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## Public Fishing Rights Maps Genesee River



#### **Description of Fishery**

Beginning in Pennsylvania, the Genesee River flows northerly entering New York in Allegany County. For over 40 miles it flows through the county, passing through the Villages of Wellsville and Belmont. There is plenty of access with nearly 18 miles of public fishing rights easements, including a 2.5 mile section near Shongo, where only catch and release fishing is permitted. There are accessible fishing platforms located on the river in the Village of Wellsville at Island Park and at the Belmont Dam.

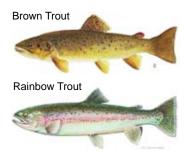
The Genesee River is a popular trout destination which is stocked extensively from the Belmont Dam upstream to the Pennsylvania border. Each spring the DEC stocks 20,600 yearling brown trout and 6,200 yearling rainbow trout. In addition to the traditional stocking of yearling trout, the Genesee is also stocked with 2,300 two-year-old brown trout that average 14 inches long.

### **Trout Fishing Regulations**

Genesee River (except section below): Trout; open all year, any size, daily limit 5 per person with no more than 2 longer than 12 inches.

Section from Route 19 bridge in Shongo downstream 2.5 miles: **Trout;** open all year, catch and release only, artificial lures only.

### **Primary Fish Species**





### **About Public Fishing Rights**

Public Fishing Rights (PFR's) are permanent easements purchased by the NYSDEC from willing landowners, giving anglers the right to fish and walk along the bank (usually a 33' strip on one or both banks of the stream). This right is for the purpose of fishing only and no other purpose. Treat the land with respect to insure the continuation of this right and privilege. Fishing privileges may be available on some other private lands with permission of the land owner. Courtesy toward the land-owner and respect for their property will insure their continued use.

These generalized location maps are intended to aid anglers in finding PFR segments and are not survey quality. Width of displayed PFR may be wider than reality to make it more visible on the maps. Please look for this PFR sign to ensure that you are in the right location and have legal access to the stream bank.



For more information on this creek or if you believe PFR marked areas on these maps are incorrect or missing PFR signs, please call the Region 9 Fisheries office: (716) 372-0645.

