

2025-2026 WEST POINT FISHING NOTICE

**** LICENSE & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: To fish any water at West Point, all anglers 16 years old and older need an active 1) NYS Fishing License and 2) West Point Fishing Permit (or be with a guest sponsor /w an active Guest Pass) ****

TROUT			
SPECIES	SEASON DATES	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY BAG LIMIT
Brook Trout in lakes, ponds, & Lusk Reservoir (see below)	APR 01 – OCT 15	None	5 per day
Brown & Rainbow Trout in lakes, ponds & Lusk Reservoir	APR 01 – MAR 24 (MAR 25-31 closed for first stocking)	None	5 per day with only 2 longer than 12 inches
Brook, Brown, & Rainbow Trout in streams (see below)	Catch & Keep: APR 01 – OCT 15 Catch & Release: OCT 16 – MAR 24	None	5 per day with only 2 longer than 12 inches

BLACK BASS, CRAPPIE & SUNFISH			
SPECIES	SEASON DATES	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY BAG LIMIT
Largemouth Bass & Smallmouth Bass (see below)	Catch & Keep: JUN 15 – NOV 30 Catch & Release: DEC 01 – JUN 14	12 inches	5 per day
Black Crappie	All year	10 inches	25 per day
Sunfish (Bluegill, Redbreast, & Pumpkinseed Sunfish)	All Year	None	25 per day

CATFISH & BULLHEAD			
SPECIES	SEASON DATES	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY BAG LIMIT
Channel Catfish	All year	12 inches	2 per day
Brown & Yellow Bullhead	All year	No Size Limit	No Limit

PIKE & PERCH			
SPECIES	SEASON DATES	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY BAG LIMIT
Chain Pickerel	MAY 01 – MAR 15	15 inches	5 per day
Tiger Muskellunge	JUN 01 – NOV 30	Catch & Release Only	Catch & Release Only
Yellow Perch	All year	No Size Limit	50 per day
Walleye	MAY 01 – MAR 15	15 inches	5 per day

STRIPED BASS & OTHER SPECIES			
SPECIES	SEASON DATES	SIZE LIMITS	DAILY BAG LIMIT
Striped Bass	APR 01 – NOV 30	23 – 28 inches	1 per day
Grass Carp	May not be targeted	Catch & Release Only	Catch & Release Only
American Eel	All year	9 in. minimum (9-14" only, as bait in Hudson)	25 per day
Common Carp, Suckers, Chub	All year	No Size Limit	No Limit

**** NO UNAUTHOTIZED STOCKING OF FISH/WILDLIFE OR PLANTS **** The stocking of any fish or wildlife or release/planting of any non-native plants is prohibited at West Point. The release of live baitfish is prohibited.

SPECIFIC WATER BODY REGULATIONS
Trout: At Bull Pond, Lusk Reservoir, & Round Pond, ice fishing is prohibited. In Highland, Popolopen, and Queensboro Brooks, fishing is closed MAR 25 – 31 for stocking. At Mineral Springs Brook & Trout Brook, trout fishing is Catch & Release Only
Bass: At Lake Frederick: Catch & Release Only. At Cranberry & Wilkins Pond, one 15” min. bass per day bag limit continues. At Popolopen & Stilwell Lake: in response to reduced survey findings in 2022/2023, bag limit is now one 15” min. bass per day.
Long Pond: Fishing is permitted by eligibility. Contact FMWR – Outdoor Recreation Division for more information. All New York State and West Point Regulations otherwise apply.

**** COMPLIANCE W NYS REGULATIONS: All West Point Regulations shall comply with NYS regulations insofar as local restrictions may compliment (further restrict) but not violate. NYS regulations. (Last updated: 03/05/2025)**