



Top Places to go Trout Fishing in Pennsylvania

Spring is the season for trout fishing in Pennsylvania. Anglers plunge into the commonwealth's 86,000 miles of streams and rivers, along with 4,000 inland lakes and ponds, in hopes of catching a prize trout by casting the perfect fly and spinning the ideal lure. The season starts March 30 in 18 southeastern Pennsylvania counties and April 13 in the rest of the commonwealth.

**Licenses are required to fish in Pennsylvania, and many areas have special regulations and creel limits on trout fishing. Anglers are encouraged to study the regulations for favorite fishing holes at www.fishinpa.com.

Oil Creek

Pennsylvania's Great Lakes Region

Crawford and Venango counties

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/oilcreek/index.htm

Earning its name at a time when the river was used to ship petroleum downstream, Oil Creek has become one of Pennsylvania's top trout streams. Anglers may explore some of the creek's tributaries where wild brook trout make their home. The best access to the water for fishing is in Oil Creek State Park, between Titusville and Oil City. The water here offers beautiful pools, riffles, and runs.

Yellow Breeches Creek

Dutch Country Roads

Cumberland County

www.yellowbreechescreek.com/

Yellow Breeches is arguably one of the most popular streams in the state. Every day visitors can expect to find many anglers fishing throughout the stream, where there is never a shortage of trout. A huge stocking program supports this river, with fish stocked almost its entire length. In the spring, trout can be easily found feeding on top.

Slippery Rock Creek

Pittsburgh and its Countryside

Butler and Lawrence counties

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/mcconnellsmill/index.htm

Not too far from the city limits of Pittsburgh flows a stream known for its incredible trout fishing. Heading southward into Beaver River, Slippery Rock Creek has remote, gorgeous stretches that can be accessed by trails in McConnells Mill State Park.

Cedar Run

Pennsylvania Wilds

Lycoming and Tioga counties

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/stateforests/tioga/

Packed with deep pools and dense trout populations, Cedar Run starts in Tioga County and flows for more than eight miles into Pine Creek located in Lycoming County. There's easy access from the road to a number of small fishing spots along Cedar Run, where anglers are sure to find plenty of trout.



Youghiogheny River

Fayette and Somerset counties

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/ohiopyle/index.htm

Anglers can try their hand at float fishing on the famous Youghiogheny River outside Pittsburgh, where excellent trout fishing opportunities exist along the massive waterway. The Youghiogheny features a nine-mile all tackle trophy trout section, several fly fishing areas, and easy access at Ohiopyle State Park.

Pittsburgh and its Countryside

Spring Creek

Centre County

www.visitpennstate.org/member/spring-creek/

Spring Creek, just outside State College, is known as an angler's dream location. The wild trout fishery is full of pristine fishing hotspots stocked with 16-20-inch trout. A favorite destination along the creek is Fisherman's Paradise, which offers solitude and tons of wild and aggressive fish.

The Alleghenies

Slate Run

Lycoming County

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/stateforests/tiadaghton/

Slate Run has become one of the most well-known freestone trout streams in the eastern United States. Wild brook trout and a few brown trout reside in the upper part of the stream, and wild brown trout reside in the lower part. Anglers from far and wide flock to this stream for some challenging and exciting fly fishing, surrounded by a fine mix of pools, riffles, and runs to explore.

Pennsylvania Wilds

Letort Spring Run

Cumberland County

www.visitcumberlandvalley.com/listings/LeTort-Spring-Run-and-Nature-Trail/1287/

This legendary limestone spring creek is sure to offer fly fishing at its best and has been the focus of anglers for many decades. A combination of a wide range of freshwater crustaceans to provide nutrient-rich food, as well as the stable water temperature year round, results in an active and healthy trout population that fishermen come from miles away to experience.

Dutch Country Roads

Neshannock Creek

Lawrence and Mercer counties

www.ncflyshop.com/ncConditions.stm

Thought to be one of the best winter trout streams in Pennsylvania, the Neshannock Creek is a beautiful 20-mile freestone stream in northwestern Pennsylvania. Fly fishermen tend to prefer the waters near the upper part of the creek, but excellent angling can be enjoyed further downstream as well.

Pennsylvania's Great Lakes Region



Monocacy Creek

Lehigh Valley

Northampton and Lehigh counties

www.perfectflystore.com/wmonacacyc.html

Most trout in the Monocacy are at least 12 inches in length, with some exceeding 15 inches. For the seasoned anglers looking for a challenge, the wild browns that roam the creek are no easy task to pull in. With great fishing offered year round, the Monocacy is a perfect place to come with a spinner rod or fly gear.

Wissahickon Creek

Philadelphia and the Countryside

Philadelphia County

www.fow.org/visit-the-park/activities/

Wissahickon Creek proves that anglers don't even need to travel to remote locations to enjoy trout season in Pennsylvania. The creek, located in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, is fully stocked with trout each season. Deep pools, fast riffles, and tumbling pocket water present a wonderful angling opportunity for serious fishermen and beginners. The creek is in one of the areas that has an early opening day, so anglers eager to get an early start can do so here.