

The fall trout season provides an alternative fishing option at 37 loc

Trout Fishing



The 2010 fall trout season provides anglers with the opportunity to enjoy the fall weather and a limit of colorful trout.

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Saturday, October 16th is a date circled on calendars around Illinois. Long before the start time—as early as 5 a.m. at some locations—crowds will have gathered around 37 Illinois lakes as anglers

anxiously await the opening of the 2010 fall trout season.

“Our catchable trout program is a fun and popular family activity, and a great opportunity to introduce children to fishing,” remarked Steve Pallo, head of the DNR Division of Fisheries.

“For many people, the attraction of the fall trout season is simply the chance to enjoy a crisp, autumn day



Anglers interested in fishing for trout at one of the 37 participating sites must possess a valid fishing license and an inland trout stamp (see Side bar for exemptions).

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outdoors,” Pallo continued. “Others enjoy reeling in a good-fighting, colorful fish, which many claim tastes better than many other species.”

Illinois’ trout program began in 1982 and the annual stocking of more than 130,000 fish continues to be a self-sufficient program, with the revenues raised from the sale of Inland Trout Stamps supporting both the spring and fall trout seasons.

Go ahead; circle October 16th on your calendar.

Make this the year you add a little variety in your fall fishing creel or a new experience for the family.

For more information on fall trout season and other Illinois fishing opportunities, visit ifishillinois.org.

To take trout legally beginning at 5 a.m. Oct. 16, anglers must have a fishing license and an inland trout stamp, unless they are under the age of 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily catch limit for each angler is five trout.

Illinois fishing licenses and inland trout stamps are available at DNR Direct license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets. Fishing licenses and trout stamps can also be purchased by using a credit card through DNR Direct online at dnr.illinois.gov or by calling DNR Direct toll-free at 1-888-6PERMIT (1-888-673-7648).

For more information about site regulations and specific start times, anglers should contact the individual sites stocked with catchable-size trout.

Fall trout fishing

Available at the following 37 locations, listed by county:

Adams: (1) Siloam Springs SP, (217) 894-6205

Bond: (2) Greenville Old City Lake (Patriot’s Park Lake), (618) 664-2330

Bureau: (3) Hennepin Canal Parkway SP, (815) 454-2328

Christian: (4) Manners Park Pond, Taylorville, (217)824-3110

Coles: (5) Campus Pond, Eastern Illinois University, (217) 345-2420

Cook: (6) Axehead and (7) Belleau lakes, Cook Co. Forest Preserve District, (847) 294-4134

Crawford: (8) Crawford Co. Conservation Area Pond, (618) 563-4405

Douglas: (9) Villa Grove West Lake, (217) 345-2420

Jefferson: (10) Mount Vernon Game Farm Pond, (618) 547-3610

Johnson: (11) Ferne Clyffe SP, (618) 995-2411

Kankakee: (12) Bird Park Quarry, Kankakee, (815) 939-1311

Kendall: (13) Big Lake at Silver Springs SP, (630) 553-6297

Lake: (14) Banana Lake, Lake Co. Forest Preserve, (815) 675-2319; (15) Sand Lake, Illinois Beach SP, (847) 662-4828

Macon: (16) Rock Springs Pond, Macon Co. Conservation District, (217) 423-7708

Macoupin: (17) Beaver Dam SP, (217) 854-8020

Madison: (18) Highland Old City Lake, (618) 651-1386

Marion: (19) Boston Pond, Stephen A. Forbes SP, (618) 547-3381

Massac: (20) Fairgrounds Pond, Fort Massac SP, Metropolis, (618) 524-4712

McDonough: (21) Argyle Lake SP, (309) 776-3422

Randolph: (22) Randolph Co. SFWA, (618) 826-2706; (23) Derby Lake, Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex, (618) 295-2700

Rock Island: (24) Prospect Park Pond, Moline, (815) 454-2759

St. Clair: (25) Frank Holten SP, (618) 874-7920; (26) Jones Park Lake, East St. Louis, (618) 847-7920; (27) Willow Lake, Peabody River King SFWA, (618) 785-2555

Saline: (28) Jones Lake Trout Pond, Saline Co. SFWA, (618) 276-4405

Sangamon: (29) IDOT Lake, Springfield, (309) 543-3316; (30) Washington Park Pond, Springfield, (309) 543-3316

Shelby: (31) Forest Park Lagoon, Shelbyville, (217) 345-2420

Tazewell: (32) Mineral Springs Park Lagoon, Pekin, (309) 968-7568

Vermilion: (33) Clear Lake, Kickapoo SP, (217) 442-4915

Wabash: (34) Beall Woods SP, (618) 298-2442

Warren: (35) Citizen’s Lake, Monmouth, (309) 344-2617

Wayne: (36) Sam Dale Trout Pond, Sam Dale Lake CA, (618) 835-2292

Whiteside: (37) Coleta Trout Pond, (815) 454-2759

