MAINE FISHING GUIDE

ALL IN FOR THE MAINE OUTDOORS

300+ HOT SPOTS & FISHING TIPS FROM MAINE FISHERIES BIOLOGISTS
CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE
Maine has over 32,000 miles of rivers and streams and 6,000 lakes and ponds. This wealth of waterways includes the known fishing hot spots in this guide, as well as plenty of pristine, remote waters just waiting to become your favorite get-away-from-it-all spot. Options abound: you can venture deep into the Allagash Wilderness Waterway or Baxter State Park, or stay close to the coast, where many river reaches offer natural, undeveloped shorelines and unsurpassed fishing action, all within the bounds of cities and towns.

SOMETHING FOR EVERY LEVEL OF ANGLER
Every year, serious anglers from New England and beyond flock to their favorite Maine waters, putting their skills to the test against our famous leaping landlocks, fierce-fighting smallmouth bass (found in remote and populated regions alike), and trophy largemouth bass in the coastal region. Maine is the only state in the lower 48 to have native populations of Arctic charr and is the last true stronghold for wild brook trout.

But you don’t have to be an expert angler to enjoy a day of fishing. Beginners can quickly learn how to catch some of Maine’s most beautiful and unique wild fish, including brook trout which are present in many small streams, rivers, large lakes, and even some mountaintop ponds.

And for the kids, Maine offers a special fishing opportunity: over 50 restricted waters throughout the state, all stocked with trout to increase kids’ chances of making a prize-worthy catch.

MAINE’S FISHERIES BIOLOGISTS WELCOME YOU
Whether you’re an experienced angler who’s been hooked on fishing since childhood, or an adventurous newbie just starting out today, we’re so glad you’re here. Because by fishing in Maine, you’re not just making lifelong memories — you’re also helping to preserve these world-class waters for future generations.

Revenue from license fees goes right back into the fisheries, supporting the conservation, preservation, and stocking programs that keep Maine a fishing destination unlike any other in the United States.

An age-old escape from day-to-day stress (and a modern escape from screens), a good day of fishing offers equal parts relaxation, anticipation, and reward. Out on the water, surrounded by mountains and pines, you can make priceless outdoor memories, teach kids lifelong lessons — and if you’re lucky, rehash it all over a fresh-caught dinner.
HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This book is a compilation of fishing spots recommended by regional fisheries biologists. To make the most of it, it helps to have a few other things on hand:

- An Idea of the Species You Want to Fish For and What Methods or Gear You Want to Use
- A Delorme Maine Atlas & Gazetteer
- The Current Year’s Open Water & Ice Fishing Law Book
- An Internet Connected Computer or Mobile Device

ALL SET? LET’S GO FISHING.

Here’s how to find your perfect spot:

1. Flip to your management region in this book. If you don’t know your region, consult the Maine regional map and town listings starting on page 4.

2. Find the species you would like to catch, and under it you’ll see a list of nearby water bodies. Each listing includes access details, restrictions, and notes about the water body, as well as its Delorme Maine Atlas and Gazetteer map and section number. The Gazetteer will show you detailed topography, access roads, established campsites, and the exact locations of launch areas.

3. Once you’ve decided on a water body, consult Maine’s Open Water and Ice Fishing laws for the current and detailed regulations governing it.

4. Buy a fishing license — for Maine residents, they’re $11 for a day or $25 for the season. Non-resident licenses are also available in 1, 3, 7, or 15-day increments, or for the full year ($64). Check mefishwildlife.com to view current rates and purchase yours on demand. While there, you can also check out today’s fish stocking report and browse interactive maps.

GET THE MAINE FISHING GUIDE DATA LAYERS FOR GOOGLE EARTH

As an optional companion to this guide, we’ve packaged several data layers including fisheries info, management regions, lake and pond depths, public boat launches and more all into a Google Earth Desktop app for tech-savvy anglers. Download it at mefishwildlife.com/maine-fishing-guide.
HOW TO CATCH
SPECIFIC FISH

So, you know what you want to fish for, and you’ve found a water body where they live...here’s a little extra information to help you reel one in:

LANDLOCKED SALMON
A coldwater fish, salmon prefer water temperatures below 65 degrees and rely on smelt to thrive.

During the spring and fall, you might find them feeding near the surface and close to shore, and can catch them by flyfishing, casting, or trolling with lures or bait. Streamer flies and lures resembling smelt are very effective.

In the warmer summer months of June, July, and August, they generally descend to depths of 30 to 60 feet. When salmon are deep, the best method to catch them is trolling with lead core line or downriggers using minnows or lures.

Ice fishing for salmon in the winter can be quite productive, using minnows, white, or silver lures. Ice fishing for salmon is also quite productive using smelts and other live minnows for bait. Ice anglers also have luck utilizing jigs. Salmon should be fished within 15 feet below the ice.

BROOK TROUT
Brook trout (also known as squaaretails) prefer cold water between 50 and 65 degrees. They’re opportunistic feeders, happy to eat aquatic insects or smaller fish. They thrive in clear, clean, well-oxygenated waters, and their populations are heavily influenced by their environment.

In the spring and fall, brook trout can be caught near shore or on the surface using small dry flies, streamers, copper lures, and worms.

During the summer months, you’re more likely to find them in depths of 10 to 35 feet. You can catch them using a variety of methods including spin casting, fly fishing, trolling, or casting using small streamer flies, nymphs, copper lures, or worms.

Brook trout are fun to catch ice fishing as well. During winter months, you’ll generally find them close to shore in water depths of 4 to 12 feet. Try using minnows, worms, or copper jigs.

TOGUE (LAKE TROUT)
Lake trout (also known throughout Maine as togue) are deep dwellers that prefer very cold water year-round. Like salmon, they prey upon smelts, but they can also adapt to eat other available forage including aquatic insects and smaller fish. Consequently, these prolific eaters can grow quite large.

In the spring and fall, lake trout can be caught closer to shore by casting or trolling using streamer flies, minnows, or lures.

In the summer, the best method of fishing for them is trolling with lead core line or downriggers using minnows or a copper, white, or silver lure. In June, July, and August you’ll typically catch lake trout at depths below 45 feet.

Ice fishing for lake trout can be quite productive in water depths between 10 and 100 feet. In this case, you’ll generally find them close to shore in water depths of 4 to 12 feet. Try using minnows, worms, or copper jigs.

BROWN TROUT+ RAINBOW TROUT
Brown and rainbow trout prefer cool water and are found in water temperatures between 55 and 68 degrees — a wider range than most other coldwater fish can handle.

Opportunistic and aggressive feeders, they may be found close to bottom or suspended off the bottom depending on where food is located, and are likely to attack a flashy lure, minnows, or worms.

In the spring and fall, brown and rainbow trout can be caught close to shore casting with dry flies, streamers, and bright spinners and spoons. Another successful method in spring time is still fishing with worms or minnows.

In the summer, trolling, casting, and still fishing are all popular and effective ways to catch these species. Successful methods used while ice fishing include using worms or minnows and jigging copper lures.

SPLAKE
This hatchery-reared hybrid trout is a cross between a brook trout and a lake trout and can have traits of both species.

Splake feed primarily on smelts, white perch, yellow perch, and minnows, rarely feeding on other coldwater gamefish. During the spring and fall, they can be caught with light tackle near the surface, even on flies.

In the winter, splake provide an excellent fishing opportunity and can be found throughout the water column. In fact, over 90% of the total acreage of waters managed for splake is open to ice fishing.

Splake are easy to catch, particularly in the colder months. Because they prefer water less than 60 degrees, they tend to go deep in the summer.

When ice fishing for these warmwater fish, you can use spinners, crankbaits, stickbaits, jigs, minnows, and worms. Chain pickerel are best caught using flashy lures and floating stickbaits such as torpedoes, frogs, and mouse imitations. They also can be caught readily using live minnows.

When ice fishing for these warmwater fish, use live bait such as minnows in shallow water of 5 to 20 feet.

WARMWATER FISH
Warmwater fish such as bass, perch, chain pickerel, and sunfish prefer warmer water and can be found throughout the water column. These fish favor areas with lots of cover such as woody debris, weed beds, and rocks.

In the spring and summer months, smallmouth bass are found in shallow rocky areas or off rocky drop offs in 5 to 15 feet of water, while their largemouth cousins prefer more vegetative shallow areas or weedy drop offs. Chain pickerel generally reside in shallow, vegetated areas close to shore.

During the spring and fall, they can be caught with light tackle near the surface, even on flies. When fishing for bass, you can use spinners, crankbaits, stickbaits, jigs, minnows, and worms. Chain pickerel are best caught using flashy lures and floating stickbaits such as torpedoes, frogs, and mouse imitations. They also can be caught readily using live minnows.
The Sebago Lake Region, located in southeastern Maine, offers a diversity of angling opportunities for both warmwater and coldwater fisheries. The region provides excellent year-round fishing for landlocked salmon, brook trout, splake, lake trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, perch, and chain pickerel. Stepping mountains, most lake and pond fisheries for salmon and trout. Reclaimed ponds offer a quality open water experience for brook trout, and wild trout are common in many small streams. All this variety can be found in the region that is home to Portland, Maine’s largest city.

— Anna Pelletier, Regional Fisheries Biologist

**Region A: Sebago Lake Region**

**Brook Trout Fishing**

- **Abbott Pond**
  - Summer, Oxford County
  - Max Depth: 50 feet, Area: 24 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
  - Access: Walk-in access from water, approximately 5 miles
  - Notes: Unimproved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 11 section A-1

- **Adams Pond**
  - Bridgton, Cumberland County
  - Max Depth: 53 feet, Area: 41 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), LMB
  - Access: Carry in access on Pond Rd.
  - Notes: Unimproved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 4 section B-4

- **Beckenridge Pond**
  - Albion, Oxford County
  - Max Depth: 25 feet, Area: 18 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
  - Access: Carry in access on small access road off Crocker Pond Rd.
  - Notes: White Mountain National Forest.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 10 section C-3

**Landlocked Salmon Fishing**

- **Little Concord Pond**
  - Woodstock, Oxford County
  - Max Depth: 56 feet, Area: 26 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S & W)
  - Access: Carry in access from footpath 1 mile long from south end of Crocker Pond.
  - Notes: No established launch. White Mountain National Forest.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 10 section C-3

- **Overseas Pond**
  - Greenwood, Oxford County
  - Max Depth: 41 feet, Area: 21 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
  - Access: Walk-in access from gate on Overseas Pond Rd.
  - Notes: Unimproved launch, 0.75 mile walk in on gated road.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 10 section C-4

- **TROUT Pond**
  - Standish, Oxford County
  - Max Depth: 68 feet, Area: 64 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W)
  - Access: Carry in from Crocan Pond Rd.
  - Notes: No established launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 10 section D-3

**SPLAKE FISHING**

- **Bryant Pond**
  - Woodstock, Oxford County
  - Max Depth: 63 feet, Area: 278 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), SPK (S), LLS (S)
  - Access: Carry in access at east end of Brou Hill Rd.
  - Notes: Unimproved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 10 section B-5

**Rainbow Trout Fishing**

- **Hancock Pond**
  - Denmark, Oxford County
  - Max Depth: 59 feet, Area: 858 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), SMB, LMB
  - Access: Improved launch off Shore Rd.
  - Notes: Trailered boat access.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 4 section B-3 & 4

- **Lily Pond**
  - New Gloucester, Cumberland County
  - Max Depth: 23 feet, Area: 38 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
  - Access: Carry in access on Shore Rd.
  - Notes: Improved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 2 section B & C-2

**WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST**

- **Rowe Hill Rd.**
  - Access: Trailered boat access on road

**Penobscot River**

- **Shag Brook**
  - Access: Trailered boat access off Rte 118.
  - Notes: Unimproved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 11 section D-1

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  - Notes: Unimproved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 11 section D-1

**SPECIES KEY**

**PRIMARY FISHERY SPECIES**

- **Brook Trout**
  - BKT
- **Splake**
  - SPK
- **Togue (Lake Trout)**
  - LKT
- **Landlocked Salmon**
  - LLS
- **Brown Trout**
  - BNT
- **Rainbow Trout**
  - RBT
- **Smallmouth Bass**
  - SMB
- **Largemouth Bass**
  - LMB
- **Lake Whitefish**
  - LWF
- **Arctic Char**
  - CHR

**STATUS**

- Stocked
  - (S)
- Wild
  - (W)
- Mixture of Stocked & Wild
  - (S&W)
### RIVERS / STREAMS / BROOKS

- **Androscoggin River**
  - Glidau, Oxford County (Golidau Road to Rt 26, 126.4 miles).
  - Fish trout/salmon below hydro dams; Mechani Falls (Jordan Rd X’ing), Minot (Hackett Mills).
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W), RBT (S&W).
  - Access: Roadside.
  - Notes: Fish below hydro projects.

- **Mousam River**
  - Shapleigh, York County
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), RBT (S).
  - Access: Walk in access.
  - Notes: Fish Emery Mills to Springvale and Rt 1 to Rte 9.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 2 section C-2 & 3.

- **North Branch of Little River & Tributaries**
  - Gorham, Cumberland County
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W), BNT (S).
  - Access: Walk in access.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 5 section E-2 & 3.

- **Pleasant River**
  - Windham, Cumberland County
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), RBT (S).
  - Access: Carry in/walk in access.

- **Pressuncook River**
  - Windham, Cumberland County
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), RBT (S).
  - Access: Carry in/walk in access.

- **Squamscott River**
  - Dover, Strafford County
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), RBT (S).
  - Access: Walk in access.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 5 section E-2 & 3.

- **Stuart River**
  - Brook Stream, York County
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (W).
  - Access: Carry in access.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 3 section E-B.

- **Tommel River**
  - Hiram, Oxford County
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (W).
  - Access: Walk in access.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 4 section C-B.

- **Wild River**
  - Batchelder’s Grant, Oxford County
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W).
  - Access: Carry in access from Rt 2 or Rt 113.

### NOTE
- **Mousam Lake**
  - Acton, York County
  - Max Depth: 78 feet, Area: 0.99 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), RBT (S), BNT (S).
  - Notes: Improved launch.

- **Sebago Lake**
  - Acton, York County
  - Max Depth: 142 feet, Area: 2,510 acres.
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), LLS (S), LKT (S), RBT (S).
  - Notes: Limited head clearance under bridge.

- **Long Lake**
  - Naples, Oxford County
  - Max Depth: 59 feet, Area: 4,967 acres
  - Primary Fishery: SMB, SMB, LKT (S), BNT (S).
  - Access: Trailered boat access off Rte 35 (Harrington) and off Power House Rd (Bridge).
  - Notes: Improved launch on Center Bridge Rd.

- **Lovewell Pond**
  - Fryeburg, Oxford County
  - Max Depth: 45 feet, Area: 1.120 acres
  - Primary Fishery: SMB, LMB, RBT (S).
  - Access: Trailered boat access off Rte 302.
  - Notes: Improved launch.

- **Sokokis Lake**
  - Lovell, Oxford County
  - Max Depth: 77 feet, Area: 1.604 acres
  - Primary Fishery: SMB, RBT (S).
  - Access: Trailered boat access on Outlet Rd.
  - Notes: Improved launch.

### SPECIES KEY

- **Brook Trout**
- **Splake**
- **Togue (Lake Trout)**
- **Landlocked Salmon**
- **Brown Trout**
- **Rainbow Trout**
- **Smallmouth Bass**
- **Largemouth Bass**
- **Lake Whitefish**
- **Arctic Char**
**REGION B BELGRADE LAKES REGION**

The Belgrade Lakes Region extends from central to northcentral Maine and provides a variety of fishing opportunities. Landlocked salmon and lake trout fisheries exist throughout the interior of the region. Staged brook trout and brown trout can be found virtually region-wide and many waters offer year-round fishing opportunities. This area supports many robust populations of largemouth and smallmouth bass that attract anglers from throughout the state and the country.

— Jason Seiders, Regional Fisheries Biologist

**LANDLOCKED SALMON FISHING**

- **Echo Lake**
  - Location: Vassalboro, Kennebec County
  - Max Depth: 117 feet, Area: 3,185 acres
  - Primary Fishery: LLS (S), LKT (S&W), BKT (S), SMB
  - Access: Carry in access on Narrow Pond Rd.
  - Notes: No developed launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 12 section C-3

- **Upper Narrowes Pond**
  - Location: Winthrop, Kennebec County
  - Max Depth: 54 feet, Area: 279 acres
  - Primary Fishery: LLS (S), LKT (S&W), BKT (S), SMB
  - Access: Carry in access on Narrowes Pond Rd.
  - Notes: No developed launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 12 section C-3

- **Wassookeag Lake**
  - Location: Dexter, Penobscot County
  - Max Depth: 86 feet, Area: 1,062 acres
  - Primary Fishery: LLS (S), LKT (S), SMB
  - Access: Trailered boat access on Rte 41.
  - Notes: Improved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 32 section D-1

**SPLAKE FISHING**

- **Bassin Pond**
  - Location: Fayette, Kennebec County
  - Max Depth: 27 feet, Area: 106 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), BNT (S), SMB
  - Access: Carry in access off shore Rd.
  - Notes: Unimproved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 12 section A-2

- **Jimmie Pond**
  - Location: Hallowell, Kennebec County
  - Max Depth: 75 feet, Area: 107 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), BNT (S), SMB
  - Access: Carry in access off Meadow Hill Rd.
  - Notes: Unimproved launch located in Jimmie Pond WMA.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 12 section C-4

**BROWN/RAINBOW TROUT FISHING**

- **Alford Lake**
  - Location: Hope, Knox County
  - Max Depth: 78 feet, Area: 577 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), LLS (S), BKT (S), SMB
  - Access: Trailered boat access on Beaver Lodge Rd.
  - Notes: Improved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 14 section C & D-3

- **Echo Lake**
  - Location: Vienna, Kennebec County
  - Max Depth: 117 feet, Area: 1,185 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), BNT (S), SMB
  - Access: Carry in access on East Neck Rd.
  - Notes: Improved launches.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 14 section B-1

- **Belgrade Lake**
  - Location: Belgrade, Kennebec County
  - Max Depth: 106 feet, Area: 2,557 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), BNT (S), SMB
  - Access: Carry in access on Castle Island Rd.
  - Notes: Improved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section E-4

**TOILKE TROUT FISHING**

- **Echo Lake**
  - Location: Vassalboro, Kennebec County
  - Max Depth: 15 feet, Area: 87 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
  - Access: Carry in/walk in access off Rte 1.
  - Notes: No developed launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 13 section E-4

- **Lake George**
  - Location: Canaan, Somerset County
  - Max Depth: 68 feet, Area: 335 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), BNT (S), SMB
  - Access: Trailered boat access off Rte 2.
  - Notes: No developed launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 21 section B-2

- **Megunticook Lake**
  - Location: Lincolinville, Knox County
  - Max Depth: 65 feet, Area: 1,305 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), BNT (S), SMB
  - Access: Trailered boat access on Rte 105 and Rte 52.
  - Notes: Improved launches.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 14 section C & D-3

- **Bass Lake**
  - Location: Palermo, Waldo County
  - Max Depth: 117 feet, Area: 1,185 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), BNT (S), SMB
  - Access: Trailered boat access on Winnipigus Pond Rd.
  - Notes: No developed launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 13 section A-2

- **Lower Narrowes Pond**
  - Location: Winthrop, Kennebec County
  - Max Depth: 106 feet, Area: 255 acres
  - Primary Fishery: LKT (S), LLS (S), SMB
  - Access: Trailered boat access from Upper Narrowes Pond on Rte 202 or from Narrowes Pond Rd.
  - Notes: Unimproved launch on Rte 202. No developed launch on Narrowes Pond Rd.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 12 section C-3

- **Maranacook Lake**
  - Location: Winthrop, Kennebec County
  - Max Depth: 118 feet, Area: 1,673 acres
  - Primary Fishery: LKT (S), BNT (S), SMB
  - Access: Trailered boat access on Rte 41 in and the town of Winthrop.
  - Notes: Improved launches.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 12 section B & C-3

**STOCKED SPECIES**

- **Spectacle Pond**
  - Location: Vassalboro, Kennebec County
  - Max Depth: 100 feet, Area: 139 acres
  - Primary Fishery: RBT (S), BKT (S), SMB
  - Access: Carry in access from Alano H. Garcelon WMA.
  - Notes: Improved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 7 section A-4

- **Little Pond**
  - Location: Damariscotta, Lincoln County
  - Max Depth: 48 feet, Area: 78 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), SMB
  - Access: Carry in access off Biscay Rd.
  - Notes: No developed launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 9 section A-4

- **Levnesellor Pond**
  - Location: Searsmont, Knox County
  - Max Depth: 10 feet, Area: 34 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), SMB
  - Notes: Unimproved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 14 section C-3

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  - Max Depth: 100 feet, Area: 139 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), SMB
  - Access: Trailered boat access on Rte 41.
  - Notes: Improved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 10 section B-1

- **Long Pond**
  - Location: Belgrade, Kennebec County
  - Max Depth: 106 feet, Area: 2,557 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), BNT (S), SMB
  - Access: Trailered boat access on Castle Island Rd.
  - Notes: Improved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section E-4

- **Togue (Lake Trout)**
  - Location: Vassalboro, Kennebec County
  - Max Depth: 118 feet, Area: 1,185 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), BNT (S), SMB
  - Access: Carry in access off lake Rd.
  - Notes: Improved launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 13 section C-3

- **Lake George**
  - Location: Canaan, Somerset County
  - Max Depth: 68 feet, Area: 335 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), BNT (S), SMB
  - Access: Trailered boat access off Rte 2.
  - Notes: No developed launch.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 21 section B-2

- **Megunticook Lake**
  - Location: Lincolinville, Knox County
  - Max Depth: 65 feet, Area: 1,305 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), BNT (S), SMB
  - Access: Trailered boat access on Rte 105 and Rte 52.
  - Notes: Improved launches.
  - Delorme Atlas: Map 14 section C & D-3
Brook Trout

Splake

REGION C GRAND LAKE REGION


downeast maine is home to the Grand Lake Region, which has an exciting mixture of both coldwater and warmwater fishing opportunities. From its scenic coastal plains to its undeveloped, tranquil interior, anglers visiting eastern Maine will have no trouble finding the fish that suit them. From silvery colored brook trout and iconic landlocked salmon to hard-fighting smallmouth bass and the eager biting schools of white perch, it’s hard to beat the Grand Lake Region for fishing diversity and a remarkable angling experience.

— Greg Burr, Regional Fisheries Biologist

Special fishing laws may apply to these water bodies. Always check the current Maine Open Water & Ice Fishing Laws first!

BROOK TROUT FISHING

Echo Lake Mount Desert, Hancock County Max Depth: 66 feet, Area: 237 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W), LLS (S) Access: Trailered boat access off Rte 102. Notes: Improved launch.

Deformed Rails: 

Map 24 section E-5

Witch Hole Pond

Bar Harbor, Hancock County Max Depth: 52 feet, Area: 7 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (S) Access: Carry in access via gravel road off Schoodic Pond Rd.

Notes: 4WD vehicle recommended.

Deformed Atlas: Map 25 section C-2

Pine Pond

Deblois, Washington County Max Depth: 36 feet, Area: 271 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (S) Access: Carry in access 27000 Rd off Stud Mill Rd.

Notes: Unimproved launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 34 section E-3

Monosee Lake

T 43 MD, Washington County Max Depth: 31 feet, Area: 45 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (S) Access: Small boat access via dirt road off Stud Mill Rd.

Notes: Unimproved launch. 4WD vehicle recommended.

Deformed Atlas: Map 35 section C-4

Brewer Lake

Ortington, Penobscot County Max Depth: 48 feet, Area: 883 acres Primary Fishery: LLS (S), SMB Access: Trailered boat access on Brewer Lake Rd.

Notes: Improved launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 23 section C-3

Cathance Lake

Cooper, Washington County Max Depth: 75 feet, Area: 2,905 acres Primary Fishery: LLS (S), BKT (W) Access: Trailered boat access on Rte 191.

Notes: No developed launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 36 section B-3 & 4

Donnell Pond

Franklin, Hancock County Max Depth: 110 feet, Area: 1.120 acres Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W) Access: Trailered boat access on Moose Rd off Donnell Pond Rd.

Notes: Improved launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 24 section D-4 & 5

Gardner Lake

East Machias, Washington County Max Depth: 56 feet, Area: 3,886 acres Primary Fishery: LLS (S) Access: Trailered boat access on Chases Mill Rd and Gardner’s Lake Rd.

Notes: Improved launches. Gardner’s Lake Rd, gated.

Deformed Atlas: Map 26 section B-4 (Deorme lists this lake as Gardner Lake)

Landlocked Salmon Fishing

Beach Hill Pond

Obis, Hancock County Max Depth: 104 feet, Area: 1,351 acres Primary Fishery: LKT (W), LLS (S) Access: Trailered boat access on West Shore Rd off Gary Moore Rd off Rte 180.

Notes: Improved launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 24 section C-1

Big Lake

Greenlaw Chopping Twp, Washington County Max Depth: 70 feet, Area: 10,305 acres Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), SMB Access: Carry in access off Schoeppe Point Rd.

Notes: No developed launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 26 section D-3

West Pike Brook Pond

T 18 MD, Washington City Max Depth: 32 feet, Area: 32 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (S) Access: Carry in access via gravel road off Schoodic Pond Rd.

Notes: 4WD vehicle recommended.

Deformed Atlas: Map 25 section C-3

Phillips Lake

Dedham, Hancock County Max Depth: 98 feet, Area: 828 acres Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), LKT (W) Access: Trailered boat access on Rte 102.

Notes: Improved launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 16 section B & C-2

Branch Lake

Ellsworth, Hancock County Max Depth: 123 feet, Area: 2,703 acres Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), BNT (W), LKT (W) Access: Trailered boat access on Happy Town Rd.

Notes: Improved launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 23 section C-4

Tunk Lake

T 10 SD, Hancock County Max Depth: 222 feet, Area: 2,010 acres Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), LKT (W), BKT (S) Access: Trailered boat access on Rte 182.

Notes: Improved launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 25 section D & E-1

West Grand Lake

Grand Lake Stream, Washington County Max Depth: 128 feet, Area: 34,340 acres Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), BKT (W) Access: Trailered boat access at West Grand Dam.

Notes: Improved launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 35 section B-3 & 4

Brown Trout Fishing

Flanders Pond

Sullivan, Hancock County Max Depth: 32 feet, Area: 537 acres Primary Fishery: BNT (S) Access: Trailered boat access on Flanders Pond Rd off Rte 183.

Notes: Improved launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 24 section E-5

Great Pond

Great Pond Plt, Hancock County Max Depth: 34 feet, Area: 679 acres Primary Fishery: BNT (S) Access: Trailered boat access on Great Pond Rd.

Notes: Improved launch. This road is gated.

Deformed Atlas: Map 34 section E-3

Hancock Pond

Bucksport, Hancock County Max Depth: 25 feet, Area: 59 acres Primary Fishery: BNT (S) Access: Carry in access on Rte 46.

Notes: No developed launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 23 section D-3

King Pond

Great Pond Plt, Hancock County Max Depth: 22 feet, Area: 148 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (S) Access: Carry in access on 27000 Rd off Stud Mill Rd.

Notes: Road is gated.

Deformed Atlas: Map 34 section E-3

Round Lake

Charlotte, Washington County Max Depth: 24 feet, Area: 1,309 acres Primary Fishery: BNT (S) Access: Trailered boat access at Porter’s Landing off Mt. Tom Rd.

Notes: Trailered boat access off Charlotte Rd.

Deformed Atlas: Map 37 section D-1

Walkers Pond

Sedgwick, Hancock County Max Depth: 47 feet, Area: 637 acres Primary Fishery: BNT (S) Access: Trailered boat access on gravel road off Cooper Farms Rd off Rte 176.

Notes: Improved launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 15 section B & C-3

Molasses Pond

Eastbrook, Hancock County Max Depth: 47 feet, Area: 1,252 acres Primary Fishery: BNT (S), LLS (S) Access: Trailered boat access on Molasses Pond Rd.

Notes: Improved launch.

Deformed Atlas: Map 24 section C-4

STATUS

Stocked

Wild

Mixtured of Stocked & Wild (S&W)

Delorme Atlas:

Pennsacook Lake

Charlotte, Washington County Max Depth: 24 feet, Area: 1,309 acres Primary Fishery: BNT (S) Access: Trailered boat access at Porter’s Landing off Mt. Tom Rd.

Notes: Trailered boat access off Charlotte Rd.

Deformed Atlas: Map 37 section D-1

REGION C GRAND LAKE REGION

BKT (S)

Spike

Togue (Lake Trout) (LKT)

Landlocked Salmon (LLS)

Rainbow Trout (RBT)

Smallmouth Bass (SMB)

Lake Whitefish (LWF)

Arctic Char (CHR)

PRIMARY FISHERY SPECIES

Brook Trout (BKT)

Rainbow Trout (RBT)

Togue (Lake Trout) (LKT)

Landlocked Salmon (LLS)

Brown Trout (BNT)

Smallmouth Bass (SMB)

Lake Whitefish (LWF)

Arctic Char (CHR)

SPECIES KEY

REGION C GRAND LAKE REGION
AN EXCITING MIXTURE OF BOTH COLDWATER AND WARMWATER FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

TOGUE (LAKE TROUT) FISHING

Bass Hill Pond Offt, Hancock County
Max Depth: 104 feet, Area: 1.351 acres
Primary Fishery: LKT (W), LLS (S&W)
Access: Trailered boat access on West Shore Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 24 section C-1

Branch Lake Ellsworth, Hancock County
Max Depth: 123 feet, Area: 2.703 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), BKT (W), LKT (W)
Access: Trailered boat access on Happy Town Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 16 section C-3

Green Lake Ellsworth, Hancock County
Max Depth: 108 feet, Area: 1.613 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), LKT (W), LLT (S)
Access: Trailered boat access on Nickly Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 24 section D-1

Hopkins Pond Mariaville, Hancock County
Max Depth: 65 feet, Area: 0.442 acres
Primary Fishery: LKT (W), BKT (S&W)
Access: Trailered boat access on E. Hopkins Pond Rd off Rte 9.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 24 section B-3

Jordan Pond Mount Desert, Hancock County
Max Depth: 150 feet, Area: 1.87 acres
Primary Fishery: LKT (W), LLS (S)
Access: Trailered boat access on Park Loop Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 16 section C-3

West Grand Lake Grand Lake Stream, Washington County
Max Depth: 128 feet, Area: 14,340 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), LKT (W)
Access: Trailered boat access at West Grand Dam.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 35 section B-3 & 4

West Musquash Lake Talmadge, Washington County
Max Depth: 108 feet, Area: 1.613 acres
Primary Fishery: LKT (W), LLS (S&W), BKT (W)
Access: Trailered boat access via gravel road off Amazon Rd off Rte 6.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 35 section A-3

BASS FISHING

Big Lake Great East Chopping Tug, Washington County
Max Depth: 58 feet, Area: 0.821 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), LKT (W)
Access: Trailered boat access on Big Lake Rd and off West St.
Notes: Unimproved launches.
Delorme Atlas: Map 11 section C-2

Tunk Lake T 10 SD, Hancock County
Max Depth: 222 feet, Area: 2,010 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), LKT (W), BKT (S)
Access: Trailered boat access on Park Loop Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 25 section D & E-1

West Grand Lake Grand Lake Stream, Washington County
Max Depth: 128 feet, Area: 14,340 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), LKT (W), LKT (W), SMB
Access: Trailered boat access on Happy Town Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 35 section D & E-5

Brewer Lake Ovington, Penobscot County
Max Depth: 48 feet, Area: 0.851 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S), SMB
Access: Trailered boat access on Brewer Lake Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 35 section B-3 & 4

Crawford Lake Crawford, Washington County
Max Depth: 27 feet, Area: 1.677 acres
Primary Fishery: SMB, LMB
Access: Trailered boat access on International Dr. off Rte 9.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 35 section D & E-2

Love Lake Alexander, Washington County
Max Depth: 40 feet, Area: 0.672 acres
Primary Fishery: SMB, LLS (S&W), BKT (S&W)
Access: Carry in access on Love Lake Rd.
Notes: Unimproved launch. 4WD recommended.
Delorme Atlas: Map 36 section D & E-2

Carrabassett Lake Carrabassett, Washington County
Max Depth: 58 feet, Area: 0.765 acres
Primary Fishery: SMB
Access: Trailered boat access on Rte 191.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 36 section D-4

Middle Branch Union River Aurora, Hancock County
Max Depth: 36 feet, Area: 0.339 acres
Primary Fishery: SMB, LLS (S&W)
Access: Trailered boat access from campground off Davis Rd.
Notes: Improved launch. Fee to launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 36 section D-3

Poconos River North Branch Union River, Hancock County
Max Depth: 104 feet, Area: 2,261 acres
Primary Fishery: SMB
Access: Trailered boat access on Pokey Rd.
Notes: Improved launches.
Delorme Atlas: Map 36 section C-2

West Grand Lake Grand Lake Stream, Washington County
Max Depth: 128 feet, Area: 14,340 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), LKT (W), SMB
Access: Trailered boat access at West Grand Dam.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 35 section B-3 & 4

Woodland Flowsage Baileyville, Washington County
Max Depth: 36 feet, Area: 1,200 acres
Primary Fishery: SMB
Access: Trailered boat access on Track Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 36 section B-3 & 4

RIVERS / STREAMS / BROOKS

Dennys River Dennysville, Washington County
Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
Access: Walk in access.
Delorme Atlas: Map 36 section B-3 & 4

East Machias River East Machias, Washington County
Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
Delorme Atlas: Map 26 section B-4

Grand Lake Stream Grand Lake Stream, Washington County
Primary Fishery: BKT (S), LLS (S)
Access: Walk in access from Village or Grand Lake Stream Rd.
Delorme Atlas: Map 35 section B-4

Machias River T25 MD, Washington County
Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
Delorme Atlas: Map 25 section A-4

Mopan Stream T30 MD, Washington County
Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
Delorme Atlas: Map 25 section A-2

Old Stream T 31 MD, Washington County
Primary Fishery: BKT (S)

Pleasant River T24 MD, Washington County
Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
Access: Walk in access off Hatchery Rd.
Delorme Atlas: Map 25 section B-2

St. Croix River Vanceboro, Washington County
Primary Fishery: LLS (S)
Access: Walk in access off Kellyland Rd.
Delorme Atlas: Map 46 section C-3

West Branch Union River Amberot, Washington County
Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
Access: Walk in access off River Rd.
Delorme Atlas: Map 24 section A-2

REGION C GRAND LAKE REGION

SPECIES KEY

Delorme Atlas:
Primary Fishery Species
Brook Trout BKT
Splacer SPK
Togue (Lake Trout) LKT
Landlocked Salmon LLIS
Brown Trout BNT
Rainbow Trout RBT
Smallmouth Bass SMB
Largemouth Bass LMB
Lake Whitefish LWF
Arctic Char CHR

STATUS
Stocked Stuck
Wild Wild
Mixture of Stocked & Wild (S&W)
IDENTIFY YOUR CATCH

TIPS ON IDENTIFYING FISH
For rules and regulations purposes, it's vital to identify your catch. Here's a quick guide to the telltale characteristics of Maine's most prevalent game fish.

**BROOK TROUT (BKT)**
- Red spots, each surrounded by a blue halo
- White leading edges on the fins and a worm-like vermiculation pattern on their backs

**SPLAKE (SPK)**
- Red spots (lacking the brook trout’s signature blue halo), white leading edges on the fins, and a worm-like vermiculation pattern on their backs
- This hybrid cross between lake trout and brook trout can have features that more closely resemble one parent species or the other, and can easily be mistaken for either one

**RAINBOW TROUT (RBT)**
- Light background with tiny dark spots on their sides and a faint to bright pinkish coloration on their operculum (gill plate cover) and down their sides
- Caudal and dorsal fins have small dark spots

**SMALLMOUTH BASS (SMB)**
- Shallow notch between a spiny dorsal fin and a soft-rayed dorsal fin
- Upper part of mouth that doesn’t reach past the center of their eye
- May have red eyes
- Sometimes have vertical dark stripes

**LARGEMOUTH BASS (LMB)**
- Upper part of mouth that extends past the eye
- Dark mottled lateral band running down the center of their sides
- Defined notch between a spiny dorsal fin and soft-rayed dorsal fin

**ARCTIC CHARR (CHR)**
- Slender member of the salmon and trout family
- Moderately forked tail
- Dark coloring on back, lighter on belly, with light spots on the sides

**LANDLOCKED SALMON (LLS)**
- Slightly forked tail and silvery scales with small dark spots on the dorsal and lateral sides
- They may also appear to have a bluish coloration on their operculum (gill plate cover)

**LAKE WHITEFISH (LWF)**
- Overall silvery coloration with dark brown to black on the back
- Black or black tipped fins
- Deeply forked tail
- Scales are large

**TOGUE (LAKE TROUT) (LKT)**
- Deeply forked tail and white leading edges on their fins
- Distinguished from salmon by their gold to green dorsal and lateral sides with creamy white spots, compared with salmon’s silver sides and black spots

**LAKE WHITEFISH (LWF)**
- Overall silvery coloration with dark brown to black on the back
- Black or black tipped fins
- Deeply forked tail
- Scales are large

**BROWN TROUT (BNT)**
- Red and black spots
- Square tails
- A large spotted adipose fin

**LANDLOCKED SALMON (LLS)**
- Slightly forked tail and silvery scales with small dark spots on the dorsal and lateral sides
- They may also appear to have a bluish coloration on their operculum (gill plate cover)
REGION D RANGLEY LAKES REGION

Located in the western part of the state, the Rangeley Lakes Region encompasses Maine's western mountains area. Landlocked salmon, lake trout, and smallmouth bass are all popular and plentiful fish species that are regularly caught by anglers, but brook trout are by far the most targeted. Many of the region's lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and brooks provide excellent habitat for brook trout and offer a variety of fishing opportunities. Regardless of what you fish for, this region provides wonderful fishing adventures in a picturesque setting.

— Dave Howard, Region 5 Fisheries Biologist

Special fishing laws may apply to these water bodies. Always check the current Maine Open Water & Ice Fishing Laws first.

**BROOK TROUT FISHING**

**Beaver Pond** Twp D, Franklin County
Max Depth: 19 feet, Area: 20 acres
Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
Access: Carry in access on Rte 17.
Notes: Unimproved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 18 section B-4

**Big Dam Pond** Caratunk, Somerset County
Max Depth: 39 feet, Area: 90 acres
Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W)
Access: Carry in access on Baker dam Rd off Trout Dale Rd.
Notes: No developed launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 30 section B-4

**Chain of Ponds** Chain of Ponds, Franklin County
Max Depth: 106 feet, Area: 700 acres
Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W), LLS (W)
Access: Trailered boat access on Rte 27.
Notes: Improved launches, mostly from campsites.
Delorme Atlas: Map 38 section E-4

**Hills Pond** Perkins Top, Franklin County
Max Depth: 31 feet, Area: 22 acres
Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
Access: Carry in access on Rte 156.
Notes: No developed launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 19 section C-3

**Little Austin Pond** Bald Mt Top, Somerset County
Max Depth: 33 feet, Area: 110 acres
Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W)
Access: Carry in access via gravel road off Austin Pond Rd.
Notes: Unimproved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 30 section B-5

**Little Jim Pond** Jim Pond Top, Franklin County
Max Depth: 37 feet, Area: 64 acres
Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
Access: Carry in access off King & Bartlett Rd.
Notes: Unimproved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 29 section A-2

**Quimby Pond** Rangley, Franklin County
Max Depth: 12 feet, Area: 160 acres
Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W)
Access: Carry in access on Quimby Pond Rd.
Notes: Unimproved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 28 section E-1 & 2

**Sandy River Pond** Sandy River Plt, Franklin County
Max Depth: 58 feet, Area: 115 acres
Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W)
Access: Carry in access on Rte 4.
Notes: Unimproved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 19 section A-1

**West Richardson Pond** Adamstown Twp, Oxford County
Max Depth: 41 feet, Area: 423 acres
Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W), LLS (W)
Access: Carry in access on West Richardson Rd off Rte 16.
Notes: Unimproved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 28 section E-3 and Map 18 section A-3

**Porter Lake** New Vineyard, Franklin County
Max Depth: 86 feet, Area: 527 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S), LKT (99), BKT (S)
Access: Trailered boat access off Bezas Beach Rd.
Notes: Unimproved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section B-1

**Rangely Lake** Rangley, Franklin County
Max Depth: 149 feet, Area: 6,000 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), BKT (S&W)
Access: Trailered boat access in Rangely Lake State Park, Rangely Town park, and on Rte 4.
Notes: Unimproved launches.
Delorme Atlas: Map 28 section E-3, 4 & 5

**Aziscohos Lake** Lincoln Plt, Oxford County
Max Depth: 60 feet, Area: 6,700 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (V), BKT (W)
Access: Trailered boat access on Camp 10 Bridge Rd and Lincoln Pond Rd at campground.
Notes: Improved launch. Trailered boat access.
Delorme Atlas: Map 28 section C-1 & E-2

**Clearwater Lake** Industry, Franklin County
Max Depth: 129 feet, Area: 751 acres
Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W), LLS (W)
Access: Trailered boat access off Route 43.
Notes: Improved Launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section C-2

**Jim Pond** Jim Pond Twp, Franklin County
Max Depth: 125 feet, Area: 320 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (W), LKT (W), BKT (S&W)
Access: Trailered boat access off Jim Pond Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 29 section A-1

**Aziscohos Lake** Oxford County
Max Depth: 309 feet, Area: 3,200 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S), LKT (99), BKT (S)
Access: Trailered boat access off of Aziscohos Pond Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 19 section D-5

**Lufkin Pond** Aroostook County
Max Depth: 28 feet, Area: 47 acres
Primary Fishery: BNT (S), SPK (S), SMB
Access: Carry in access off Number 2 Rd.
Notes: No developed launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 19 section A-2

**Mount Blue Pond** Avon, Franklin County
Max Depth: 38 feet, Area: 134 acres
Primary Fishery: BNT (S), SPK (S), SMB
Access: Carry in access off Mount Blue Rd.
Notes: No developed launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 19 section B-3 & 4

**Sandy Pond** Embden, Somerset County
Max Depth: 61 feet, Area: 107 acres
Primary Fishery: BNT (S), BKT (S), SMB
Access: Carry in access off Sandy Pond Rd.
Notes: No developed launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section A-3

**Richmond Pond** Richmond, Oxford County
Max Depth: 32 feet, Area: 160 acres
Primary Fishery: BNT (S), BKT (S)
Access: Trailered boat access via gravel road off Rte 151.
Notes: Unimproved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 31 section D-1

**Rogers Pond** Embden, Oxford County
Max Depth: 65 feet, Area: 80 acres
Primary Fishery: BNT (S), BKT (S)
Access: Trailered boat access off Rogers Pond Rd.
Notes: Unimproved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 30 section B-8

**Sawyer Pond** Embden, Oxford County
Max Depth: 50 feet, Area: 70 acres
Primary Fishery: BNT (S), BKT (S)
Access: Trailered boat access off Sawyer Pond Rd.
Notes: Unimproved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 30 section A-3

**Smiley Pond** Embden, Oxford County
Max Depth: 65 feet, Area: 70 acres
Primary Fishery: BNT (S), BKT (S)
Access: Carry in access off Mill Brook Rd.
Notes: No developed launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section C-2

**Wentworth Pond** Solon, Somerset County
Max Depth: 48 feet, Area: 213 acres
Primary Fishery: BNT (S), BKT (S), LLS (S), SMB
Access: Carry in access off West Shore Road.
Notes: No developed launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 31 section E-1

**Wesserunsett Lake** Madison, Somerset County
Max Depth: 22 feet, Area: 1,446 acres
Primary Fishery: BNT (S), BKT (S), LLS (S), SMB
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 19 section C-2

**Wibasset Pond** Madison, Somerset County
Max Depth: 38 feet, Area: 103 acres
Primary Fishery: LMB (S), LKT (W), BKT (S)
Access: Carry in access off Wibasset Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 31 section E-1

**White Lake** Sandal Lake, Somerset County
Max Depth: 106 feet, Area: 250 acres
Primary Fishery: BNT (S), BKT (S), LLS (S), SMB
Access: Trailered boat access from Mill Brook Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 19 section B-2
TOQUE LAKE TROUT FISHING

Clearwater Pond Industry, Franklin County
Max Depth: 129 feet, Area: 735 acres
Primary Fishery: LKT (W), BKT (S&W), LLS (S), SMB
Access: Trailered boat access on Rte 43.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section C-1 & 2

Embden Pond Embden, Somerset County
Max Depth: 180 feet, Area: 1,368 acres
Primary Fishery: LKT (W), LLS (S&W), BKT (S&W), SMB
Access: Trailered boat access on Mill Rd off Embden Pond Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section A -3 & map 30 section E-3

Jim Pond Jim Pond Top, Franklin County
Max Depth: 125 feet, Area: 320 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S), LKT (W), BKT (S&W), SMB
Access: Trailered boat access off Jim Pond Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section A-1

Lincoln Pond Farmington, Oxford County
Max Depth: 95 feet, Area: 340 acres
Primary Fishery: LKT (W), BKT (S)
Access: Carry in access on Big Buck Mtn Rd off Aloc Rd.
Notes: 4WD vehicles only.
Delorme Atlas: Map 28 section D-1

Porter Lake New Vineyard, Franklin County
Max Depth: 86 feet, Area: 527 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S), LKT (W), BKT (S)
Access: Trailered boat access off Beanes Beach Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section B-1

Richardson Lakes Richardsontown, Twp, Oxford County
Max Depth: 108 feet, Area: 5.10 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S&W), BKT (S&W), LKT (W)
Access: Trailered boat access on South Arm Rd and Mill Brook Rd.
Notes: Improved launches.
Delorme Atlas: Map 18 section A & B-2

Spencer Lake Hobbsontown, Somerset County
Max Depth: 135 feet, Area: 1.819 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S), LKT (W), BKT (W)
Access: Trailered boat access via launch on Fish Pond on gravel road off Spencer Rd. Boat down to Spencer Lake.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 39 section D & E-4

Spring Lake T3 R4 BKP WKR, Somerset County
Max Depth: 78 feet, Area: 762 acres
Primary Fishery: LKT (W), BKT (S), LLS (S)
Access: Trailered boat access on Spring Lake Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 29 section B-4

Varrum Pond Temple, Franklin County
Max Depth: 75 feet, Area: 370 acres
Primary Fishery: LLS (S), LKT (W), BKT (S)
Access: Trailered boat access off of Varum Pond Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 19 section D-5

Wilson Pond Wilton, Franklin County
Max Depth: 88 feet, Area: 563 acres
Primary Fishery: LKT (W), LLS (S&W), BKT (S&W)
Access: Trailered boat access off Pond Rd and carry in access on Rte 2.
Notes: Improved launch at Canal Street off Rte. 2.
Unimproved launch off Pond Rd.
Delorme Atlas: Map 19 section D-4 & S

BASS FISHING

Clearwater Pond Industry, Franklin County
Max Depth: 129 feet, Area: 751 acres
Primary Fishery: SMB, LKT (W), LLS (S&W), BKT (S&W)
Access: Trailered boat access on Rte 43.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section C-1 & 2

Crowell Pond New Sharon, Franklin County
Max Depth: 11 feet, Area: 211 acres
Primary Fishery: LMB, BKT (S)
Access: Carry in access on Rte 41.
Notes: Unimproved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section D-2

Embden Pond Embden, Somerset County
Max Depth: 180 feet, Area: 1,368 acres
Primary Fishery: LKT (W), LLS (S&W), BKT (S&W), SMB
Access: Trailered boat access on Mill Rd off Embden Pond Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section A -3 & map 30 section E-3

Mount Blue Pond Avon, Franklin County
Max Depth: 38 feet, Area: 134 acres
Primary Fishery: BNT (S), SPK (S), SMB
Access: Carry in access off Mount Blue Rd.
Notes: No developed launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 19 section B-3 & 4

Moxie Pond East Moxie Top, Somerset County
Max Depth: 53 feet, Area: 2,370 acres
Primary Fishery: SMB, LLS (S&W), BKT (S&W)
Access: Trailered boat access on Indian Pond Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 40 section E-4

Norcross Pond Chesterfield, Franklin County
Max Depth: 24 feet, Area: 122 acres
Primary Fishery: LMB, BKT (S)
Access: Trailered boat access on Ridge Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section E-1

North Pond Chesterfield, Franklin County
Max Depth: 23 feet, Area: 170 acres
Primary Fishery: LMB
Access: Carry in access via gravel road off Borough Rd.
Notes: No developed launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section E-1

Ellis Pond Rumney, Oxford County
Max Depth: 43 feet, Area: 500 acres
Primary Fishery: SMB, BKT (S)
Access: Trailered boat access off South Shore Rd.
Notes: Improved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 18 section D-4 & 5

Wentworth Pond Solon, Somerset County
Max Depth: 48 feet, Area: 213 acres
Primary Fishery: SMB, SPK (S), BKT (S), BNT (S)
Access: Carry in access on West shoreshore Rd.
Notes: Unimproved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 31 section E-1.

Wesserunsett Lake Madison, Somerset County
Max Depth: 22 feet, Area: 1,446 acres
Primary Fishery: SMB, LMB, BKT (S)
Access: Carry in access on Rte 41.
Notes: Unimproved launch.
Delorme Atlas: Map 20 section E-2

Carrabassett River Anson, Somerset County
Primary Fishery: BNT (S&W)
Access: Walk in access.
Delorme Atlas: Map 30 section A-3

Dead River The Forks Plt, Somerset County
Primary Fishery: BNT (S&W)
Access: Walk in access.
Delorme Atlas: Map 27 section E-5

Orbeton Stream Madrid, Franklin County
Primary Fishery: BNT (W), BKT (W)
Access: Walk in access.

Phelps Brook Byron, Oxford County
Primary Fishery: BKT (W)
Access: Walk in access.
Delorme Atlas: Map 18 section C-4

Kennebago River Rangeley, Franklin County
Primary Fishery: BNT (W), LLS (W)
Access: Walk in access.
Delorme Atlas: Map 18 section C-3

Rapid River Upton, Oxford County
Primary Fishery: BNT (W), LLS (W), SMB
Access: Walk in access.
Delorme Atlas: Map 18 section B-1

REGION D RANGLEY LAKES REGION

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SPECIES KEY

Primary Fishery Species
Brook Trout .................................. BKT
Splake ........................................ SPK
Togue (Lake Trout) .......................... LKT
Landlocked Salmon ........................ LLS
Brown Trout .................................. BNT
Rainbow Trout ............................... RBT
Smallmouth Bass ............................ SMB
Largemouth Bass ............................ LMB
Lake Whitefish .............................. LWF
Arctic Char .................................. CHR

STATUS
Stacked ........................................... (S)
Wild ............................................... (W)
Mixture of Stocked & Wild .................. (S&W)

Sandy River Farmington, Franklin County
Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W), BNT (S), SMB
Access: Walk in access.
Delorme Atlas: Map 19 section B-4 & 5

Swift River Byron, Oxford County
Primary Fishery: BNT (S), BKT (S&W)
Access: Walk in access.
Delorme Atlas: Map 18 section C & D-5

Wilson Stream Wilton, Franklin County
Primary Fishery: BKT (S&W)
Access: Walk in access.
Delorme Atlas: Map 18 section C-4 & 5

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Fishing Adventures in a Picturesque Setting

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**REGION E MOOSEHEAD REGION**

The Moosehead Lake Region is situated in northeastern Maine in the largely undeveloped North Woods. The region contains hundreds of lakes, ponds, and streams that support self-sustaining brook trout populations and many have never been stocked. Anglers enjoy this unique experience of fishing in remote areas for brook trout, landlocked salmon, and lake trout. The centerpieces of the region is Maine’s largest lake, Moosehead Lake, which at 40 miles long, offers a big lake fishing experience. If you’re looking for moving-water, there are numerous large rivers that provide great fishing for wild brook trout and landlocked salmon, including some year-round opportunities. If you are in search of native brook trout, then the Moosehead Lake Region is the place to be.

— Tim O’Riley, Regional Fisheries Biologist

### Brook Trout Fishing

**Allagash Lake**

- **Max Depth:** 89 feet, Area: 4,260 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** BKT (W), LST (W), LNF (W)
- **Access:** Carry in via camp sites or via Allagash Stream.
- **Notes:** No developed launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 55 section C & D-3

**Big Wood Pond**

- **Max Depth:** 72 feet, Area: 2,150 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** BCT (S), LSS (S), SKP (S)
- **Access:** Trailered boat access on Mill Rd.
- **Notes:** Improved launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 59 section C-4

**Canada Falls Lake**

- **Max Depth:** 24 feet, Area: 2,627 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** BKT (W)
- **Access:** Trailered boat access on Canada Rd.
- **Notes:** Improved launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 48 section D-2

**Chamberlain Lake**

- **Max Depth:** 154 feet, Area: 11,084 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** BKT (W), LST (W), LNF (W)
- **Access:** Trailered boat access on Telos Rd. Boat up to Chamberlain Lake.
- **Notes:** Improved launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 56 section E-3 & 2

### Landlocked Salmon Fishing

**Rainbow Lake**

- **Max Depth:** 130 feet, Area: 3,664 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** BKT (W), CHR (W)
- **Access:** Walk in access via Appalachian Trail.
- **Notes:** No developed launch. RV access.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 50 section E-3

**Rum Pond**

- **Max Depth:** 77 feet, Area: 245 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** BKT (W)
- **Access:** Carry in access via gravel road off K1 Rd.
- **Notes:** Unimproved launches.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 41 section D-4

### Species Key

**SPECIES KEY**

**Primary Fishery Species**

- **Brook Trout**
- **Splake**
- **Togue (Lake Trout)**
- **Landlocked Salmon**
- **Brown Trout**
- **Rainbow Trout**
- **Smallmouth Bass**
- **Largemouth Bass**
- **Lake Whitefish**
- **Arctic Char**

### Status

- **Stocked**
- **Wild**
- **Mixture of Stocked & Wild**

**Togue Lake Trout Fishing**

**Allagash Lake**

- **Max Depth:** 89 feet, Area: 4,260 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** BKT (W), LST (W), LNF (W)
- **Access:** Carry in via camp sites or via Allagash Stream.
- **Notes:** No developed launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 55 section C & D-3

**Chamberlain Lake**

- **Max Depth:** 154 feet, Area: 11,084 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** BKT (W), LST (W), LNF (W)
- **Access:** Trailered boat access on Telos Rd. Boat up to Chamberlain Lake.
- **Notes:** Improved launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 56 section E-3 & 2

**First Brook Pond**

- **Max Depth:** 123 feet, Area: 3,570 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** LSS (S), LKT (S), BKT (W)
- **Access:** Improved launches on Sebec Pond Rd.
- **Notes:** Improved launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 41 section E-2

**Lower Wilson Pond**

- **Max Depth:** 60 feet, Area: 1,380 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** LLS (S&W), LKT (W), BKT (W)
- **Access:** Trailered boat launch on South Shore Rd and Wilson Pond Rd.
- **Notes:** Improved launches.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 55 section C & D-3

**Maine Open Water & Ice Fishing Laws first!**

**water bodies. Always check the current Special fishing laws may apply to these**

**Species Key**

**Primary Fishery Species**

- **Brook Trout**
- **Splake**
- **Togue (Lake Trout)**
- **Landlocked Salmon**
- **Brown Trout**
- **Rainbow Trout**
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- **Largemouth Bass**
- **Lake Whitefish**
- **Arctic Char**

**STATUS**

- **Stocked**
- **Wild**
- **Mixture of Stocked & Wild**

**Togue Lake Trout Fishing**

**Allagash Lake**

- **Max Depth:** 89 feet, Area: 4,260 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** BKT (W), LST (W), LNF (W)
- **Access:** Carry in via camp sites or via Allagash Stream.
- **Notes:** No developed launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 55 section C & D-3

**Chamberlain Lake**

- **Max Depth:** 154 feet, Area: 11,084 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** BKT (W), LST (W), LNF (W)
- **Access:** Trailered boat access on Telos Rd. Boat up to Chamberlain Lake.
- **Notes:** Improved launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 56 section E-3 & 2

**First Brook Pond**

- **Max Depth:** 123 feet, Area: 3,570 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** LSS (S), LKT (S), BKT (W)
- **Access:** Improved launches on Sebec Pond Rd.
- **Notes:** Improved launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 41 section E-2

**Lower Wilson Pond**

- **Max Depth:** 60 feet, Area: 1,380 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** LLS (S&W), LKT (W), BKT (W)
- **Access:** Trailered boat launch on South Shore Rd and Wilson Pond Rd.
- **Notes:** Improved launches.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 55 section C & D-3

**Maine Open Water & Ice Fishing Laws first!**

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| **REGION B MOOSEHEAD REGION** |

**TOUCHE (LAKE TROUT) FISHING CONT.**

**Harrington Lake**
- **T4 R11 WELS,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Max Depth:** 134 feet, **Area:** 1,332 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** LLS (W), LKT (W), BKT (W)
- **Access:** Trailered boat access on Telos Rd.
- **Notes:** Improved launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 50 section C-2 & 3

**Lobster Lake**
- **T2 R12 WELS,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Max Depth:** 106 feet, **Area:** 3,475 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** LLS (W), LKT (W), BKT (W)
- **Access:** Trailered boat access on Lobster Trip Rd, boat up stream to lake.
- **Notes:** Improved launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 49 section D-3

**Lower Wilson Pond**
- **Greeneville,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Max Depth:** 106 feet, **Area:** 1,380 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** LLS (S&W), BKT (W), LKT (W)
- **Access:** Trailered boat launches on North Shore Rd and Wilson Pond Rd.
- **Notes:** Improved launches.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 55 section C & D-3

**Sebec Lake**
- **Greeneville,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Max Depth:** 246 feet, **Area:** 74,890 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** BKT (W), LLS (S&W), LKT (W)
- **Access:** Trailered boat access on Lily Bay Rd (Greenville), Rte 6 (Greenville and Rockwood), Sebomook Dam Rd (Seboomook), Ross Farm Rd (Northeast Carry), and in Lily Bay State Park (Greenville).
- **Notes:** Improved launches. Unimproved launches.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 41 and map 49

**Nahmakanta Lake**
- **T1 R11 WELS,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Max Depth:** 110 feet, **Area:** 1,024 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** LKT (W), BKT (W), LLS (W)
- **Access:** Carry in access on AT trail off Nahmakanta Stream Rd.
- **Notes:** Unimproved launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 50 section E-3

**Sebec Lake**
- **Dover-Foxcroft,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Max Depth:** 155 feet, **Area:** 6,803 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** LLS (W), LKT (S), SMB
- **Access:** Trailered boat access on Sebec Village Rd and Greely’s Landing Rd.
- **Notes:** Improved launches.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 32 section A-1 & 2

**BASS FISHING**

**Brann’s Mill Pond**
- **Dover-Foxcroft,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Max Depth:** 15 feet, **Area:** 217 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** SMB, LMB, BKT (S)
- **Access:** Trailered boat access off Rte 23.
- **Notes:** Improved launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 32 section C-2 & 3

**First Buttermilk Pond**
- **Greenville,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Max Depth:** 119 feet, **Area:** 384 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** SMB, LLS (W), BKT (W), LKT (W)
- **Access:** Walk in access from Ledge Cut Rd.
- **Notes:** No developed launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 32 section A-1

**Indian Pond**
- **Shapleigh,**
- **Somerset County**
- **Max Depth:** 118 feet, **Area:** 3,746 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** LLS (S&W), BKT (W), LKT (W), SMB
- **Access:** Trailered boat access on Indian Pond Rd and Burnham Pond Rd. Carry in access on VIP Rd.
- **Notes:** Improved launches on Indian Pond Rd and Burnham Rd and unimproved launch on VIP Rd.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 40 section C-5

**Manhanock Pond**
- **Sangerville Twp.,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Max Depth:** 36 feet, **Area:** 595 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** SMB, LMB, BKT (S&W)
- **Access:** Trailered boat access off Rte 23.
- **Notes:** Improved launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 33 section C-5

**Sebec Lake**
- **Dover-Foxcroft,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Max Depth:** 155 feet, **Area:** 6,803 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** LLS (W), LKT (S), SMB
- **Access:** Trailered boat access on Sebec Village Rd and Greely’s Landing Rd.
- **Notes:** Improved launches.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 32 section A-1 & 2

**RIVERS / STREAMS / BROOKS**

**Caucomogoc Stream**
- **T6 R14 WELS,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Max Depth:** 15 feet, **Area:** 271 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** SMB, LMB, BKT (S)
- **Access:** Trailered boat access off Rte 23.
- **Notes:** Improved launch.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 41 section A-3 & 4

**Sebec River**
- **T5 R12 WELS,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Max Depth:** 15 feet, **Area:** 271 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** SMB, LMB, BKT (S)
- **Access:** Trailered boat access on Sebec Village Rd and Greely’s Landing Rd.
- **Notes:** Improved launches.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 32 section A-1 & 2

**East Outlet, Moosehead Lake**
- **Sapling Twp.,**
- **Somerset County**
- **Max Depth:** 55 feet, **Area:** 55 acres
- **Primary Fishery:** LLS (S&W), BKT (W)
- **Access:** Walk in access.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 55 section C-2 & 3

**Penobscot River, North Branch**
- **Comstock Twp.,**
- **Somerset County**
- **Primary Fishery:** BKT (W)
- **Access:** Walk in access.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 48 section C-2

**Penobscot River, South Branch**
- **Hammond Twp.,**
- **Somerset County**
- **Primary Fishery:** LLS (W), BKT (W)
- **Access:** Walk in access.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 48 section D-1

**Penobscot River, West Branch**
- **T4 R14 WELS,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Primary Fishery:** LLS (W), BKT (W)
- **Access:** Walk in access.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 49 section B-4

**Piscataquis River**
- **Blanchard Twp.,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Primary Fishery:** BKT (S)
- **Access:** Walk in access.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 41 section A-3 & 4

**Roach River**
- **Spencer Bay Twp.,**
- **Piscataquis County**
- **Primary Fishery:** LLS (W), BKT (W)
- **Access:** Walk in access.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 41 section A-3 & 4

**Upper Moose River**
- **Jackman, Somerset County (north of Jackman)**
- **Primary Fishery:** BKT (W)
- **Access:** Walk in access.
- **Delorme Atlas:** Map 39 section B-4
### Brook Trout Fishing

#### Species Key
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#### Access:
- **Primary Fishery:**
  - Max Depth: 17 feet, Area: 8 acres
  - Notes: Canvas rented at Kidney Pond.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 50 section D-4
- **Daicey Pond T8R10 WELS, Piscataquis County**
  - Max Depth: 26 feet, Area: 38 acres
  - Notes: Canvas rented at Ranger Station.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 50 section D-4
- **Frost Pond T8R9 WELS, Piscataquis County**
  - Max Depth: 32 feet, Area: 37 acres
  - Notes: Canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 50 section D-4
- **Lowower Fower Pond T8R9 WELS, Piscataquis County**
  - Max Depth: 15 feet, Area: 64 acres
  - Notes: Canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 50 section D-4
- **Ireland Pond T7R8 WELS, Penobscot County**
  - Max Depth: 35 feet, Area: 30 acres
  - Notes: Canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 50 section D-4
- **Jo Mary Pond T8 R10 WELS, Piscataquis County**
  - Max Depth: 11 feet, Area: 38 acres
  - Notes: Canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 50 section D-4
- **Lambert Lake T6 R8 WELS, Penobscot County**
  - Max Depth: 50 feet, Area: 605 acres
  - Notes: Improved launches.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 46 section E-4
- **Larmond Lake T6 R8 WELS, Penobscot County**
  - Max Depth: 60 feet, Area: 605 acres
  - Notes: canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 50 section D-4
- **Lower South Branch Pond T8R9 WELS, Piscataquis County**
  - Max Depth: 60 feet, Area: 93 acres
  - Notes: Vehicle access via 2.5 mile drive from BSP Perimeter Rd to South Branch Campground. Canoes for rent at campground.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 51 section A-1
- **Maine Region East Grand Lake**
  - Max Depth: 24 feet, Area: 609 acres
  - Notes: Improved launches.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 46 section D-4
- **Matagarmon Lake T6 R8 WELS, Penobscot County**
  - Max Depth: 95 feet, Area: 4,165 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (W), LKT (S)
  - Access: Carry in access on Grand Lake Rd.
  - Notes: Unimproved launch.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 51 section A-2
- **Mitchell Pond T7 R9 WELS, Piscataquis County**
  - Max Depth: 15 feet, Area: 30 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
  - Access: canvas access on Huber Rd.
  - Notes: Short walk from road.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 57 section E-1
- **North Grand Lake**
  - Max Depth: 46 feet, Area: 3,194 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (W)
  - Access: Carry in access on Park Tote Rd or trailer boat access on gravel road off East Rd.
  - Notes: Unimproved launch on Park Tote Rd, private land, ask permission first.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 50 section B-3 & 4
- **Pleasant Lake T6 R11 WELS, Piscataquis County**
  - Max Depth: 34 feet, Area: 644 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (W)
  - Notes: Canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 42 section C-3
- **Pleasant Lake T6 R11 WELS, Piscataquis County**
  - Max Depth: 84 feet, Area: 70 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
  - Access: Walk in access on 3 mile walking trail off Baxter State Park Rd.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 51 section A-1 & 2
- **Pleasant Lake T6 R11 WELS, Piscataquis County**
  - Max Depth: 34 feet, Area: 644 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (W)
  - Notes: Canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 42 section C-3
- **Schoodic Lake**
  - Max Depth: 112 feet, Area: 3,628 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S), LKT (W), LLS (S)
  - Access: Trailered boat access on Trail in front of cabin.
  - Notes: Improved launch.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 53 section A-8
- **South Grand Lake**
  - Max Depth: 46 feet, Area: 4,450 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (W)
  - Access: Access via 3 mile drive from BSP Perimeter Rd.
  - Notes: Canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 42 section C-3
- **Spout Lake T8 R9 WELS, Penobscot County**
  - Max Depth: 60 feet, Area: 93 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (W)
  - Access: Vehicle access via 2.5 mile drive from BSP Perimeter Rd.
  - Notes: Canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 51 section A-1
- **Sourdmashuk Lake T4 R10 WELS, Piscataquis County**
  - Max Depth: 45 feet, Area: 340 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
  - Access: Canvas access on Huber Rd.
  - Notes: Short walk from road.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 57 section E-1
- **Tomah Lake**
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (W)
  - Access: 1.8 mile lake from South Branch Campground.
  - Notes: Canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 51 A-1
- **Tranter Lake T1 T8 WELS, Aroostook County**
  - Max Depth: 11 feet, Area: 38 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
  - Access: Canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 50 section D-4
- **Webster Lake T6 R10 WELS, Piscataquis County**
  - Max Depth: 15 feet, Area: 64 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (W)
  - Access: Canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 50 section D-4
- **West Grand Lake**
  - Max Depth: 60 feet, Area: 665 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (S)
  - Access: Canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 50 section A-2
- **Whitewater Lake T6 R8 WELS, Penobscot County**
  - Max Depth: 95 feet, Area: 4,165 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (W), LKT (S)
  - Access: Carry in access on Grand Lake Rd.
  - Notes: Improved launches.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 51 section A-2
- **Wiscasset Lake**
  - Max Depth: 46 feet, Area: 4,450 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (W)
  - Access: Carry in access on Park Tote Rd or trailer boat access on gravel road off East Rd.
  - Notes: Unimproved launch on Park Tote Rd, private land, ask permission first.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 50 section B-3 & 4
- **Woodside Lake**
  - Max Depth: 60 feet, Area: 93 acres
  - Primary Fishery: BKT (W)
  - Access: Canvas rents.
  - Deormbe Atlas: Map 51 section A-1

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**STATUS**

Stocked ............................................ (S)

Wild .................................................. (W)

Mixture of Stocked & Wild .................. (SAW)

**Pemadumbeck Chain T1 R9 WELS, Penobscot County**
- Max Depth: 101 feet, Area: 18,301 acres
- Primary Fishery: LLS (S), LKT (S)
- Access: Trailered boat access on Baxter State Park Rd or Rte 11.
- Notes: Improved launches.
- Deormbe Atlas: Map 43 section A-1

**Pleasant Lake T6 R11 WELS, Penobscot County**
- Max Depth: 92 feet, Area: 1,574 acres
- Primary Fishery: LLS (S), LKT (S)
- Access: Canvas rents.
- Deormbe Atlas: Map 51 section A-2

**Schoodic Lake**
- Max Depth: 106 feet, Area: 7,148 acres
- Primary Fishery: LLS (S), LKT (S), LKT (W)
- Access: Carry in access on Thousand Island Rd.
- Notes: Improved launches.
- Deormbe Atlas: Map 43 section A-2

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**REGION F PENOBSCOT REGION**

From the highlands and trout ponds of Baxter State Park to the lowlands and brook fisheries of the lower Penobscot River, the Penobscot Region is one of the most diverse in the state in terms of both land terrain and fisheries. The region offers a myriad of fishing opportunities for high quality landlocked salmon, lake trout, brook trout, and smallmouth bass. The variety of lakes, ponds, rivers and streams, nestled in a stunningly beautiful setting, are sure to create a memorable fishing experience.

—Gordon Kramer, Regional Fisheries Biologist
LANDLOCKED SALMON FISHING CONT.

**Brook Trout**

- **Common Name:** Brook Trout
- **Scientific Name:** Salvelinus fontinalis
- **Status in the State:** For both land and water
- **Primary Fishery:** Stocked and Wild
- **Max Depth:** 69 feet
- **Area:** 4,201 acres
- **Notes:** Unimproved launch.

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 5 section E-2 & 3

**Upper Cold Stream Pond**

- **Location:** Piscataquis County
- **Max Depth:** 32 feet
- **Area:** 186 acres
- **Notes:** Improved launch.

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 34 section A-1

**West Lake**

- **Location:** Hancock County
- **Max Depth:** 70 feet
- **Area:** 1,344 acres
- **Notes:** Improved launches.

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 34 section C-4

**SPLAKE FISHING**

**Cedar Lake**

- **Location:** Penobscot County
- **Max Depth:** 24 feet
- **Area:** 685 acres
- **Primary Species:** Splake

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 34 section A-1

**Endless Lake**

- **Location:** Penobscot County
- **Max Depth:** 36 feet
- **Area:** 1,499 acres
- **Primary Species:** Splake

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 43 section C-2

**Lower Togue Pond**

- **Location:** Piscataquis County
- **Max Depth:** 53 feet
- **Area:** 384 acres
- **Primary Species:** Splake

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 34 section C-3

**Skeosis Lake**

- **Location:** Piscataquis County
- **Max Depth:** 69 feet
- **Area:** 4,201 acres
- **Primary Species:** Splake

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 43 section D-3

**TOQUE (LAKE TROUT) FISHING**

**1st Debsconeag Lake**

- **Location:** Penobscot County
- **Max Depth:** 140 feet
- **Area:** 320 acres
- **Primary Species:** Largemouth Bass

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 50 section E-5

**3rd Debsconeag Lake**

- **Location:** Penobscot County
- **Max Depth:** 162 feet
- **Area:** 3,011 acres
- **Primary Species:** Largemouth Bass

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 50 section E-4

**Cold Stream Pond**

- **Location:** Penobscot County
- **Max Depth:** 112 feet
- **Area:** 3,628 acres
- **Primary Species:** Largemouth Bass

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 33 section A-B-5

**East Grand Lake**

- **Location:** Washington County
- **Max Depth:** 128 feet
- **Area:** 16,070 acres
- **Primary Species:** Largemouth Bass

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 45 section A-3 & 4

**Hurd Pond**

- **Location:** Piscataquis County
- **Max Depth:** 92 feet
- **Area:** 640 acres
- **Primary Species:** Largemouth Bass

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 45 section A-3 & 4

**Matagamon Lake**

- **Location:** Piscataquis County
- **Max Depth:** 95 feet
- **Area:** 4,165 acres
- **Primary Species:** Largemouth Bass

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 50 section E-4 & 5

**Millinocket Lake**

- **Location:** Penobscot County
- **Max Depth:** 86 feet
- **Area:** 8,960 acres
- **Primary Species:** Largemouth Bass

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 43 section A-2

**Rivers / Streams / Brooks**

**Bass Fishing**

- **Location:** Piscataquis County
- **Max Depth:** 23 feet
- **Area:** 1,100 acres
- **Primary Species:** Smallmouth Bass

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 45 section E-1 & 2

**Skeosis Lake**

- **Location:** Piscataquis County
- **Max Depth:** 69 feet
- **Area:** 4,201 acres
- **Primary Species:** Smallmouth Bass

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 33 section E-2

**Spednik Lake**

- **Location:** Washington County
- **Max Depth:** 69 feet
- **Area:** 1,721 acres
- **Primary Species:** Smallmouth Bass

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 46 section B-2

**Togue (Lake Trout)**

- **Location:** Piscataquis County
- **Max Depth:** 36 feet
- **Area:** 1,499 acres
- **Primary Species:** Splake

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 51 section A-2

**West Branch Penobscot River**

- **Location:** Penobscot County
- **Max Depth:** 18 feet
- **Area:** 912 acres
- **Primary Species:** Splake

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 45 section B-2

**West Branch Rainbow Lakes**

- **Location:** Penobscot County
- **Max Depth:** 10 feet
- **Area:** 1,383 acres
- **Primary Species:** Splake

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 44 section E-3 & 2

**Winn Aitken Meal Brook**

- **Location:** Piscataquis County
- **Max Depth:** 18 feet
- **Area:** 1,344 acres
- **Primary Species:** Splake

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 51 section C-3

**Winnamuck River**

- **Location:** Penobscot County
- **Max Depth:** 18 feet
- **Area:** 1,344 acres
- **Primary Species:** Splake

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 44 section E-3 & 2

**Winnamuck River**

- **Location:** Penobscot County
- **Max Depth:** 18 feet
- **Area:** 1,344 acres
- **Primary Species:** Splake

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 51 section C-3

**Winterboro, Penobscot County**

- **Location:** Penobscot County
- **Max Depth:** 15 feet
- **Area:** 1,400 acres
- **Primary Species:** Splake

**Delorme Atlas:** Map 44 section B-2
Located in northernmost Maine, the Fish River Lakes Region boasts some of the most robust populations of brook trout in the eastern United States. Anglers visiting here will find excellent fishing for brookies whether they prefer small streams, small ponds, large lakes, or large rivers. One of the most unique features is the opportunity to fish for trout on large rivers. A high-quality experience can be found in the Aroostook River, the namesake for Maine’s northernmost County, that flows from the remote woodlands of the North Maine Woods to the farmlands in the east. For anglers seeking a trophy admiral fish, there are several larger lakes, especially on the Fish River Chain of Lakes, that support uninvaded landlocked salmon and lake trout fishing.

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**BROOK TROUT FISHING**

**Carr Pond** T13 R8 WELS, Aroostook County Max Depth: 72 feet, Area: 307 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (W), LKT (S&W) Access: Carry in access on Fish Lake Rd. Notes: Unimproved launch. Delorme Atlas: Map 63 section B-C3


**Long Lake** St Agatha, Aroostook County Max Depth: 163 feet, Area: 6,000 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (S&W) Access: Carried to boat access on Route 163, Cleveland Rd, and Ram Brook Rd. Notes: Improved launches. Delorme Atlas: Map 68 section C-4

**Square Lake** T16RS WELS, Aroostook County Max Depth: 122 feet, Area: 2,400 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (S&W) Access: Trailered boat access via gravel road off Wilderness Rd. Notes: Unimproved launch. Delorme Atlas: Map 63 section B-C3

**Eagle Lake** Lake Whitefish, Aroostook County Max Depth: 124 feet, Area: 9,500 acres Primary Fishery: LKT (W), BKT (W) Access: Carry in access. Notes: No developed launch. Delorme Atlas: Map 67 section E-5

**Fish River Lake** T13 R8 WELS, Aroostook County Max Depth: 46 feet, Area: 2,642 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (W) Access: Trailered boat access via gravel road off Lower Main St. Notes: Improved launch. Delorme Atlas: Map 67 section E-5

**Long Lake** T18R10 WELS, Aroostook County Max Depth: 136 feet, Area: 5,581 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (S&W), LKT (S&W) Access: Trailered boat access on Route 163, Cleveland Rd, and Ram Brook Rd. Notes: Improved launches. Delorme Atlas: Map 63 section B-C3

**Little Black River** Allagash, Aroostook County Max Depth: 107 feet, Area: 234 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (S&W), BNT (W) Access: Trailered boat access on Fish Lake Rd. Notes: Improved launches. Delorme Atlas: Map 63 section A-4

**Scoping Lake** Scoping Twp, Aroostook County Max Depth: 58 feet, Area: 5,120 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (S&W), BNT (W) Access: Trailered boat access. Notes: No developed launch. Delorme Atlas: Map 63 section A-3 & 4

**St. Croix Stream** Meduxnekeag River Houlton, Aroostook County Max Depth: 46 feet, Area: 2,400 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (S&W), BNT (W) Access: Walk in access. Notes: No developed launch. Delorme Atlas: Map 52 section A-3

**St. John River** Mattawamkeag River, West Branch Morro Plt, Aroostook County Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (S&W), BNT (W) Access: Walk in access. Notes: No developed launch. Delorme Atlas: Map 52 section A-3

**St. John River Allagash, Aroostook County** (Hamlin to Big 10 Top) Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (W), SMB (W) Access: Carry in access. Notes: Unimproved launches. Delorme Atlas: Map 66 section D-4

**Square Lake** T16RS WELS, Aroostook County Max Depth: 122 feet, Area: 8,150 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (S&W) Access: Trailered boat access on Burnt Landing Rd. Notes: Improved launch. Delorme Atlas: Map 68 section E-2

**St. Fred Lake** Winterville, Aroostook County Max Depth: 114 feet, Area: 2,400 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (W), LKT (S&W) Access: Trailered boat access on Red River Rd and South Shore Rd. Notes: Improved launches. Delorme Atlas: Map 67 section E-5

**Big Eagle Lake** TR R13 WELS, Piscataquis County Max Depth: 124 feet, Area: 9,500 acres Primary Fishery: LKT (W), BKT (W) Access: Carry in access. Notes: No developed launch. Delorme Atlas: Map 55 section C-5

**Eagle Lake** Eagle Lake, Aroostook County Max Depth: 114 feet, Area: 2,400 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (S&W), LKT (S&W) Access: Trailered boat access to Lower Main St. Notes: Improved launch. Delorme Atlas: Map 67 section E-5

**Glazier Lake** T18R10 WELS, Aroostook County Max Depth: 118 feet, Area: 1,029 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (W) Access: Trailered boat access on Scoping Rd at Outlet. Notes: Improved launch. Delorme Atlas: Map 63 section A-4

**Smallee Lake** Scoping Twp, Aroostook County Max Depth: 58 feet, Area: 5,120 acres Primary Fishery: BKT (W), LLS (S&W) Access: Trailered boat access on Scoping Rd at Outlet. Notes: Improved launch. Delorme Atlas: Map 63 section A-3
Maine is lucky to have some of the country’s most pristine, healthy waters, full of aquatic diversity and trophy fish. These waters provide endless outdoor recreation opportunities for anglers and others, but they are also threatened each year by invasive species.

**WHAT IS AN INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES?**
An invasive aquatic species is one that has been moved from its native aquatic habitat to a new location, even nearby, and causes significant harm to that new environment.

**WHAT ARE THE DANGERS?**
Invasive fish compete for food and habitat with native fish, may prey on smaller native fish, and can forever change the natural balance of an aquatic ecosystem. Some invasive plants are more than able to strangle a body of water. These plants are fast-growing and can quickly multiply and spread into a thick blanket that keeps sunlight from penetrating deep into the water.

This inhibits the natural growth of algae and plankton, which small fish need for food. Once an invasive plant kills plankton, small fish are likely to starve—a situation that detrimentally impacts larger fish and the entire body of water.

**WHAT CAN BE DONE?**
Once an invasive fish or plant has established itself in a body of water, it is extremely difficult to eradicate them. Eradication efforts are costly, can carry their own risks, and are not always successful. Therefore, prevention is key. It’s our duty as those who enjoy using Maine’s waters to protect them against invasive species.

**WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES?**
- By Maine law, you must immediately kill any sport fish that you decide to keep, and never move any live fish (other than legal baitfish). Illegally introducing any fish into Maine waters can alter the ecosystem forever. Don’t do it!
- Make it fun: Above all else, make the fishing trip fun and safe. Don’t measure the success of the trip by the number or size of fish caught, but rather by having a fun, safe time outdoors. Praise children for their patience and cooperation.
- Make it a shore thing: Try giving a child their first few lessons at a local park, farm pond, or a lake with a dock or gentle shoreline where they can run and play when their attention span runs short. Knowing how to fish from shore will allow them to go on their own or with friends when they are old enough. If and when you progress to a boat, be sure to have the proper safety equipment for you and your youngster.
- Fish for little fish: Most kids prefer to catch lots of fish versus big fish. Start new anglers off on species that are plentiful and more easily caught, like sunfish or perch. Once the child has developed basic fishing skills, you can move on to larger pursuits.
- Start with the basics: Begin with simple equipment and bait. Use simple spincasting equipment, a bobber, and a hook with live bait, as it will work well for a variety of fish species. And be sure the equipment your child uses is in good working order to avoid any unnecessary frustration.
- Teach skills: People, regardless of their age, enjoy fishing more when they are in control and can do it themselves. Resist the temptation to do things for your children. If you are using live bait, teach them how to put it on the hook themselves. Teach them how to tie their hook onto their line and how to cast. On future trips, watch their skills, and their confidence, grow.

**HELP US KEEP IT MAINE**
Protect our Waters from Invasive Aquatic Species

Fishing can be very rewarding and educational for children. Here are some tips for taking them along.

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**HELP BY REPORTING**
The illegal introduction of any fish into any Maine water is a Class E crime, punishable by fines up to $10,000! The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is offering a minimum reward of $2,000 for information leading to the apprehension of persons responsible for the illegal introduction of fish.

If you see or suspect someone is moving live fish, contact the Maine Warden Service immediately at 1-800-Alert-U or report the offense at Maineogt.org.

Jot down as much information as you can, such as description of the individual(s), boat, date, time, and location.

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TO KEEP OR TO RELEASE?

A variety of regulations exist regarding the harvest of fish within Maine’s water bodies. Before going out on the water, reference the current Maine Open Water and Ice Fishing Laws to confirm your daily bag limit and any other restrictions.

If you’re fishing in a catch-and-release-only water body, the decision has been made for you; but otherwise, you can decide which legally harvestable fish to keep for consumption, which are only successful if fish are harvested by anglers. A lack of harvest can cause fish to stunt and not grow. Either way, it’s your job to bring a humane approach to the table. If you decide to release your catch, the following tips will help result in a successful release.

HOW TO SAFELY CATCH AND RELEASE

By carefully following these simple instructions, you can release your fish unharmed. If you enjoyed catching your fish, so will the next angler!

1. Time is of the essence. Play and release the fish as quickly and carefully as possible. An exhausted fish may be too weak to recover. Please, do not overplay your fish!

2. Keep the fish in the water. Minimize or eliminate the time your fish is out of the water. As little as 30 seconds of air exposure can cause delayed mortality of released trout, and in the winter months the fish may be subject to a quick freeze.

3. Wet your hands when handling the fish. Dry hands can remove the layer of slime that protects the fish from fungi, bacteria, and parasites.

4. Photograph responsibly. Photo sessions can be stressful for a fish. Prepare for the photo with your fish safely under the water surface, and only lift the fish out of the water for 5 second intervals or less. Try to get the shot (within reason), but return your fish to the water for a rest between attempts.

5. Be gentle. Keep your fingers away from the gills, don’t squeeze the fish, and please, never drag a fish onto the bank!

6. Choose the right landing net. Rubber nets are easier on fish than traditional twine nets.

7. Safely remove the hook with small pliers or a similar tool. If the hook is deeply embedded or in a sensitive area such as the gills or stomach, cut the leader close to the snout. The air bladders of togue (lake trout) often expand after being pulled up rapidly from deep water. If a togue’s belly appears expanded, release it from the hook first, then gently press your thumb along the stomach near the paired belly fins and move it forward a few times to release the air before releasing the fish.

8. Neutralize the pressure. The air bladders of togue (lake trout) often expand after being pulled up rapidly from deep water. If a togue’s belly appears expanded, release it from the hook first, then gently press your thumb along the stomach near the paired belly fins and move it forward a few times to release the air before releasing the fish.

9. Revive the fish. Hold the fish underwater in a swimming position until it can swim away (note: do not use this method if surface water temperatures are unusually warm).
### BASS WEIGHT TO LENGTH CHART

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### HOW TO BRING HOME A QUALITY CATCH

One of the greatest benefits of fishing is being able to cook and consume fish that rivals and surpasses the quality and freshness of what you’d find in the finest dining establishments. However, catching and keeping a prize fish is no guarantee of such experience, as quality is highly dependent upon post-catch care. The following steps can help ensure the quality of your catch.

1. **Make sure it’s legal and safe.** Before making the decision to keep your catch, reference the Open Water and Ice Fishing Laws and safe eating guidelines in Maine for the area you’re fishing to determine what size fish are legal to harvest and applicable fish consumption advisories. There is a statewide consumption advisory for mercury and some waters also contain other pollutants such as PCBs and subject to more restrictive consumption advisories.

2. **Keep it cool.** Degradation is a function of time and temperature, so make sure you are able to rapidly cool or keep your catch cold. For most of the year, a cooler with ice works best. When water temperature is about 40°F or less, a stringer to hold your fish in the water can also work well. Even though the water may feel cold to the touch, it may not be cold enough to preserve your catch for lengthier periods of time. If using a stringer, be sure your catch is not still alive.

3. **Kill quickly and humanely.** Quick dispatch is as much about quality as it is about being humane, and it’s also the law! Allowing your catch to have a prolonged, stressful death will result in lactic acid production and a lower resting pH of the fish flesh. The low pH results in gaping and softer, rather than firm, flesh. Fish can be dispatched quickly with a blow to the head or with bleeding by cutting the gill arches with a knife or scissors. Although bleeding can improve the taste of some species, the main benefit of the practice is that it kills fish quickly.

4. **Clean up, cook, and enjoy:**

   - **Clean your fish:** Cleaning your fish is a must. Filleting is a fast method of cleaning fish that maximizes meat and minimizes bones. To do it properly, you’ll need a fillet knife with a long, slender, flexible blade. Helpful tutorials for cleaning and filleting fish can both be found online; but sometimes the best way to learn how to clean a fish is to just try it. Don’t let the technicalities discourage you—just follow the steps below:

   1. To begin, rest the fish on the table or cutting board. Insert the knife tip into the fish’s belly near the anal opening and move the blade up along the belly, cutting to the head. Keep the knife blade shallow so you don’t puncture the intestines.
   2. Spread the body open and remove all of the entrails and rinse and clean promptly if intestinal contents are accidentally cut and spilled within the body cavity.
   3. Dark flesh near the back bone is the kidney. Remove it by scraping it out with a spoon or your thumbnail.
   4. Rinse the cavity out with a good stream of water and wash the skin. Some fish have a dark tissue lining the abdominal cavity that can be scraped off to prevent a strong, oily flavor.
   5. Remove the head if you like, though trout are often cooked with the head on. Note: It is unlawful to alter the length of landlocked salmon, trout, togue, lake whitefish, and bass unless the fish is being prepared for immediate cooking, so do not remove the head until then.
   6. Clean up, cook, and enjoy: Clean your fish-cleaning table, collect the guts, heads, and scales, and discard them properly. Your clean fish is now ready to be cooked.
REGULATING THE HARVEST
The rationale behind bag limits, bait restrictions, and other fishing regulations

Fishing laws vary by location, so any time you fish in a new spot, it’s crucial that you double-check to see which ones apply. You can pick up a fishing law book at your local town hall or visit mefishwildlife.com to download a digital copy for quick reference. Curious why certain regulations exist? Read on for a little background:

A BRIEF HISTORY
In North America, fishing regulations have been implemented for centuries, with season closures for some fisheries in place as early as the 1600s, and numerous fish harvest statutes enacted during the 1700s. By 1900, season closures and creel limits were common, though often these were the only regulations in place. However, since the 1960s, regulations have increased, with a broad trend toward restricting both the number and the length of fish that can be harvested. In Maine, water- and species-specific regulations are common, as are slot length limits and length-based creel limits.

WHY ARE THERE SO MANY REGULATIONS?
In Maine, fishing regulations are implemented for many reasons, including:

- To protect native resources
- To enhance fishing quality
- To maintain healthy ecosystems
- To control exotic species in certain waters
- For public safety reasons (e.g., lead, mercury, PCB consumption advisories)
- For social reasons (to accommodate the desires of individual user groups)

WHY DO CERTAIN RULES, SUCH AS CATCH AND RELEASE, EXIST?
We’re scientists, so we don’t mind questions! Here are some of the fisheries management techniques behind the regulations:

General Law: This regulation provides a baseline level of protection to all waters. In Maine, the general law is essentially the default regulation, and from these exceptions to the general law are applied to individual waters.

Low Bag Limits: Lower bag limits are intended to distribute the catch over a longer time period and among more anglers. Low bag limits usually coincide with restrictive regulations such as high minimum lengths.

Slot Limits: These regulations are bound by the upper and lower length limits, with the intent of directing harvest to specific parts of a fish population while protecting others. A slot limit may be used to “thin out” smaller fish to allow remaining fish to grow faster, and enable large fish to be caught and released or kept (depending on how the slot is applied). The protected size slot protects fish and allows them to continue to grow and reach a larger size class. This regulation’s success depends on anglers—unless they harvest fish of a given size, the regulation does little for resource management.

Catch and Release: This regulation is intended to return fish to the water alive, giving them the chance to grow larger and be caught again. This regulation can be effective on waters where natural recruitment and population size is very low and growth rates are excellent, or on waters where there is a strict need for conservation (e.g., among populations of imperiled or endangered species).

Fly Fishing or Artificial Lures Only: These “terminal tackle” regulations are applied to reduce mortalities in released fish, and are often an effective and necessary companion to restrictive bag and length limits.

No Live Fish as Bait: This regulation is typically applied to prevent establishment of unwanted bait species in waters where they currently do not exist (often brook trout or Arctic char waters), while still allowing the use of dead baitfish or artificial lures.

If you’ve fished in different locations around Maine, then you may have noticed that the fishing regulations can vary widely. That’s partially because, when implementing or altering fishing regulations and policies, our Fisheries Division uses both biological data and social considerations.

For example, whether you are in the northern or southern half of the state, there are different general law season dates, brook trout bag limits, and bass bag, and length limits for fishing in lakes and ponds. These two regions of Maine vary when it comes to the fish species present, quality of habitat, and human population density; therefore, they also vary in management focus.

When designing a regulation, we carefully consider the water body, location, water quality, species composition, and the desires of anglers. Then we regularly monitor for effectiveness. This ongoing process of developing, maintaining, and adjusting fishing regulations statewide is no easy task, but it’s essential to the effective management of our fisheries – no two of which are exactly alike.