

MARINAS & CHARTER CAPTAINS

MARINA – VOYAGER BOAT SALES

Turn right at the end of Marina Drive, Genesee River trailer launch ramp, transient slips available, 342-5150

CHARTER CAPTAINS DOCKED AT VOYAGER BOAT SALES:

Hooked Up Charters
Captains Bruce Stenglein & Rich Fiandach
Fishing Lake Ontario for trophy salmon, trout & bass
388-1100
www.hookedupcharters.com
Expediter Charters
Captain Mick Clark
Full time, year 'round on Lake Ontario and the Finger Lakes
455-3203 or 607-535-7558
Expediter10@hotmail.com
Candy Charters
Captain Andy Sykut
Lake Ontario sport fishing at its best – fully equipped 31' Tiera
872-3455 or 727-1703
Seacrawler23@frontiernet.net

King Me Charters
Captain Steve Drav
20+ yrs. on Lake "O" – latest tackle, techniques—trophy salmon & trout, sport fish, 747-7897
www.kingmesportfishing.com
Bull Dog Charters
Captain Brad Hillibrant
Fishing trophy trout, salmon & smallmouths— 25+ years experience on Lake Ontario, 704-5578
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8 Lake Road East Fork (Rt. 19), Hamlin
Adjacent to Hamlin Beach State Park Docks, gasoline, ice, transient docks available, 964-8189
www.sandycreekmarina-ny.com

CHARTER CAPTAINS DOCKED AT SANDY CREEK MARINA:

Mr. Breeze Charters
Captain Mike Bonafine
Trophy fishing on Lake Ontario - salmon, trout & bass
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Mbonafine001@rochester.rr.com
TrouT N' About Charters
Captain Jason Franz
Fish guaranteed – trophy fishing, custom-tied trolling flies
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Rebel Fishing Charters
Captains Jerry Felucca & Larry Lapa
Specializing in Lake Ontario derbies & tournaments— trophy trout & salmon, 964-2106 or 225-8289
www.rebelcharters.com

Lake Runner Charters

Captain Paul Nau
Specializing in corporate charters—all welcome for trophy trout & salmon, 732-9414
IKrunner@rochester.rr.com
Ready For Action Charters
Captain Ed Reik
28' Baha Cruiser - insured tournament vessel—trout & salmon charters, 703-1440
Fish.524@hotmail.com

Note: all phone numbers are area code 585 unless noted otherwise

FISHING BY THE SEASON

Species	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Brown trout			ONB	ONB	ONB	O	O	O	ON	TN	T	T
Lake trout	ON	ON	ON	ON	ON	O	O	O	ends 30th			
Rainbow/Steelhead	T	T	ONBT	ONBT	ONBT	O	O	O	OB	NT	T	T
Coho & Chinook			ONB	ONB	ONB	O	O	O	OB	NT	T	T
Largemouth Bass						3rd Sat.	ONBT	ONBT	ONBT	ONBT	ends 30th	
Smallmouth Bass						3rd Sat.	ONBT	ONBT	ONBT	ONBT	ends 30th	
Panfish	I	I	IB	NB	ONBT	ONBT	ONBT	ONBT	ONBT	ONBT	BT	I
Northern Pike	I	I	ends 15th	1st Sat.	BT	BT	BT	BT	BT	BT	BT	I
Walleye	I	I	ends 15th	1st Sat.	BT	BT	BT	BT	BT	BT	BT	I

Key: N – Lake Ontario, near shore B – Bays of Lake Ontario I – Ice Fishing in the bays of Lake Ontario
O – Lake Ontario, offshore T – Tributaries into Lake Ontario

WHAT ANGLERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT VHS

VHS, or viral hemorrhagic septicemia, is a deadly virus affecting fresh water fish and has been found in New York waters. This virus has been blamed for several fish kills in regional waters.

VHS cannot be transmitted to humans but can cause up to 80% mortality in fish. Species involved in fish kills linked to VHS include muskellunge, smallmouth bass, northern pike, freshwater drum, lake whitefish, gizzard shad, yellowperch, black crappie, bluegill, pumpkinseed, rock bass, white bass, redbreast sunfish, burbot, walleye and round goby.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation encourages anglers and boaters to abide by the following guidelines:

- Do not transport fish from one body of water to another.

MONROE COUNTY CHARTER CAPTAINS:

Dream Catcher Charters
Captain Sam Zucco
Shumway Marine – Genesee River
Full time charters 7 days/wk; individuals, groups, corporate
Salmon, trout, bass, 314-2407
www.rochestercharters.com
Bullseye Charter
Captain Lenny Brozak, Jr.
Gibbs Marine – 118 Petten St.
TROPHY King salmon, trout & bass – USCG Licensed, fully insured
703-4704
www.bullseyecharter.com

Hammerhead Charters
Captain James Plano
Riverview Marina – Genesee River
Lake Ontario experience since 1976 – full time, 7 days/wk.
Trout, salmon, bass, 315-7222
www.hammerheadchartersandtackle.com
Off The Hook Fishing Charters
Captain Ken Biemiller
Shumway Marine – Genesee River
18 yrs. Lake "O" experience—US Coast Guard Licensed/insured
Trout, salmon, 750-8874
www.offthefishing.com
Reel Crazy Charters
Innondou Bay – Webster
Lake Ontario bass, brown, rainbow, lake & steelhead trout— 23 yrs. experience, 1-888-210-2901
www.reelcrazycharters.com

Reel Easy Sport Fishing Charters
Captain Warren Welsh
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Year 'round Lake "O" trophy fishing – salmon & trout—all equipment supplied, 586-2499 or 877-381-0961
<http://reeleasy.lakeontario.org>
Innondou Bay Fishing Charters
Captain Mickey McDonald
Innondou Bay
Full & 1/2 day, affordable rates—trout, salmon, bass, perch
All new 27' Sea Ray, 617-5168

Freedom Charters

Captain Gary Begy
Sandy Creek—East Fork Marina—Rt. 19 Hamlin,
1/2 mile south of Parkway
Trophy trout & salmon fishing, fast-action bass charters
749-9732
cbegy@rochester.rr.com
Advocate Fishing Charters
Captain Sam Datillo
Shumway Marine – Genesee River
Spring, summer, fall—exciting fishing for trophy trout & salmon— 25 yr. veteran, 738-7811
www.advocatecharters.com

Tackle R Charters
Captain Steven Rutherford
Sandy Creek – East Fork Marina - Rt. 19 Hamlin,
1/2 mile south of Parkway
Salmon, steelhead, brown & lake trout - USCG Master Certified,
fully insured, 964-7818
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FISH DESCRIPTIONS

Fish illustration provided courtesy of the DEC



▲ Largemouth Bass

Largemouth bass have made a significant comeback to the Monroe County region. The presence of the zebra mussel, along with stringent pollution controls, has contributed to very clear water conditions throughout the Great Lakes. The result is significant weed growth, giving the largemouth a place to grow and prosper. Largemouths are found in shallow, weedy areas of the bays and harbors lining the shores of Lake Ontario and throughout the regional Finger Lakes. Jigs, plastic worms and spinner baits work best. The state record is 11 pounds, 4 ounces with a spinner bait.



▲ Smallmouth Bass

Smallmouth bass are one reason so many fishermen come to Monroe County each year. Lake Ontario holds huge numbers of smallies and they grow to trophy size as well. Average catches of 20 to 50 fish a day are not unusual with fish in the 4 pound class not uncommon. Fish in the super-trophy 6 and 7 pound range show up each year as well. Minnows and crawfish work best for those who choose live bait. For artificial lures, tube jigs, grubs and other soft plastics work best. The early smallmouth season extends from the first Saturday in May until the third Saturday in June when the rest of the state opens up. The state record is 8 pounds, 4 ounces with a jig & grub bait.



▲ Rock Bass

Often called "redeye," rock bass can be caught spring, summer and fall throughout the Monroe County fishing area. Considered a panfish, they can be caught in relatively shallow waters under docks, over overhanging bushes or around any type of bottom structure. Worms, small spinners and wet flies seem to work best. The state record is 1 pound, 15 ounces with a live shiner.



▲ White Bass

Also known as silver bass, white bass population numbers have dwindled a bit. However, they can still be caught with some regularity in the spring and fall by anglers using small silver spinners, spinners, small jigs tipped with twistertails and live bait like worms. The state record is 3 pounds, 6 ounces with a rattling crank bait.



▲ Crappie

Sometimes referred to as Calico bass, these tasty panfish can be found in the shallows of Lake Ontario, the Genesee River and even in the Erie Canal. Both white and black crappie can be found in the Greater Monroe County region with the best bait being a minnow placed under a bobber. They will also hit small artificial lures. Best time of year to catch these fish is spring and fall. The state record for white crappie is 3 pounds, 12 ounces on a jig. The state record for white crappie is 3 pounds, 13 ounces with a jig.



▲ Yellow Perch

Yellow perch travel in schools so when you find one you'll usually find more. These fish can be found in good numbers throughout the Monroe County region, especially in Lake Ontario and the Genesee River. Spring and fall are the best times to catch these fish with minnows and red worms as the best baits. The state record is 3 pounds, 8 ounces with a minnow.



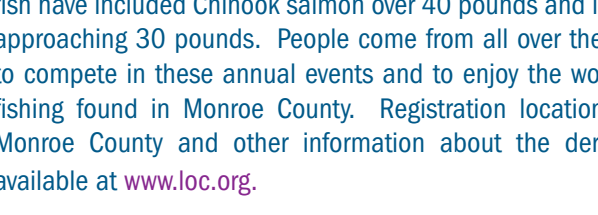
▲ White Perch

The white perch is a close relative of the white bass and striped bass. The most recognizable trait of this silvery fish is its purple tinge. It differs from silver bass in that it has a dark back. Small worms are the best bait. They are usually found in six to eight feet of water near the bottom. The state record is 3 pounds, 1 ounce with an alewife.



▲ Chinook Salmon

The king salmon is one of the most sought after trophies on Lake Ontario. They can be caught from April through November, with one of the best times being April and May. During the Spring Lake Ontario Counties Derby, more than 50 percent of all winning fish are traditionally caught from these waters. August and September are also good months in the lake from the Genesee River to east and west points on the shoreline. This is when these fish will move into the river and tributaries in an attempt to spawn. The state record fish is 47 pounds, 13 ounces with an orange fly.



▲ Bullhead

These fish can be found throughout the Monroe County area, with spring being the most popular time for catching these tasty fish. Beware of the sharp spines on the dorsal and pectoral fins. Worms, crabs and minnows are all favorite foods of whiskered fish, but stink bait, chunks of meat or dough balls can all be used to catch these fish, too. The state record for brown bullhead is 6 pounds, 9 ounces and the black bullhead record is 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Both were caught with night crawlers.



▲ Channel Catfish

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▲ Walleye

Walleye is one of the most popular sport fish anywhere. They grow big and are available in the Monroe County region. The best baits are spinners and worms for drifting and slow trolling. For speed trolling, stick baits and worm harnesses attached to Dipsey Divers and side planers/planer boards work best. A jig tipped with a night crawler is also an excellent bait to throw. The state record is 16 pounds, 7 ounces with a twister on a jig.



▲ Northern Pike

Northern pike are among New York State's most important game fish and can be found with frequency throughout the Monroe County area. They are relatively easy to catch and put up a great fight when hooked. Northerns prefer weedy portions of rivers, ponds, and lakes, but large adults will often move offshore into deeper waters. Some of the weedy areas around the bays and harbors of Lake Ontario and the drainages of regional Finger Lakes offer good opportunity to catch these trophy sport fish. Also there are great angling opportunities for Northerns on the Erie Canal, especially in the spring of feeder creeks. Northerns can be taken through the ice as well as in open water, and provide an important winter fishery. Ice debris are common sporting events for these prize fish winter fishing. In the winter and early spring, lake trout actually run up into the Genesee River and are easily accessible from both boat and shore. Out in the lake, these trout can be caught from January until September 30th when the season closes. Average size is in the river and out in the lake is 10 to 14 pounds. In all of these lake trout waters, you've got an excellent chance at catching a 20-pound trophy, with an outside chance at a 30-pound fish!



▲ Muskellunge

The largest member of the pike family, the muskellunge, or musky, is also the largest freshwater game fish in New York State. It often grows to more than 40 pounds. Muskellunge have similar spawning habits to other pike, spawning in mid to late spring. Muskies generally spawn slightly later than northern pike, and in waters where the two species occur together, later spawning puts them at a disadvantage. The earlier-hatching young northerns will eat young muskellunge. Because of their large size and voracity, muskellunge are held in high regard. Their unpredictable nature fascinates people. It can take an experienced musky angler as much as 50 hours of fishing to catch one of these giants. A large musky has tremendous strength and may take up to one hour to land. Although muskellunge are tasty, most anglers now practice "catch and release" to help ensure the future of limited populations. Giant baits trolled with wire line or fire line work best, but an increasing number of anglers are casting the outside of weed beds to target these fish. The state record is 69 pounds, 15 ounces.



▲ Atlantic Salmon

This species was once indigenous to New York. Catching an Atlantic salmon is a rare feat, but once you catch one you'll remember it for a lifetime. Lake Ontario is the only water in the Monroe County area currently receiving stockings, with occasional fish showing up in the Genesee River and some of the tributaries. These fish are often confused with brown trout for identification. In an effort to protect them, the minimum size for these fish is 25 inches. The state record is 24 pounds, 15 ounces with a long crank bait.



▲ Coho Salmon

This cousin of the Chinook normally doesn't get as big as the king. However, with the world record catch coming from Lake Ontario at 33 pounds, 7 ounces, you might get an argument from some. Coho show up in the spring and stay in the area into the fall when they follow the kings in to spawn. Currently, only Lake Ontario receives stockings of these fish, but an occasional fish will show up in tributaries. These are popular fish to target with spinners and spinners of the shoreline of the Genesee River during the spring when waters are just starting to warm.



▲ Brown Trout

Most of the brown trout fishing takes place in Lake Ontario. Browns can be found throughout the year in Lake Ontario or its tributaries, and the lower Genesee River during fall and winter. Come springtime, the big lake is the best spot, trolling the shoreline during April and May. July and August are good times to troll browns out a bit deeper, but inside of 100 foot depths. Placing small spoons on or near the bottom near the thermocline is traditionally the best approach. Fish over 30 pounds have been caught. The state record is 33 pounds, two ounces from Lake Ontario with a stick bait.



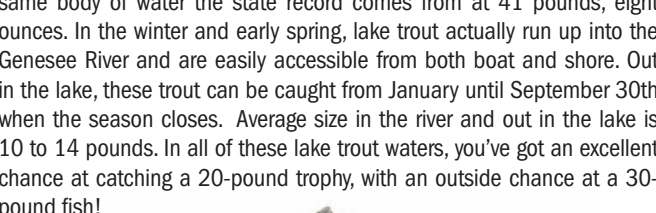
▲ Carp

Carp are quickly gaining recognition as a prized catch in Monroe County waters, especially since European anglers started coming over to sample our fishery. The result has been some impressive catches, including some fish over 40 pounds. The state record is 50 pounds, 4 ounces. Carp can be found in most streams, the shallow bays of Lake Ontario, and throughout the Erie Canal system. Worms are a favorite bait, as is corn, dough balls or bread.



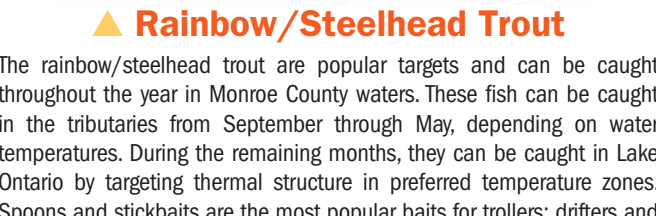
▲ Sheephead

The sheephead or freshwater drum is the only member of the drum family that lives entirely in freshwater in North America. They are quite common throughout the Great Lakes of Western New York and usually put up a good fight. The ear bones in the head of the fish have long been considered "lucky stones." Average size is about 15 inches long, but they do get much bigger. The state record catch is currently 24 pounds, 7 ounces.



▲ Sucker

These fish are found in most every stream flowing into Lake Ontario come spring and early summer. Spawning was once a legal method for taking these fish in the tributaries, but that option is no longer available to anglers. Instead, by fishing with slow worms at night. The record for a white sucker is 5 pounds, 3 ounces with a night crawler. The record for a redbreast sucker is 11 pounds, 11 ounces with a night crawler.



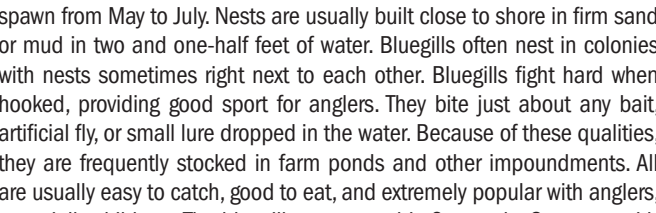
▲ Rainbow/Steelhead Trout

The rainbow/steelhead trout are popular targets and can be caught throughout the year in Monroe County waters. These fish can be caught in the tributaries from September through May, depending on water temperatures. During the remaining months, they can be caught in Lake Ontario by targeting thermal structure in preferred temperature zones. Spoons and stickbaits are the most popular baits for troilers; drifters and casters like using egg sacks, egg imitation baits or live bait like worms or minnows. The top steelhead fishery in Monroe County is the lower Genesee River. However, all streams with decent water flow will attract these fish.



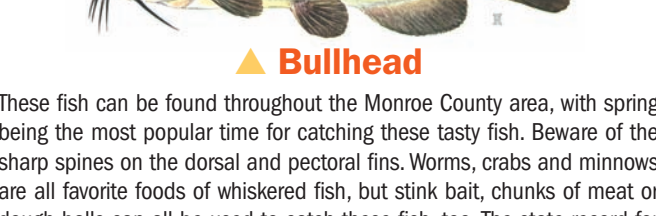
▲ Smelt

Rainbow smelt are popular forage fish in the Great Lakes. Lake Ontario supports populations of these baitfish, mostly accessible in the spring when they attempt to run up feeder streams to spawn. Long handled dip nets are used at night to catch these fish.



▲ Sturgeon

There are many species of sturgeon, but the one that's indigenous to this area is the lake sturgeon. Considered a threatened species in this state, this living fossil has been making a comeback in parts of Lake Ontario. These fish are easily identifiable by the sharp bony plates along their back and sides and by their long pointed snout. Lake sturgeon can grow to lengths of over six feet, weigh in excess of 200 pounds and live to be more than 100 years old. It is illegal to possess these fish.



▲ Round Goby

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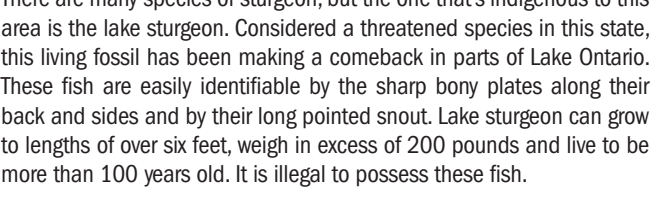
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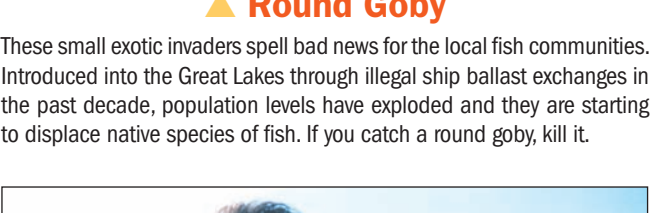
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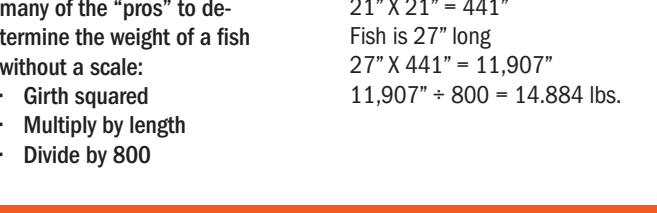
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FISHERMAN'S KNOTS & RIGS

Double Loop Improved Clinch Knot
The line end is passed through the hook eye twice. The line is then wrapped several times around its standing part, then passed through the two loops near the "eye". The final step is to put the line end through the large loop and trim the tag end. It's a very strong connection, especially with light-test line.

Palomar Knot
Many anglers find the Palomar Knot the easiest of all knots to use for tying line to hooks, lures, and swivels. It's a strong, simple knot that can be tied by "feel" – even in darkness. Because the line end must be doubled before making the Palomar, it can't be used for fastening heavy line or leaders to hooks or swivels with small rings.

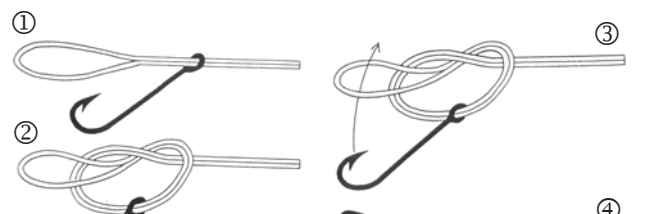


Fig. 1: Double the end of the line and the top through the hook eye.

Fig. 2: Double the loop back, then make an Overhand Knot around the standing line, leaving a loop large enough for the hook (or lure) to pass back through.

Fig. 3: Put the hook (or lure) through the loop, as illustrated.

Fig. 4: Pulling on the standing line will draw the knot tight. Trim it, and the knot will be compact and effective.

Non-slip loop knot
This loop knot is designed to allow maximum action to be imparted to plugs without restrictions from main lines. It works well with diving plugs, spoons and flies, and can be used anywhere you need a strong loop as it retains 95 percent original line strength.

Step 1: Make a simple over hand knot, leaving about 6 inches towards the tag end.

Step 2: Pass the tag end through the eye of the hook and then into the loop and out again.

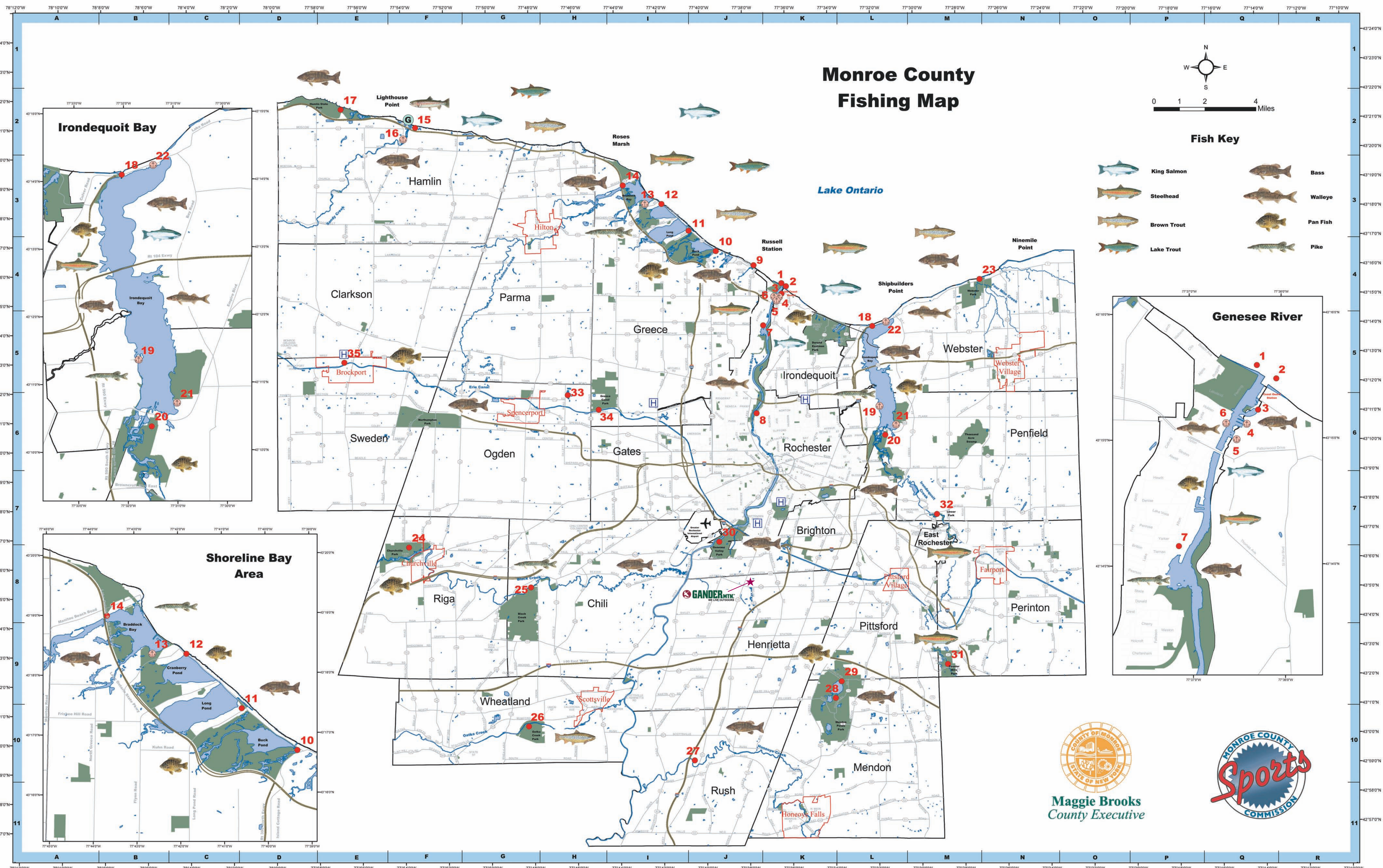
Note that the tag and standing end and also the loop pass through the over hand knot in the same over and under direction.

Step 3: Make 4 wraps with the tag end around the standing line. Then put the standing end through the over hand knot as illustrated.

Step 4: Lubricate, then pull the standing end.

As the knot tightens snug up the tag end.

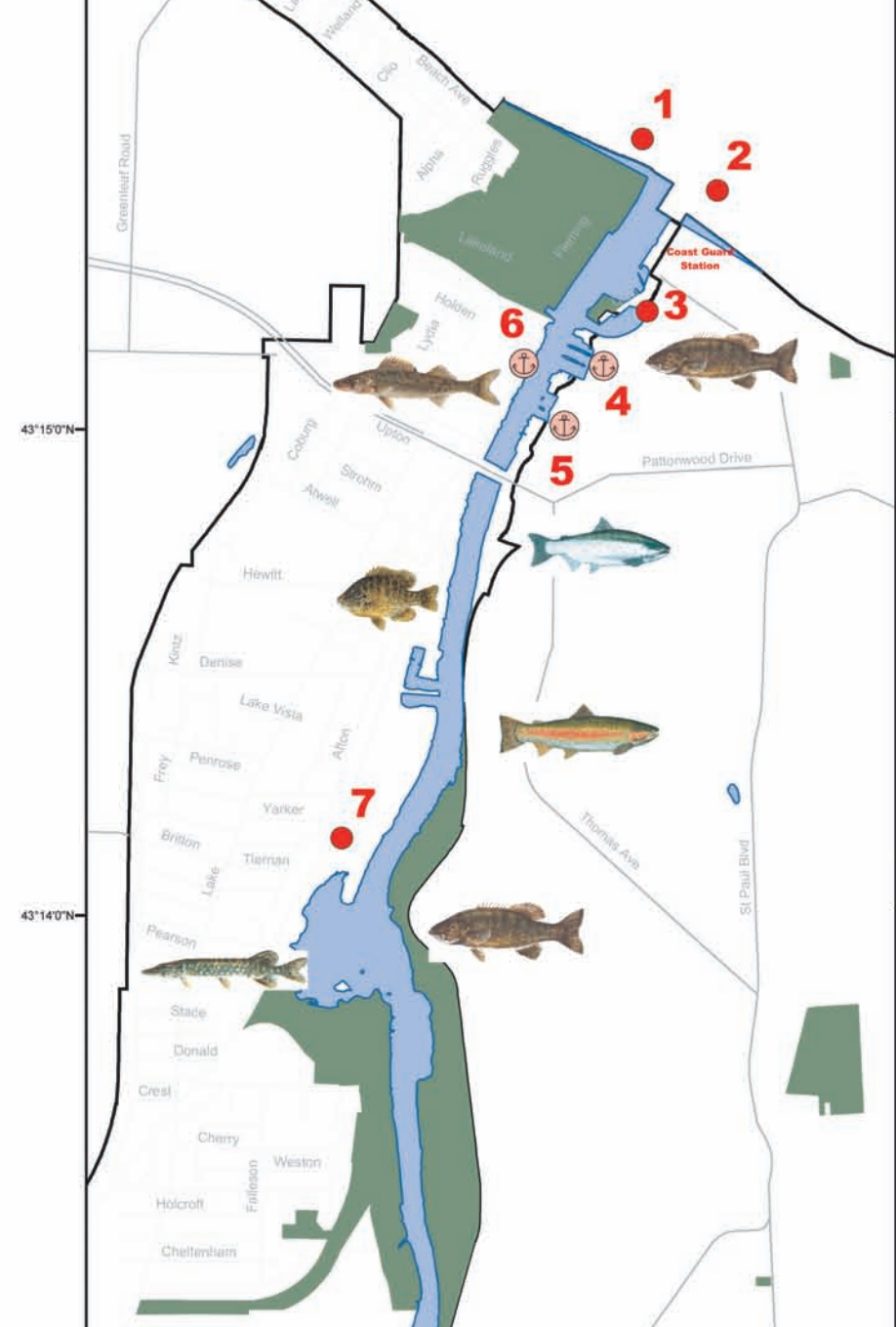
Single Sheet Bend Knot
This is a suitable knot for panfish, and is occasionally used by anglers with heavy monofilament or nylon-coated wire – especially at night – because the knot is easy to form with heavy line or multi-strand wire.



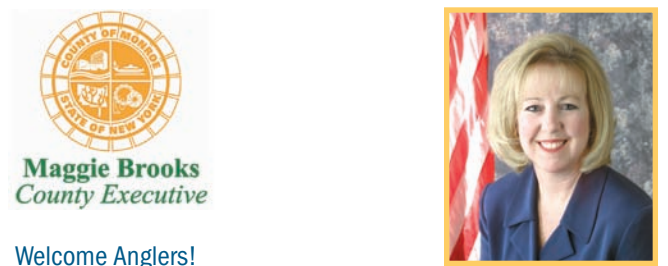
Fish Key

- King Salmon
- Steelhead
- Brown Trout
- Lake Trout
- Bass
- Walleye
- Pan Fish
- Pike

Genesee River



Maggie Brooks
County Executive



Welcome Angler!

As County Executive, it is my pleasure to introduce you to the many world class fishing and recreational opportunities we have to offer in Monroe County.

We created the Monroe County Sport Fishing Map & Guide to provide you with a comprehensive overview of our magnificent lakes, rivers and streams, ample boat launches and marinas, the variety of fish you can find here, and other helpful information.

Fishing is the most popular sport in the United States and an enduring American tradition. It is also one of the most exciting recreational activities in the Greater Rochester region and New York State. In addition, fishing contributes to our economic vitality. In recent years, over 50,000 anglers have fished in Monroe County, bringing nearly \$6 million into our local economy.

From Lake Ontario to the Genesee River, to Sandy Creek and Irondequoit Bay, Monroe County has some of the finest fishing in the nation. Salmon, lake trout, walleye, bass, and pike are some of the many varieties you will find here. In 2007, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will stock over 600,000 trout and salmon in Monroe County waters.

Whether you are a resident of Monroe County, or a visitor to our area, I hope you will take advantage of all there is to do and see in our community.

Enjoy fishing in Monroe County!

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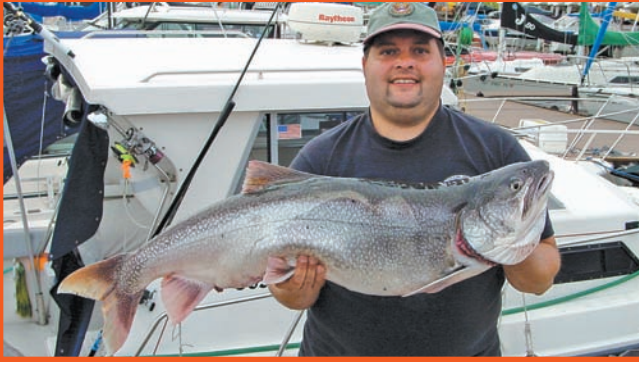
NEW YORK STATE BOAT LAUNCHING SITES FOR MONROE COUNTY

Note: Use the following definitions to help you determine if a particular site will accommodate your boat:

- Hand surface or concrete ramp—site affords float-off and float-on launching for most trailered boats.
- Beach launch—no float-off or float-on trailer boat capability. Sites will accommodate the approach to the water's edge of small and light trailered boats. Boat may then be pushed on or off trailer. Usually shallow areas.
- Hand launch—no trailer capacity. Boats must be hand carried to the water.
- Car top launch—For canoe/kayak launching. Limited parking available.

Monroe County, DEC Region 8

- Black Creek** - On Black Creek Road, off RT 252 1/4 miles west of RT 383. Concrete ramp; Parks 10 cars and trailers. (DEC)
- Erie Canal** - Perinton RT 250 to Ayrault Rd. Located just before Ayrault Rd. Bridge on right. Concrete ramp; Parks 20 cars and trailers. (Municipal)
- Erie Canal** - Pittsford Lower Side of Lock 32 by Clover St. Bridge next to Pittsford Rowing Club. Concrete ramp; Parks 10 cars and trailers. (Canal Corp.)
- Genesee River** - On RT 251, 2 miles southeast of Scottsville. Hand launch; Parks 7 cars. (DEC)
- Genesee River** - At the end and west of Lake Avenue in the Charlotte Beach area. Concrete ramps; Parks 40 cars and trailers. (Municipal)
- Genesee River** - Brown's Bridge On County RT 253, 2 miles east of the Hamlet of Scottsville. Hand launch; Parks 12 cars. (DEC)
- Honeyoye Creek** - On Fishell Road, off US RT 15, 1 mile south of RT 251. Hand launch; Parks 12 cars. (DEC)
- Irondequoit Bay** - On Empire Blvd at the southern end of the bay. Hand launch; Parks 6 cars. (Municipal)
- Lake Ontario - Braddock Bay** - Braddock Bay State Park, 10 miles west of Rochester, off Lake Ontario State Pkwy. Concrete ramp & gantry; Parks 50 cars and trailers. (OPRHP)
- Lake Ontario - Hamlin** - Hamlin Beach State Park, RT 19 and Lake Ontario State Parkway, Carport launch; Parks 3 cars. (OPRHP)
- Lake Ontario - Irondequoit Bay** - Irondequoit Bay State Marine Park. At intersection of RT 590 & Culver Rd. Concrete ramp; Parks 28 cars and trailers. (OPRHP)
- Lake Ontario - Sandy Creek** - Along Lake Ontario State Pkwy near RT 19 intersection in town of Hamlin. Concrete ramp; Parks 50 cars and trailers. Site operated and maintained by DEC on park lands. (DEC)
- Lake Ontario - Slater Creek** - Town of Greece on Edgemoor Drive, 2 miles east of Genesee River mouth. Hand launch; Parks 80 cars. (DEC)
- Mendon Ponds County Park - Mendon Ponds** - Off RT 65, one mile south of Mendon Ponds. Four launches on three ponds. Hand launch; Adequate parking; Electric motors only (Municipal)
- Oatka Creek - Mumford** - At intersection of RT 36 & RT 383 in the Hamlet of Mumford. Hand launch; Parks 6 cars. (DEC)



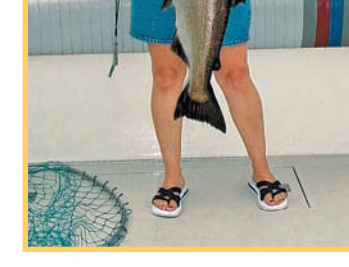
US COAST GUARD BOATING SAFETY

The U.S. Coast Guard is asking all boat owners and operators to help reduce fatalities, injuries, property damage, and healthcare costs related to recreational boating accidents by taking personal responsibility for their own safety and the safety of their passengers.

Life jackets could prevent approximately two-thirds of all boating-related drownings of children ages 14 and under. In fact, in most states, children under 13 must wear life jackets. It's the law. The Coast Guard and National SAFE KIDS Campaign strongly recommend adults always wear life jackets as well - not only to keep themselves safe, but to demonstrate safe behavior for their children.

The United States Coast Guard advises boaters not to "Teak Surf"
Recent boating fatalities revealed that carbon monoxide (CO) emitted from a vessel's exhaust resulted in CO poisoning. "Teak Surfing" places the individual in position directly exposed to the CO in the engine's exhaust. This may result in a loss of coherent responses and even death. In addition, "Teak Surfing" dangerously exposes the individual to a possible propeller injury and, since it is done without a life jacket (PFD), it significantly increases the probability of drowning. The Coast Guard stresses, "Teak Surfing" is a very dangerous activity and advises boaters not to participate in it.

Essential boating safety steps include always wearing a life jacket and requiring passengers to do the same; never boating under the influence; completing a boating safety course; and getting a free vessel safety check annually from local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or United States Power Squadrons' vessel examiners. The U.S. Coast Guard reminds all boaters, "You're in Command. Boat Responsibly!"



GUIDE TO THE LOWER GORGE FISHERY

The Lower Gorge of the Genesee River is one of Western New York State's most productive sport fisheries. This information has been developed by the Mayor's Ad-Hoc committee on the Lower Gorge to insure a safe and enjoyable fall trout and salmon fishing season for anglers and Rochester's residents as well. A fishing access point is located at the corner of Seth Green Dr. and St. Paul St. and open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. There is no westside access in the Lower Falls Area. Please note that on-street parking regulations are strictly enforced. Parking is available at the Seth Green access point. Call the Bureau of Parks and Recreation at 585-428-6770 for information.

- Genesee River Fishing Regulations (NYSDEC)**
 - Anyone 16 years of age or older must possess a valid NYS Fishing License on their person.
 - SNATCHING IS PROHIBITED.
 - All foul-hooked fish must be released without unnecessary injury.
 - Use of anything other than a conventional sportfishing rod, reel and line is prohibited.
 - The total combined daily limit for trout and salmon is three (3) in any combination, except combination limit shall include no more than one (1) landlocked (Atlantic) salmon.
 - Possession of landlocked (Atlantic) salmon is limited to fish 25" or greater.
 - Possession of lake trout is limited to fish less than 25" or greater than 30".
 - All other trout and salmon have a 12" minimum size limit.
 - Lake trout season closed October 1 - December 31.
 - Generally it is AGAINST THE LAW TO SELL GAME FISH taken in New York State (salmon, trout, bass, walleye, etc.). Check Fishing Regulations Guide for further information.

Fish Carcass Disposal Laws
It is illegal to discard any fish carcass or parts into the fresh waters of the state within 100 feet of shore, or on public or private land within 100 feet of the water's edge.

- By owners of those lands;
- Use fish or fish required to be returned as directed by other laws and regulations;
- Bait;
- By proper disposal into suitable garbage or refuse collection systems or by burial; and
- For incidental cleaning of fish to be consumed, but not within 100 feet of any public launching or docking site (unless suitable refuse collection system is used).

FISHING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE ONTARIO

Species	Open Season	Minimum Length	Daily Limit
Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout (including Steelhead), Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon, Pink Salmon	All year	15", except 9" in Irondequoit Creek	3 in any combination not to include more than 1 rainbow trout (or steelhead) in the tributaries
Lake Trout	Jan. 1 - Sept. 30	Fish greater than 25" and less than 30" must be released	3
Atlantic Salmon	All year	25"	1
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge	3rd Sat. in June - Dec. 15	48"	1
Northern Pike	1st Sat. in May - March 15	22"	5
Black Bass	3rd Sat. in June - Nov. 30	12"	5
Walleye	1st Sat. in May - March 15	18"	3
Lake Sturgeon, American Eel	Closed	Possession Prohibited	
Yellow Perch, Sunfish	All year	Any size	50

GENERAL FISHING INFORMATION

Fishing generates tremendous economic benefit through taxes on fishing equipment. These revenues are paid by anglers, distributed by the Service and spent by State resource agencies on aquatic habitat enhancement, fishing and boating access, education, and invasive species eradication. Every 5 years the Service sponsors the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation. In 2001, the survey found that:

- over 34 million people fished.
- approximately 28.4 million anglers enjoyed freshwater fishing while 9.1 enjoyed saltwater fishing.
- anglers fished 16 days, on average, and spent an average of \$1,046 on their sport.
- overall, anglers spent \$14.7 billion on fishing trips in 2001 and \$17 billion on equipment.

The next National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation will be completed in 2007. It is abundantly clear that fishing has, and continues to have, an incredible influence on managing for clean water, healthy aquatic habitats, healthy fisheries populations, and abundant and quality angling opportunities. We encourage you to spend some time on the water enjoying the fish that inhabit the watershed that you live in.

Hey Kids . . . did you just catch your first fish?
If so, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has an award that commemorates your first catch! To receive your award, send your name, address, phone number, type of fish, location where the fish was caught, and the date the fish was caught to:

"My First Fish"
NYSDEC, Bureau of Fisheries
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233

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LIVE BAIT LOCATIONS

- Boysie Boat & Tackle - 1350 Empire Blvd.
- Boysie Pub - 279 Lake Rd., Webster
- Stu's Deli - 502 Long Pond Rd.
- Shoremont Convenience - 4660 Dewey Ave.
- Bauman's Cito - Frisbee Hill Rd. & Manitou Rd., Hilton
- Towne Club Beverage Center - 154 N. Main St., Fairport
- Sugar Creek - 4320 Culver Rd.
- Rab's Woodshed - 4440 Lake Ave.
- Hess - Rt. 36, Bushnell's Basin
- Long Pond Rd. & Edgemoor Rd.

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- EMERGENCY NUMBERS**
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
Law Enforcement - 716-691-3635
Fisheries - 716-691-5456
 - Department of Environmental Conservation
Region 8 - 585-226-2466
 - US Coast Guard (24 hour phone) - 585-342-4140
 - Monroe County Sheriff - 911
 - NYS Police - 800-462-5960 or 911
 - City of Rochester Police - 911
 - Fire Department - 911
 - Electric or Gas Emergencies - (585) 546-1100
- Hospitals**
- Rochester General - 1425 Portland Ave., 922-4000
 - Park Pond - 1555 Long Pond Rd, 723-7000
 - Strong Memorial - 601 Elmwood Ave., 275-4551
 - Highland Hospital - 1000 South Ave., 341-6880



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