



Rockefeller State Park Preserve

General fishing rules

- Individuals under the age of 16 do not require a fishing license.
- Those individuals above the age of 16 require a New York State Fishing License, which can be obtained at www.dec.ny.gov.
- Be conscious that contaminants, pollution, harmful bacterial, and excess nutrients may be present within certain bodies of water, including those within our preserve. Adhere to DEC guidelines on safety consumption limits and perform due diligence to consider the risks of consuming any fish which are caught.

Rockefeller State Park Preserve (RSPP) fishing rules:

- For your first fishing session of the season, please stop by the RSPP park office between the hours of 8:30AM and 4:30PM to register your fishing license information for the season. Please bring a valid photo ID, as well as your NYS fishing license. After this initial registration, you do not need to consult with the RSPP office for each subsequent fishing session.
- We strongly recommend adhering to a 'catch and release' policy. In the event that you intend to keep your fish, please adhere to specific size limits and seasonal constraints for each species.
- **Only artificial lures are allowed in all RSPP waterbodies. No chumming or repurposing the meat of caught fish for bait. No lines are allowed to be set overnight.**
- **Please do not leave behind any fishing line or gear which can harm or ensnare other wildlife.**
- The information below is only a summary of state and local fishing guidelines, not a comprehensive list.

Documented fish in Swan & Ferguson Lake:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Open Season</u>	<u>Min. Length</u>	<u>State Daily Limit</u>
Largemouth bass	3rd Sat in June - Nov 30	12"	5
	Dec 1 - Fri preceding 3rd Sat in June	Catch & release	Catch & release
Pumpkinseed	All year	Any size	50
Bluegill	All year	Any size	50
Yellow Perch	All year	Any size	50
Brown Bullhead	All year	Any Size	No limit
American eel	All year	9"	25
Alewife	March 15 - June 15	Any size	10

Documented fish in Pocantico River:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Open Season</u>	<u>Min. Length</u>	<u>State Daily Limit</u>
Brown trout	April 1 - Oct 15	Any size	5

***If you catch any fish which has not been mentioned on this list, please let us know so we can better understand what is in our water bodies. Feel free to send us pictures and information at Joshua.dipaola@parks.ny.gov or call us at 1 (914) 631 1470.**