



## 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](http://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:

- **Register your fishing license with our staff at the preserve's main office for your first session of the season.** Office hours are 8:30AM through 4:30PM, year-round, 7 days a week. After you register your license for your first session of the season, you do not have to 'check-in' at the office for subsequent sessions.
- **We strongly recommend adhering to a 'catch & release' policy in the preserve.** 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 use of bait fish, live or dead, is allowed. No lines are allowed to be set overnight. **Do not leave behind any fishing line or gear.**
- **No ice fishing is allowed.**
- The information below is only a summary of state and county fishing guidelines, *not* a comprehensive list. **As the angler, you are responsible for understanding all the federal, state, and county regulations.** Information on state and county regulations can be found at: [www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7917.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7917.html).

### Documented fish at the preserve:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Open Season</u>	<u>Min. Length</u>	<u>State Daily Limit</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Largemouth bass</b>	3rd Sat in June - Nov 30	12"	5	Swan Lake, Ferguson Lake
	Dec 1 - Fri preceding 3rd Sat in June	Catch & release	Catch & release	
<b>Sunfish (Pumpkinseed, Bluegill)</b>	All year	Any size	50	Swan Lake, Ferguson Lake, Pocantico River
	All year	Any size	50	
<b>Yellow Perch</b>	All year	Any size	50	Swan Lake
<b>Brown Bullhead</b>	All year	Any Size	No limit	Swan Lake
<b>American eel</b>	All year	9"	25	Swan Lake, Pocantico River
<b>Alewife</b>	March 15 - June 15	Any size	10	Swan Lake
<b>Trout (Brown, Brook)</b>	April 1 - Oct 15	5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"		Pocantico River
	Oct 16 - March 31	Catch & release only		
<b>Norther white sucker</b>	All year	Any size	50	Pocantico River

**\*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](mailto:Joshua.dipaola@parks.ny.gov), or call us at 1 (914) 631 1470 x106.**