

Carry-In, Carry-Out

Leave no trace and keep our waterways clean and safe. Taking fishing litter with you is a simple way to show gratitude for our resources and protect the environment.

Remember

- Carry out all trash, including bait containers and fishing line.
- Use trash and recycling bins where available.
- If you carry it in, carry it out.



Protect Wildlife from Litter

Dispose of your gear and waste properly, especially:

Fishing line

It can injure or kill wildlife through ingestion and entanglement.

Non-biodegradable worm containers

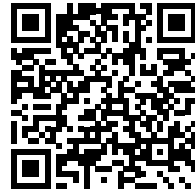
Our Water Trail Stewards collect more than 1,200 discarded containers per year along the system.



Thank You for Being a Responsible Angler!

Your commitment helps preserve the natural beauty and health of ecosystems throughout New York State's canal system.

Fishing Resources



NYS Canal System Map

canals.ny.gov/Navigation-Information/Canal-Map

Filter the map for boat launches, locks, marinas and more.



NYS Canals Fall Fishing Program

canals.ny.gov/Recreation-and-Events/Canals-Fall-Fishing

Improved spawning conditions for brown trout, steelhead and salmon from September through December.



Hunt Fish NY Mobile App

dec.ny.gov/get-involved/huntfishny-mobile-app



Protect Our Wonderful Waters, Fish Responsibly

Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor

In partnership with the NYS Canal Corporation



Welcome, Anglers!

We invite you to immerse yourself in the beauty and bounty of our waterways. Fishing along our trails and canals offers more than recreation; it's a chance to connect with nature and our shared history. To ensure these treasures remain vibrant for generations to come, we ask you to practice responsible fishing.



[Find New York State \(NYS\) fishing regulations](#) and guidance by county, region and specific waters, including seasons, catch limits and baitfish lists on the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) website.



Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

AIS threaten our ecosystems. You play a crucial role in stopping their spread.

How to Fish Responsibly

CLEAN and remove all plants, animals, mud or other items from your gear, boat, trailer and equipment before leaving.

DRAIN all water from boats, motors, live wells and other equipment away from the water.

DRY everything thoroughly with sunlight or air before visiting another body of water.

Use Bait Responsibly

Adopt these important practices for using bait and disposing of it responsibly:

DO

- Only use certified disease-free baitfish
- Dispose of unused bait in trash bins or other designated areas

DO NOT

- Ever use AIS as bait
- Release live bait into any waterway

Steering Towards Protected Waters Together

By following these easy guidelines, you help safeguard our waterways from pollution and invasive species. Your efforts and actions ensure that our canals remain a pristine paradise for fishing enthusiasts now and in the future. Together, we can make a lasting impact!

Join Our Water Trail Steward Program

Stewards perform light clean-up and maintenance, report concerns and AIS observations, and act as ambassadors to ensure the canals are clean and accessible for all.



[Sign up as a steward](#)



Spot & Stop the Round Goby



The **round goby** (*Neogobius melanostomus*) is an invasive bottom-dwelling fish that can spread via bait bucket transfer and by hitching a ride in water-containing boat compartments. You can help stop its spread by making sure to **follow clean, drain, dry guidelines** and baitfish regulations. Remember, never use round goby as bait!

[Find out more about AIS in New York](#)

