



# Illinois Fall Trout Fishing Season Opens October 16

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**SPRINGFIELD** – The 2021 Illinois Fall Trout Fishing Season will open Saturday, October 16 at 59 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state.

An early opportunity at select trout sites – the Fall Catch-and-Release Fishing Season – will open on October 2. No trout may be kept during the catch and release fishing period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning October 16.

The Illinois Catchable Trout Program is funded by those who use the program through the sale of Inland Trout Stamps. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the fall season. An additional 80,000 trout are stocked for the spring season which begins each April.

For the 2021 fall trout season, no trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites until the season opens at 5:00 a.m. October 16. During the season, the daily catch limit is five trout.

The fall trout season offers opportunities for families to get outdoors and enjoy fishing. Resources are available for Taking Kids Fishing at [https://www.ifishillinois.org/Kids\\_Fishing/kidsfishing.html](https://www.ifishillinois.org/Kids_Fishing/kidsfishing.html).

All anglers – including those who intend to release fish caught before October 16 – must have an Illinois fishing license and Inland Trout Stamp which are available at IDNR license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores, and other retail outlets. Check the IDNR website for locations at <https://www.exploremoreil.com/agentlocator>

Fishing licenses and trout stamps can be purchased by using a credit card online via the IDNR website at <https://www.exploremoreil.com/>

Participants in the Fall Trout Fishing Season are reminded to follow current guidance from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health regarding face masks and social distancing.

For information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout. Not all sites open at 5:00 a.m. on opening day. Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the open date.

For more information on trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities, check the website at [www.ifishillinois.org](http://www.ifishillinois.org).

The 59 locations scheduled to be open for the fall trout season are listed below:

#### 2021 Illinois Fall Trout Locations

(\*\* Denotes sites open for Catch-and-Release Early Fall Season fishing)

North --- Bureau County --- Hennepin Canal Parkway

North --- Cook County --- Axehead Lake, Cook County Forest Preserve District

North --- Cook County --- Belleau Lake, Cook County Forest Preserve District  
North --- Cook County --- Busse Woods North Lake, Cook County Forest Preserve District  
North --- Cook County --- Green Lake in Calumet City, Cook County Forest Preserve District  
North --- Cook County --- Horsetail Lake, Cook County Forest Preserve District  
North --- Cook County --- Sag Quarry East, Cook County Forest Preserve District  
North --- Cook County --- Wolf Lake at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, Chicago  
North --- DuPage County --- Grove Lake, DuPage County Forest Preserve District  
North --- DuPage County --- Pickerel Lake, DuPage County Forest Preserve District  
North --- DuPage County --- Silver Lake, DuPage County Forest Preserve District  
North --- Jo Daviess County --- Apple River, Apple River Canyon State Park \*\*  
North --- Kankakee County --- Bird Park Quarry, Kankakee  
North --- Kankakee County --- Rock Creek, Kankakee River State Park \*\*  
North --- Kendall County --- Big Lake, Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area (SFWA)  
North --- Lake County --- Sand Lake, Illinois Beach State Park  
North --- LaSalle County --- Illinois and Michigan Canal Lock 14, LaSalle  
North --- McHenry County --- Spring Grove Hatchery Pond, Spring Grove  
North --- Ogle County --- Pine Creek, White Pines Forest State Park \*\*  
North --- Rock Island County --- Prospect Park Lake, Moline  
North --- Warren --- Citizen's Lake, Monmouth  
North --- Whiteside County --- Centennial Park Pond, Rock Falls, Coloma Park District  
North --- Will County --- Lake Strini, Romeoville  
North --- Will County --- Van Horn Woods, Plainfield  
North --- Winnebago County --- Baumann Lake, Cherry Valley

Central --- Adams County --- Siloam Springs State Park Lake \*\*  
Central --- Cass County --- Gridley Lake, Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA \*\*  
Central --- Champaign County --- Kaufman Lake, Champaign Park District  
Central --- Christian County --- Manners Park Pond, Taylorville Park District  
Central --- Clark County --- Casey Park Pond, Casey  
Central --- Coles County --- Eastern Illinois University Campus Pond, Charleston  
Central --- De Witt County --- Weldon Springs, Weldon Springs State Park  
Central --- Douglas County --- Villa Grove West Lake  
Central --- Hancock County --- Horton Lake, Nauvoo State Park \*\*  
Central --- Macon County --- Rock Springs Pond, Macon County Conservation District  
Central --- Macoupin County --- Beaver Dam Lake, Beaver Dam Lake State Park  
Central --- McDonough County --- Argyle Lake, Argyle Lake State Park  
Central --- Morgan County --- Morgan Lake at Nichols Park, Jacksonville \*\*  
Central --- Sangamon County --- IDOT Lake, Springfield \*\*

Central --- Sangamon County --- Southwind Park, Springfield  
Central --- Sangamon County --- Washington Park Pond, Springfield  
Central --- Shelby County --- Forest Park Lagoon, Shelbyville  
Central --- Tazewell County --- Mineral Springs Park Lagoon, Pekin  
Central --- Vermilion County --- Clear Lake, Kickapoo State Recreation Area

South --- Bond County --- Patriot's Park Lake (Greenville Old City Lake)  
South --- Jefferson County --- Mount Vernon Game Farm Pond  
South --- Johnson County --- Ferne Clyffe State Park Lake  
South --- Madison County --- Belk Park Pond, Wood River  
South --- Madison County --- Highland Old City Lake  
South --- Marion County --- Boston Pond, Stephen A. Forbes State Recreation Area  
South --- Massac County --- Fairgrounds Pond, Fort Massac State Park  
South --- Randolph County --- Derby Lake, Sparta (World Shooting and Recreational Complex)  
South --- Randolph County --- Randolph County State Fish and Wildlife Area Lake  
South --- Saline County --- Jones Lake Trout Pond, Saline County State Fish, and Wildlife Area  
South --- St. Clair County --- Frank Holten State Park Main Lake  
South --- St. Clair County --- Jones Park Lake, East St. Louis  
South --- St. Clair County --- Willow Lake at Peabody River King SFWA\*\*  
South --- Wabash County --- Beall Woods Lake, Beall Woods State Park  
South --- Wayne County --- Sam Dale Conservation Area Trout Pond