

# Canandaigua Lake

The fourth largest Finger Lake (10,559 acres), Canandaigua Lake is located 29 miles southeast of the City of Rochester. Called by the Indians, "The Chosen Place", Canandaigua Lake lies within Ontario and Yates counties. The lake is bordered on the north by the city of Canandaigua, and on the south by the Town of Woodville.

#### Fish Management

For many years, lake trout were the only salmonid in Canandaigua Lake. During this time, the lake also supported fisheries of lake whitefish and burbot. Smelt, stocked as an additional food source, were planted by the Conservation Department (now the DEC) in 1925. By 1953 alewives became established in the lake via unknown sources. The success of the introduced smelt and, particularly, alewives, led to improved growth of adult lake and rainbow trout and set the stage for successful brown trout introduction (begun in the early 1970's).

Currently, Canandaigua Lake supports important fisheries for lake trout, brown trout and rainbow trout. Lake trout and brown trout are maintained by annual stocking, but the rainbow trout fishery is sustained entirely by natural reproduction, mostly in Naples Creek and its tributaries.

In addition to its popular trout fisheries, Canandaigua produces some excellent angling for largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel and panfish, including yellow perch, bluegills, pumpkinseed, rock bass, black crappie and bullheads.

An ongoing angler diary cooperator program for salmonids at Canandaigua Lake provides DEC fishery staff with useful data on population trends. If you are interested in signing up as a cooperator, please contact the DEC Region 8 Fisheries Office.

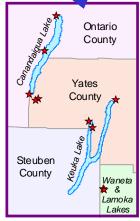
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- Statewide Angling Regulations and Finger Lakes
Regulations Sections for creel limits, size limits,
seasons and other Canandaigua Lake fishing
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# Public Boat Launches Canandaigua Lake Keuka Lake Waneta Lake Lamoka Lake

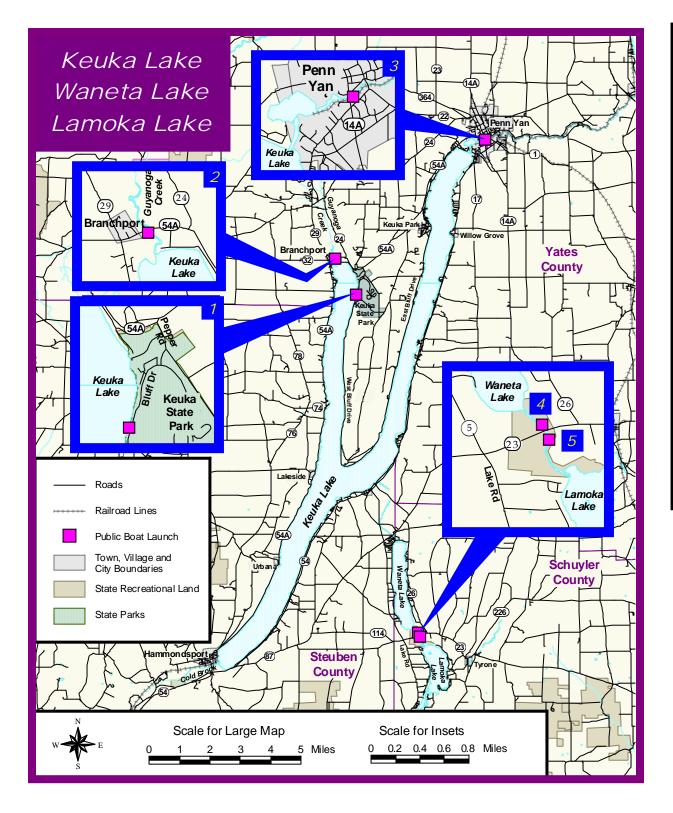




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New York wine country. Waneta and Lamoka Lakes are two smaller lakes located about 4 miles off the southeast side of Keuka Lake.

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# **Boat Launch Sites**

\*Boat launch sites operated by the DEC are FREE to the public, however; boat launch sites operated by other agencies may charge a fee.

# <u>Keuka Lake</u>

- 1 Keuka Lake State Park Off Route 54A, 6 miles southwest of the Village of Penn Yan. Concrete ramps. Pumpout. Parking for 50 cars and trailers. Operated by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.
- 2 Guyanoga Creek Site On Route 54A in the Hamlet of Branchport. Gravel ramp. Parking for 6 cars and trailers. Operated by the DEC.
- 3 Village of Penn Yan Site Off Route 14A. Multiple concrete ramps. Docks. Parking for 40 cars and trailers. Operated by the Village of Penn Yan.

#### Waneta Lake

4 - On County Route 23, 2 miles west of the Hamlet of Tyrone. Concrete ramp. Parking is located at the Lamoka Lake Boat Launch Site (see below for directions). Operated by the DEC.

#### Lamoka Lake

5 - Town of Tyrone - On County Route 23, 2 miles west of the Hamlet of Tyrone. Concrete ramp. Parking for 12 cars and trailers. Operated by the DEC.

# Waneta & Lamoka Lakes

## Fish Management

Waneta Lake (813 acres) and Lamoka Lake (588 acres) are very similar in terms of species present, one major difference being the existence of an excellent population of muskellunge in Waneta Lake. The DEC stocks Waneta with fingerling muskies each year. Fish species in common between these lakes include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, and panfish including yellow perch, bluegills, pumpkinseed, rock bass and bullhead.

Consult your Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide – Statewide Angling Regulations and Finger Lakes Regulations Sections for creel limits, size limits, seasons and other Waneta Lake and Lamoka Lake fishing regulations.

## Keuka Lake

Keuka Lake is located 17 miles south-west of the City of Geneva in the heart of central New York wine country, Shaped like a Y, Keuka ranks third in size (11,584 acres) among the Finger Lakes. The Hamlet of Branchport is located at the tip of the lake's northwest arm and the Village of Penn Yan tips the northeast arm. At the lake's south end is the Village of Hammondsport.

# Fish Management

Historically, Keuka Lake has had excellent lake trout and smallmouth bass fishing. Of the four salmonids now present, lake trout are the most prominent, with their population maintained completely by natural reproduction. Rainbows were introduced around the turn of the century and soon became self-sustaining. Most spawning occurs in Cold Brook, at Keuka's south end, and in Guyanoga Creek (also called Sugar Creek). which enters the lake at Branchport. Landlocked salmon stocking was initiated in Keuka in 1976 and continues today. Though brown trout have occasionally appeared in the Keuka Lake fishery for many years, direct stocking of brown trout by the DEC did not begin until 1980. Earlier brown trout catches are believed to be escapees from the Bath State Fish Hatchery on Cold Brook.

Forage for Keuka's salmonids is provided by alewives and smelt. Alewives have been present in the lake since the mid-1860's, smelt appeared in the 1960's via unknown sources.

While smallmouth bass are the dominant warmwater species, chain pickerel, largemouth bass, northern pike and panfish including yellow perch, bluegills, pumpkinseed, rock bass and black crappie are also present.

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