

# I NY NYC FISHING MAP

## FRESHWATER

All freshwater fishing in NYC is from the shore, only.



**Oakland Lake 3Q**

**Harlem Meer 10M and The Pool 11M**

**Van Cortlandt Lake 1BX**

**Central Park Lake 12M**

**Clove Lake 16SI**

**Kissena Lake 4Q**

**Meadow and Willow Lakes 5Q/6Q**

**Baisley Pond 9Q**

**Prospect Park Lake 13BK**

**Ohrbach Lake 18SI**

**Willowbrook Lake 17SI**

Map #	Borough	FRESHWATER SITE	Acres	Fish Species										Amenities			
				Largemouth Bass	Chain Pickerel	Sunfish	Black Crappie	Yellow Perch	White Perch	Carp	Catfish	Restrooms	Playground	Picnic Area	Nature Trail	Walking Paths	
1BX	BX	Van Cortlandt Lake	18	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2BX	BX	Indian Lake	3.3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3Q	QN	Oakland Lake	10.5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
4Q	QN	Kissena Lake	8.5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
5Q	QN	Meadow Lake	95	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
6Q	QN	Willow Lake	45	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
7Q	QN	Golden Pond	1.7	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8Q	QN	Bowen Pond	1.4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
9Q	QN	Baisley Pond	28	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
10M	MN	Harlem Meer	10	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
11M	MN	100th Street Pool	1.7	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
12M	MN	Central Park Lake	18	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
13BK	BK	Prospect Park Lake	55	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
14SI	SI	Brooks Pond	2.6	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
15SI	SI	Martling Pond	5.3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
16SI	SI	Clove Lake	10	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
17SI	SI	Willowbrook Lake	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
18SI	SI	Ohrbach Lake	11	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
19SI	SI	Acme Pond	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

**\*Snakehead Alert:** Northern snakehead and other snakehead species are listed as species dangerous to native fish populations in New York. Their possession is strictly prohibited. Any snakehead caught while angling cannot be released back into the water. It must be immediately killed, frozen, and reported to a local DEC office. Don't confuse the northern snakehead with burbot and bowfin, two native species. Please review these distinguishing characteristics:

Invasive	Native	Native
Northern Snakehead	Bowfin	Burbot
Continuous dorsal fin	"Eyespot" (male or juvenile)	Spilt Dorsal Fin
Pectoral fin above pelvic fin	Pectoral fin forward of pelvic fin	Barbel
Long anal fin	Short anal fin	Round tail
		Bluegill
		Pumpkinseed

## Common Freshwater Fish Species in New York City

- Black Crappie**: Average 10". Often in large schools. Fish in weedy areas. Use live minnows, small jigs, spinners, and plugs. Set hook lightly to avoid tearing the soft mouth.
- Chain Pickerel**: Average 15-18". Found in Ohrbach and Oakland lakes. Use weedless spoons, spinner baits, and soft plastics rigged weedless. Be careful of sharp teeth.
- White Perch**: Average 5-9" in lakes and ponds, 12" or more in tidal waters. Found in murky ponds and lakes; tidal streams in late winter and spring. Use worms, grubs, small lures or flies.
- Yellow Perch**: Average 6-10". Range from shallow, weedy ponds to deeper lakes. In heavy cover, use weedless spoons, plastic frogs, or plastic worms and tubes rigged weedless. In open water, use top-water baits, spinnerbaits and diving plugs.
- Largemouth Bass**: Average 12-16". Find near weeds, logs, or docks in shallow water. In heavy cover, use weedless spoons, plastic frogs, or plastic worms and tubes rigged weedless. In open water, use top-water baits, spinnerbaits and diving plugs.
- Brown Bullhead**: Average 8-14". Nocturnal. Found at bottom of lakes, ponds and rivers. Use worms and other live bait fished on the bottom.
- Common Carp**: Average 18-28". Find in most lakes and ponds and many tidal streams; prefer warmer water with a soft bottom. Use worms, corn or bread dough on bottom.
- Sunfish (Bluegill and Pumpkinseed)**: Average 6-8". Easy to catch. Fish under docks, near weeds, and logs in lakes, ponds, and rivers. Use worms, grubs, crickets, or small jigs. Great for beginner fly anglers with small poppers.

## Common Marine Fish Species in New York City

- Striped Bass**: Up to 4.5 ft., 70 lbs. Found in rocky areas, jetties, drop-offs and current boundaries. Striped bass travel the Hudson and East Rivers in the spring and fall. Use clams and bunker chunks or large plugs, spoons or jigs.
- Bluefish**: Up to 3.5 ft., 25 lbs. Schools of young bluefish ("snappers") may be under piers in late summer/early fall. Use live bait, swimshads, tins and plugs, with wire leaders. For snappers, use spearing, squid strips, or small shiny lures and a popper.
- Fluke (Summer Flounder)**: Up to 37" (18" average). Fish over flat, sandy or muddy bottoms. Drift or bounce a spearing bait or bucktail along the bottom.
- Black Sea Bass**: Up to 10 lbs. Found in rocky or other structured environments. Try bottom fishing with clam or squid around rocks.
- Blackfish (Tautog)**: In spring, fish in shallow local waters, and rocky, sheltered areas near structure (i.e., pilings, jetties). Use bottom rigs with crabs or clams.
- Porgy (Scup)**: In spring, fish inshore and around jetties, piers, artificial reefs and offshore ledges. Bottom fish with small hooks baited with clam or squid in a Hi-Lo rig.
- Oyster Toadfish**: Up to 18". Found in NYC on sand, mud, rocks, and vegetation. Use bottom rigs and a variety of baits, especially clam.
- American Eel**: Up to 3 ft. Found in all of NYC's marine waters and many freshwater ponds. Bottom fish with bait, particularly off piers.
- Sea Robin**: Up to 18". Fish over sandy-bottom areas. Try any bait or small lure over sand. Sharp spines on the rear portion of the head.
- Little Skate**: Up to 20" excluding tail. Find on sandy or gravelly bottoms. Bait, bucktails, or small lures intended for fluke will catch skates.

## Fishing Regulations

**Freshwater Fishing**  
Both New York City and New York State regulate FRESHWATER fishing in NYC. Below are the combined rules and regulations:  
1. Fishing is permitted from locations under the jurisdiction of NYC Parks, except in open swimming areas or where specifically prohibited.  
2. Weights and sinkers 1/2 ounce or less must be lead-free.  
3. Littering is prohibited.  
4. All fish caught in freshwater lakes and ponds, except "snakeheads", must be returned to the water immediately. Do not use barbed hooks in these areas.  
5. The use of traps to catch fish and/or crustaceans in freshwater lakes and ponds is prohibited.

**Saltwater Fishing**  
New York State regulates SALTWATER fishing. Certain fish may be kept depending on the species, size of fish and time of year. Saltwater regulations are updated at least once a year and sometimes more often. It is your responsibility to check saltwater fishing regulations at <http://bit.ly/saltwaterfishregs>.

**Fishing Licenses**  
Anglers 16 years of age and older must have a New York State Freshwater Fishing License to fish in NYC lakes and ponds. If you are fishing in saltwater, including the Hudson River, you must enroll in the (free) Recreational Marine Fishing Registry. You can purchase a freshwater fishing license online and/or enroll in the marine registry at [www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6101.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6101.html), or call 1-866-933-2257.

**Report Poachers or Polluters**  
To report an environmental violation call 1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267) 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Or call an Environmental Conservation Officer in NYC: [www.dec.ny.gov/about/704.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/704.html)

**Eating Legally Caught Fish**  
The NYS Department of Health recommends children up to age 15 and women up to age 50 do not eat any fish from most NYC waters. See more details at [www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/fish/health\\_advisories/regional/new\\_york\\_city.html](http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/fish/health_advisories/regional/new_york_city.html)

**DEC Fisheries in NYC:** phone: 718-482-4922 email: [fwfish2@dec.ny.gov](mailto:fwfish2@dec.ny.gov)

**DEC Marine Resources:** phone: 631-444-0430 email: [fw.marine@dec.ny.gov](mailto:fw.marine@dec.ny.gov)

# SALTWATER

**Pelham Bay Park 31BX/33BX**

**Crooke's Point 120SI**

**Dyckman Street Pier 60M**

**Gantry Plaza 57Q/58Q**

**Governor's Island 82M**

**Louis Valentino Park and Pier 87BK**

**Battery Park City 78M**

**Steeplechase Pier 95BK**

**Breezy Point 105Q**

**Concrete Plant Park 348X**

**AmVets Memorial Pier 90BK**

**Ocean Breeze Pier 116SI**

**Roosevelt Island 69M**

**Canarsie Pier 99BK**

**70th St. Pier 70M**

**Christopher Street Pier 75M**

Map #	Borough	SALTWATER SITE	Access type	Bathroom	Playground	Picnic area	Walking trail	Walking Paths	Boat Launch	Location	Public Transportation
30BX	BX	Riverdale Waterfront Promenade	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	Access through southbound platform, Riverdale Station, Metro North Hudson Line	Metro North to Riverdale Station
31BX	BX	Pelham Bay Park North	V	•	•	•	•	•	•	Bx 29 Bus to City Island Rd/Orchard Beach Circle	Bx 29 Bus to City Island Rd/Orchard Beach Circle
32BX	BX	City Island Bridge	B	•	•	•	•	•	•	Mainland side of City Island Bridge	Bx 29 Bus to City Island Rd/Orchard Beach Circle
33BX	BX	Pelham Bay Park South	V	•	•	•	•	•	•	Best access on Bay Shore Ave. by Watt Ave.	6 Subway to Pelham Bay Park
34BX	BX	Concrete Plant Park	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	H Bx. River bet. Bruckner Blvd and Westchester Ave.	6 Subway to Whitlock Ave.
35BX	BX	Hunt's Point Riverside Park	Pr/B	•	•	•	•	•	•	Bx 6 Bus to Hunt's Point Ave./Lafayette Ave.	Bx 6 Bus to Hunt's Point Ave./Lafayette Ave.
36BX	BX	Soundview Park	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	H Bronx River Ave bet. Lafayette Ave., Surf Dr.	Bx 5 Bus to Story Ave./Morrison Ave./Bx 27/Bx 39 Bus to Soundview Ave./Cornell Ave.
37BX	BX	Clason Point Park	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	H End of Soundview Ave.	Bx 22 Bus to Castle Hill Ave./Norton Ave.
38BX	BX	Castle Hill Park	V	•	•	•	•	•	•	End of Howe Ave. and west of Barrett Ave.	Bx 42 Bus to Harding Ave./Hosmer Ave.
39BX	BX	Ferry Point Park	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	Hutchinson River Parkway by the Whitestone Bridge	Bx 42 Bus to Harding Ave./Hosmer Ave.
40BX	BX	Barretto Pt. Park/Tiffany St. Pier	Pi	•	•	•	•	•	•	H End of Tiffany St., Hunt's Point	Bx 46 Bus to Viele Ave./Casanova St.
41BX	BX	Hunt's Point Landing	Pi	•	•	•	•	•	•	H End of Farragut St. Hunt's Point	Bx 6 or Bx 46 Bus to Ford Center Dr./Farragut St.
42Q	QN	MacNeel Park	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	H Poppenhusen Ave. bet. 115 <sup>th</sup> St. and Colledge Pl.	Q25 Bus to Poppenhusen Ave./119 <sup>th</sup> St.
43Q	QN	Powell's Cove Park	R/B	•	•	•	•	•	•	11 <sup>th</sup> Ave. bet. 130 <sup>th</sup> St. and 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Q208 Bus to 14 <sup>th</sup> Ave./135 <sup>th</sup> St.
44Q	QN	Malba Drive	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	End of Malba Drive	none
45Q	QN	Francis Lewis Park	R/B	•	•	•	•	•	•	H 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. bet. Whitestone Bridge and 147 <sup>th</sup> St.	none
46Q	QN	Little Bay Park	R/J	•	•	•	•	•	•	Near Throgs Neck Bridge at end of Utopia Parkway	7 Subway to Q15/Q15A/Q16 or QM2 Bus
47Q	QN	Bayside Marina	Pi	•	•	•	•	•	•	S N side of Cross Island Pkwy at 28 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Q13 Bus to Bell Blvd./28 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
48Q	QN	Crocheron Park	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	N side of Cross Island Pkwy by Crocheron Park (35 <sup>th</sup> avenue)	Q13/Q31 Bus to Bell Blvd./35 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
49Q	QN	Flushing Bay Promenade West	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	Q19/Q48 Bus to 108 <sup>th</sup> St./Astoria Blvd. walk over footbridge	Q19/Q48 Bus to 108 <sup>th</sup> St./Astoria Blvd. walk over footbridge
50Q	QN	World's Fair Marina	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	Flushing Bay Promenade near City Field	Q66 Bus to Northern Blvd./126 <sup>th</sup> St.
51Q	QN	Flushing Bay Promenade East	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	Flushing Bay Promenade east of Flushing Bay Marina	Q100 Bus to 21 <sup>st</sup> Ave./21 <sup>st</sup> St.
52Q	QN	Ralph DeMarco Park	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	Shore Blvd. between Ditmars Blvd. and 20 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Q103 to Vernon Blvd./30 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
53Q	QN	Astoria Houses Promenade	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	Behind Goodwill Park, next to Astoria Houses/Vernon Blvd. bet. 30 <sup>th</sup> Rd. and Welling Ct.	Q103/Q104 Bus to Vernon Blvd./Broadway
54Q	QN	Costco	Pr/R	•	•	•	•	•	•	Vernon Blvd bet. 10 <sup>th</sup> St. and Broadway. Fish on promenade in parking lot.	Q103/Q104 Bus to Vernon Blvd./34 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
55Q	QN	Rainey Park	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	Vernon Blvd. bet. 33 <sup>rd</sup> Rd. and 34 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	F Subway to Queensbridge
56Q	QN	Queensbridge Park	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	40 <sup>th</sup> -41 <sup>st</sup> Road at Vernon Blvd.	F Subway to Queensbridge
57Q	QN	Gantry Plaza State Park (Promenade)	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	47 <sup>th</sup> Road north to the end of 5 <sup>th</sup> street, 11 <sup>th</sup> St. Basin	7 Subway to Vernon Blvd./Jackson Ave.
58Q	QN	Gantry Plaza State Park (Piers)	Pi	•	•	•	•	•	•	47 <sup>th</sup> Road and Center Blvd, LIC, NY, Pier #4	1 Subway to 215 <sup>th</sup> St.
59M	MH	Inwood Hill Park	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	West 218 <sup>th</sup> Street	A Subway to Dyckman St.
60M	MH	Dyckman Street Pier	Pi	•	•	•	•	•	•	Dyckman Street @ Hudson River	1 Subway to Dyckman St.
61M	MH	Swindler Cove Park	Pi	•	•	•	•	•	•	H Dyckman Street & 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave. @ Harlem River	1 Subway to Dyckman St.
62M	MH	Ft. Washington Park	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	145 <sup>th</sup> Street North to Inwood Hill along Hudson River	No good options, but can take A to 175 <sup>th</sup> St. bicycle recommended

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63M	MH	Riverside Park at 145 <sup>th</sup> Street	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	Hudson River shoreline north of 145 <sup>th</sup> St., access over pedestrian bridge at 151 <sup>st</sup> St.	1 Subway/M11 bus to 145 <sup>th</sup> St.
64M	MH	West Harlem Piers Park	Pi	•	•	•	•	•	•	125 <sup>th</sup> Street at Hudson River	1 Subway to 125 <sup>th</sup> St./Bx 15 Bus to 125 <sup>th</sup> St./12 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
65M	MH	Harlem River Greenway	Pr/R	•	•	•	•	•	•	FDR Dr. bet. 125 <sup>th</sup> and 145 <sup>th</sup> Sts.	M1 Bus but walking required
66M	MH	Pier at 107 <sup>th</sup> Street and East River	Pi	•	•	•	•	•	•	FDR Dr. near 107 <sup>th</sup> St.	M106 Bus to 105 <sup>th</sup> /FDR Dr.
67M	MH	Randall's/Ward's Island	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	SW Tip of Randall's/Ward's Island, access over pedestrian bridge at 106 <sup>th</sup> St.	M15 Bus goes N/S on 1st and 2nd Aves
68M	MH	East River Shoreline	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	FDR Dr. between RfK Bridge and 42 <sup>nd</sup> St.	M15 Bus goes N/S on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave.
69M	MH	Lighthouse Park	Pr/R	•	•	•	•	•	•	N. tip of Roosevelt Island	F Subway/ Roosevelt Island tram to Roosevelt Island-Q102 bus
70M	MH	70th Street Pier @ Riverside Park South	Pi	•	•	•	•	•	•	M72 Bus to W69 <sup>th</sup> St. & Riverside Dr.	M72 Bus to W69 <sup>th</sup> St. & Riverside Dr.
71M	MH	Pier 64	Pi	•	•	•	•	•	•	24 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> Streets @ Hudson River	M23 Bus to 23rd St. and 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
72M	MH	Hudson River Park	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	Hudson River Park runs from Battery Place to W. 59 <sup>th</sup> St.	M20 and M12 Buses make many stops near the park.
73M	MH	E. River Esplanade	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	FDR Dr. E 36 <sup>th</sup> -38 <sup>th</sup> Sts.	M34A-SBS Bus to Ferry Terminal
74M	MH	Stuyvesant Cove Park	Pr	•	•	•	•	•	•	FDR Dr. E 18 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> Sts.	M23/M9 Bus to Ave. C/23rd st
75M	MH	Christopher Street Pier	Pi	•	•	•	•	•	•	Christopher St. @ Hudson River	1 Subway to Christofer St./Sheridan Sq.
76M	MH	Pier 25/26	Pi	•	•	•	•	•	•	N. Moore St. @ Hudson River	1 Subway to Franklin St.
77M	MH	Rock									

