

MINNESOTA TROUT & SALMON SEASONS

Fishing opener is the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Fishing hours for stream trout on inland waters are from one hour before sunrise to 11 p.m. Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. Only one line is allowed winter or summer when fishing on designated stream trout lakes and designated trout streams. View [designated trout lakes](#) on the MNDNR website.

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
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INLAND LAKES – SUMMER – TROUT

Stream Trout (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined w/ other stream trout; not more than 3 over 16"	STREAM TROUT (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT)				Mid-MAY (OPENER) to OCT 31st →				← OCT 31st			
Lake Trout	2	LAKE TROUT				Mid-MAY (OPENER) to SEPT 30th →				← SEPT 30th			

INLAND LAKES – WINTER – TROUT

* WINTER SEASON LAKE EXCEPTIONS – CLOSED FOR WINTER SEASON: Little Andrus (Snowshoe), Cass County; Allen and Pleasant, Crow Wing County; Bad Medicine, Becker County

Stream Trout (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined w/ other stream trout; not more than 3 over 16"	Mid-JAN →	← MAR 31st	STREAM TROUT (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT)									
Lake Trout Outside or partly outside the BWCAW	2	Mid-JAN →	← MAR 31st	LAKE TROUT Lakes outside or partly outside the BWCAW									
Lake Trout Lakes entirely within the BWCAW	2	JAN 1st →	← MAR 31st	LAKE TROUT Lakes entirely within the BWCAW									

STREAMS – TROUT

* SE includes Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, and Goodhue counties

Stream Trout (except SE) (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined w/ other stream trout; not more than 1 over 16"	STREAM TROUT (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT)				Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th →				← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th					
Stream Trout (SE*) (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined w/ other stream trout; not more than 1 over 16" Catch-and-Release Seasons: 1/1 – Mid-APRIL AND 9/15 to 10/15	← C&R: JAN 1st to Mid-APRIL →				Mid-APRIL to SEPT 14th →				← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 14th				C&R: SEPT 15 to OCT 15	TROUT (SE) (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT)

STREAMS – SE EXCEPTIONS – TROUT

* Within these State Parks: Beaver Creek Valley (East Beaver Creek); Forestville (Forestville Creek, Canfield Creek, South Branch Root River) & Whitewater (Middle Branch Whitewater River, Trout Run Creek). Also, within city boundaries of Chatfield, Lanesboro, Preston, Rushford, and Spring Valley.

Stream Trout (SE Exceptions*) (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined (not more than 1 over 16"); see special regulations for these streams in MNDNR Regs Catch-and-Release Seasons: 9/15 – Mid-APRIL	← C&R: SEPT 15 to Mid-APRIL →				Mid-APRIL to SEPT 14th →				← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 14th				← C&R: SEPT 15 to Mid-APRIL →			
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LAKE SUPERIOR AND ITS TRIBUTARIES BELOW POSTED BOUNDARY

* Including St. Louis River below the Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary cable and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries

Brook Trout & Splake	1 combined brook, splake, brown, and rainbow is 5; minimum size 20"	BROOK TROUT & SPLAKE				Mid-APRIL to 1st Monday in SEPT →				← 1st Monday in SEPT					
Brown Trout	Continuous; 5 combined brook, splake, brown, and rainbow is 5; minimum size 10" - only 1 over 16"	Continuous BROWN TROUT													
Rainbow Trout (clipped)	Continuous; 3 combined brook, splake, brown, and rainbow is 5; Minimum 16"	Continuous RAINBOW TROUT (CLIPPED)													
Rainbow Trout (un-clipped)	Continuous; Catch-and-Release only	Continuous RAINBOW TROUT (UN-CLIPPED)													
Lake Trout	3	Continuous LAKE TROUT										← DEC 1st to End of SEPT/Early OCT		DEC 1st →	
Salmon (Chinook, Coho, Pink, Atlantic)	Continuous; 5 combined w/ other salmon; only 1 can be Atlantic; minimum 10"	Continuous SALMON (CHINOOK, COHO, PINK, ATLANTIC)													

LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBUTARIES ABOVE POSTED BOUNDARY

Brook Trout	5 combined w/ Brown; not more than 1 over 16"	BROOK TROUT				Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th →				← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th			
Brown Trout	5 combined w/ Brook; not more than 1 over 16"	BROWN TROUT				Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th →				← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th			
Rainbow Trout	Catch-and-Release only	RAINBOW TROUT				Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th →				← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th			