

# Illinois Spring Trout Fishing Season Opens April 2

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**SPRINGFIELD**— The 2022 Illinois spring trout fishing season will open April 2 at 57 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state.

An early opportunity at select trout sites – the spring catch-and-release fishing season – will open March 19. 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 April 2.



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 spring season. An additional 80,000 trout will be stocked for the fall trout fishing season, which begins in October.

For the 2022 spring trout season, no trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites from March 14 until the season opens at 5 a.m. April 2. Anyone attempting to harvest trout before the legal harvest season opening will be issued citations.

All anglers, including those who intend to release fish caught before April 2, must have a fishing license and an inland trout stamp unless they are younger than 16, blind or disabled, or an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily catch limit for each angler is five trout.

***Please note:*** For site maintenance reasons, there will not be a 2022 spring trout season in King Park Pond at Pittsfield in Pike County.

For more information about trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities, visit <https://www.ifishillinois.org>.

Illinois 2022 fishing licenses and inland trout stamps are available now at IDNR license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets. For a list of locations, check the IDNR website at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov>. Fishing licenses and trout stamps also can be purchased online. Find the link on the IDNR website at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](https://www.dnr.illinois.gov).

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 a.m. on opening day. Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the open date.

The 57 locations that will be open for the spring trout season are listed below.

## **2022 Illinois Spring Trout Locations**

*(\*\* Denotes sites open for catch-and-release early spring season fishing)*

### **Central Illinois**



Adams County  
Siloam Springs State Park Lake \*\*

Cass County  
Gridley Lake, Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area \*\*

Champaign County  
Lake of the Woods, Champaign Co. Forest Preserve Dist.  
Kaufman Lake, Champaign Park District

Christian County  
Manners Park, Taylorville Park District

Clark County  
Casey Park Pond, Casey

Coles County  
Eastern Illinois University Campus Pond, Charleston

DeWitt County  
Weldon Springs, Weldon Springs State Park

Hancock County  
Horton Lake, Nauvoo State Park \*\*

Macon County  
Sportsman's Club Pond, Macon County Conservation District

McLean County  
Miller Park Lake, Bloomington

Morgan County  
Morgan Lake at Nichols Park, Jacksonville \*\*

Moultrie County  
Wyman Lake, Sullivan

Sangamon County  
Southwind Park, Springfield  
Illinois Department of Transportation Lake, Springfield \*\*  
Washington Park Pond, Springfield



Shelby County  
Forest Park Lagoon, Shelbyville

Vermilion County  
Clear Lake, Kickapoo State Recreation Area

## **Southern Illinois**

Jefferson County  
Mount Vernon Game Farm Pond

Johnson County  
Ferne Clyffe State Park Lake

Madison County  
Belk Park Pond, Wood River

Marion County  
Boston Pond, Stephen A. Forbes State Recreation Area

Massac County  
Fairgrounds Pond, Fort Massac State Park

Randolph County  
Derby Lake, World Shooting and Recreational Complex, Sparta

St. Clair County  
Frank Holten State Park Main Lake  
Jones Park Lake, East St. Louis  
Willow Lake at Peabody River King State Fish and Wildlife Area \*\*

Wabash County  
Beall Woods Lake, Beall Woods State Park

Wayne County  
Sam Dale Conservation Area Trout Pond

## **Northern Illinois**

Boone County  
Mill Race Ponds, Belvidere



Bureau County  
Hennepin Canal Parkway

Cook County  
Axehead Lake, Cook County Forest Preserve District  
Belleau Lake, Cook County Forest Preserve District  
Green Lake in Calumet City, Cook County Forest Preserve District  
Horsetail Lake, Cook County Forest Preserve District  
Sag Quarry East, Cook County Forest Preserve District  
Wolf Lake at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, Chicago

DuPage County  
Silver Lake, DuPage County Forest Preserve District  
Pickerel Lake, DuPage County Forest Preserve District  
Grove Lake, DuPage County Forest Preserve District

Jo Daviess County  
Apple River, Apple River Canyon State Park \*\*

Kankakee County  
Bird Park Quarry, Kankakee; Rock Creek, Kankakee River State Park \*\*

Kendall County  
Big Lake, Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area

Lake County  
Sand Lake, Illinois Beach State Park

LaSalle County  
Illinois and Michigan Canal Lock 14, LaSalle  
Lake Mendota, Village of Mendota

McHenry County  
Lake Atwood, McHenry County Conservation District  
Piscasaw Creek, McHenry County Conservation District

Ogle County  
Pine Creek, White Pines Forest State Park \*\*

Rock Island County  
Prospect Park, Moline



Stephenson County

Waddams Creek, Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park

Yellow Creek in Krape Park, Freeport

Whiteside County

Centennial Park Pond, Rock Falls

Will County

Lake Milliken, Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area

Winnebago County

Four Lakes, Winnebago County Forest Preserve District

Baumann Lake, Cherry Valley