


FALL FISHING PROGRAM

Expanding fishing opportunities, promoting outdoor recreation and supporting local business are the focuses of the Fall Fishing Program developed by the New York State Canal Corporation, as part of New York State's Reimagine the Canals initiative.

Fall releases of Erie Canal waters by the Canal Corporation into several Lake Ontario tributaries is an exciting time for New York's anglers.

Higher flows and a longer season mean more fish. With Erie Canal releases, higher brown trout, steelhead, and Atlantic and Pacific salmon populations can be expected.

Follow these guidelines so the Fall Fishing Program remains a safe and world-class experience.

- **PERSONAL SAFETY** Practice appropriate safety precautions. Be especially aware of potentially changing water conditions, uneven ground, ticks and poisonous plants.
- **DON'T LITTER!** Carry out what you carry in—from coffee cups to monofilament fishing lines to bottles, cans and anything plastic. These materials endanger wildlife and domestic animals while damaging private and public lands.
-  **ALWAYS FOLLOW STATE AND LOCAL FISHING LIMITS AND REGULATIONS!**
If you're not sure about local daily fishing limits or which fish are considered endangered or threatened, review the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's guidelines and complete freshwater fishing regulations at www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7917.html and the adjacent QR Code.
- **USE BAITFISH CAREFULLY** Improper baitfish use can damage fisheries. Only use certified, disease-free bait. Don't move bait or fish from one water to another. Dump unused bait appropriately on dry land. Use bait only where permitted. Report illegal stocking activities.
- **HELP COMBAT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES** Use rubber waders and studded soles, instead of felt-soled waders and wading shoes, as rubber is less likely to transport invasives. Sterilize wading gear between stops or limit trips to one tributary per day.
- **BE RESPECTFUL OF FELLOW ANGLERS** Allow everyone sufficient room to fish and reel up when someone nearby hooks a fish. Be conscious of where you're wading.
- **RESPECT LANDOWNERS AND THEIR PROPERTY** We are grateful to many landowners along the tributaries who offer easements and waterfront access to support New York's anglers, but in return, treat their land and privacy with care.
- **COVID-19** Follow local and/or state guidance. Practice social distancing when fishing. Respect those who wear masks. If ill, return when you are well.

Observe these guidelines so every angler has a safe and enjoyable fishing experience. Do your part to protect and maintain the stability of our aquatic ecosystems for generations to come.



For more information on fishing at locations benefiting from the Canal Corporation Fall Fishing Program, go to www.canals.ny.gov/Fall_fishing/index.html or scan the QR Code.