

How to find fishing regulations for waters in this county.

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

FISHING RULES FOR THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN COUNTIES

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

Lakes and Ponds:

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

Brooks, Streams and Rivers:

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

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

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

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

General Law

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

SEASONS

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

LANDLOCKED SALMON, TROUT, TOGUE (LAKE TROUT)

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

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

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

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

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

Adams Pond, Bridgton. **CI**. S-13. April 1 - June 20: S-6. From June 21 - September 30: S-4. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

Aldens Pond, Gorham. **CI**. S-9.

Androscoggin River. (See Androscoggin County)

Beaver Pond, Bridgton. Motorboats with internal combustion engines prohibited.

Chaffin Pond, Windham. **CI**. S-6, S-13, S-16. From October 1 - March 31: S-6, S-7, S-13.

Coffee Pond and tributaries, Casco. **CI**. S-2, S-3, S-4, S-13. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

Coffin Pond, Brunswick. S-9, S-13.

Collyer Brook, Gray. S-19.

Crooked River, Albany to Casco, etc. (Cumberland and Oxford Counties): S-1.

- From Route 35 (North Waterford), to Route 11 (Casco): April 1 - September 30: S-5; S-22; minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 26 inches.
- From Bolster's Mill Road bridge downstream to Route 11 in Casco: October 1 - October 15, S-5, S-22; minimum length limit on salmon: 26 inches. All other fish caught must be released alive at once.

Crystal Lake (Anonymous Pond), Harrison. S-23, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

Crystal Lake (Dry Pond), Gray. S-2, S-3.
Hinckley Pond, Lower, South Portland. S-9.

Jordan River. (See Sebago Lake listing)

Lily Pond, New Gloucester. **CI**. S-4, S-13. Motorboats prohibited. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

Moose Pond, Bridgton (Cumberland County), Denmark, Sweden (Oxford County). From January 1 - March 31: S-22, S-23. From April 1 - December 31: general law regulations apply. Open to the taking of smelts, except the tributaries Miller Brook and Sucker Brook, and that area within 100 feet of the mouth of either brook: S-1.

North Gorham Pond, Windham, Gorham, Standish. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon and trout: 1 fish in the aggregate.

Northwest River. (See Sebago Lake listing)

Panther Pond, Raymond. S-2, S-3.

Peabody Pond, Naples and Sebago. **CI**. (except that cusk fishing is permitted from sunset to sunrise with 5 lines). S-2, S-3. Lakin Brook closed to the spearing of suckers. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

Pleasant Lake, Casco (see Oxford County also). S-1, S-3, S-22, except that from

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October 1 - December 31: S-7. From January 1 through March 31: S-23.

Pleasant River, Windham. From the Route 302 bridge downstream to the River Road bridge: April 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

Presumpscot River (excluding North Gorham Pond and Dundee Pond), Standish, Windham, Gorham, Westbrook. Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31.

- From Sebago Lake dam to the red markers approximately 100 feet downstream of the dam: closed to fishing.
- From the red markers approximately 100 feet downstream of the Sebago Lake dam downstream to the confluence with North Gorham Pond: closed to ice fishing. (see regulations for North Gorham Pond)
- From the red markers to confluence with North Gorham Pond, including Eel Weir Canal and power station tailrace: S-5; total daily bag limit on landlocked salmon, trout and togue: 1 fish.
- From North Gorham Dam downstream to tidewater: S-19, General Law terminal gear provisions and length limits apply year-round.

Royal River, Yarmouth. From Elm Street downstream to tidewater: Open to fishing January 1 - December 31. S-19, General Law terminal gear provisions and length limits apply year-round.

Sabbathday Lake, New Gloucester. S-2, S-3. Dipping smelts permitted only in outlet.

Saco River: Danger! Rapidly rising water levels associated with river dam operations could pose a danger to anglers!

- From the Maine/New Hampshire border in Fryeburg to Cataract Dam in Saco: Open to open water fishing and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31,

S-19, General Law terminal gear provisions and length limits apply year-round.

- From Skelton Dam to Cataract Dam, S-33.

Scarborough Wildlife Management Area. Motorboats prohibited on that portion of the area upstream of the abandoned railroad right-of-way from March 1 - September 30.

Sebago Lake, and all tributaries including rivers (unless otherwise provided by special rule), Naples, etc. S-1, S-3, S-22, S-23, S-27.

- From October 1 – December 31: All trout and salmon must be released alive at once, but togue may be harvested as provided under S-27. Tributaries are closed to fishing after September 30. See Crooked River for special rules.
- Trout (excluding lake trout) and landlocked salmon may not be taken by ice fishing. All trout (excluding lake trout) and landlocked salmon caught while ice fishing must be released immediately without removal from the water. CLOSED to ice fishing is that portion of Sebago Lake within 3,000 feet of a red marker on the shore marking a point between the 2 Portland Water District intakes. Also closed is the area within 100 feet of the Standish intake. Motor vehicles are prohibited on posted area within 2 miles of the Portland Water District intake pipe in Standish (does not include ATVs and snowmobiles). Closed to all fishing within 100 feet of White's Bridge.

Stevens Brook, sometimes called

Cemetery Brook, New Gloucester. From Church Rd. downstream to Gloucester Hill Rd.: S-9.

Thompson Lake, Casco, etc. (See Oxford County)