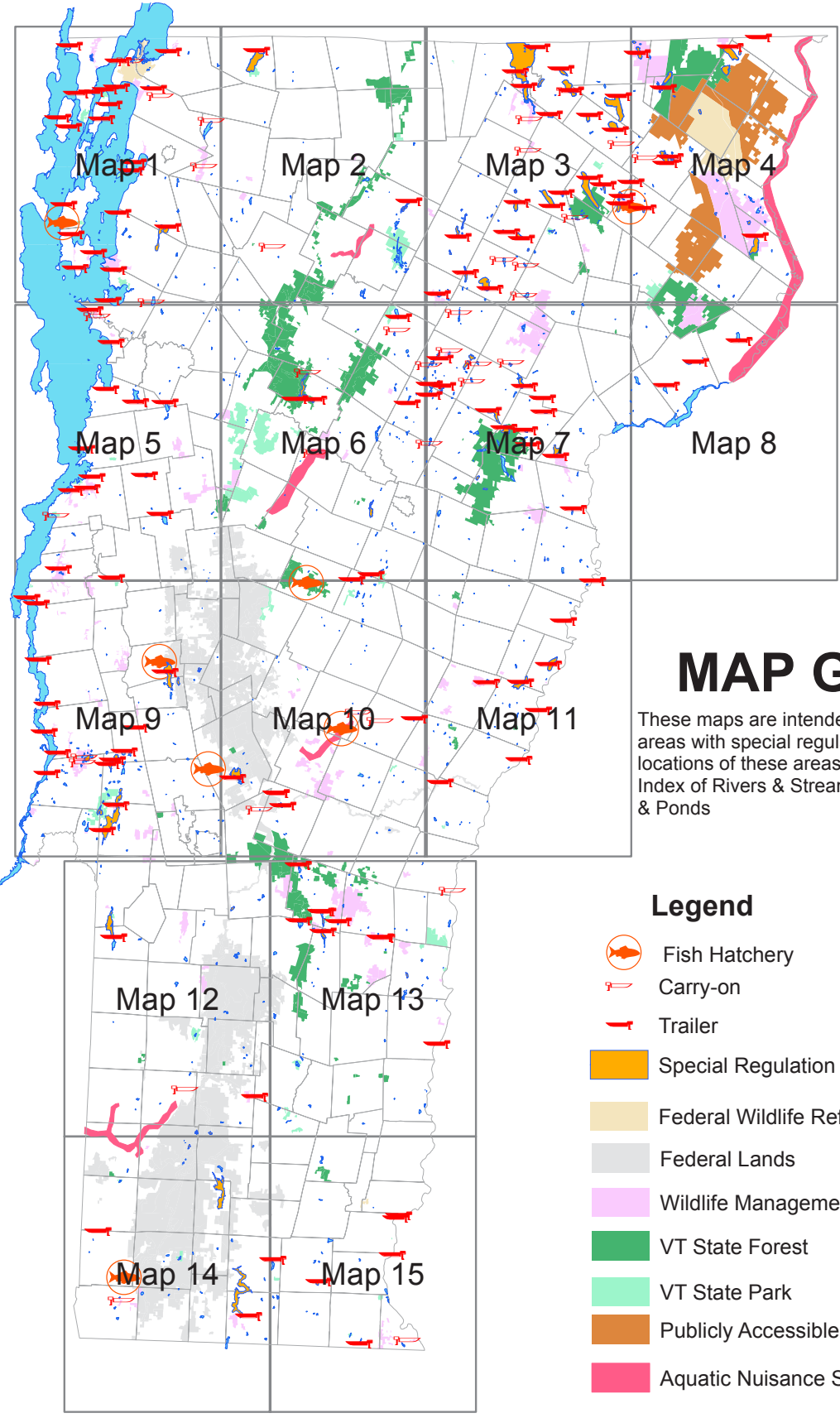
Lakes colored **ORANGE** have special regulations explained in the Index of Lakes & Ponds.

Each number refers to a stream section with a special regulation found in the next to last column in the Index of Rivers & Streams.

Access Areas

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

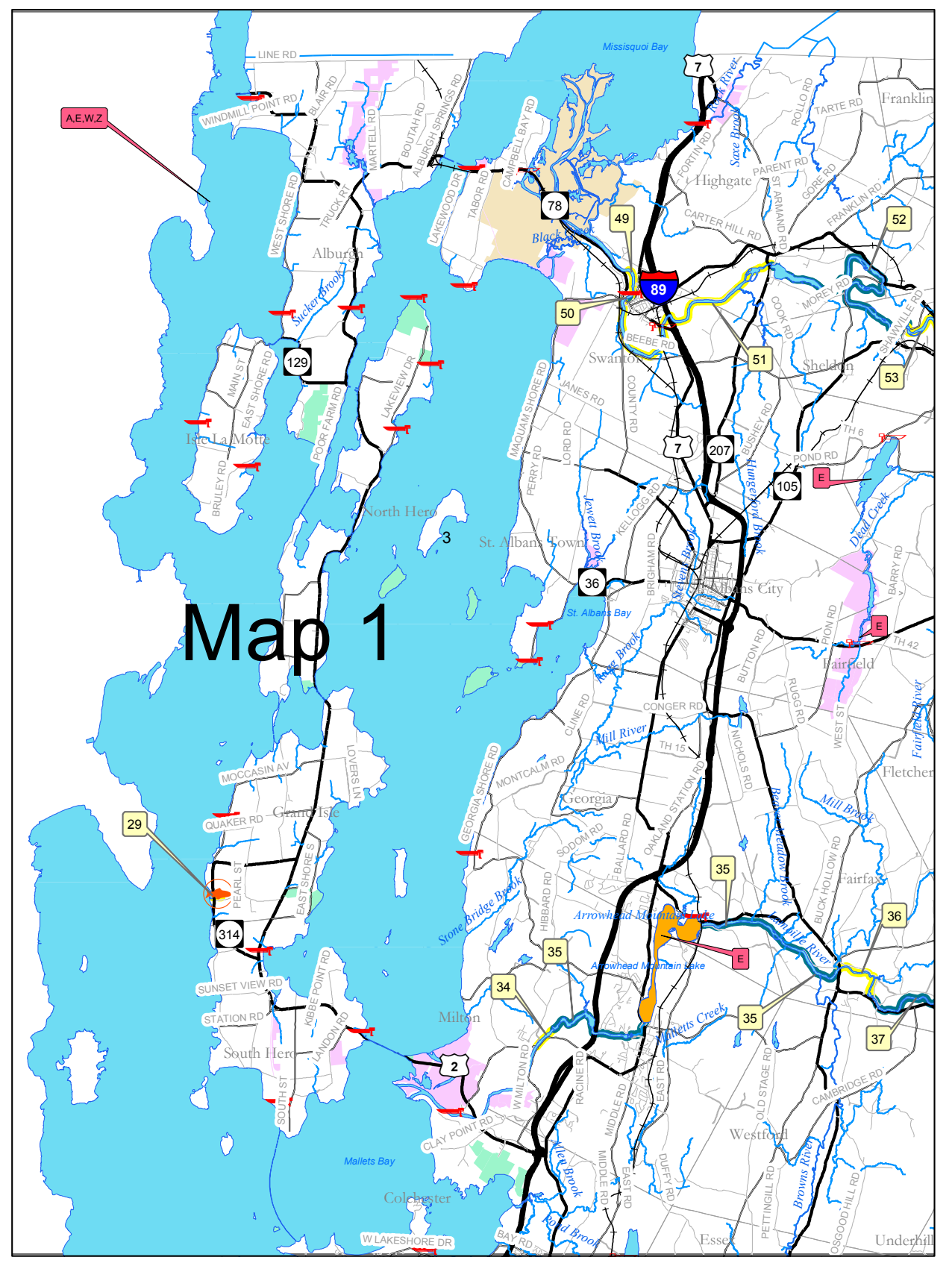
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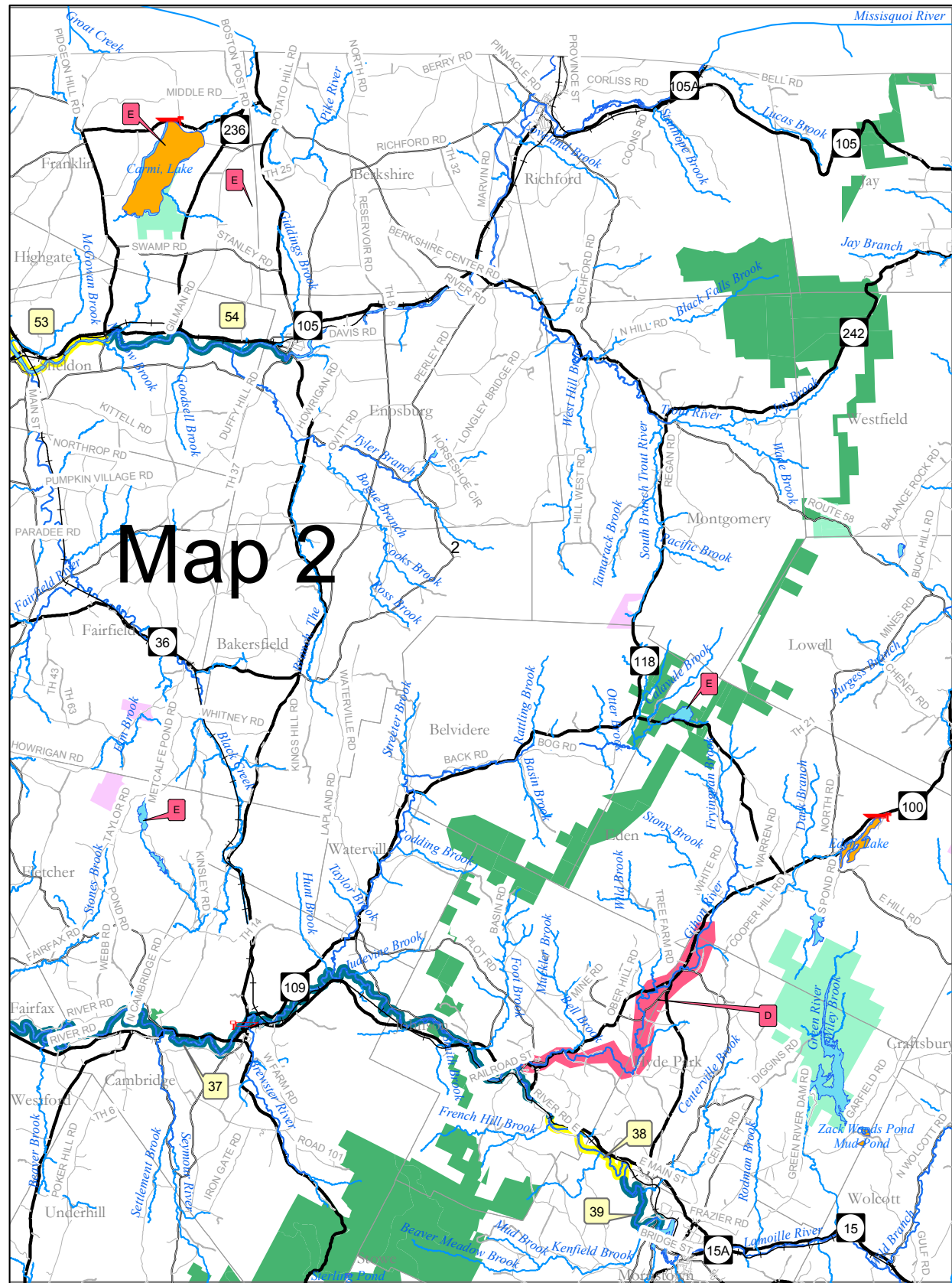
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These maps are intended only as a guide to areas with special regulations. The specific locations of these areas are described in the Index of Rivers & Streams and Index of Lakes & Ponds

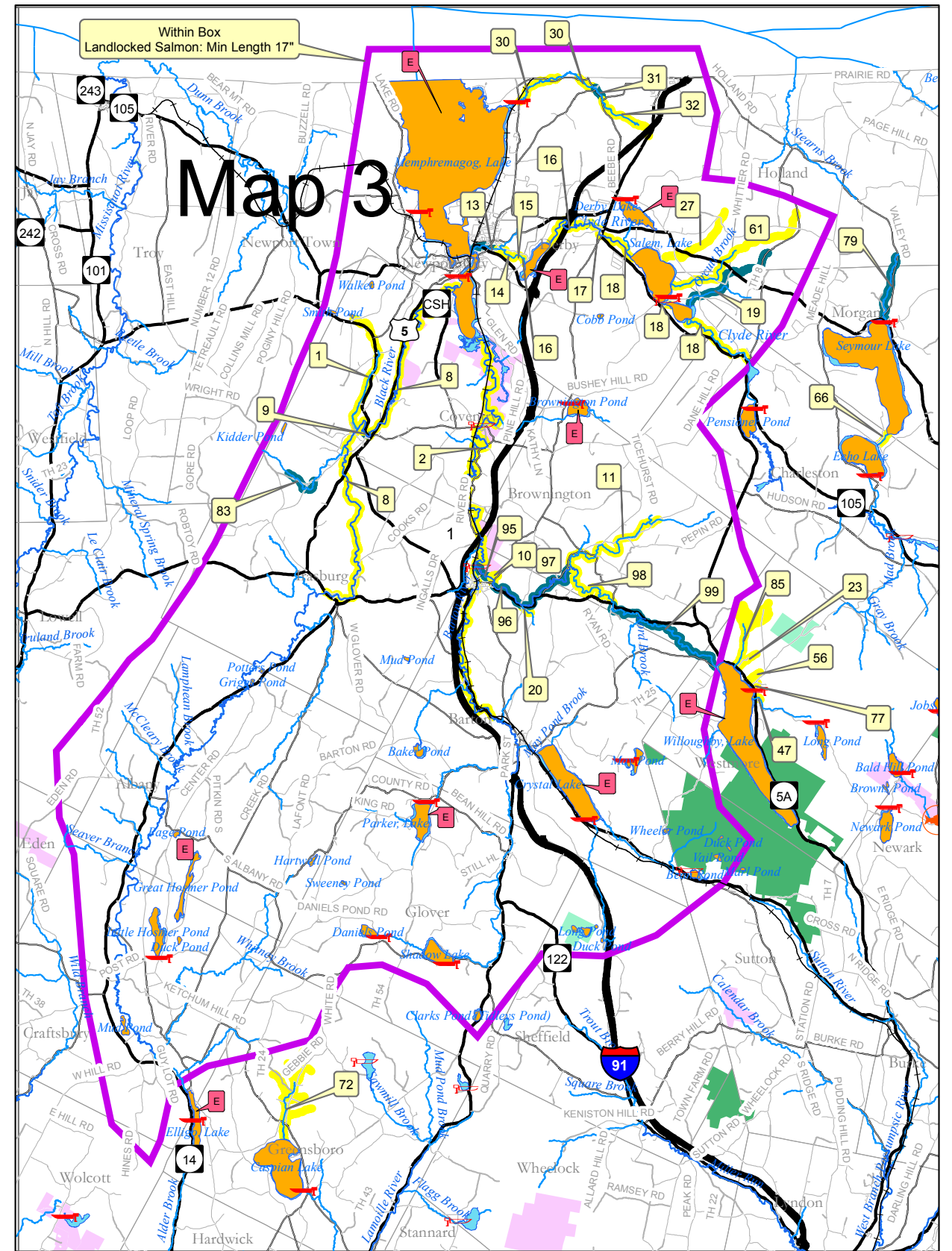
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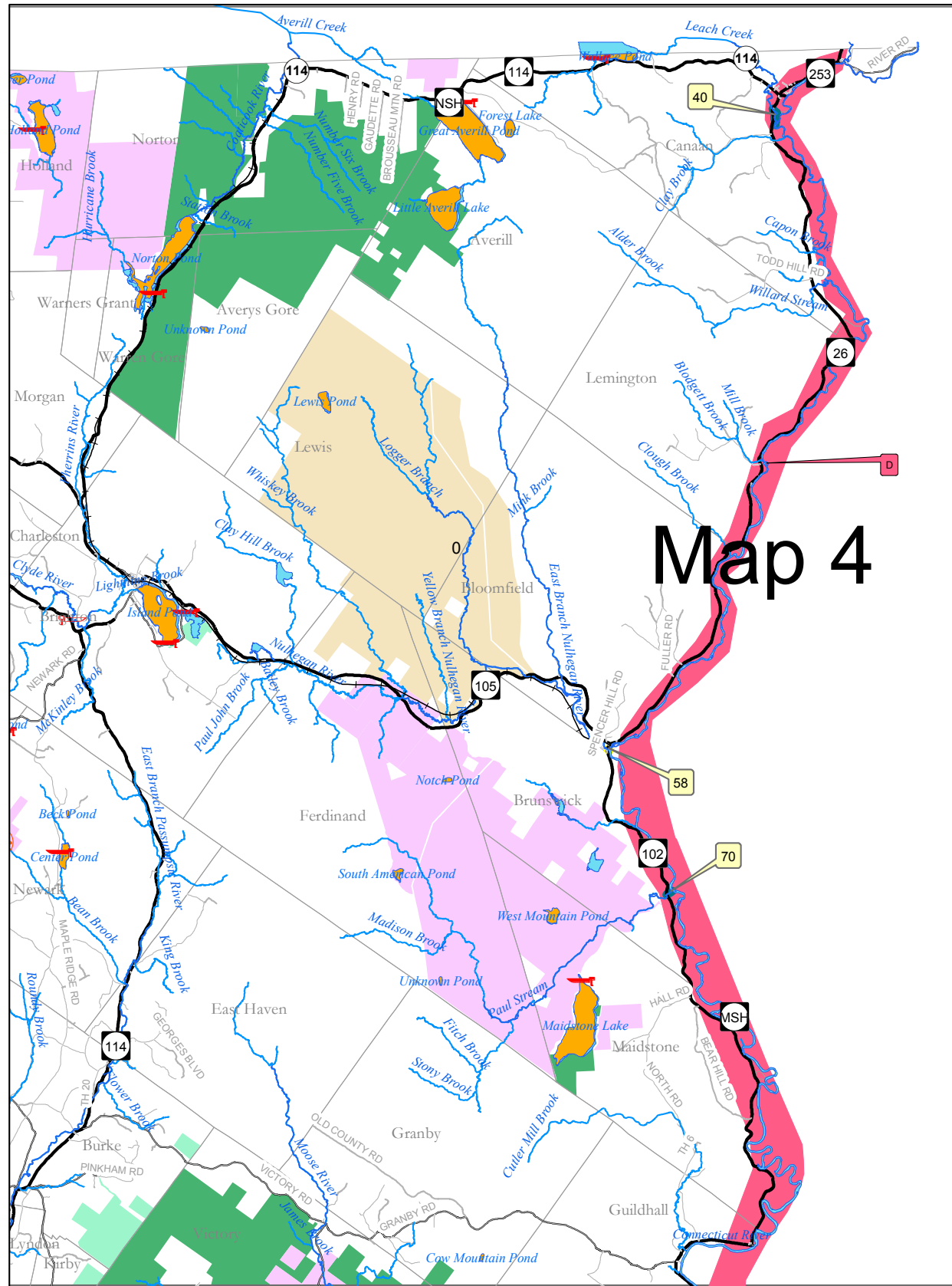
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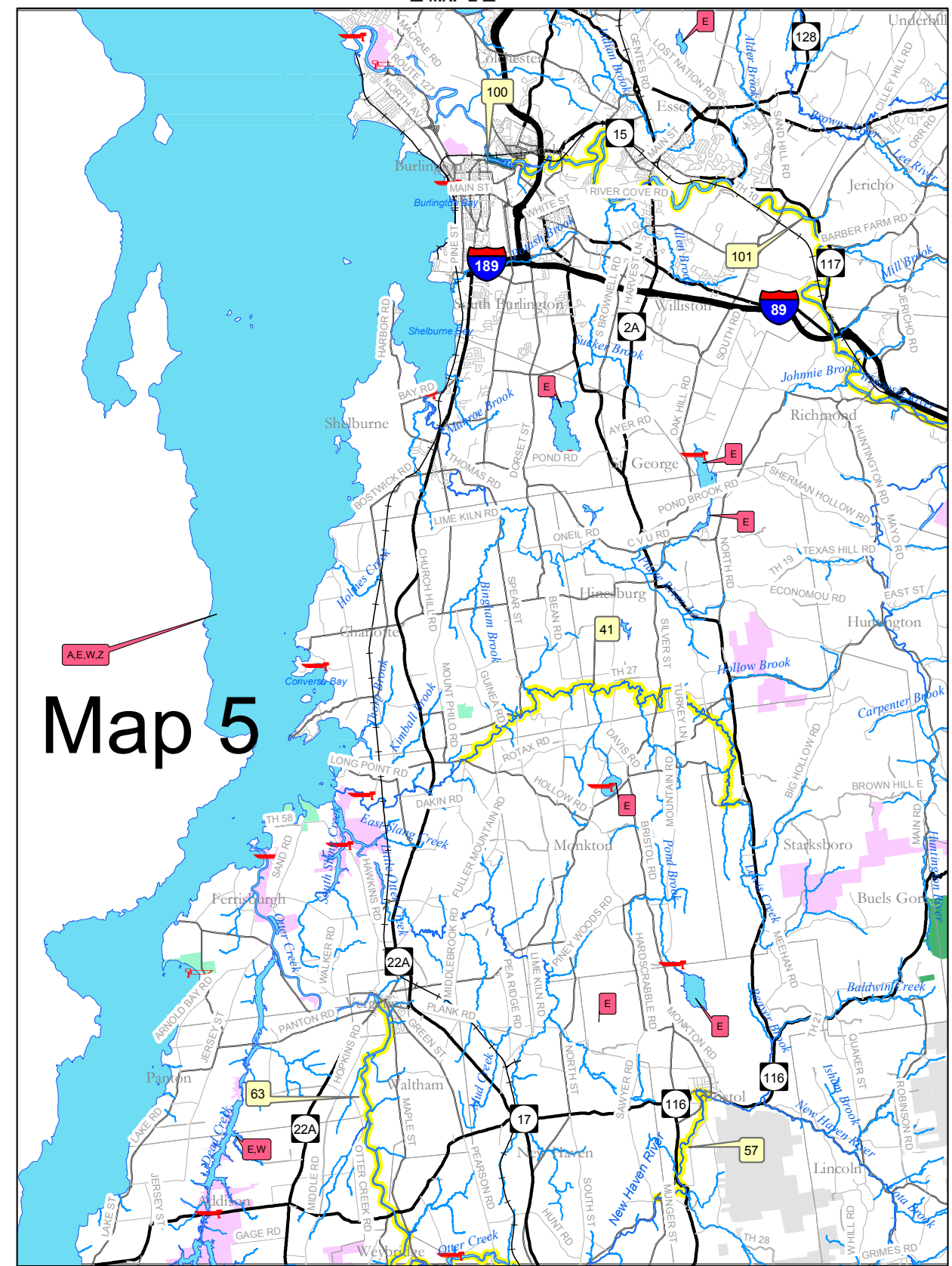


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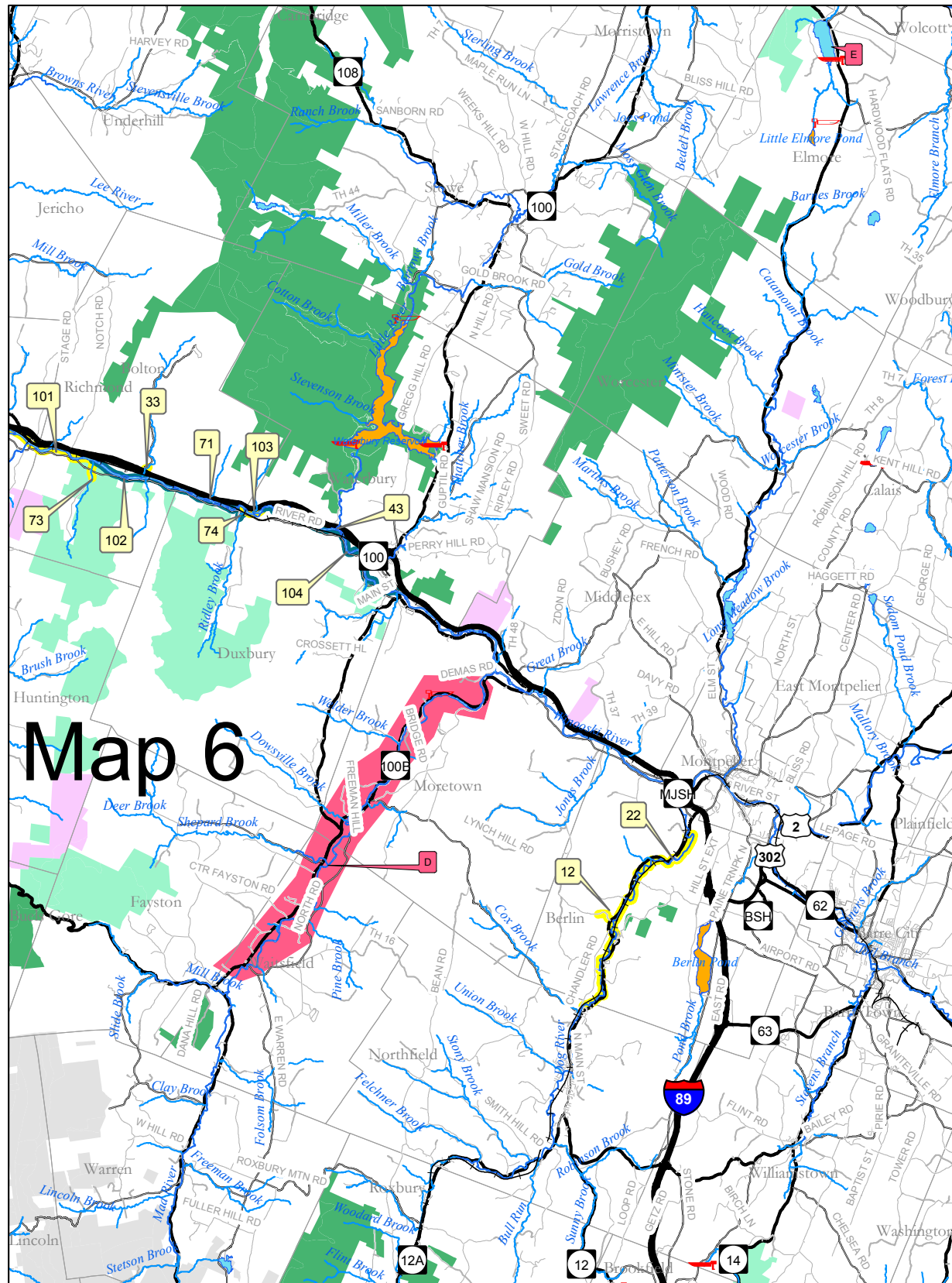
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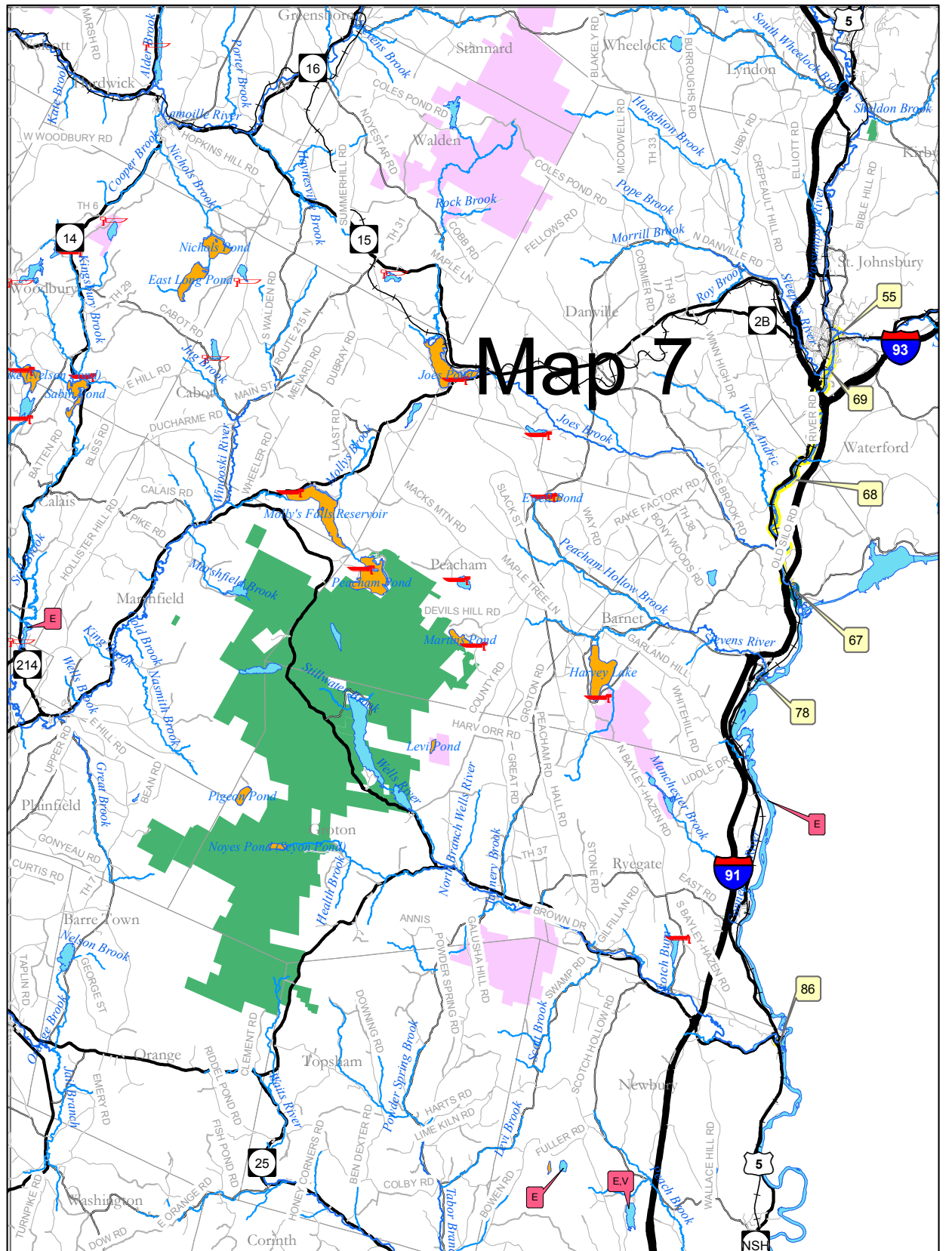
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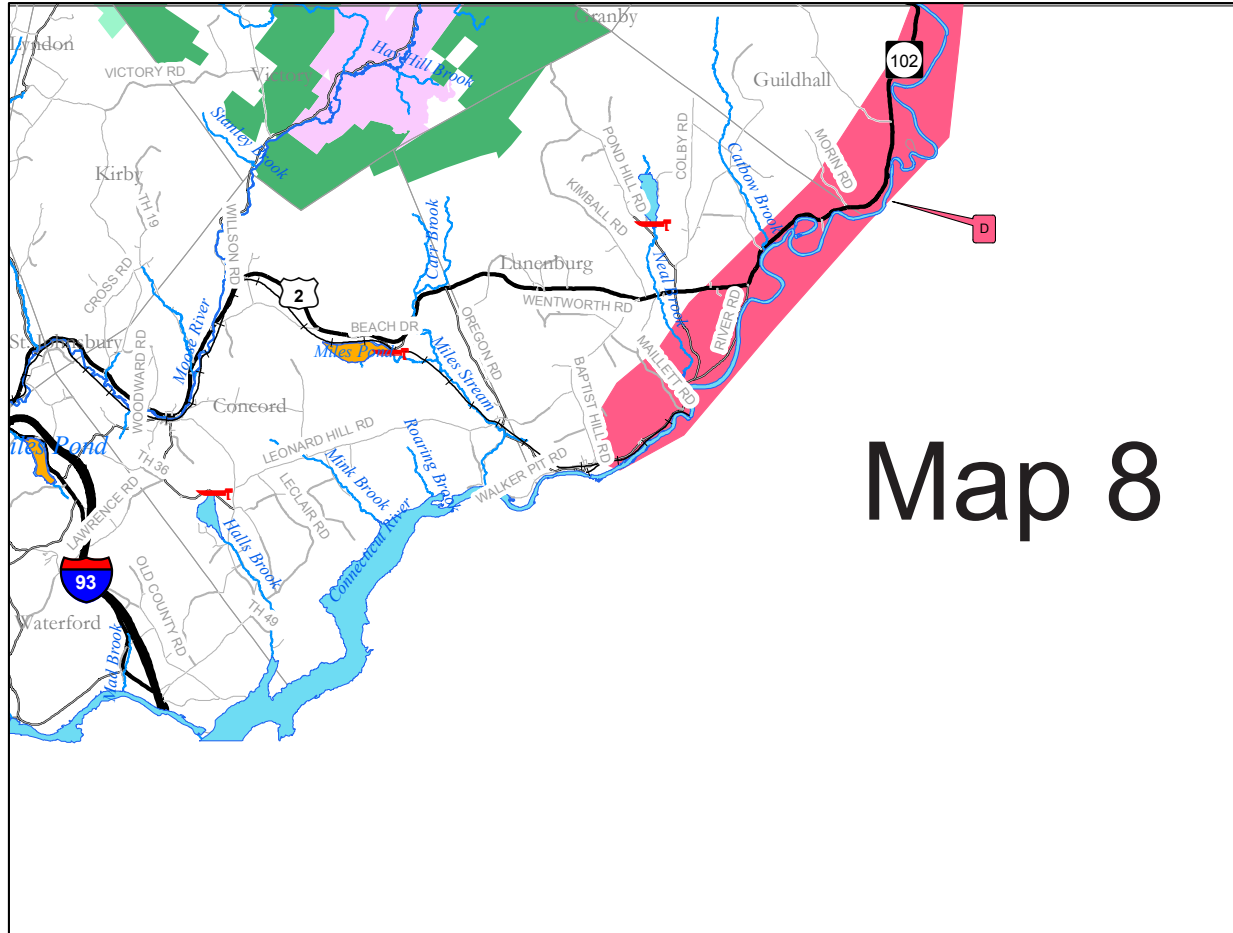


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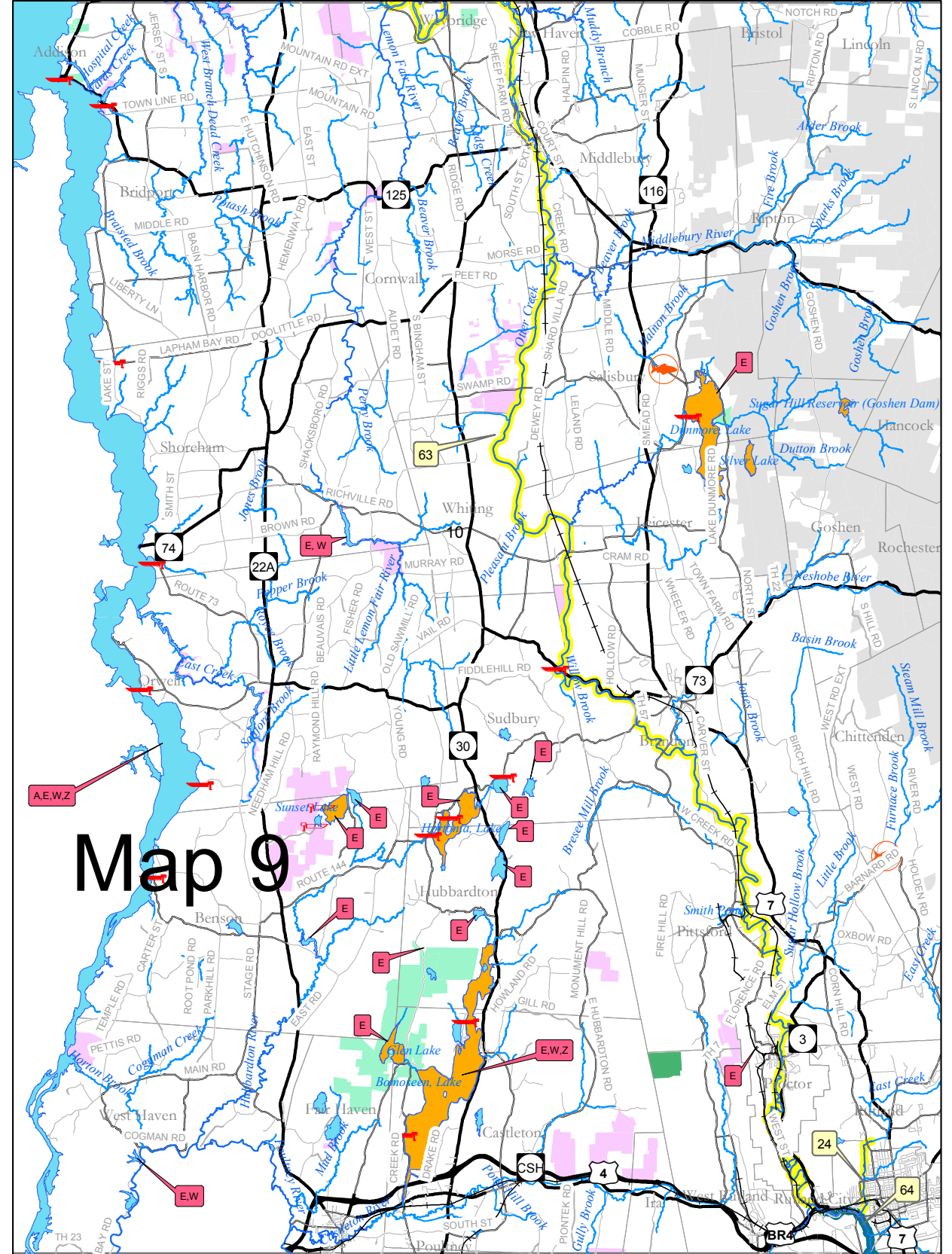
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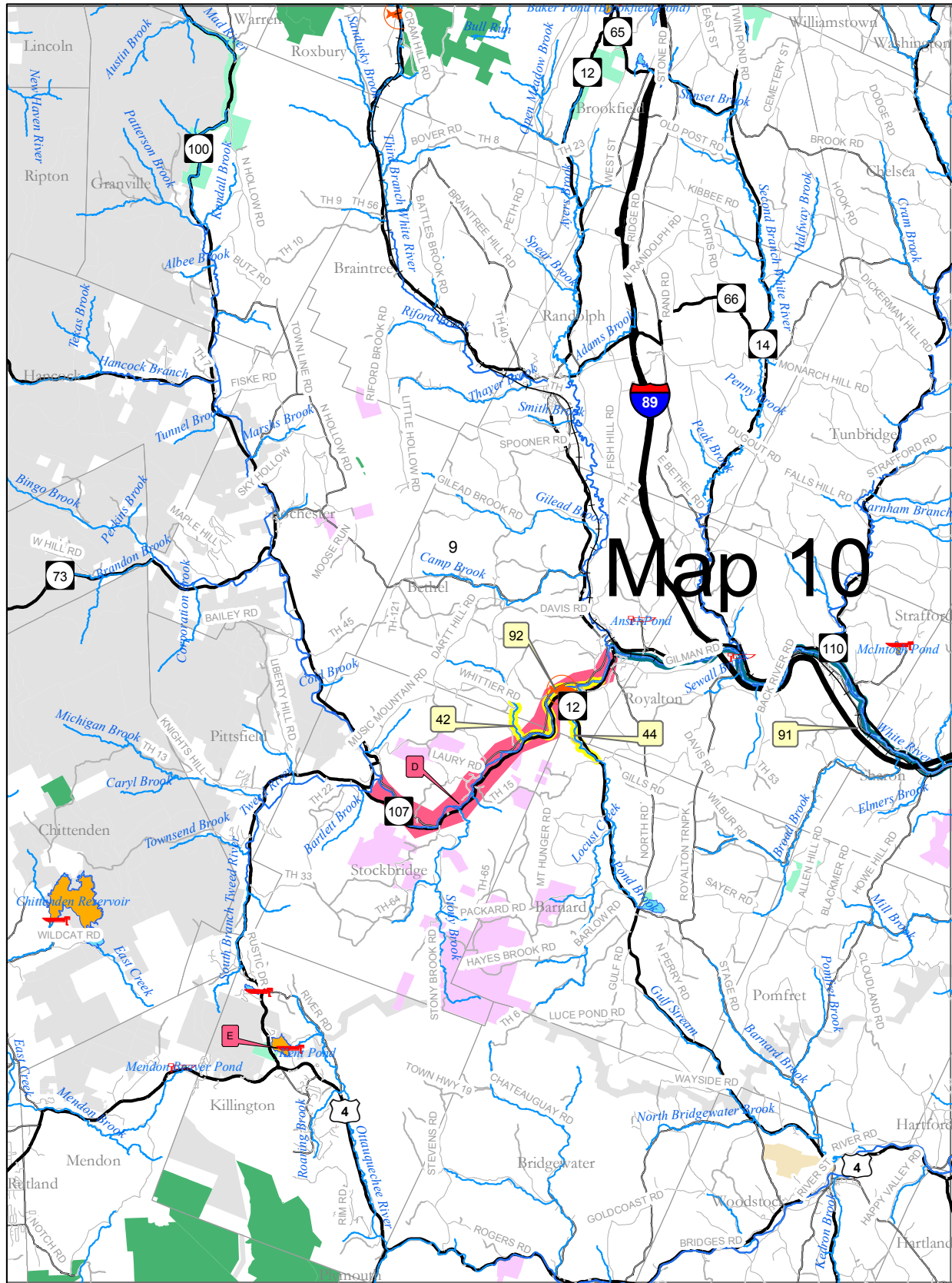
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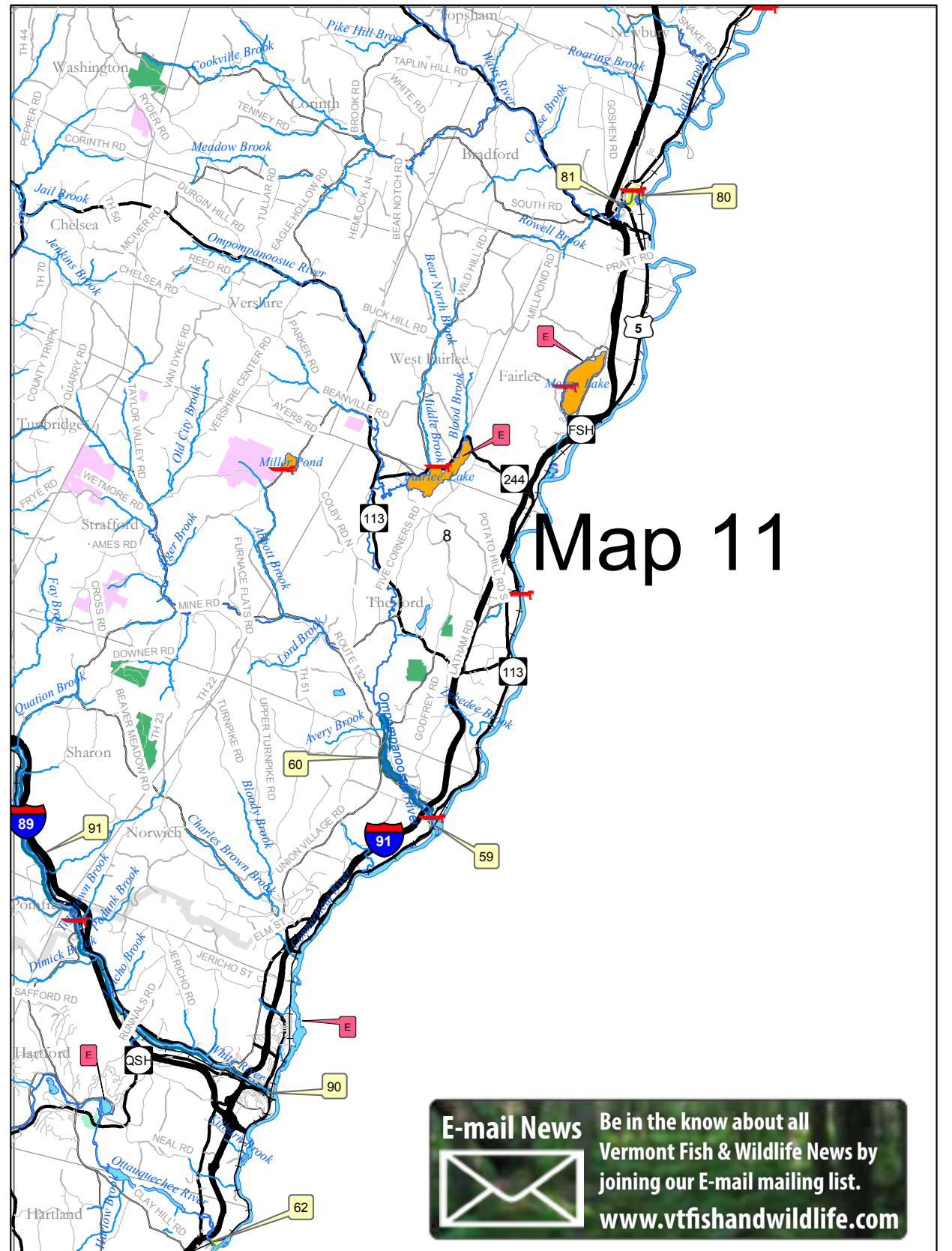


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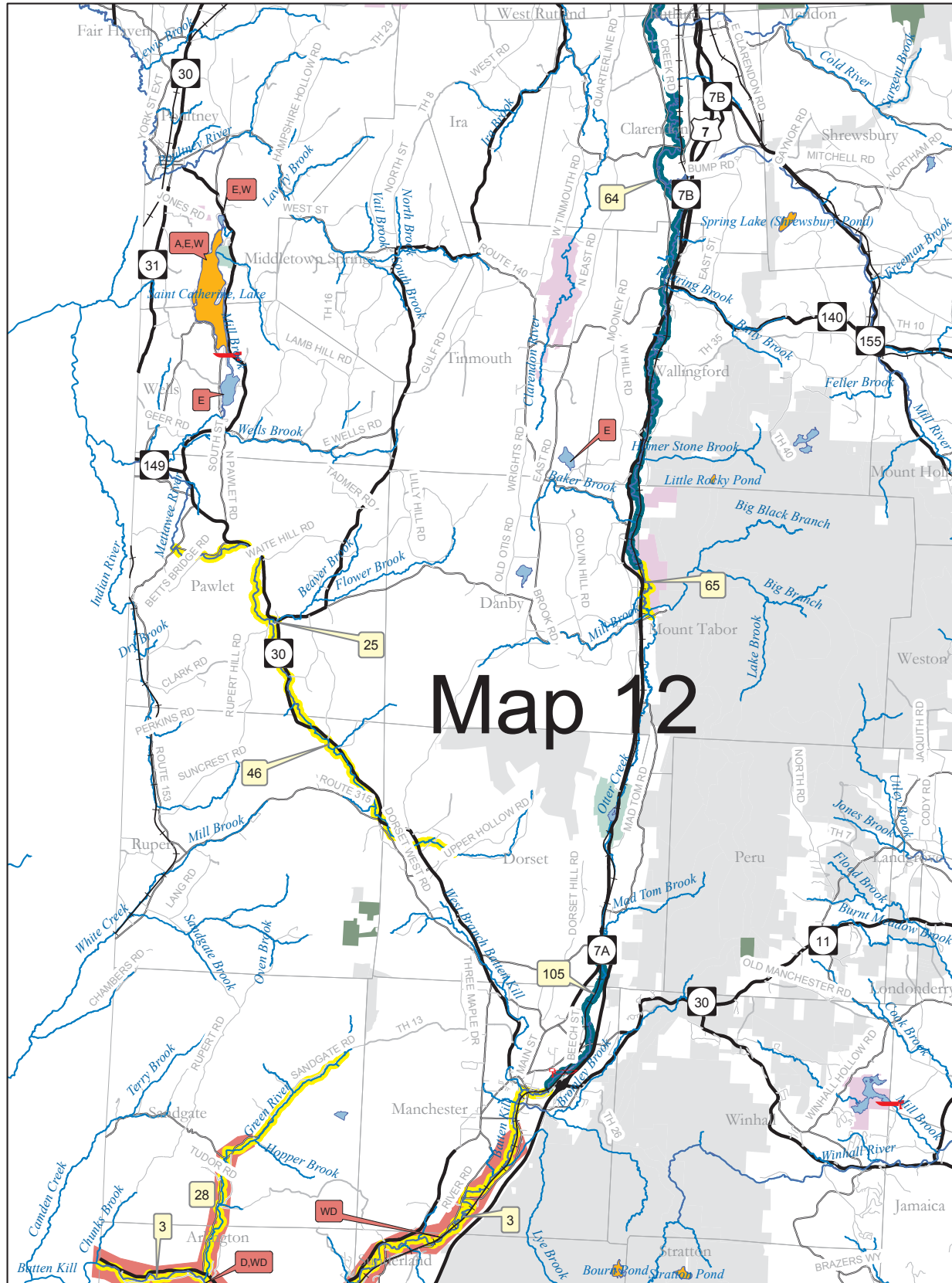
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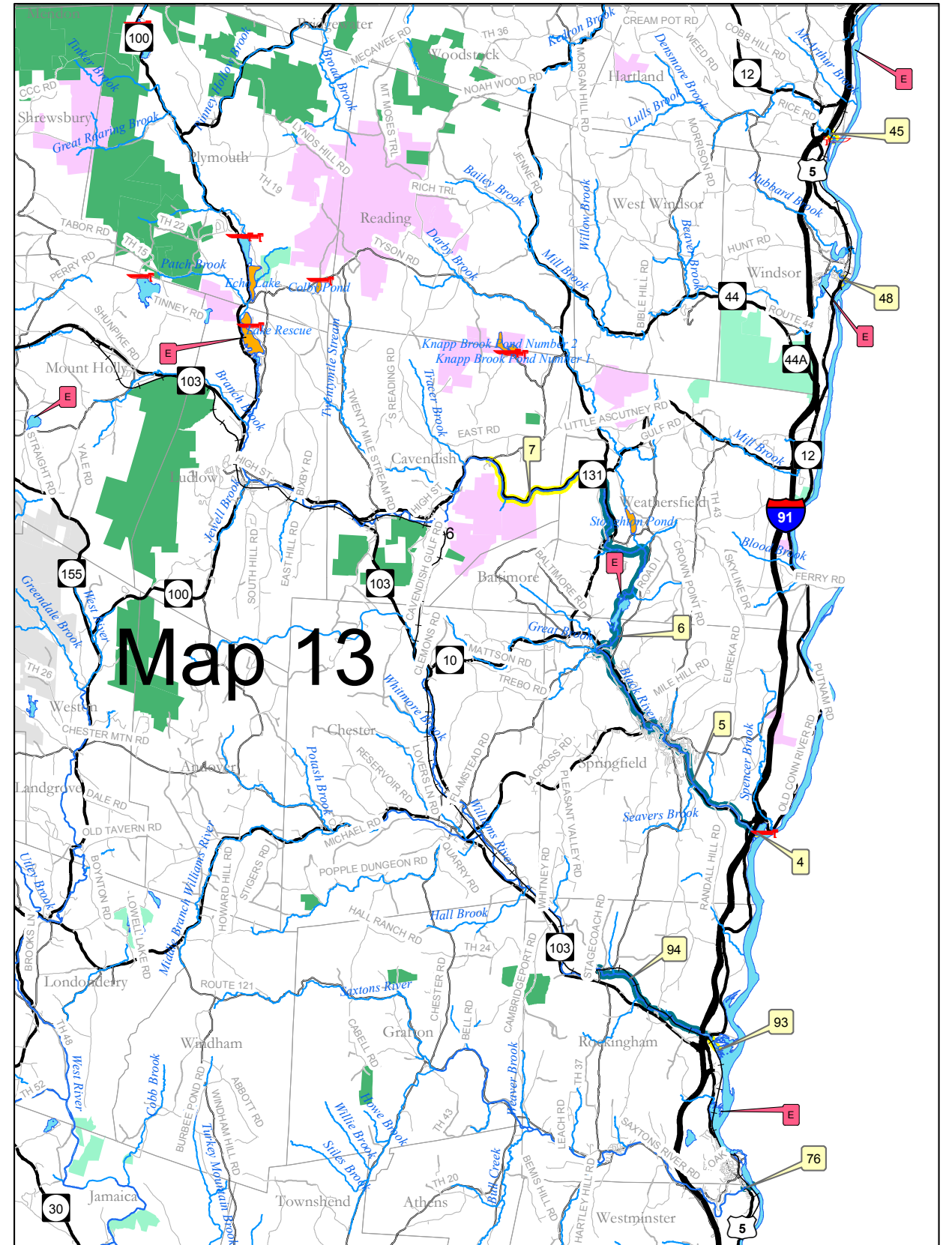
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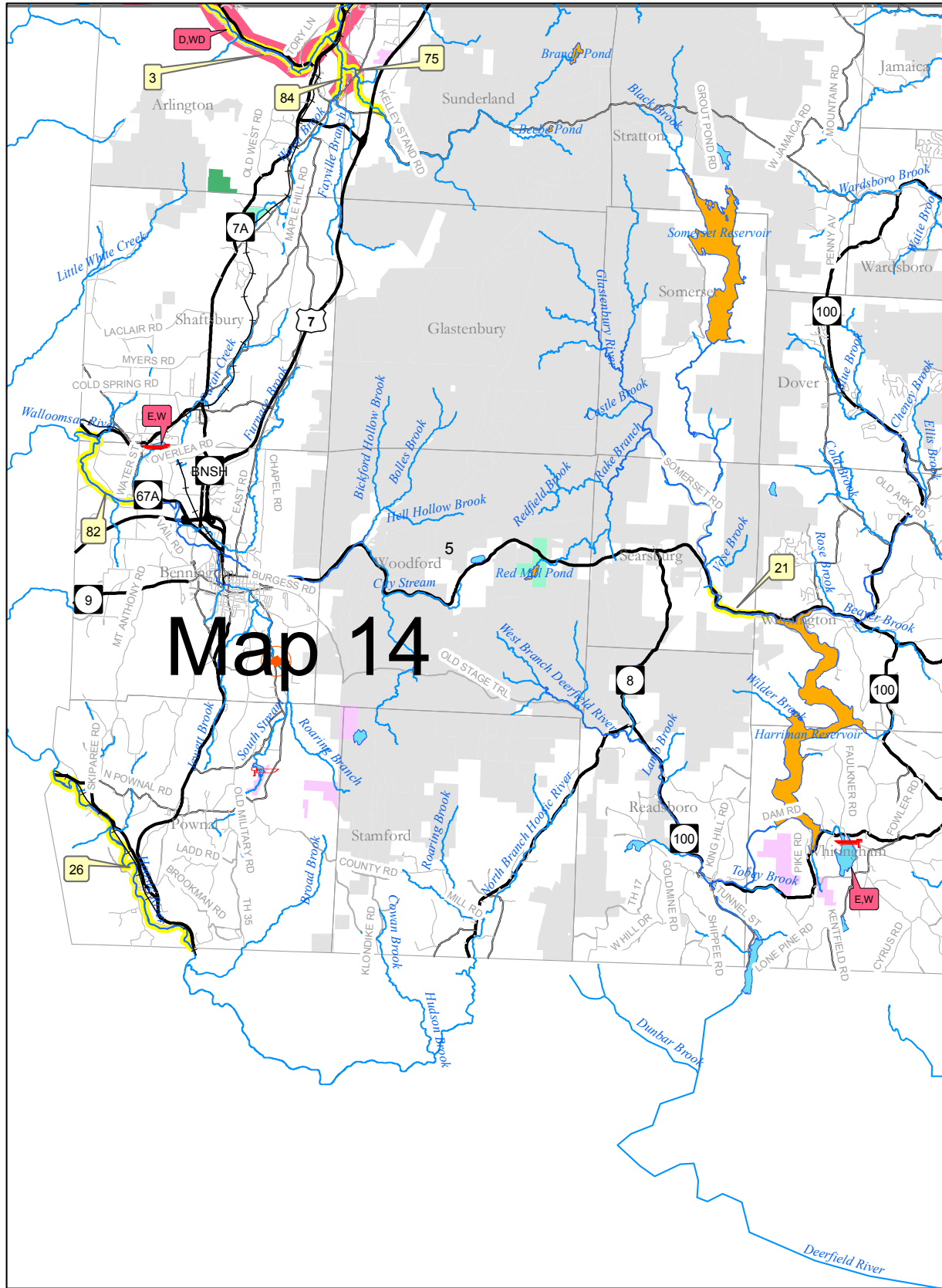
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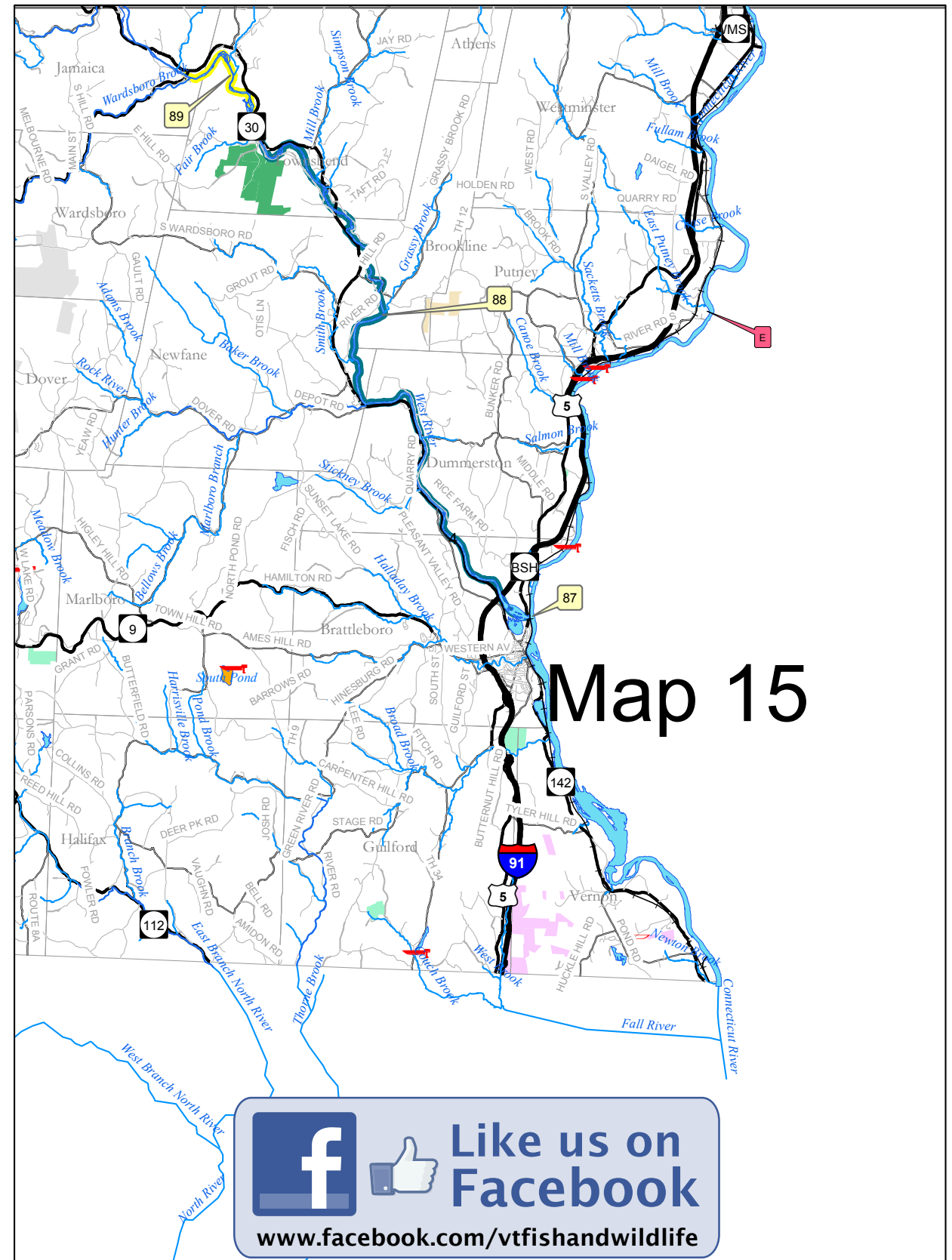
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Index of Rivers & Streams

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 Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the US Route 5 bridge southernmost and closest to the Village of Barton in Barton</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout | Barton/ 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 | | |
| Batten Kill River | | | | | | |
| <i>From NY State line upstream (20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester</i> • All Trout must be Released Immediately | Arlington/ Sunderland/ Manchester | Bennington | 1 | 12, 14 | 3 | WD |
| <i>Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester to downstream side of US Route 7 Bridge south of East Dorest</i> • Trout: Oct 1 – Oct 31: catch and release fishing only, all trout must be released immediately. | Manchester and Dorest | Bennington | 1 | 14 | 105 | WD |
| <i>S Route 7 Bridge south of East Dorest 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 | 6 | |
| <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 | 7 | |
| <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 | 8 | |
| <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" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout | Coventry | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 9 | |

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| <i>Old Harmam 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 | 8 | |
| <i>VT Rts 14/58 bridge to headwaters</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | All Applicable Towns | Orleans | 1 | 3 | | |
| Blodgett/Tarbox Brook | | | | | | |
| <i>From the confluence with Willoughby River upstream 1,300ft to bridge on Tarbox Hill Road.</i> • Closed to fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 | Barton | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 10 | |
| Brownington Branch of Willoughby River | | | | | | |
| <i>From its confluence at the Willoughby River extending upstream to the second road crossing on Brownington Chilafox Road (TH #15). Crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafox Road (TH #15).</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 | Brownington | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 11 | |
| <i>From Second road crossing on Brownington Chilafox Road (TH #15) Crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafox Road (TH #15) to headwaters.</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Brownington | Orleans | 1 | 3 | | |
| Chase Brook | | | | | | |
| <i>From its confluence with the Dog River upstream approximately 1/2 mile to the top of the natural falls in Berlin.</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 | Berlin | Washington County | 1 | 6 | 12 | |
| Clyde River | | | | | | |
| <i>Lake Memphremagog to the downstream edge of the arch bridge at Gardner park entrance</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Newport City | Orleans | 1 | 3 | | |
| <i>Downstream edge of the arch bridge at Gardner park entrance to the downstream edge of the bridge on Lower Clyde Street in Newport City</i> • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 using artificial flies and lures only • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Newport City | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 13 | |
| <i>From the downstream edge of the bridge on Lower Clyde Street in Newport City upstream to 260 feet below the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City.</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 10 • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 using artificial flies and lures only • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Newport City | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 14 | |
| <i>From 260 feet below the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City. upstream to the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City.</i> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 • Closed to Fishing: Sept 1 through Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Newport City | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 15 | |
| <i>Top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City, to the downstream edge of the bridge on Bridge Street, Derby</i> • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 using artificial flies and lures only • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Newport City and Derby | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 16 | |
| <i>Downstream edge of the bridge on Bridge Street, Derby to the downstream edge of the bridge on VT Rt 105, Derby</i> • Closed to Fishing: September 1 through October 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Derby | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 17 | |

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| <i>Downstream edge of the bridge on VT Rt 105, Derby to Citizens Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), W. Charleston</i> • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 using artificial flies and lures only • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | All Applicable Towns | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 18 | |
| <i>Citizens West Charleston Dam to Island Pond outlet</i> | Charleston/Brighton | Orleans/Essex | 1 | 3,4 | | |
| Coche Brook <i>Little Salem Lake to headwaters</i> • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Derby, Morgan | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 19 | |
| 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 | 20 | |
| <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 | 21 | |
| 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 | 22 | |
| <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 | 23 | |
| <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 | 24 | |
| 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 | 25 | |
| <i>VT Rt 30 Bridge, Pawlet, to headwaters</i> | Pawlet/Dorset | Bennington | 1 | 12 | | |

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| 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 | 26 | |
| Gihon River <i>(Including tributaries, bays and setback to 1st highway bridge)</i> | 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 | 27 | |
| Green River <i>From its mouth on the Batten Kill upstream to its confluence with Moffitt Hollow Brook</i> • Trout: – Catch and Release between Oct 1 and Oct 31 – All trout must be immediately released | Arlington/Sandgate | Bennington | 1 | 12 | 28 | WD |
| Hall's Brook <i>Lake Memphremagog to the headwaters</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Derby | Orleans | 1 | 3 | | |
| Hatchery Brook <i>Lake Champlain to main drive for State Fish Hatchery</i> • CLOSED TO FISHING | Grand Isle | Grand Isle | | 1 | 29 | |
| 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> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Derby | Orleans | 1 | 3 | | |
| <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> • Closed to Fishing: October 1 to October 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout | Derby | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 30 | |
| <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> • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 and October 1 to October 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout | Derby | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 31 | |
| <i>Downstream edge of the bridge on Elm Street (TH #2) in Derby to US 5 in Derby</i> • Closed to Fishing: October 1 to October 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – Length Limit: Minimum length 10" – Daily Limit: 2 trout | Derby | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 32 | |
| <i>US 5 in Derby to headwaters</i> • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Derby | Orleans | 1 | 3 | | |
| Joiner Brook <i>Winooski River upstream approx. 1900 feet to first falls</i> • 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 | Bolton | Chittenden | 1 | 6 | 33 | |
| <i>First falls to headwater</i> | Bolton | Chittenden | 1 | 6 | | |

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| Lamoille River | | | | | | |
| Lake Champlain to the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Rd in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge) • Lake Champlain Boundaries | Milton | Chittenden | 3 | 1 | | E |
| 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. • Closed to Fishing: March 16 through May 31 | Milton | Chittenden | 3 | 1 | 34 | E |
| 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) • 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 | 35 | E |
| 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. • 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 | 36 | |
| Hydroelectric dam at Fairfax Falls in Fairfax upstream to the downstream side of the railroad bridge in Johnson • 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 | 37 | |
| 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 • 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 | 38 | |
| From the downstream edge of the Ten Bends Drive bridge in Hyde Park to top of Cady's Fall Dam in Morristown • 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 | 39 | |
| From the top of Cady's Fall in Morristown to headwaters | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 2 | | |
| LaPlatte River | | | | | | |
| LaPlatte River to the falls in Shelburne (under Falls Road bridge). • Lake Champlain Boundaries | Shelburne | Chittenden | 3 | 5 | | E |
| Leach Creek | | | | | | |
| CT R main channel to VT Rt 102 Bridge, Canaan | Canaan | Essex | 4 | 4 | 40 | |
| VT Rt 102 Bridge, Canaan to headwaters | Canaan | Essex | 1 | 4 | | |
| Lewis Creek | | | | | | |
| Lewis Creek to the falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road). • Lake Champlain Boundaries | North Ferrisburgh | Addison | 3 | 5 | | E |
| From the Lake Champlain boundary (falls in North Ferrisburgh) upstream to the State Prison Hollow Rd (TH #3) bridge in Starksboro • 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 | 41 | |
| State Prison Rd (TH #3) to headwaters | 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 | 42 | |
| 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 | 43 | |
| 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 | 44 | |
| Lulls Brook | | | | | | |
| CT R main channel to I-91 Bridge, Hartland | Hartland | Windsor | 4 | 13 | 45 | |
| 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 | 46 | |
| 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 | 47 | |
| 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 | 48 | |
| 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 | | |

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| Missisquoi River | | | | | | |
| Lake Champlain to Riverside Cemetery (5120' below Swanton Dam) | Highgate/Swanton | Franklin | 3 | 1 | | E, W |
| Riverside Cemetery (5120' below Swanton Dam) to 850' below the Swanton Dam • Closed to Fishing: March 16 to the Friday before the 1st Saturday in May, both dates inclusive | Highgate/Swanton | Franklin | 3 | 1 | 49 | E |
| From the top of the Swanton Dam in the Village of Swanton downstream approximately 850 ft. to the water treatment plant on the west side of the river, and downstream approximately 850 ft. to the upstream end of the cement breakwater on the east side of the river. • Closed to Fishing: March 16 through May 31 | Highgate/Swanton | Franklin | 3 | 1 | 50 | E |
| Missisquoi River from Swanton Dam in the Village of Swanton upstream to the Highgate Falls Dam • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5 • Muskellunge: – Daily Limit: Zero, All muskellunge unintentionally taken must be immediately released | Swanton/Highgate | Franklin | 2 | 1 | 51 | E |
| Highgate Falls Dam to top of the Sheldon Springs Dam in Sheldon Springs • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Season: Open Year Round – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: 5 | Highgate/Swanton | Franklin | 2 | 1 | 52 | |
| Sheldon Springs Dam in Sheldon Springs to downstream edge of Kane Rd (TH-3) bridge in Sheldon • 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 | 53 | |
| From the downstream edge of Kane Road (TH-3) bridge upstream (approximately 5.7 miles) to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: – Season: 2nd Saturday in April to October 31 – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 • 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 | 54 | |
| From the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls to Headwaters | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 2, 3 | | |
| Moose River | | | | | | |
| From confluence with Passumpsic River upstream (approx. 350 ft) to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the Village of St. Johnsbury • Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: – Season: 2nd Saturday in April to October 31 – Length Limit: None – Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 • 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 | 55 | |
| From downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the Village of St. Johnsbury to headwaters | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 7 | | |
| Mud Creek | | | | | | |
| Lake Champlain to Rt 78 Bridge. • Lake Champlain Boundary | Alburg | Grand Isle | 3 | 1 | | |
| Rt 78 Bridge to dam in Alburg (just upstream of Route 78 bridge) • Lake Champlain Boundary • No Shooting, Spearing or Bow and Arrow for fish | Alburg | Grand Isle | 3 | 1 | | |
| Myers Brook | | | | | | |
| Lake Willoughby upstream 1/2 mile • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 | Westmore | Orleans County | 1 | 3 | 56 | |
| From 1/2 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwater | Westmore | Orleans County | 1 | 3 | | |

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| New Haven River | | | | | | |
| From the confluence with Otter Creek in New Haven, to Munger Street Bridge, New Haven | New Haven | Addison | 1 | 5 | | |
| From Munger Street Bridge in New Haven upstream (approximately 4.1 miles) to the South Street bridge in Bristol. • 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 | 57 | |
| South Street Bridge, Bristol to headwaters | Bristol | Addison | 1 | 5, 9 | | |
| Nulhegan River | | | | | | |
| CT R main channel to VT Rt 102 Bridge, Bloomfield | Bloomfield | Essex | 4 | 4 | 58 | |
| VT Rt 102 Bridge, Bloomfield to headwaters | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 4 | | |
| Ompompanoosuc River | | | | | | |
| CT R main channel to US Rt 5, Norwich | Norwich | Windsor | 4 | 11 | 59 | E |
| 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. • 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 | 60 | E |
| Top of the flood control dam in Union Village in the town of Thetford to headwaters | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 11 | | |
| Orcutt Brook | | | | | | |
| Salem Lake to headwaters • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Derby, Morgan, Holland | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 61 | |
| Ottawaquechee River | | | | | | |
| CT R main channel to 1st highway bridge crossing, Hartland | Hartland | Windsor | 4 | 11 | 62 | |
| 1st highway bridge crossing, Hartland to Headwaters | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 11 | | |
| Otter Creek | | | | | | |
| Lake Champlain to the top of the dam in the city of Vergennes | Vergennes | Addison | 3 | 5 | | E, W |
| From the Lake Champlain boundary (Falls at Vergennes) upstream to the top of the Center Rutland Falls in Rutland. • 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 | 63 | |
| Top of the Center Rutland Falls in Rutland to VT Railway Bridge, Danby • 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 | 64 | |
| 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). • 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 | 65 | |
| Danby-Mt. Tabor Forest Road bridge (Forest Road #10) to headwaters | All Applicable Towns | Bennington/Rutland | 1 | 12 | | |
| Outlet Brook | | | | | | |
| From the highway bridge near Echo Lake in Charleston upstream to the top of the dam at the outlet of Seymour Lake. • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 | Charleston/Brighton | Orleans County | 1 | 3 | 66 | |

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| Passumpsic River | | | | | | |
| CT R main channel to 1st Highway Bridge crossing, Barnet | Barnet | Caledonia | 4 | 7 | 67 | |
| 1st Highway Bridge crossing, Barnet to top of Gage Dam in St. Johnsbury. | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 7 | 68 | |
| • From Nov 1st to Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures | | | | | | |
| 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 | St. Johnsbury | Caledonia | 1 | 7 | 69 | |
| • 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 | | | | | | |
| From the top of Arnold Falls in Village of St. Johnsbury to headwaters | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 7 | | |
| Paul Stream | | | | | | |
| CT R main channel to VT Rt 102 Bridge, Maidstone | Maidstone | Essex | 4 | 4 | 70 | |
| VT Rt 102 Bridge, Maidstone to headwaters | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 4 | | |
| Pinneo Brook | | | | | | |
| Winooski River upstream approx. 100 ft to railroad crossing | Bolton | Chittenden | 1 | 6 | 71 | |
| • 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 | | | | | | |
| Railroad crossing to headwaters | Bolton | Chittenden | 1 | 6 | | |
| Porter Brook | | | | | | |
| Greensboro, Porter Brook, tributary to Caspian Lake, is to be closed in its entirety. | Greensboro | Orleans County | 1 | 3 | 72 | |
| • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 | | | | | | |
| Poultney River | | | | | | |
| Lake Champlain upstream to Poultney River to Central Vermont Power Dam at Carver Falls in West Haven. | West Haven | Rutland | 3 | 9 | | E, W |
| Central Vermont Power Dam at Carver Falls in West Haven to headwaters | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 9 | | |
| Preston Brook | | | | | | |
| Winooski River upstream approx. 2600 feet to first falls | Bolton | Chittenden | 1 | 6 | 73 | |
| • 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 | | | | | | |
| First Falls to headwater | Bolton/Huntington | Chittenden | 1 | 6 | | |
| Ridley Brook | | | | | | |
| Winooski River upstream approx. 1700 ft to first falls | Duxbury | Washington | 1 | 6 | 74 | |
| • 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 | | | | | | |
| First falls to headwaters | Duxbury | Washington | 1 | 6 | | |
| Roaring Branch | | | | | | |
| From its mouth on the Batten Kill upstream to the downstream side of Bridge # 14 on Sunderland TH 3 in East Kansas | Arlington/Sunderland | Bennington | 1 | 14 | 75 | |
| • Trout: – Catch and Release between Oct 1 and Oct 31 – All trout must be immediately released | | | | | | |
| Rock River | | | | | | |
| Lake Champlain to the first Canadian border crossing | Highgate | Franklin | 3 | 1 | | E |
| Saxtons River | | | | | | |
| CT R main channel to US Rt 5 Bridge, Westminster | Westminster | Windham | 4 | 13 | 76 | |
| US Rt 5 Bridge, Westminster to headwaters | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 13 | | |

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|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|------------------|------|
| Schoolhouse Brook | | | | | | |
| Lake Willoughby upstream 1/4 mile | Westmore | Orleans County | 1 | 3 | 77 | |
| • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 | | | | | | |
| 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 | 78 | |
| 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. | Coventry | Orleans County | 1 | 3 | 1 | |
| • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 | | | | | | |
| • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | | | | | | |
| Sargent Pond to headwaters | Coventry | Orleans County | 1 | 3 | | |
| • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | | | | | | |
| Valley Brook | | | | | | |
| From Seymour Lake to headwaters | Morgan and Holland | Orleans | 1 | 2 | 79 | |
| • Closed to fishing October 1 to October 31 | | | | | | |
| Waits River | | | | | | |
| CT R main channel to US Rt 5 Bridge, Bradford | Bradford | Orange | 4 | 11 | 80 | |
| From the Connecticut River boundary (US Rt 5 Bridge, Bradford) upstream to the top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford. | Bradford | Orange | 2 | 11 | 81 | |
| • 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 | | | | | | |
| 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 | Bennington and Shaftsbury | Bennington | 1 | 14 | 82 | |
| • 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 | | | | | | |
| 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. | Irassburg | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 83 | |
| • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 | | | | | | |
| • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | | | | | | |
| Warm Brook | | | | | | |
| From its mouth on the Roaring Branch upstream to the base of the so-called Hale Company dam in East Arlington | Arlington/Sunderland | Bennington | 1 | 14 | 84 | |
| • Trout: – Catch and Release between Oct 1 and Oct 31 – All trout must be immediately released | | | | | | |
| Wells Brook | | | | | | |
| Lake Willoughby to headwater | Westmore | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 85 | |
| • Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 | | | | | | |
| Wells River | | | | | | |
| CT R main channel to US Rt 302 Bridge, Newbury | Newbury | Orange | 4 | 7 | 86 | |
| 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 | 87 | E |
| <i>From the Connecticut River boundary (US Rt 5 Bridge) upstream to the Townshend Dam (Townshend).</i> | Townshend/Jamaica | Windham | 2 | 15 | 88 | E |
| <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 | | | | | | |
| <i>Top of Townshend Lake Dam in Townshend to VT Rt 100 Bridge, Jamaica</i> | Townshend/Jamaica | Windham | 2 | 15 | 89 | |
| <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 | | | | | | |
| <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 | 90 | D |
| <i>From the Connecticut River boundary (US Rt 5 Bridge) upstream to the downstream edge of Route 107 bridge in Bethel.</i> | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 2 | 10, 11 | 91 | D |
| <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 | | | | | | |
| <i>From the confluence with Lilliesville Brook in Stockbridge downstream 3.3 miles to 220 ft. downstream of the confluence with Cleveland Brook in Bethel.</i> | Stockbridge/Bethel | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 10 | 92 | D |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length Limit: 18" Minimum Length Daily Limit: 1 trout Gear Restriction: Artificial lures and flies only | | | | | | |
| <i>Lillieville Brook, Stockbridge, to headwaters</i> | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 10 | | D |
| Williams River | | | | | | |
| <i>CT R main channel to US Rt 5 Bridge, Rockingham</i> | Rockingham | Windham | 4 | 13 | 93 | E |
| <i>From the Connecticut River boundary (Ys Rt 5 Bridge) upstream to the top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham.</i> | Rockingham | Windham | 2 | 13 | 94 | E |
| <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 | | | | | | |
| <i>Top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham to headwaters</i> | All Applicable Towns | All Applicable Counties | 1 | 13 | | |
| Willoughby River | | | | | | |
| <i>Barton River to Orleans/Brownington Rd Bridge</i> | Barton | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 95 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length Limit: Minimum length 10" Daily Limit: 2 trout | | | | | | |
| <i>Orleans/Brownington Rd Bridge to natural falls top</i> | Barton | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 96 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length Limit: Minimum length 10" Daily Limit: 2 trout | | | | | | |
| <i>Natural falls top to Brownington Branch confluence</i> | Barton/Brownington | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 97 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length Limit: Minimum length 10" Daily Limit: 2 trout | | | | | | |

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|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|------|------------------|------|
| Willoughby River (continued) | | | | | | |
| <i>Brownington Branch confluence to downstream edge of the bridge on VT Rt 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington)</i> | Brownington | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 98 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed to Fishing: Second Saturday in April through May 31 Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length Limit: Minimum length 10" Daily Limit: 2 trout | | | | | | |
| <i>Downstream edge of the bridge on VT Route 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington) to Willoughby Lake outlet</i> | Brownington/Barton/Westmore | Orleans | 1 | 3 | 99 | |
| <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 | | | | | | |
| 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> | Winooski/Burlington | Chittenden | 3 | 5 | 100 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed to Fishing: March 16 through May 31 | | | | | | |
| <i>From the Winooski One Hydro Dam west of Main Street (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington upstream to Preston Brook, Bolton</i> | All Applicable Towns | Chittenden | 1 | 5, 6 | 101 | |
| <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 | | | | | | |
| <i>From Preston Brook mouth upstream (approximately 4.4 miles) to the Ridley Brook mouth</i> | Bolton/Duxbury/Waterbury | Chittenden/Washington | 1 | 6 | 102 | |
| <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 | | | | | | |
| <i>Ridley Brook mouth upstream to the top of the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury.</i> | Bolton/Duxbury/Waterbury | Chittenden/Washington | 1 | 6 | 103 | |
| <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 | | | | | | |
| <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> | Duxbury/Waterbury | Washington | 1 | 6 | 104 | |
| <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 | | | | | | |
| <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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Index of Lakes & Ponds

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| Lakes & Ponds | Town | County | Table | Map | Lake Area (acres) | Access ¹ | Aquatic Nuisance Species ² | Internal Combustion Boat Motors Allowed ³ | Other Boating Restrictions |
|---|----------------|---------------------|-------|-----|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 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 | Hubbarton | 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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|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------|-----|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 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 | 5 | 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in January to March 15 |
| Bourn Pond | Sunderland | Bennington | 5 | 12 | 48 | | | N | 5mph |
| | | | | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited |
| Branch Pond | Sunderland | Bennington | 5 | 14 | 34 | | | N | 5mph |
| | | | | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited |
| Bristol Pond (Winona Lake) | Bristol | Addison | 2 | 5 | 248 | St | E | Y | |
| Brookfield Pond (Baker Pond) | Brookfield | Orange | 2 | 10 | 31 | | | Y | 5mph |
| | | | | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largemouth Bass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length Limit: 10" to 12" protected slot (all bass 10" to 12" must be released) Daily Limit: 10 bass, only 1 greater than 12 inches |
| Brown Pond | Westmore | Caledonia/Orleans | 5 | 3 | 15 | Sud | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) |
| 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Season: 1st Saturday in May to March 15th Length Limit: Minimum length 15", 17" to 19" protected slot (all walleye between 17-19 inches must be released) Daily Limit: 5 fish limit provided only 1 is over 19" |
| Caspian Lake | Greensboro | Orleans | 5 | 3 | 789 | Mt | | Y | Others |
| | | | | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 All Species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length Limit: Minimum length 10" Daily Limit: 2 trout |
| Cedar Lake (Monkton Pond) | Monkton | Addison | 2 | 5 | 123 | St | E | Y | |

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| 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"> Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate |
| 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"> Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in January to March 15 Walleye: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Season: June 1 through March 15 Length Limit: Minimum Length 22" Daily Limit: 2 |
| 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 | No Boat Motors |
| 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"> Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 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 |
| Dennis Pond | Brunswick | Essex | 2 | 4 | 49 | Sf | | N | 5mph |

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| 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 | 5 | 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 • 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 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Craftsbury/Greensboro | Orleans | 2 | 3 | 174 | St | E | Y | |
| Elmore Lake | Elmore | Lamoille | 2 | 6 | 219 | St | E | Y | Others |
| Emerald Lake | Dorset | Bennington | 2 | 12 | 28 | Sf | | N | 5mph |
| Ewell Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) | Peacham | Caledonia | 5 | 7 | 51 | St | | Y | 5mph |
| Fairfield Pond | Fairfield | Franklin | 2 | 1 | 446 | Sud | E | Y | |
| Fairfield Swamp Pond | Swanton | Franklin | 2 | 1 | 152 | Sc | E | Y | 5mph |
| Fairlee, 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 | Thetford/Fairlee/W. Fairlee | Orange | 2 | 11 | 457 | St | E | Y | |
| Fern Lake | Leicester | Addison | 2 | 9 | 69 | Mc | | Y | 5mph |
| Flagg Pond | Wheelock | Caledonia | 2 | 3 | 111 | Sud | | N | 5mph |
| Forest Lake • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) | Averill | Essex | 5 | 4 | 62 | | | Y | 5mph |
| Forest Lake (Nelson Pond) • 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 | Calais/Woodbury | Washington | 5 | 7 | 133 | St | | Y | |
| Fosters Pond | Peacham | Caledonia | 2 | 7 | 61 | St | | Y | 5mph |
| Franklin Pond (Lake Carmi) • Walleye: – Open Season: 1st Saturday in May to March 15th; – Length Limit: Minimum length 15", 17" to 19" protected slot (all walleye between 17" to 19" must be released) – Daily Limit: 5 fish with only 1 over 19" | Franklin | Franklin | 2 | 2 | 1402 | St | E | Y | |
| 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 • 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 | Castleton/Fair Haven/Benson | Rutland | 2 | 9 | 206 | Sf | E | Y | 5mph |
| Goshen Dam (Sugar Hill Reservoir) • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) | Goshen | Addison | 5 | 9 | 63 | | | | |
| Great Averill Lake (Big 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 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 | Norton/Averill | Essex | 5 | 4 | 828 | St | | Y | |
| Great Hosmer Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Craftsbury/Albany | Orleans | 2 | 3 | 140 | Mt | E | Y | |
| 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: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 | Whitingham/ Wilmington | Windham | 2 | 14 | 2040 | Ut | | Y | |
| Hartwell Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Albany | Orleans | 5 | 3 | 16 | Pf | | | |
| Harveys Lake • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: – Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate | Barnet | Caledonia | 2 | 7 | 351 | St | | Y | |
| High Pond | Sudbury | Rutland | 2 | 9 | 20 | | | N | 5mph |
| Hinkum Pond | Sudbury | Rutland | 2 | 9 | 60 | | E | N | 5mph |
| Holland Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) | Holland | Orleans | 5 | 4 | 325 | St | | Y | |
| Horse Pond | Greensboro | Orleans | 2 | 3 | 32 | Sc | | Y | 5mph |
| Hortonia, Lake (Horton Pond) • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 | Hubbardton/ Sudbury | Rutland | 2 | 9 | 479 | St | E | Y | |
| Indian Brook Reservoir | Essex | Chittenden | 2 | 5 | 50 | Mc | E | N | 5mph |
| Inman Pond | Fair Haven | Rutland | 2 | 9 | 85 | | | N | 5mph |
| Island Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 | Brighton | Essex | 2 | 4 | 626 | St | | Y | |
| Jacksonville Pond | Whitingham | Windham | 2 | 15 | 20 | | | N | 5mph |

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| Jobs Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited • 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 below and 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 Rock 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 | Wallingford | Rutland | 5 | 12 | 18 | | | | |
| Little Salem 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 • Catch and Release for salmon between Oct 1 and Oct 31 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Derby | Orleans | 2 | 3 | -- | Sc | | Y | |
| 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 • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) | Newbury | Orange | 5 | 7 | 15 | | | | |
| Long Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Sheffield | Caledonia | 2 | 3 | 38 | | | N | 5mph |
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| 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 |
| Mackville Pond | Hardwick | Caledonia | 2 | 7 | 12 | | | | |
| Madeleine Lake | Sandgate | Bennington | 2 | 14 | 20 | | | Y | 5mph |
| Maidstone 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 | Maidstone | Essex | 5 | 4 | 745 | St | | Y | |
| Marl Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) | Sutton | Caledonia | 5 | 3 | 10 | Sc | | | |
| Marshfield Dam (Mollys Falls Reservoir) • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 | Cabot | Washington | 2 | 7 | 397 | St | | Y | |
| Martins 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 | Peacham | Caledonia | 5 | 7 | 82 | St | | Y | Others |
| May 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 | 116 | St | | N | 5mph |

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| McAllister Pond | Lowell | Orleans | 2 | 2 | 25 | | | N | 5mph |
| McConnell Pond | Brighton | Essex | 2 | 4 | 87 | Sf | | N | 5mph |
| McIntosh 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 | Royalton | Windsor | 5 | 10 | 23 | St | | Y | 5mph |
| Memphremagog, Lake | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay and the connecting waters).</i> | Newport/ Derby/ Coventry | Orleans | 2 | 3 | 5966 | St | E | Y | |
| • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, and Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass: – 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 • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" • Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout: – 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 • 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 | Concord | Essex | 2 | 8 | 215 | St | | Y | |
| 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) • 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 | Washington | 2 | 7 | 397 | St | | Y | |
| Mollys Pond | Cabot | Washington | 2 | 7 | 38 | Pf | | N | 5mph |
| Moore Dam Reservoir (CT River) | Waterford | Caledonia | 4 | 8 | 1235 | Ut | | | |
| Morey, 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 • Largemouth Bass: Minimum Length 14", Bag limit 5 bass | Fairlee | Orange | 2 | 11 | 547 | St | E | Y | |
| Mud Creek Pond | Alburg | Grand Isle | 2 | 1 | 333 | | | N | 5mph |
| Mud Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Craftsbury | Orleans | 2 | 3 | 35 | | | N | 5mph |
| Mud Pond | Granby | Essex | 2 | 4 | 55 | | | N | 5mph |
| Mud Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) | Hyde Park | Lamoille | 5 | 2 | 14 | | | N | 5mph |
| Mud Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Irasburg | Orleans | 2 | 3 | 5 | | | | |
| 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 • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Sheffield | Caledonia | 2 | 3 | 5 | | | | |

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| Mud Pond (Forsythie 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 | |
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| 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). | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |

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| 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 | No Boat Motors |
| 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 | No Boating or Swimming |
| 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"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 | | | | | | | | | |

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| 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"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 | | | | | | | | | |
| 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"> – Length Limit: Minimum Length 20" • Legal Method: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Angling with not more than 1 line – Ice Fishing with not more than 4 lines • 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, of which only 1 may be a lake trout • 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 – Ice Fishing with not more than 4 lines | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
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| Silver Lake | Barnard | Windsor | 2 | 10 | 84 | Scr | | Y | Others |
| Silver Lake | Georgia | Franklin | 2 | 1 | 27 | Scr | | N | Others |
| Silver Lake | Leicester | Addison | 5 | 9 | 101 | Sc | | N | 5mph |
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| 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 |
| <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 | | | | | | | | | |
| South America Pond | Ferdinand | Essex | 5 | 4 | 29 | Pf | | N | 5mph |
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| South Pond | Eden | Lamoille | 2 | 2 | 103 | | | Y | |
| South Pond | Marlboro | Windham | 5 | 15 | 68 | St | | N | No Boat Motors |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |
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| Spruce Pond | Orwell | Rutland | 2 | 9 | 25 | | | N | 5mph |
| Stannard Pond | Stannard | Caledonia | 5 | 7 | 25 | Sf | | N | 5mph |
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| Star Lake | Mount Holly | Rutland | 2 | 13 | 63 | Mt | | Y | 5mph |
| St. Catherine Lake (including Lilly Pond and Little Lake) | Wells/Poultney | Rutland | 2 | 12 | 904 | St | E, W, LBV, A | 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"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sterling Pond | Cambridge | Lamoille | 5 | 2 | 8 | | | | |
| <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 | | | | | | | | | |
| Stevens Pond | Maidstone | Essex | 2 | 4 | 26 | | | N | 5mph |
| Stiles Pond | Waterford | Caledonia | 2 | 8 | 135 | Sud | | N | 5mph |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass: Catch & Immediate Release Only • Yellow Perch: Daily Limit: 10 Perch | | | | | | | | | |
| Stoughton Pond | Weathersfield | Windsor | 5 | 13 | 56 | Gt | | 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) | | | | | | | | | |
| Stratton Pond | Stratton | Windham | 5 | 12 | 46 | | | N | No Boat Motors |
| <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 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sugar Hill Reservoir (Goshen Dam) | Goshen | Addison | 5 | 9 | 63 | Uf | | 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) | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 and 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 • All Species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ice Fishing Open Season: 3rd Saturday in Jan to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) • Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Lake Trout and Landlocked Salmon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunset Lake | Brookfield | Orange | 2 | 10 | 25 | Pc | | N | 5mph |
| Sunset Lake | Marlboro | Windham | 2 | 15 | 96 | Mc | | N | Others |

For lakes, ponds, reservoirs and impoundments NOT LISTED in this index, see *Table 2*.

| Lakes & Ponds | Town | County | Table | Map | Lake Area (acres) | Access ¹ | Aquatic Nuisance Species ² | Internal Combustion Boat Motors Allowed ³ | Other Boating Restrictions |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|-------|-----|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Sweeny Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Glover | Orleans | 2 | 3 | 9 | | | | |
| Sweet Pond | Guilford | Windham | 2 | 15 | 20 | | | N | 5mph |
| Tildys Pond (Clark Pond) • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Glover | Orleans | 2 | 3 | 33 | | | Y | 5mph |
| 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 • 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 | Avery's Gore | Essex | 5 | 4 | 19 | Sf | | | |
| Unknown 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 | Ferdinand | Essex | 5 | 4 | 12 | Sf | | | |
| Upper Symes Pond | Ryegate | Caledonia | 2 | 7 | 20 | Sf | | N | 5mph |
| Vail Pond (Big Fish 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 | Sud | | | |
| Valley Lake (Dog Pond) | Woodbury | Washington | 2 | 7 | 88 | Sc | | Y | Others |
| Vernon Hatchery Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) | Vernon | Windham | 5 | | | | | | |
| Walker Pond • Open to fishing year round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) • Landlocked Salmon: Minimum Length 17" | Coventry | Orleans | 2 | 3 | 18 | | | | |
| Wallace 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 | Canaan | Essex | 2 | 4 | 532 | St | | | |
| 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 • 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 | Waterbury/ Stowe | Washington Lamoille | 2 | 6 | 839 | St | | Y | Others |
| Weatherhead Hollow | Guilford | Windham | 2 | 15 | 33 | St | | Y | 5mph |
| West Hill Pond | Cabot | Washington | 2 | 7 | 46 | Sud | | N | 5mph |
| West Mt. Pond • Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) | Maidstone | Essex | 5 | 4 | 60 | Sc | | N | 5mph |

- 1 S=State; M=Municipal; G=Federal; U=Utility; P=Private; f=foot or carry in; ud=undeveloped; t=boats on trailer; c=cartop; r=regulated.
- 2 E=Eurasian Watermilfoil; Z=Zebra Mussel; W=Water Chestnut; V=Variable-leaf watermilfoil; LBV=Largemouth Bass Virus; A=Alewife
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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 |
| Wheeler Pond | Brunswick | Essex | 2 | 4 | 66 | Sud | | | |
| 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 |

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- Eliminate water from equipment before transporting.
- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

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

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

Waterbody specific regulations listed in Index of Rivers/Index of Lakes override the general regulation

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

| Species | Length Rules | Daily Limit | Legal Methods | Open Seasons |
|---|--------------|--|--|--|
| AMERICAN SHAD | | 0 | Catch & release angling | 2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31 |
| ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON | | 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 |
| CARP, SUCKERS, BOWFIN, MULLET (Redhorse), GAR | None | None | Angling, Bow w/arrow attached to line, Ice fishing | All year |
| CRAPPIE | 8" | 25 | Angling, Ice fishing | All year |
| LAKE STURGEON | | 0 | | No open season |
| LAKE TROUT | 18" | Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2 | Angling | 2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31 |
| LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON | 15" | | | |
| 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 |
| MUSKELLUNGE | | 0 | Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures and flies only | All year |
| NORTHERN PIKE | 20" | 5 | Angling, Ice fishing | All year |
| RAINBOW SMELT | None | None | Angling, Ice fishing | All year |
| SAUGER | | 0 | | No open season |
| WALLEYE | 18" | 3 | Angling, Ice fishing | 1st Sat. in May to March 15 |
| YELLOW PERCH | None | 50 | 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 60. Spawning waters are not included.

| Species | Length Rules | Daily Limit | Legal Methods | Open Seasons |
|--|--------------|--|--|--|
| BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT | 12" | Total of brook + brown + rainbows = no more than 3 | Angling, Ice fishing | All year |
| CARP, SUCKERS, BOWFIN, MULLET (Redhorse), GAR, BULLHEAD, SHAD, | None | None | Angling, Bow w/arrow attached to line, Ice fishing | All year |
| | | | Shooting, spearing | March 25 to May 25 |
| CHAIN PICKEREL | None | 10 | Shooting, spearing | March 25 to May 25 |
| | | | Angling, Ice fishing | All year |
| CRAPPIE | 8" | 25 | Angling, Ice fishing | All year |
| LAKE STURGEON | | 0 | | No open season |
| LAKE TROUT | 15" | 3 | Angling, Ice fishing | All year |
| LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC 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 |
| MUSKELLUNGE | | 0 | Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only | All year |
| NORTHERN PIKE | 20" | 5 | Shooting, spearing | March 25 to May 25 |
| | | | Angling, Ice fishing | All year |
| RAINBOW SMELT | None | None | Angling, Ice fishing | All year |
| SAUGER | | 0 | | No open season |
| WALLEYE | 18" | 3 | Angling, Ice fishing | 1st Sat. in May to March 15 |
| YELLOW PERCH | None | None | 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.

(NEW this year) Lead sinkers and lead jigs one ounce or less, regardless of length, are prohibited beginning June 1, 2016.

SPECIES RULES The rules below apply during the open season for fishing.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| AMERICAN SHAD | Catch and release only. |
| 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. |
| RIVER HERRING | Closed to the taking of alewives and blueback herring |
| 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

(NEW this year) From the Murphy Dam in Pittsburg, NH downstream to the highway bridge that crosses the river from West Stewartstown, NH to Canaan, VT: From January 1 to the 4th Saturday in April, catch and release only with barbless lures and flies.

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.

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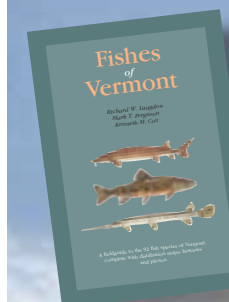
TABLE 5: General Fishing Regulations for Certain Lakes and Ponds listed in Index of Lakes & Ponds

| Species | Length Rules | Daily Limit | Legal Methods | Open Seasons |
|---|--------------|--|--|---|
| AMERICAN SHAD | | 0 | Catch & Release Angling | 2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31 |
| ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON | | 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 |
| CRAPPIE | 8" | 25 | Angling | 2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31 |
| LAKE STURGEON | | 0 | | No open season |
| LAKE TROUT | 18" | Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2 | Angling | 2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31 |
| LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON | 15" | | | |
| 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 |
| MUSKELLUNGE | | 0 | Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only | 2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31 |
| NORTHERN PIKE | 20" | 5 | Angling | 2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31 |
| SAUGER | | 0 | | No open season |
| WALLEYE | 18" | 3 | Angling | 1st Sat. in May 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 |
| ALL OTHER SPECIES | None | None | Angling | 2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31 |

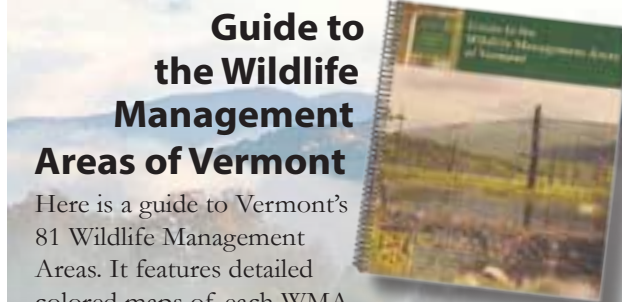
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Remember: SWIMMING OR SUNBATHING at the access is prohibited

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

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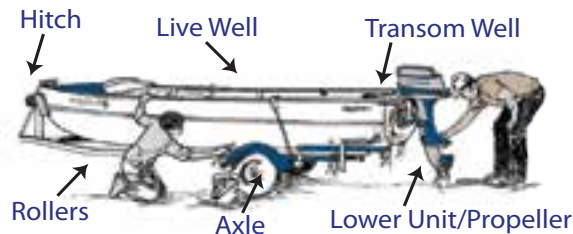


| Day | APR. | | MAY | | JUNE | |
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| | Rise A.M. | Set P.M. | Rise A.M. | Set P.M. | Rise A.M. | Set P.M. |
| 1 | 6:31 | 7:18 | 5:41 | 7:55 | 5:09 | 8:28 |
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| 12 | 6:11 | 7:32 | 5:26 | 8:08 | 5:06 | 8:35 |
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| 14 | 6:08 | 7:34 | 5:24 | 8:10 | 5:06 | 8:36 |
| 15 | 6:06 | 7:35 | 5:23 | 8:11 | 5:06 | 8:36 |
| 16 | 6:04 | 7:36 | 5:22 | 8:12 | 5:06 | 8:36 |
| 17 | 6:03 | 7:38 | 5:21 | 8:13 | 5:06 | 8:37 |
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| 31 | | | 5:10 | 8:27 | | |

CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS

No More Free Rides

WATERCRAFT CHECK POINTS



When you leave a body of water:

- Clean** off any mud, plants (even small fragments), and animals from boats, trailers and equipment. If possible wash at home or at a car wash.
 - 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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| | Rise A.M. | Set P.M. | Rise A.M. | Set P.M. | Rise A.M. | Set P.M. |
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| 3 | 5:12 | 8:37 | 5:41 | 8:12 | 6:16 | 7:22 |
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Fish & Wildlife Laws

The purpose of Vermont Fish & Wildlife laws is to help protect, manage, and conserve the fish and wildlife of the state. It is the responsibility of each individual who hunts, fishes or traps to know these laws. This Guide 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 <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutesMain.cfm>. Any questions you have regarding these laws should be directed to your local game warden.

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| Brown, Paul | 229-9191 | 485-4432 | Northfield |
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| Joyal, Dana | 878-7111 | 425-4506 | Charlotte |
| Snyder, Dustin | 524-5993 | 849-9980 | Fairfax |
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| Sgt. Szymanowski, Trevor | 748-3111 | 695-1314 | N. Concord |
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| Reed, Jenna | 334-8881 | 279-9058 | Newport Ctr |
| Schichtle, Mark | 222-4680 | 757-2121 | Wells River |
| Scott, T. Mike | 334-8881 | 525-5501 | Barton |

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| Gravelle, Jason | 234-9933 | 484-7435 | Hartland |
| Hungerford, Josh | 388-4919 | 989-7484 | Middlebury |
| Sterling, Robert | 773-9101 | 265-4602 | Fair Haven |
| Whipple, Jeffrey | 234-9933 | 685-7813 | Vershire |

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| Eckhardt, Greg | 875-2112 | 824-5785 | Landgrove |
| Jackman, Cody | 442-5421 | 867-7012 | Dorset |
| Majeski, Stephen | 875-2112 | 457-1488 | Brownsville |
| Price, Kelly | 257-7101 | 251-2171 | Brattleboro |
| Taddei, David | 875-2112 | 221-4066 | Townshend |
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 11 Lincoln Street, Essex Jct, VT 05452

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 Rte 107, Bethel, VT 05032

Dwight D. Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery (802) 483-6618
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Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (802) 868-4781
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 617 Comstock Road, Suite 9

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Green Mountain National Forest

The Green Mountain National Forest is a federal, public forest covering over 400,000 acres in Vermont. Access to fishing and hunting is open to everyone. Vermont hunting and fishing regulations apply along with National Forest regulations. For information, contact one of the following offices:

Green Mountain National Forest Headquarters (802) 747-6700
 231 North Main Street
 Rutland, VT 05701 (802) 747-6765 (TDD)

Middlebury Ranger District (802) 388-6688
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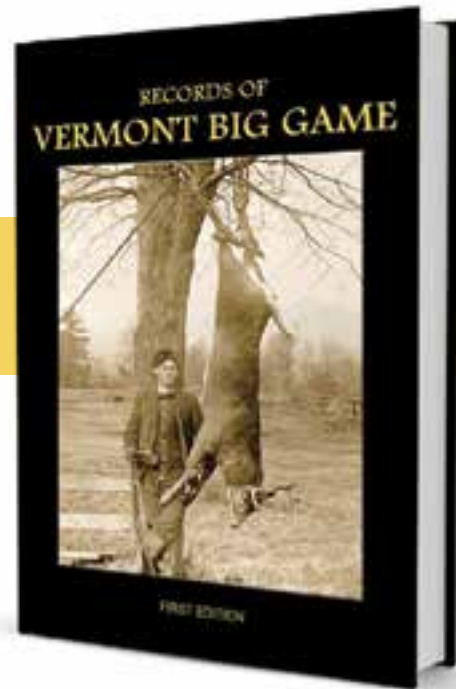
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