

**REMINDER - Mandatory Check In/Out in Training Area Waters:** To ensure safety and prevent military mission interference, all individuals including guests and walkers in any area must be checked in/out on iSportsman when going fishing in any water body that is in a training area.

## TRAINING VS NON-TRAINING AREA WATERS

**Training Area Waters** are water bodies that are in areas used for military training or are otherwise affected by military training. Anglers must check-in via iSportsman at such areas. These include:

**Lakes & Ponds:** Beaver Pond, Brooks Hollow, Cranberry Pond, Lake Georgina, Mine Lake, Popolopen Lake, Lake Stilwell, Weyants Pond. **Rivers & Streams:** Highland Br., (Z1) Mineral Springs Br. (L), Popolopen Br. (see below) Queensboro Br. (CS), Trout Br. (L)

**Non-Training Area Waters** are water bodies that are in areas NOT used for military training or are NOT otherwise affected by military training. Anglers are not required check-in via iSportsman at such areas. These include:

**Lakes & Ponds:** Bull Pond, Cragston Lakes, Long Pond, Lake Frederick, Lusk Reservoir, Round Pond, and Wilkins Pond. **Rivers & Streams:** Hudson River, Popolopen Br. (see below)

**\*\* Popolopen Brook** is divided at Weyants Bridge into Popolopen Brook Upstream and Popolopen Brook Downstream. These areas both require check-in/out.

- Any and all areas may be closed for mission, weather, or other reasons at any time at the discretion of the Garrison, Range Control, or other land managers.

## SAFETY & REGULATIONS

- Safety is the highest priority and personal responsibility of all West Point anglers. All individuals must review the Safety & Regulation Brief annually.
- All individuals must abide by **USMA Regulation 215-5 - Hunting, Trapping, Fishing & Boating**. See the **Regulations Page** on the iSportsman website.
- Season dates, bag limits, and other regulations for are found in annual **West Point Fishing Notice** posted on the iSportsman website in March.

**REMINDER - Fishing Rules and Regulations** - All of the fishing at West Point shall be in accordance with all New York State, federal, and local West Point regulations. For state regulations, see the NYSDEC website. For West Point regulations, see the West Point iSportsman website.

## GENERAL PUBLIC & FISHING

- General Public users may not fish at West Point.** Please see the NYSDEC website for information on alternative places to fish nearby.

## BOATING

- Row boats are moored on six lakes and ponds. Keys are signed out and seasonal rowboat permits, good for one season, can be purchased at the Round Pond Rec Office (April-October, 7 days/week, 9 AM - 5 PM)
- Personal boats may be used in all West Point waters with the following restrictions:
- Gas-powered boats may be used only on Stilwell and Popolopen Lakes.
- Electric-power boats may be used on all waters except Lusk Reservoir. Only oar & paddle allowed on Lusk.
- Life Vest/PFD Requirement:** All individuals in any watercraft must have a US Coast Guard approved life vest or PFD on board with them at all times.

## ICE FISHING

- Ice fishing is permitted on non-trout waters ONLY. Safety is the responsibility of all ice fishing anglers. Use caution in judging ice thickness.
- Ice shanties: Non-permanent ice fishing shanties are allowed but must be removed daily. Shanties left up in violation may be seized by Game Wardens.

## DISABLED ANGLERS

- Disabled angler accessible docks can be found at Round Pond and Wilkins Pond.
- On Post, disabled anglers can safely access the Hudson River at North Dock and South Dock.
- Non-fishing assistants may accompany disabled anglers afield without need of permit.

## GUEST ANGLERS

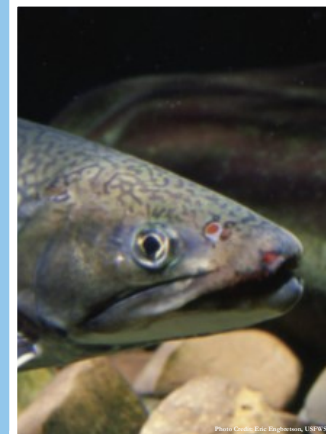
- A **Guest Angler** is an individual who fishes with a sponsoring angler in possession of a valid fishing permit and either an Annual or Daily Guest Pass.
- Guests must also possess a NYS fishing license, check in/out (if required as is with training area waters) and remain in same fishing area as sponsor.

## CONTACTS

**Natural Resources Branch:** For fish and wildlife game and management issues; forestry issues; hunting, trapping, fishing or woodcutting issues; or to report injured wildlife or nuisance wildlife, call (845) 938-2314 or (845) 938-7122

**Outdoor Recreation Division (MWR):** For iSportsman accounts issues, West Point hunting and fishing permits and guest pass issues, and boat/equipmental rental questions, call (845) 938-2503 or (845) 938-8810.

**Provost Marshall's Office (PMO):** For issues incl. medical emergencies, fires, spills, vehicle accidents, etc. call Sgt's Desk at (845) 938-333 For game violations, call West Point Game Wardens (CLEOs) at (845) 590-1345.



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# FISHING AT WEST POINT

West Point is a 16,000 acre U.S. Army installation located in southern New York State. Located almost entirely in Orange County, it lies about 40 miles north of New York City. As a military installation and service academy its primary goal is the education and training of U.S. Military Academy cadets as well as serving as a training facility for visiting military personnel.

Though the main mission of the West Point Military Reservation is a military one, West Point's natural resources also provide a host of excellent recreational opportunities, including fishing. Military and civilians alike have fished on what is now West Point since before its inception. Today, that tradition continues as over 8,500 acres are available for eligible individuals to hunt.

This brochure seeks to inform readers about fishing on the West Point Military Reservation including access and eligibility; types of game fish and permits available; safety and regulations and more.

However, this brochure is by no means a comprehensive guide. For more information on hunting in New York State, please visit the website of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov). And for more information on hunting on the West Point Military Reservation please visit the West Point iSportsman website.

## West Point's iSportsman website can be found at:

<https://westpoint.isportsman.net>

This site is now the MAIN place to buy West Point fishing permits. In-person sales have been discontinued with one exception. See "Campground Fishing Permits" section.

## ISPORTSMAN

iSportsman is the website for fish and game at the West Point Military Reservation. This site lets its users:

1. **Purchase Permits** - eligible, approved individuals can register accounts and buy hunting and fishing permits.
2. **Access Important Info** - see notices on Home, News pages; see Regulations, Maps etc. throughout the website.
3. **See Area Availability, Check In/Out** - users can see what areas are open, comply /w mandatory check in/out.
4. **Report Harvest** - Hunting harvests must be reported at check-out. Angling harvests, as of April 2021, are optional.

## ELIGIBILITY

In order to ensure safety and sustainability as well as to prevent an overexploitation of natural resources, West Point only permits users to fish that meet specific criteria and qualify as one of a number of different eligible Customer Types. For more information on Customer Types see the **New Users Page (Accounts > New User Registration)** on the iSportsman website. New users are automatically directed through this page before filling out their application when registering for a new account.

## ACCESS

To gain access to the West Point Military Reservation to fish an individual should follow the steps below:

**1. REGISTER AN ACCOUNT** on iSportsman (Accounts > New User Registration). Once vetted and approved, a user is automatically given a Background Check Validation.

*\* In order to confirm eligibility under a given Customer Type, it may prove necessary for some individuals to visit the office of an iSportsman administrator and produce documentation.*

**2. REVIEW THE SAFETY & REGULATION BRIEF** - Once approved, a user must log on and complete a mandatory Safety & Regulation Brief, granting a one year validation.

*\* The Safety & Regulation Brief is available as a presentation on iSportsman and must be reviewed annually. Failure to do so will prevent permit purchases and checking in/out to fish.*

**3. PURCHASE A FISHING PERMIT** - Once approved and with a Safety Brief validation, a user may purchase any available permit on a list populated based on Customer Type.

*\* When a Background Check expires, an account is placed on hold until eligibility is confirmed and the account reapproved. Permits are not pro-rated or refunded for expired accounts.*

## WEST POINT FISHING PERMITS

The following permits are available to all users except General Public users. See "General Public" section of this brochure.

- **ANNUAL FISHING PERMIT:** allows fishing, for 365 days.
- **ANNUAL SPORTSMAN PERMIT:** hunting/fishing, 365 days
- **MONTHLY HUNT/FISH PERMIT:** hunting/fishing, 30 days.
- **WEEKLY HUNT/FISH PERMIT:** hunting/fishing, 7 days.
- **DAILY HUNT/FISH PERMIT:** hunting/fishing, day of purchase

**REMINDER - License & Permit Requirements:** All anglers 16 years old or older require 1) a NYS license and 2) a West Point permit to fish alone at West Point. Children and parents assisting children do not require these, but parents fishing themselves do. Guests need a sponsor to remain with them and a NYS license. See "Guest Anglers" section of brochure.

## NEW YORK STATE FISHING LICENSES

West Point does not sell NYS licenses. Licenses can be purchased in town clerk offices as well as sporting goods stores and also online via the NYSDEC's DECAL system at: <https://decals.licensing.east.kalkomey.com/>

Military and their families stationed in New York qualify for state resident fishing licenses rates. For more on licenses and offers available to military, veterans, cadets, & college students, visit: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6097.html>

## CAMPGROUND FISHING PERMITS

- Individuals renting camping sites or cabins at Round Pond or Lake Frederick may purchase in-person daily fishing permits, if such permits are made available. Campground Fishing permits allow a permittee to fish on the day of purchase ONLY on the water body at the area at which they are staying and do not permit an iSportsman account nor reservation-wide fishing.

## TYPES OF FISH FOUND AT WEST POINT

With any West Point fishing permit a NYS license, and the proper tags/stamps, a West Point angler may fish for the following any game fish at West Point, including:



**1. BASS, CRAPPIE & SUNFISH** - includes largemouth bass, black crappie, and sunfish species such as buegill and pumpkinseed in most of our lakes and ponds. Smallmouth bass are also found in a few lakes.



**2. TROUT** - includes brook, brown and rainbow trout - all stocked annually each spring. All three are stocked in Bull Pond, Lusk Reservoir, and Round Pond. Brown and rainbow are also stocked in a few streams.



**3. TIGER MUSKY, PICKEREL, PERCH** - chain pickerel and yellow perch are found in many lakes. Tiger musky\* stocked yearly, and occasionally walleye\* - formerly stocked - are found in Popolopen and Stilwell Lakes.



**4. CATFISH, BULLHEAD** - channel catfish can be found in a few lakes and are occasionally stocked. Yellow and brown bullhead are often caught in a few local lakes and ponds as well.

Other species include eel, shiners, suckers, creek chub, common carp, and grass carp\*, and more. (\*) Grass carp, tiger musky, & walleye are catch-and-release species.

## HUDSON RIVER FISHING

- Individuals shore fishing in the Hudson River from West Point or Constitution Island is allowed and requires a West Point Fishing Permit. Fishing from watercraft is considered off West Point and no permit is required.

**REMINDER - Game Harvest Reporting - Hunting Vs Fishing:** All hunting harvests must be reported via iSportsman at checkout. Fishing harvests, as of April 2021, are optional and encouraged. Users wishing to report harvest must check in to report harvest at check out.