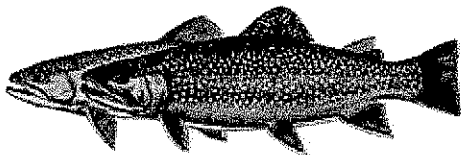


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Wild Trout Streams In Northeastern New York

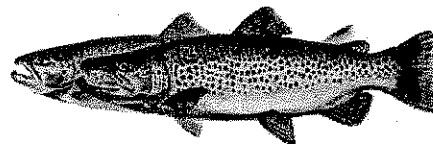


Wild trout streams, and streams containing both wild and unstocked trout, often are overlooked by anglers who focus on stocked trout streams. Wild trout streams are abundant in Northeastern New York in DEC's Region 5. These streams typically

contain brook trout, brown trout, or rainbow trout in various combinations. Generally, if water temperatures are cool enough, wild brook trout predominate in the headwater stream sections. This leaflet provides anglers with information on the location of wild trout streams in Region 5 along with some stream characteristics.

DEC surveyed approximately 324 stream segments in Region 5 between 1977 and 2001 to assess trout stocking policies. Of the stream segments surveyed approximately 35 percent (116) contained good numbers of wild, unstocked trout. Brook trout, alone or in combination with other trout species, were found in about 57 percent (184) of the stream segments. Brown trout, alone or in combination with other trout species, were found in about 40 percent (129) of the stream segments. Rainbow trout, usually in combination with other trout species, were found in about 3 percent (9) of the streams.

Wild trout streams often average less than 12 feet wide with thick, overhanging alders along their banks. Although brook trout usually are abundant in headwater streams, large fish are rare. Table 1. shows streams considered large enough to permit fly fishing and/or contain catchable-sized trout. Streams shown in Table 2 often contain only very small brook trout (usually less than 6-inches) and present the most difficult fishing conditions.



Many streams in Region 5 are privately owned. Please ask permission to fish and respect landowner rights. Treat the property as though it were your own.

Table 1. Wild Trout Streams In Region 5 Containing Catchable Size Trout From 1977 - 2001 Stream Survey Reports

Stream	Section	Town	Survey Year	Trout Species Present	Mean Stream Width (feet)	Comments
Clinton County						
Caldwell Brook	Mouth upstream 2 mi	Ausable	1993	Brook trout	9	Fishable stream without overhanging alders
Carew Brook	Mouth to Tributary 3 (2 mi)	Ellenburg	1993	Brown trout and brook trout	18	Nice stream with numerous trout
Great Chazy River N Br	Lake Roxanne to source (12 mi) (Upper)	Altona, Ellenburg & Mooers	1995	Brown trout and brook trout	23	Excellent stream with nice trout
Little Chazy River	Tributary 7a to source (Upper)	Chazy	1997	Brown trout and brook trout	17	
Salmon River	Tributary 9c (Peasleeville) to source (Upper)	Peru	1997	Brown trout and brook trout	19	Many trout despite recent severe flood
Salmon River, Tributary 13	Mouth upstream 1 mi	Black Brook & Peru	1994	Brown trout and brook trout	13	Habitat fair
Essex County						
Big Brown Brook	Mouth upstream 1.5 mi	Wilmington	1992	Brown trout and brook trout	12	Some nice fish
Cascade Brook	Mouth upstream 2.5 miles	Keene	1995	Rainbow trout and brook trout	17	Nice mountain stream with numerous pools
Clifford Brook	Mouth to falls	Keene	1995	Brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout	19	Nice mountain stream with good habitat and deep pools
Gulf Brook	Mouth to tributary 3 (2.5 mi)	Keene	1995	Brown trout and brook trout	17	Nice mountain stream with good habitat
Lewis Brook	Mouth upstream 2 mi	Jay	1992	Brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout	13	Partially posted and shallow stream depth

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Essex County						
Mill Brook	Tributary 9 to 1 mile below Ensign Pond (2 mi)	Moriah	1997	Brown trout and brook trout	15	
Minerva Stream	Tributary 10 to source (Upper)	Minerva	1997	Brook trout	31	
Reynolds Brook	Mouth upstream 2 mi	Bellmont	1995	Brook trout	9	Nice little stream with fair habitat
Rocky Branch	Entire	Jay	1992	Brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout	16	Nice stream, some nice fish, mainly rainbow trout in upper section of stream
Rogers Brook	From 1.1 mi above mouth upstream 1.6 mi (Upper)	Schroon	1992	Brown trout and brook trout	15	
Spruce Hill Brook	Mouth upstream 5 mi	Keene	1992	Brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout	14	Lower 1 mile is stocked with brown trout yearlings by Essex County Hatchery, small brook trout in upper two-thirds of stream.
Styles Brook	Entire	Jay	1992	Brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout	13	Nice stream with good habitat
Franklin County						
Alder Brook	Mouth upstream 1 mi	Franklin	1995	Brown trout and brook trout	28	Upper section of stream is posted
Boardman Brook	Entire	Chateaugay	1982	Brook trout	8	Beautiful trout
Collins Brook	Canadian border to source	Chateaugay	1995	Brook trout	15	Partially posted, upper section of stream is inaccessible and small
Ingraham Stream	Mouth to Ragged Lake bridge (2 mi) (Lower)	Bellmont	1994	Brook trout	22	Fishable stream without overhanging alders, upper section of stream is an old beaver flow

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Franklin County						
Ingraham Stream	Ragged Lake bridge upstream 1.5 mi (Upper)	Bellmont	1994	Brook trout	12	Old beaver flow
Little Salmon River	Skerry Dam to Twin Pond (1 mi) (Upper)	Brandon	1996	Brown trout and brook trout	26	Nice stream, generally without overhanging alders
Little Trout River	Tributary 7a to source (Upper)	Bellmont	1995	Brook trout	24	Upper section of stream is inaccessible
Lyon Brook	Vermontville to source	Franklin	1995	Brook trout	13	Upper section of stream is small
Marble River	0.5 mile below tributary 2 to Clinton Co (3 mi)	Chateaugay	1996	Brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout	26	Excellent stream with numerous trout
Rickerson Brook	From 1.3 mi above mouth upstream 1.2 mi	Brighton	1984	Brown trout and brook trout	17	
Roaring Brook	Mouth upstream 2 miles	Malone & Bellmont	1987	Brown trout and brook trout	10	Portions of stream are partially posted
Two Bridge Brook	0.5 mile below T7 to source	St Armand & Franklin	2001	Brook trout	14	Nice trout for a small stream, hard to fish, alder banks
Two Bridge Brook, Tributary 7	Mouth upstream 2 mi	Harrietstown	2001	Brook trout	10	Lower section of stream is slow moving with deep water, upper section of stream is small
Webb Brook	1.0 mi above Tributary 1 to source (Upper)	Bellmont	1994	Brown trout and brook trout	12	Nice stream
Webb Brook	Mouth to 1 mi above Tributary 1 (1.5 mi) (Lower)	Burke	1994	Brown trout and brook trout	15	Nice stream
Fulton County						
Keck Center Creek	Mouth upstream 1.5 mi (Lower)	Johnstown	1982	Brown trout and brook trout	14	

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Fulton County						
Meco Creek	Tributary 2 to source (Upper)	Johnstown	1994	Brown trout and brook trout	9	Nice stream
Moose Creek	From 1.1 mi above mouth to source (Upper)	Stratford	1983	Brook trout	10	
Moose Creek, Tributary 1	Entire	Stratford	1983	Brook trout	12	
Hamilton County						
Hatchery Brook	0.6 mi below Tributary 2 to 0.3 mi above Tributary 3 (1 mi)	Lake Pleasant	1994	Brook trout	17	Good habitat
Saratoga County						
Kayaderoseras Creek	1/4 mi above Tributary 41 to source (Upper)	Greenfield	1985	Brown trout and brook trout	13	Some sections of the stream are habitat deficient consisting mostly of a sand bottom, but portions of the stream has good populations of wild brook trout
Mallory/Hickock Brook	Mouth upstream 1 mile	Corinth	1982	Brook trout	9	Numerous trout
Sturdevant Creek	Tributary 4 to source (Upper)	Corinth	1985	Brook trout	12	A nice stream with numerous trout
Sturdevant Creek, Tributary 5a	Entire	Corinth	1985	Brook trout	10	Numerous trout
Warren County						
Kibby Creek	Mouth upstream one mile	Johnsburg	2001	Brook trout	15	This stream section is mostly sand and gravel bottom with alder banks

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Warren County						
Millington Brook	Entire	Warrensburg	1981	Brown trout and brook trout	14	Nice stream, portions with overhanging alders
Northwest Bay Brook	Tributary 5 (Round Pond Bk) to source	Bolton	1980	Brook trout	12	Slow moving stream with a predominately sand bottom and overhanging alders
Washington County						
Coila Brook	Entire	Jackson	1985	Brown trout and brook trout	12	Lower section of stream has brown trout, upper section of stream is 6' wide and has brook trout
Indian River	Tributary 4 to Vermont line (Upper)	Hebron	1995	Rainbow trout and brown trout	19	Numerous trout
South Granville Brook	Tributary 3 downstream 1.0 mi	Granville	1983	Brown trout	12	
West Beaver Brook	Mouth to tributary 1 (1 mi)	Salem	1985	Brown trout and brook trout	11	Nice stream with overhanging alders
Whipple Brook	Mouth upstream 0.75 miles	Cambridge	2001	Rainbow trout and brown trout	15	Stream once impacted by chicken manure discharge, now remediated, wild trout probably came from fish immigrating from the Hoosic River
White Creek	Entire	Cambridge & White Creek	1985	Brown trout and brook trout	22	Nice stream, nice trout

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Clinton County						
Little Ausable River	Tributary 15 to source (Upper)	Black Brook	1995	Brook trout	14	Brook trout are abundant but small
Little Black Brook, Tributary 11	Entire	Black Brook	1996	Brook trout	15	Brook trout are abundant but small
Standish Brook	Entire	Dannemora	1986	Brook trout	8	Portions of stream are posted, some areas of the stream are habitat deficient
Essex County						
Ausable R E Br Tributary 5	Mouth upstream 2 mi	Jay	1992	Brook trout, brown trout	12	Shallow stream depth and poor habitat
Ausable R. W Br Tributary 34	Mouth upstream 2 mi	North Elba	1992	Brook trout	8	Small shallow stream
Bevoort Brook	Mouth upstream 1.5 mi	Crown Point	1994	Rainbow and brook trout	8	Fair habitat
Boreas River, Tributary 18	Mouth upstream 1.7 mi	Minerva	1992	Brook trout	12	Brook trout are abundant but small, shallow stream depth
Bullhead Pond Brook	Mouth upstream 2 mi	Minerva	1992	Brook trout	10	Brook trout are abundant but small
Horseshoe Pond Brook	Mouth to Horseshoe Pond	Schroon	1992	Brook trout	6	Brook trout are abundant but small
Kelso Brook	Mouth upstream 3.7	Minerva	1992	Brook trout	12	Poor habitat in lower section of stream, upper section of stream is small and is full of small brook trout
Lewis Brook, Tributary 1	Mouth upstream 1.5 mi	Jay	1992	Brook trout	6	Some nice brook trout
Mill Brook, Tributary 5	Tributary 1 to source (2 mi)	Moriah	1994	Brook trout	8	Brook trout are abundant but small

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Essex County						
Mill Brook, Tributary 6	Mouth upstream 1.5 mi	Moriah	1993	Brook trout	7	Stream bank has thick overhanging alders
Muller Pond Brook	Mouth to Muller Pond	Schroon	1992	Brook trout	10	Shallow stream depth, brook trout are abundant but small
North Meadow Brook	1 mi off Bobsled Run Rd	North Elba	1992	Brook trout	12	Inaccessible, shallow stream depth, brook trout are abundant but small
Otis Brook	From 1.0 mi above mouth upstream 1 mi (Upper)	Jay	1992	Brook trout	10	Brook trout are abundant but small
Phelps Brook	From 1 mi above mouth to source (Lower)	Crown Point	1995	Brook trout	12	Poor habitat, alders
Riley Brook	Mouth upstream 1.5 mi	Ticonderoga	1994	Brook trout	6	Brook trout are abundant but small
Sweeney Brook	Mouth upstream 1.8 mi (Lower)	Schroon	1992	Brook trout	9	Small shallow infertile stream with numerous boulders and small brook trout
Franklin County						
Alder Brook	Burke Center to source (5 mi) (Upper)	Burke	1987	Brook trout	16	Brook trout are abundant but small
Bailey Brook	Entire	Chateaugay	1982	Brook trout	7	Brook trout are abundant but small
Cold Brook	County line to tributary 3 (2 mi) (Upper)	Franklin	1996	Brook trout	18	Stream banks have thick overhanging alders
Duane Stream, Tributary 3	Mouth upstream 1.8 mi	Duane	1994	Brook trout	6	Habitat is poor and stream banks have thick overhanging alders
Farrington Creek	Dam to source (2 mi)	Brandon	1994	Brown and Brook trout	18	Habitat is poor and stream banks have thick overhanging alders, a lot of small brook trout

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Franklin County						
Lawrence Brook, Tributary 6	Mouth upstream 1.5 mi	Dickinson	1994	Brook trout	7	Stream banks are thick overhanging alders, full of small brook trout
Lincoln Brook	Mouth to County Line	Franklin	1992	Brook trout	16	Shallow stream depth and stream banks are thick with overhanging alders, full of small brook trout
Little Trout River, Tributary 6	Mouth upstream 1.5 miles	Bellmont	1984	Brook trout	6	Brook trout are abundant but small
McBride Brook, Tributary 3	Entire	Dickinson	1994	Brook trout	7	Brook trout are abundant but small
Negro Brook	Tributary 9 to source (Upper)	Franklin	1995	Brook trout	15	Partially posted stream sections, stream bank has thick overhanging alders, upper section of stream is a beaver flow
Osgood River	0.5 mile above tributary 10 to tributary 14 (2.5 mi)	Brighton	1997	Brook trout	32	Brook trout are abundant but small, stream infertile
Quinlin Brook (Collins Brook), Tributary 1	Mouth to source (3.5 mi)	Chateaugay	1995	Brook trout	6	Portions of stream are posted and the upper section of the stream is small
Quinlin Brook, Tributary 2	Entire	Chateaugay	1995	Rainbow and brook trout	4	Brook trout are abundant but small
Fulton County						
Ayers Creek	From 0.5 mi below Tributary 6 to source (Upper)	Stratford	1995	Brook trout	15	Brook trout are abundant but small
Ayers Creek, Tributary 1 of Tributary 2	Entire	Stratford	1983	Brown and brook trout	9	Brook trout are abundant but small
Ayers Creek, Tributary 2	Entire	Stratford	1983	Brook trout	12	Nice stream, trout are plentiful but small

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Fulton County						
Durey Creek	From 0.25 mi above mouth upstream 1.5 mi	Caroga	1987	Brook trout	15	Brook trout are abundant but small
Hall/Warren Creek	From 1 mile above tributary 2 to source (Upper)	Johnstown	1982	Brook trout	5	Brook trout are abundant but small
Keck Center Creek	Keck Center to source (Upper)	Johnstown	1982	Brook trout	4	Brook trout are abundant but small
McQueen Brook	County line to source	Perth	1984	Brook trout	8	Stream with overhanging alders and small brook trout
McVean Creek	0.5 mile above Tributary 5 to source (Upper)	Johnstown	1996	Brook trout	12	Stream bank has overhanging alders and small brook trout
Moose Creek	Mouth upstream 1.1 mi (Lower)	Stratford	1993	Brown and brook trout	17	Upper section of stream is posted, stream bank has thick overhanging alders and fair habitat
Sponable Creek, Tributary 2	Tributary 2 to source	Ephratah	1981	Brook trout	8	
Hamilton County						
Pine Brook	Mouth upstream 1 mile	Arietta	1995	Brook trout	18	Infertile stream with poor habitat, brook trout are abundant but small
Warren County						
Bakers Mill Pond, Tributary 1	Mouth upstream 2 mi	Johnsburg	1987	Brook trout	6	Brook trout are abundant but small
Bakers Mill Pond, Tributary 2	Mouth upstream 2 mi	Johnsburg	1987	Brook trout	6	Nice stream but trout are small
Number Nine Brook	Entire	Thurman	1979	Brown trout	14	Brown trout are abundant but small

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Washington County						
Coy Brook	3.6 miles above mouth to source (Upper)	Hebron	1983	Brook trout	6	Brook trout are abundant but small
Coy Brook	From 1.5 mi above mouth upstream 2.1 mi (Middle)	Hebron	1983	Brook trout	11	Brook trout are abundant but small
Gettys Brook	Entire	Hebron	1983	Brown and brook trout	8	Stream with overhanging alders, poor habitat and small brook trout
Halfway Brook, Tributary 5 of 8	From 1.0 mi above mouth to source (Upper)	Fort Ann	1981	Brook trout	8	Brook trout are abundant but small
Pike Brook	Falls to source	Dresden	1983	Brook trout	15	Brook trout are abundant but small, stream is partially posted
Whipple/Pencil Brook	Tributary 1a to source (Upper)	Cambridge	1985	Brook trout	6	Brook trout are abundant but small