

Central New York encompasses a nine county area and offers a very diverse fishery from Lake Ontario in the north to the Susquehanna River in the south. There are a variety of rivers, streams, lakes and ponds spread throughout Central New York. Four of New York's Finger Lakes (Cayuga, Oswego, Skaneateles and Otisco) lie within the region. Some other popular water bodies include Oneida Lake,



Central New York covers Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties.

Whitney Point Reservoir, the world famous Salmon River, Oswego River, Tioughniouga River, Chittenango Creek, and Ninemile Creek (Onondaga County). These are just a few of the many water bodies found within Central New York.

Fish Species

With the diversity of habitats, anglers have a wide selection of fish species to choose from. Central New York produced eight New York State records and two world records. There are over twenty five species of game and panfish found in the region. Cold water gamefish include Atlantic (or landlocked), Chinook and coho salmon, as well as brook, brown, lake and rainbow trout. Warm water gamefish include largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, northern pike, pickerel and tiger musky. Along with the gamefish there are great angling opportunities for a host of other species. Popular panfish species include bluegills, pumpkinseeds, rock bass, both black and white crappie, yellow perch,

white perch, bullheads and channel catfish. Another fish, often overlooked is the common carp. They are plentiful, grow large, and are found in most bodies of water across the region.

Fish Stocking

Many of Central New York waters receive yearly stockings of fish from New York State Fish



Barge stocking brown trout on Lake Ontario.

Hatcheries and Onondaga County also receives fish from their county hatchery. Central New York is stocked annually with around 243,600 brown trout, 12,100 brook trout, 56,000 lake trout, 138,800 rainbow trout, 62,000 landlocked salmon, 158 million walleye, and 33,500 tiger musky. In addition, Lake Ontario and its tributaries in the Central New York area receive yearly stockings of around 108,000 brown trout, 155,000 lake trout, 188,200 steelhead, 20,000 landlocked salmon, 90,000 coho salmon, and 604,000 Chinook salmon. Stocking information can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/30467.html>

Angling Methods

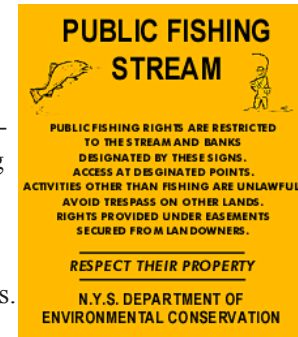
With the diversity of species and habitats in Central New York anglers have the option to fish in many ways, from wading a small remote stream for wild brook trout to trolling miles off shore on Lake Ontario for trophy king salmon. Anglers can pursue their favorite species by boat, from shore, by wading or on the ice. Anglers can fish

all year by fishing the open water in the Finger Lakes, ice-fishing, streams with year round trout seasons, and tributaries to Lake Ontario throughout the winter. Additionally there is a catch and release bass season that makes that a year round fishery as well. If you prefer a chartered or guided fishing trip there are many good fishing guides in the Central New York Area.



Fishing Access

Central New York has over 235 miles of public fishing rights along its streams and rivers and sixteen lakes and eight rivers with NYS operated boat launches. Maps showing public fishing rights can be viewed at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/9924.html> and boat launches can be found on <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7832.html>



Angler Diary Program

The NYSDEC Region 7 Fisheries unit is responsible for fisheries management in Central New York. Region 7 has an Angler Diary Program for four of the Finger Lakes and their tributaries: Otisco, Oswego, Skaneateles and Cayuga. Volunteer anglers keep track of the hours they fish and the fish they catch. This information is used to help manage the Finger Lakes fisheries. Yearly

summaries are available to view at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27875.html>. We are always looking for more volunteer anglers, if interested contact information is bellow.

Fishing Hotline

NYSDEC provides a fishing hotline that is updated weekly which provides current fishing information for selected waters in Region 7. The hotline can be viewed at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/9218.html> or heard by calling 607-753-1551.



For More Information

Central New York has an incredible sport fishery with a species and angling location to suit any angler's desire. For more information on fishing Central New York or to join the Region 7 Finger Lakes Angler Diary Program, visit the NYSDEC website at www.dec.ny.gov or by calling (607) 753-3095. Information for fishing other great waters across the state can also be viewed on the website.

Besides angling there are many other recreational activities and vacation destinations to pursue in Central New York. For more information or to locate a Guide Service consult the local county tourism boards.



Fishing in Central New York

Some of The Many Water Bodies Found Within The Nine Counties of Central New York

<u>Lakes/Ponds</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Brown Trout</u>	<u>Brook Trout</u>	<u>Lake Trout</u>	<u>Rainbow Trout</u>	<u>Landlocked Salmon</u>	<u>Chinook Salmon</u>	<u>Coho Salmon</u>	<u>Smallmouth Bass</u>	<u>Largemouth Bass</u>	<u>Panfish</u>	<u>Walleye</u>	<u>Northern Pike</u>	<u>Pickereel</u>	<u>Tiger Musky</u>	<u>Musky</u>	<u>Carp</u>	<u>Catfish</u>	
Casterline Pond	Cortland	X			X						X								
Cayuga Lake	Cayuga, Tompkins	X		X	X	X			X	X	X		X	X			X		
Chenango Lake	Chenango								X	X	X			X	X				
Cross Lake	Cayuga, Onondaga								X	X	X	X	X		X		X		
Eaton Brook Reservoir	Madison				X				X	X	X			X					
Jamesville Reservoir	Onondaga								X	X	X	X							
Lake Ontario	Cayuga, Oswego	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	
Leland Pond	Madison	X							X	X	X			X	X				
Little Sodus Bay	Cayuga								X	X	X		X				X		
Little York Lake	Cortland	X			X				X	X	X			X			X		
Madison Reservoir	Madison								X	X	X			X	X				
Nathaniel Cole Park	Broome								X	X	X								
Oneida Lake	Madison, Onondaga, Oswego								X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	
Onondaga Lake	Onondaga								X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	
Otisco Lake	Onondaga	X							X	X	X	X			X		X		
Otter Lake	Cayuga								X	X	X		X						
Owasco Lake	Cayuga	X		X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
Salmon River Reservoir	Oswego								X	X	X	X							
Skaneateles Lake	Cayuga, Cortland, Onondaga			X	X	X			X	X	X			X					
South Sandy Pond	Oswego								X	X	X	X	X				X		
Tully Lake	Cortland								X	X	X	X		X					
Whitney Point Reservoir	Broome								X	X	X	X	X				X	X	
Rivers																			
Chenango River	Broome, Chenango, Madison	X							X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	
Oswego River	Onondaga, Oswego	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Otselic River	Cortland	X							X	X	X	X	X				X		
Salmon River	Oswego	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Sangerfield River	Madison	X							X	X	X	X	X	X					
Seneca River	Cayuga, Onondaga								X	X	X	X	X				X	X	
Susquehanna River	Broome, Tioga								X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Tioughnioga River	Broome, Cortland	X							X	X	X	X	X				X		
Unadilla River	Chenango, Madison	X							X		X	X		X			X		
W. Br. Tioughnioga River	Cortland	X	X											X					
Streams																			
Butternut Creek	Onondaga																		
Canaseraga Creek	Madison	X																	
Carpenters Brook	Onondaga	X	X																
Cayuga Inlet	Tompkins	X			X	X			X								X		
Chittenango Creek	Madison	X																	
E. Br. Tioughnioga River	Cortland, Madison	X							X		X	X	X				X		
Fall Creek	Cayuga, Tompkins	X	X		X	X			X								X		
Geneganslet Creek	Chenango	X	X																
Limestone Creek	Madison, Onondaga	X																	
Mad River	Oswego		X																
N. Branch Salmon River	Oswego		X																
Ninemile Creek	Cayuga, Onondaga	X	X	X															
Oquaga Creek	Broome	X	X																
Owasco Inlet	Tompkins	X		X															
Owego Creek	Tioga	X							X			X							
Salmon Creek	Cayuga, Tompkins	X		X					X										
Six Mile Creek	Tompkins	X		X		X			X										
Skaneateles Creek	Onondaga	X	X	X															

