

How to find fishing regulations for waters in this county.

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

FISHING RULES FOR THE WESTERN AND NORTHERN COUNTIES

(Aroostook, Franklin, Oxford north of the Androscoggin River,
Piscataquis, and Somerset)

Lakes and Ponds:

- From April 1 - September 30: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, open to open water fishing under general law fishing provisions (see page 5),
- From October 1 - March 31: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, closed to open water fishing. Lakes and ponds with extended open water seasons will be indicated under the appropriate county:
- ALL LAKES AND PONDS ARE CLOSED TO ICE FISHING, unless indicated with an A or B code, which defines the winter fishing season.

Brooks, streams and rivers:

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

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

- A:** Open to ice fishing and open water fishing for all fish from December 1 - April 30.
- B:** Open to ice fishing and open water fishing from January 1 - March 31.
- CI:** Closed to ice fishing.
- S:** Special rule(s) in effect - Special Rules (S-codes) are listed on page 7.

(Note: Special rules may restrict the general law fishing provisions.)

General Law

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

SEASONS

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

LANDLOCKED SALMON, TROUT, TOGUE (LAKE TROUT)

DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS:	MINIMUM LEGAL LENGTHS		
	Lakes & Ponds	Rivers, Brooks, Streams	
5 Brook Trout ^{A,B} (includes Splake and Arctic Charr)	6 inches	6 inches	The term "trout" when used alone includes brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, splake and Arctic Charr (Sunapee trout and blueback trout) The term "brook trout" also includes splake and Arctic Charr (Sunapee Trout and Blueback Trout).
2 Landlocked Salmon ^A	14 inches ^C	14 inches ^C	
2 Togue (Lake Trout) ^A	18 inches	18 inches	
2 Brown Trout ^A	14 inches ^C	6 inches ^C	
2 Rainbow Trout ^A	12 inches	6 inches	
^A Important...From August 16 - September 30, fishing on rivers, brooks, and streams statewide is restricted to the use of artificial lures only and the combined daily bag limit for trout, landlocked salmon, and togue (lake trout) is 1 fish.			
^B Important...On lakes and ponds in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington and York counties the daily bag limit on brook trout is 2 fish.			
^C In Washington County - except West Grand, East Grand, Spednic, Cathance, Nash, Lower Sysladobsis and East Musquash Lakes - the maximum length limit on landlocked salmon and brown trout is 25 inches.			

BASS (largemouth and smallmouth)

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

OTHER SPECIES

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

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

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

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

Rules for Oxford County south of the Androscoggin River can be found on pages 28-31.

Border water rules between Maine and New Hampshire can be found on pages 95-97. These waters are listed as S-32.

See general law fishing provisions on page 5, and special rules for Maine's western and northern counties on page 44. Many waters have special rules that differ from general law.

If the water you wish to fish in Oxford County north of the Androscoggin River IS listed below, the letter code(s) will direct you to the rule(s) which are in effect that differ from general law or the special provisions for Maine's western and northern counties. The meanings of the letter codes are as follows:

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

Unless otherwise indicated below, on lakes and ponds in Oxford County north of the Androscoggin River the daily bag limit on brook trout is 2 fish.

Waters open to ice fishing are listed with an A or a B code which defines the winter fishing season. All other waters are closed to ice fishing.

Abbie Pond, Bowmantown Twp. **CI**. S-5.
Abbott Brook, Lincoln Plt. From the Route 16 bridge downstream to the confluence with the Magalloway River: From August 16 - September 30: S-5, S-7.
Abbott Brook, Mexico. S-9.

Androscoggin River. See Fish Consumption Advisory. (See Androscoggin County)

Aunt Hannah Brook, Dixfield. From Rt. 142 downstream to the confluence with Webb River: S-9.

Aziscohos Lake, including Sunday Pond, Lincoln Plt., etc. **CI**. S-4, S-13, S-17.

Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 16 inches.

- Aziscohos Lake is the impounded portion of the Magalloway River south of a straight line between the 2 red markers on each shore by the Brown Company Landing, so-called, and the area of water south of a straight line between the 2 red markers just north of Sunday Pond on the Little Magalloway River.
- Closed to the taking of smelts to confluence with lake: all west shore tributaries from Aziscohos dam to (but not including) the Big Magalloway River.
- See separate listings for the Big and Little Magalloway River regulations.

Aziscohos Pond, Magalloway Plt. **CI**. S-4. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

B Brook and tributaries, Upton. S-13.
B Pond, Upton. **CI**. S-1, S-3, S-6, S-18, S-22.

Barker Pond, Bowmantown Twp. **CI**. S-5, S-20. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish.

Beaver Pond, Magalloway Plt. **CI**. S-5,

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S-17.

Beaver Pond, Little, Magalloway Plt. CI. S-5, S-17. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-5, S-7.

Billings Ponds, Parmachenee Twp. CI. S-5, S-20. From August 16 - September 30: S-5, S-7.

Birch Pond, Roxbury. CI. S-4.

Black Pond, Lower, Oxbow Twp. CI. S-5, S-20. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish..

Black Pond, Upper, Bowmantown Twp. CI. S-5, S-20. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish..

Bowman Pond No. 1 (West), Bowmantown Twp. CI. S-4.

Bunker Pond, Roxbury. CI. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

C Pond, C Surplus. CI. S-6, S-13, S-17.

Cranberry Pond, Magalloway Plt. CI. S-4.

Cupsuptic Lake. (See Franklin County)

Cupsuptic Pond, Oxbow Twp. CI. S-4. Daily bag limit on brook trout: 5 fish.

Cupsuptic River and tributaries, Lower Cupsuptic Twp., etc. S-1, S-5.

- Lower 1-1/2 miles from Little Falls to Cupsuptic Lake: S-17.
- From August 16 - September 30: S-5, daily limit 1 fish.

Davis Pond, Rumford. A. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-7.

Dead Cambridge River, Upton, C Surplus. S-13.

Deer Pond, Bowmantown Twp. CI. S-4.

Ellis Pond, Little (Garland Pond), Byron. CI. S-2, S-3, S-4. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

Goodwin Pond, Adamstown Twp. CI. S-4. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

Halfmoon Pond, Mexico. A. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-7.

Horseshoe Pond, Andover. A. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-7.

Howard Pond, Hanover. CI. S-4.

Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

Joe's Pond, Rumford. A. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-7.

Kennebago River. (See Franklin County)
Lincoln Pond, Parkertown Twp. CI. S-4, S-26.

Long Pond on the Little Magalloway River, Lynchtown Twp. CI. S-5, S-13, S-19, S-20, S-22.

Magalloway River, Big, and tributaries above Parmachenee Lake. S-5, S-13, S-20, S-22.

- Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish.
- From August 16 - September 30: S-7.
- From Bennett's Covered Bridge in Lincoln Plt. to red markers approximately 1,300 feet upstream: From June 1 - August 15, persons under 16 years of age wishing to fish under the S-4 regulation may do so only from the shore with barbless hooks; all other length and bag limits apply.

Magalloway River, Little and tributaries, upstream of the red markers just north of Sunday Pond and tributaries, Parmachenee Twp, etc. S-5, S-20, S-13, S-19, S-22.

- From August 16 - September 30: S-7.

Mollidgewock Pond, Upton. A. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-7.

Mooselookmeguntic Lake. (See Franklin County)

Mount Zircon Reservoir, Rumford. Closed to all fishing.

Mud Pond, Lower Cupsuptic Twp. CI. S-4. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

Otter Pond, Parmachenee Twp. CI. S-5, S-17. From August 16 - September 30: S-5, S-7.

Parmachenee Lake, Lynchtown Twp., etc. CI. S-17. Casting and trolling with artificial flies only.

Pepperpot Pond, Adamstown Twp. CI.

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S-4. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

Pond In the River, Township C, C Surplus Twp., Upton. CI. S-5, S-13, S-24.

- Use of barbed hooks prohibited.
- All trout caught must be released alive at once.
- Closed to all fishing during July and August is that portion of Pond in the River delineated by red markers located approximately 1/2 mile above the remnants of Lower Dam, and red markers located about 200 yards below the inlet of the Rapid River.

Rapid River, Township C, Upton. S-5, S-13, S-24.

- Use of barbed hooks prohibited.
- All trout must be released alive at once.
- Closed to all fishing after September 15 is that portion of the Rapid River between the remnants of Lower Dam to the red markers near the head of Long Pool, so-called.

Richardson Lakes, Upper and Lower and tributaries, Richardsontown Twp., Township C, etc. CI. S-1, S-4, S-17. (See listing for Upper Dam Pool)

Richardson Ponds, East, Adamstown Twp. CI. S-5. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-5, S-7.

Richardson Pond, West, Adamstown Twp. CI. S-6. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

Roxbury (Ellis) Pond, Roxbury and Byron. A. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

Rump Pond, Parmachenee Twp. CI. S-5, S-20. From August 16 - September 30: S-5, S-7.

Speck Pond, Grafton Twp. CI. S-4. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

Sturtevant Pond, Magalloway Plt. B. S-4, S-13, S-22. Remains open from October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

Sunday Pond, Magalloway Plt. CI. S-4, S-17.

Sunday Pond, Lynchtown Twp, T5R4 WBKP. CI. S-4, S-13, S-17.

Surplus Pond, Andover, North Surplus. CI. S-5, S-17.

Swift River, Byron, etc. From the Rt. 17 bridge crossing located south of Coos Canyon in Byron, south to the confluence with the Androscoggin River: Remains open from October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

Swift Cambridge River, Grafton Twp., Upton. S-13.

Umbagog Lake, Upton. S-32.

Upper Dam Pool, Richardsontown Twp. Includes that area between Mooselookmeguntic Lake dam and a line drawn between the two cribwork piers approximately 800 yards west of said dam: S-1, S-5, S-22.

- All brook trout must be released alive at once.
- Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 16 inches.
- No motorboats allowed from the gates of the dam, downstream or westerly 150 yards.
- Open to fishing in October: S-5, S-7.

Wells Pond, Parmachenee Twp. CI. S-5, S-17. From August 16 - September 30: S-5, S-7.

York Pond, Grafton Twp. CI. S-4.