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### **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Fishing Contest at Grafton Lakes State Park**

(Cropseyville, NY) – Grafton Lakes State Park will host its 36<sup>th</sup> annual Ice Fishing Contest on Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 5:30 AM – 2:00 PM. Join in on the fun as several hundred anglers brave the cold temperatures for their chance to make a winning catch on several of the park's ponds.

Registration begins at 5:30 AM and ends at 11:00 AM (or 12:30pm for youth) on January 15th in the park's maintenance building, accessible via the Main Entrance. There is a \$10 entrance fee required for all participants age 16 or older, with no fee for children under 16. All participants 16 and older must have a valid NYS fishing license to fish in the park at any time, including during the contest.

Big cash prizes are awarded for adults with 1<sup>st</sup> place fish and the longest length catch in all three categories of trout, walleye/chain pickerel, and yellow perch. Winning entries will receive gift cards and other prizes.

Tournament areas are located on Second Pond, Mill Pond, Dunham Reservoir, Shaver Pond, and Long Pond. Please note that due to preparations for Cabin Fever (January 22<sup>nd</sup>), ice fishing is not permitted adjacent to the beach on Long Pond. In the case of soft ice, the Ice Fishing tournament will be postponed until Sat., Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.

Grafton Lakes State Park is located off of Route 2, twelve miles east of Troy, New York. Please use the park's main entrance on Grafton Lakes State Park Way for this event. There is no entrance fee for this event. For more information, please call the park at 518-279-1155.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which are visited by 78 million people annually. A recent study found that New York State Parks generates \$5 billion in park and visitor spending, which supports nearly 54,000 jobs. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518-474-0456 or visit [parks.ny.gov](https://parks.ny.gov) connect with us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on [Instagram](#).

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