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
INLAND LAKES – TROUT (BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, SPLAKE, TIGER, LAKE)													
* 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 (Outside or partly outside the BWCAW) (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined w/ other stream trout; not more than 3 over 16"	**STREAM TROUT (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT)** - Lakes outside or partly outside the BWCAW											
			Mid-JAN →		← MAR 31st		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to OCT 31st →			← OCT 31st			
Stream Trout (Entirely within the BWCAW) (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, Splake, Tiger)	5 combined w/ other stream trout; not more than 3 over 16"	**STREAM TROUT (BKT, BNT, RBT, SPT, TT)** - Lakes entirely within the BWCAW											
		END DEC/EARLY JAN →			← MAR 31st		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to OCT 31st →			← OCT 31st			
Lake Trout (Outside or partly outside the BWCAW)	2	**LAKE TROUT** - Lakes outside or partly outside the BWCAW											
			Mid-JAN →		← MAR 31st		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to SEPT 30th →			← SEPT 30th			
Lake Trout (Entirely within the BWCAW)	2	**LAKE TROUT** - Lakes entirely within the BWCAW											
		END DEC/EARLY JAN →			← MAR 31st		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to SEPT 30th →			← SEPT 30th			
STREAMS – TROUT (BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, SPLAKE, TIGER)													
* SE includes Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, Goodhue counties, and the Vermillion River in Dakota County													
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 (BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, SPLAKE, TIGER)													
* 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) (C&R ONLY)**										
Lake Trout	3	**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 →		**C&R ONLY**		← Mid-APRIL to SEPT 30th				