

How to find fishing regulations for waters in this county.

1. Determine the waterbody you are going to fish.
2. Review the Statewide General Law Fishing Regulation Section.
3. Review the Southern and Eastern County Fishing Rules Section.
4. Review the list of waterbodies in the County that have special regulations (S-Codes or written).
 - a. If the waterbody you are going to fish is listed the special rules take the place of the standard regulations for those items listed (i.e. season, daily limits, etc.)
 - b. If the waterbody you are going to fish is not listed then Statewide General Law and Southern and Eastern County Regulations Apply.

FISHING RULES FOR THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN COUNTIES

(Androscoggin, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford south of the Androscoggin River, Penobscot, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington, and York)

Lakes and Ponds:

- From January 1 - December 31: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, open to all fishing (includes both ice and open water fishing).
- From January 1 - September 30: Unless indicated otherwise under the appropriate county, general law length and bag limits apply to all fish caught while open water fishing or ice fishing (see page 5).
- From October 1 - December 31: Unless indicated otherwise under the appropriate county, all trout, landlocked salmon, and togue caught while open water fishing or ice fishing must be released alive at once.

Brooks, Streams and Rivers:

- From April 1 - August 15: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, open to open water fishing under general law fishing provisions (see page 5).
- From August 16 - September 30: Fishing in brooks, streams and rivers is restricted to the use of artificial lures or flies only, and the combined total daily bag limit for trout, landlocked salmon, and togue is 1 fish.
- From October 1 - March 31: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, brooks, streams and rivers are closed to all fishing. Any open to open water fishing or ice fishing between October 1 and March 31 will be indicated under the appropriate county.

Unless indicated otherwise under the appropriate county, on lakes and ponds in the Southern and Eastern counties the daily bag limit on trout is 2 fish.

Many waters have special rules that differ from the general law provisions. Check the list of individual waters under each county. If the water you wish to fish appears in that list, the letter codes will direct you to the special rule(s) which are in effect that differ from general law or the provisions for Maine's Southern and Eastern counties. The meanings of the letter codes are as follows:

- A:** Open to ice fishing and open water fishing for all fish from December 1 - April 30.
- B:** Closed to ice fishing until January 1, then open to ice fishing and open water fishing from January 1 - March 31.
- CI:** Closed to ice fishing.
- CO:** Closed to open water fishing from October 1 - March 31.
- S:** Special rule(s) in effect - Special Rules (S-codes) are listed on page 7.
(Note: Special rules may restrict the general law fishing provisions.)

General Law

General Law applies unless otherwise specified. Please refer to individual waters for more detail.

SEASONS

- For Southern and Eastern Counties, see page 16
- For Western and Northern Counties, see page 44

LANDLOCKED SALMON, TROUT, TOGUE (LAKE TROUT)

DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS:	MINIMUM LEGAL LENGTHS		
	Lakes & Ponds	Rivers, Brooks, Streams	
5 Brook Trout ^{A,B} (includes Splake and Arctic Charr)	6 inches	6 inches	The term "trout" when used alone includes brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, splake and Arctic Charr (Sunapee trout and blueback trout) The term "brook trout" also includes splake and Arctic Charr (Sunapee Trout and Blueback Trout).
2 Landlocked Salmon ^A	14 inches ^C	14 inches ^C	
2 Togue (Lake Trout) ^A	18 inches	18 inches	
2 Brown Trout ^A	14 inches ^C	6 inches ^C	
2 Rainbow Trout ^A	12 inches	6 inches	

^AImportant...From August 16 - September 30, fishing on rivers, brooks, and streams statewide is restricted to the use of artificial lures only and the combined daily bag limit for trout, landlocked salmon, and togue (lake trout) is 1 fish.

^BImportant...On lakes and ponds in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington and York counties the daily bag limit on brook trout is 2 fish.

^CIn Washington County - except West Grand, East Grand, Spednic, Cathance, Nash, Lower Sysladobsis and East Musquash Lakes - the maximum length limit on landlocked salmon and brown trout is 25 inches.

BASS (largemouth and smallmouth)

April 1 - June 30: Daily bag limit: 1 fish; artificial lures only; minimum length limit: 10 inches
July 1 - September 30: Daily bag limit: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 10 inches, only 1 exceeding 14 inches.
October 1 - March 31: Daily bag limit: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 10 inches.

OTHER SPECIES

Species	Daily Bag Limit	Minimum Length Limit
Pickarel	10 fish	None
Whitefish	3 fish	None
Smelts	2 quarts	None (see page 11 - laws & definitions)
Northern Pike	None	None
Muskellunge	None	None
American eel	50 fish	6 inches
Shad	2 fish	None
Striped Bass	1 fish	Between 20 and 26 inches in total length, or 40 inches or greater in total length.
Atlantic Salmon	See page 98	See page 98
Species not listed above	None	None

The daily bag, possession and minimum length limits on this page apply to waters open to fishing that DO NOT have special rules stating otherwise. Special Rules (S-Codes) can be found on page 7.

SPECIAL RULES FOR ICE FISHING AND OPEN WATER FISHING (S-CODES)

- S-1: Closed to taking smelts.
- S-2: Closed to taking smelts, except by hook and line.
- S-3: Tributaries closed to taking smelts.
- S-4: Use or possession of live fish as bait is prohibited. (The use of dead fish, salmon eggs, and worms permitted.)
- S-5: Fly fishing only.
- S-6: Artificial lures only.
- S-7: All trout, landlocked salmon, and togue caught must be released alive at once.
- S-8: Restricted to 2 lines per person.
- S-9: Open to fishing only for persons under 16 years of age. Restricted to two lines per person. Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish.
- S-10: Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: artificial lures only; all trout, landlocked salmon and togue must be released alive at once. Closed to open water fishing from December 1 - March 31.
- S-11: Reserved for additional options.
- S-12: Reserved for additional options.
- S-13: No size or bag limit on bass.
- S-14: Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once.
- S-15: All bass between 13 and 18 inches must be released alive at once. April 1 - June 30: daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish. July 1 - March 31: daily bag limit on bass: 2 fish.
- S-16: Daily bag limit on trout 2 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 14 inches.
- S-17: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 10 inches, only 1 may exceed 12 inches.
- S-18: Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 18 inches.
- S-19: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish.
- S-20: All trout less than 6 inches and longer than 12 inches must be released alive at once.
- S-21: Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches.
- S-22: Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 1 fish.
- S-23: Minimum length on landlocked salmon: 16 inches.
- S-24: Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches.
- S-25: Daily bag limit on togue: 1 fish.
- S-26: Daily bag limit on togue: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches, only 1 may exceed 18 inches.
- S-27: Daily bag limit on togue: 6 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches, only 1 may exceed 23 inches.
- S-28: Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish.
- S-29: No bag limit on pickerel. From July 1 - September 30: artificial lures only; the minimum length on trout is 8 inches.
- S-30: Indian Territory Regulations. See pages 89-93.
- S-31: Boundary waters with New Brunswick. See pages 93-95.
- S-32: Border waters with New Hampshire. See pages 95-97.
- S-33: Maximum length on landlocked salmon and brown trout: 25 inches.

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See general law fishing provisions on page 5, and special rules for Maine's southern and eastern counties on page 16. Some waters may have additional special rules that differ from general law.

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Unless indicated otherwise below, on lakes and ponds in Penobscot County the daily bag limit on brook trout is 2 fish.

For regulations on waters in Indian Territory (S-30) see pages 89-93.

Ambajejus Lake. (See Pemadumcook Chain of Lakes)

Aroostook River. (See Aroostook County).

Atwood Pond, T5R8 WELS. **CI.** S-4, S-10.

Baxter State Park. (See regulations under Piscataquis County)

Billfish Pond, T6R8 WELS (also

Piscataquis County). **CI.** S-4, S-17.

From October 1 – March 31: S-10.

Birch and East Branch Birch Streams, Argyle Twp. S-30.

Blackman Stream. (See special regulations listed under Penobscot River).

Bowlin Pond, T5R8 WELS. **CI.** S-10.

Bowlin Pond, Little, T5R7 WELS. **CI.** S-10.

Branch Lake, East. T3 R9 NWP. S-30.

Brann's Mill Pond, Garland. (See Piscataquis County)

Burnt Pond, Clifton. (See Hancock County)

Cold Stream, Enfield. From the highway bridge on State Route 188 in Enfield to the red markers by the old hatchery fishway: Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age and complimentary license holders, General Law terminal gear provisions and length limits apply from April 1 - September 30, S-33. Open to open water fishing from October 1-15: S-6, S-7.

Cold Stream Pond, Enfield, Lowell, and Lincoln. S-2, S-3, S-13, S-22. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. From October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

Cold Stream Ponds, Upper, Lincoln. B. S-13, S-22, S-25. (Upper portion known locally as "The Little Narrows": S-3.)

Cut Lake, T7R6 WELS. B. S-4.

Davis (Wapiti) Pond, T5R7 WELS. **CI.** From October 1 – March 31: S-10.

Deasey Pond, T3R7 WELS. **CI.** S-10.

Eaton Brook. (See special regulations listed under Penobscot River)

Endless Lake, T3R9 NWP. S-17, except that from October 1 – December 31: S-7.

Felts Brook. (See special regulations listed under Penobscot River).

Fitts Pond, Clifton. S-8, S-18, except that from October 1 – December 31: S-7.

Gardiner Pond, T5R7 WELS. **CI.** S-10.

Giles Pond, Patten. S-9.

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Grand Lake, West. (See Washington County)

Great Works Stream, Bradley. Open per Class A from Penobscot River to Big Rock in Bradley. (See special regulations listed under Penobscot River)

Green Pond, T7R8 WELS. CI. S-10.

Green Mountain Pond, T6R6 WELS. CI. S-5, S-17. From October 1 – March 31: S-10.

Hatcase Pond, Eddington, Dedham. (See Hancock County)

Hathorn Pond, T4R8 WELS. CI. S-4. CO.

Hathorn Pond, Little, T4R8 WELS. CI. S-4. CO.

Hay Pond, T6R8 WELS. CI. S-4. CO.

Hemlock Stream, Argyle Township. S-30.

Hobart Pond, T6R7 WELS. CI. S-10.

Hopkins Pond, Clifton, Mariaville. (See Hancock County)

Ireland Pond, T7R8 WELS. CI. S-6, S-18. From October 1 – March 31: S-10.

Jerry Pond and tributaries and outlet to barrier dam, Millinocket. S-9. Motorboats prohibited.

Jerry Pond, T5R7 WELS. CI. S-4, S-17. CO.

Johnny Ayers Brook, T2R9 NWP. S-30.

Johnny Mack Brook, Orono. S-9. General Law terminal gear provisions and length limits apply from April 1 - September 30.

Jo-Mary Lakes, Lower & Upper, T4 Indian Purchase, etc. (See Piscataquis County)

Jo-Mary Lake, Middle, (including Turkeytail Lake), T4 Indian Purchase, TAR10 WELS. B. S-13.

Jones Pond, T7&8R8 WELS. S-4.

Katahdin Lake, T3R8 WELS. CI. S-4, S-17. CO.

Kenduskeag Stream. From its origin in Corinth downstream to the head of tide (Harlow Street Bridge in Bangor): S-13.

See exceptions below.

- From Route 15 downstream to the Harlow Street Bridge:
- April 1 - June 30: S-13, S-19, S-33. Minimum length limit on trout: 8 inches.
- July 1 - September 15: Closed to all fishing
- September 16 - October 15: S-6, S-13, S-19, S-33. Minimum length limit on trout: 8 inches.
- From the Harlow Street Bridge downstream to the Maine Central Railroad Bridge in Bangor: Closed to all fishing after July 15 (Marine Resources Rule).

Kimball Pond, T5R8 WELS. CI. S-10.

Lane Brook Pond, T6R6 WELS. CI. S-4. CO.

Lincoln Pond, T4 Indian Purchase. CI. S-10.

Lost Pond, T7R7 WELS. CI. S-4, S-17. CO.

Matagamon Lake, Grand (First Lake), T6R8 WELS. S-30.

Matagamon Lake, Grand (Second Lake). (See Piscataquis County)

Mattagodus Stream, south of Rte 6. Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age and complimentary license holders, S-19, General Law terminal gear provisions and length limits apply from April 1 - September 30.

Mattamiscontis Lake, Big, T2&3R9 NWP. S-30.

Mattamiscontis Lake, Little, T3R9 NWP. S-30.

Mattamiscontis Stream, T2&3R9 NWP. S-30.

Mattawamkeag River. From the headwaters to the confluence with the Penobscot River: S-33. From July 1 - September 30: S-5 from red markers located on both shores 100 yards above Big Gordon Brook junction down to red markers located 100 yards below Little

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Gordon Brook junction and S-5 from red markers located on both shores 100 yards above Mattakeunk Stream junction down to red markers located 100 yards below Mattakeunk Stream junction.

Mattawamkeag River, Kingman and Drew. A.

Mattawamkeag River, Haynesville, Weston, Bancroft, Reed Plt., Drew Plt., Kingman Twp. From the Route 171 bridge in Reed Plt., downstream to the Route 170 bridge in Kingman: Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31. S-6, S-7.

Messer Pond, T5R8 WELS. CI. S-4. CO.

Messer Pond, Little, T5R8 WELS. CI. S-10.

Mill Privilege Lake, Carroll Plt., T5R1 NBPR. S-30.

Mill Stream (outlet of Little Wassookeag Lake), Dexter. From the dam on Little Wassookeag to the downstream side of the Liberty Street Bridge: S-9. General Law terminal gear provisions and length limits apply from April 1 – September 30.

Millimagasset Lake, T7R8 WELS. B. S-16. CO.

Millinocket Lake, T1&2R8 WELS (also Piscataquis County). B. S-2, S-3, S-13.

Millinocket Stream, T1R8 WELS, T3 Indian Purchase. From Millinocket Lake Dam downstream to Millinocket Town Line: Open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31, S-19, General Law terminal gear provisions and length limits apply year-round.

Millinocket Stream (including Round Pond) and tributaries. From Millinocket Lake in T7R9 WELS downstream to the confluence with Munsungan Stream in T8R8 WELS, including all tributaries upstream to the first road crossing: S-6, S-17. All salmon caught must be released alive at once. From August 16 -

September 30: Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish.

Moose Pond, T3R8 WELS. CI. S-4. CO.

Moose Pond, T6R7 WELS. CI. S-10.

Mooseluk Stream. (See Piscataquis County)

Morrell Pond, T6&7R8 WELS. CI. S-10.

Mountain Brook, T3R9 NWP. S-30.

Mountain Catcher Pond, T6R8 WELS. S-30.

Mountain Catcher Stream, T6R8 WELS. S-30.

Mountain Catcher Pond, Little, T6R8. CI. CO.

Mud Lake, T6R6 WELS, Moro Plt. CI. S-17. CO.

Munsungan Stream and tributaries. (See Piscataquis County)

Nokomis Pond, Newport, Palmyra.

Motorboats with internal combustion engines prohibited.

O’Roake Pond, Sherman. S-9.

Passadumkeag River. From Saponac Lake downstream to its confluence with the Penobscot River, Grand Falls Twp., Burlington, Lowell, Summit Twp., Passadumkeag. Open to open water fishing and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-33. From October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

Passadumkeag River, East Branch, T3R1 NBPP. S-30.

Peaked Mountain Pond, T4R7 WELS. CI. S-4. CO.

Pemadumcook Chain of Lakes (includes Pemadumcook, Elbow, Ambajelus, North, and South Twin Lakes), T3&4 Indian Purchase, etc. (also Piscataquis County). B. S-13. From October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

Penobscot River, Veazie to Medway (confluence of the East and West Branches of the Penobscot River). See Fish Consumption Advisory. A. S-33. From October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7. That

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area within 150 feet of any part of the West Enfield Dam, including fishway: Closed to fishing at all times.

- All tidal waters of the Penobscot River from the Veazie Dam to the downstream side of the Bangor Water District pipeline crossing, located approximately 3100 feet downstream of the Veazie Dam and identified by two red markers on either side of the Penobscot River in Eddington and Veazie: Closed from January 1 - December 31 (Marine Resources Rule).

The following areas are closed to fishing for all species from July 1 - September 30. Felts Brook from the downstream side of Route 9 in Brewer to the head of tide. In addition, the Dept. of Marine Resources has closed an area from the head of tide in Brewer downstream to the Penobscot River on the easterly side of a straight line drawn from a red painted rock situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Felts Brook to a red painted marker on the Bangor Dam fishway situated on the upriver side of the mouth of Felts Brook.

Eaton Brook from the downstream side of Route 9 in Brewer to the head of tide. In addition, the Dept. of Marine Resources has closed an area from the head of tide in Brewer to the Penobscot River, and the Penobscot River within 250 feet of a red painted marker situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Eaton Brook.

Meadow Brook in Bangor and in the Penobscot River within a 250 foot radius of the Maine Central Railroad Bridge abutments at the mouth of Meadow Brook (Marine Resources Rule).

Blackman Stream from the downstream side of the Route 178 bridge in Bradley to the Penobscot River, and the Penobscot River within 500 feet of a red painted marker situated on the downriver side of

the mouth of Blackman Stream.

Great Works Stream from the downstream side of the Route 178 bridge in Bradley to the Penobscot River, and the Penobscot River within 500 feet of a red painted marker situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Great Works Stream:

Penobscot River, East Branch. S-33.

The area within 150 feet of the Matagam-on Dam is closed to all fishing. From Matagam-on Dam to the downstream side of Whetstone Bridge, Big and Little Spring Brooks, and all other tributaries upstream to the first road crossing: S-6. Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 10 inches. S-13, S-17.

Penobscot River, West Branch, from the dam at North Twin Lake to Quakish Lake, T3 Indian Purchase, Millinocket. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

Penobscot River, West Branch, Medway dam to the confluence of East and West Branches in Medway, Medway. S-33.

The area within 150 feet of any part of the Medway Dam, including the powerhouse: closed to fishing at all time. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

Pickett Mountain Pond, T6R6 WELS (also Aroostook County). CI. S-10.

Piscataquis River, Maxfield, Howland. (See Piscataquis County)

Pleasant Lake, T6R6 WELS. CI. S-17. CO.

Puffers Pond (Echo Lake), Dexter. S-13.

Pug Lake, T5R1 NBPP (also Washington County). S-15, S-27. Daily bag limit on whitefish: 8 fish. From October 1 - 20: S-6, S-7. Closed to all fishing from October 21 - January 31. Open to ice fishing for all fish during February and March only.

Pushaw Stream, Hudson, etc. From the railroad bridge in Hudson downstream

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to Pushaw Lake and from Pushaw Lake downstream to Stillwater River: Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31. S-6, S-7.

Ragged Ponds, Lower East, Lower West, Upper East, Upper West, T4 Indian Purchase. CI. S-10.

Robar Pond, T4R8 WELS. CI. CO.

Robar Pond, Big, T4R8 WELS. CI. S-4. CO.

Rocky Brook, Lincoln. S-9.

Rocky Pond, T3R8 WELS. CI. S-4. CO.

Round Pond, Little, Lincoln. From December 1 - April 30: S-9, S-19.

Sam Ayers Stream, T2R9 NWP. S-30.

Sawtelle Deadwater, T6R7 WELS. B. S-19, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

Scruggly Lake, T7R8 WELS. B. S-24. From October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

Sebasticook River, East Branch, Newport, Plymouth, Detroit. S-19. General Law terminal gear provisions and length limits apply from April 1 - September 30. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

Seboeis River, T5R7 WELS, etc. From the upstream side of the Grand Lake Road bridge to the confluence with the East Branch of the Penobscot River: S-6. Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 10 inches. S-17.

Seboeis Stream, Howland. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31. S-6, S-7.

Seboeis Stream, East Branch, T3R9 NWP. S-30.

Shin Pond, Lower, T5R7 WELS, Mount Chase. S-13, S-24, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

Shin Pond, Upper, Mount Chase, T6R6 WELS. S-2, S-3, S-13.

Smith Pond, Little, T1R8 WELS. CI. S-10.

Snag Pond (Stump Pond), Lincoln. No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.

Soper Logan, T6R8 WELS. CI. CO.

Soule Pond, T7R8 WELS. CI. CO.

Spring Brooks, Big and Little, T4R8 WELS, etc. Brooks and tributaries: S-6, S-17. Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 10 inches.

Spring Pond, T6R7 WELS. CI. S-10.

Squirrel Brook, T3R9 NWP. S-30.

Sysladobsis Lake, Upper, Lakeville. S-3.

Trout Pond, Grand Falls Twp. CO. CI. S-4.

Trout Pond, Soldiertown Twp. CI. S-4. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

Twin Pond, T4R7 WELS. CI. CO.

Twin Lakes, North and South. (See Pemadumcook Chain of Lakes)

Umcolcus Lake, T7&8R6 WELS. (See Aroostook County)

Unnamed Pond in southeast corner of T4R8 WELS. CI. CO.

Unnamed Pond, T3R8 WELS. CI. CO. S-4.

Wapiti (Davis) Pond, T5R7 WELS. CI. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

Wassookeag Lake, Big (West of State Route 23), Dexter. B. S-2, S-3, S-25, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7. Closed to all fishing is the area west of the Guy H. Hall Memorial Bridge on State Route 23. From the bridge, this area extends westerly to the red markers on the north and south shores.

Wassookeag Lake, Little (East of State Route 23), Dexter. A. S-2, S-3, S-25, except that from October 1 - November 30: S-7.

Weymouth Pond, St. Albans. Open to ice and open water fishing from January 1 - December 31. From October 1 - December 31: S-7.