

# ICE FISHING

## IN ESSEX COUNTY WATERS Winter 2009-2010



New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation

Region 5

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## Ice Fishing Waters in Essex County

<b>WATER</b>	<b>TOWN</b>	<b>QUAD (15 MIN.)</b>	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>FISH SPECIES</b>
Balfour Pond	Minerva	Newcomb	Public/Private	YP
Bartlett Pond	Moriah	Elizabethtown	Public	T.Musky, Pks
Berrymill Pond	Ticonderoga	Paradox Lake	Public	NP, YP, Pks
Bullet Pond	Keene	Elizabethtown	Public	YP
Bullet Pond	Schroon	Schroon Lake	Private	YP
Bumbo Pond	Schroon	Paradox Lake	Public	NP, YP, Pks
Butternut Pond	Chesterfield	Ausable Forks	Private	NP, YP, Bgs
Connery Pond	North Elba	Lake Placid	Public	Spk, BT
Crane Pond	Schroon	Paradox Lake	Public	LT, NP, YP
Crowfoot Pond	Moriah	Elizabethtown	Public/Private	YP
Dudley Pond	Crown	Paradox Lake		NP, YP
Eagle Lake	Crown Point/	Paradox Lake	Public/Private	BT, WF, YP, Pks
Flemming Pond	Crown Point	Paradox Lake	Private	NP, YP, Pks
Franklin Falls Flow	Franklin	Lake Placid	Public/Private	NP, WAE, RB, YP,
Hammond Pond	North Hudson	Paradox Lake	Public	NP, YP
Harris Lake	Newcomb	Newcomb	Public	NP, YP
Horseshoe Pond (off Horseshoe Pond Rd)	Schroon	Schroon Lake	Public/Private	YP, Pks
Hudson River	Newcomb/Minerva	Newcomb	Public/Private	LMB, SMB, NP
Indian River	Minerva	Newcomb	Public/Private	LT, LLS, BT, SMB,
Johnson Pond	Schroon/North	Paradox Lake	Private	NP, YP, Pks
Lake Champlain	See chart	Public/Private	See chart	
Lake Flower	North Elba	Saranac Lake	Private	NP, YP, Pks
Lake George	Ticonderoga	Ticonderoga	Public/Private	LT, LLS, RT, BT, S, NP, C.Pkl, BC, YP
Letson Pond	Schroon	Paradox Lake	Private	C.Pkl
Lincoln Pond	Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown	Public/Private	T.Musky, YP, Pks
Long Pond	Willsboro	Willsboro	Private	NP, Pks, BC, YP
Malone (Russett)	Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown	Public/Private	C.Pkl

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Mill Pond	Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown	Public	NP, YP, Pks, BC
Minerva Lake	Minerva	Schroon Lake	Private	NP, YP, Pks
Moriah Pond	Moriah	Elizabethtown	Public	YP
Moxham Pond	Minerva	Schroon Lake	Private	NP, Pks
Mud Pond (1/2 mile W of Penfield Pond)	Crown Point	Paradox Lake	Private	YP
Muller Pond	Schroon	Schroon Lake	Public/Private	YP, Pks
Newport Pond	Moriah	Elizabethtown	Private	NP, YP, Pks
North Pond	Schroon	Schroon Lake	Public	Pks, NP
Oseetah Lake	North Elba	Saranac Lake	Public/Private	NP, YP, Pks
Overshot Pond	Crown Point	Paradox Lake	Private	YP
Paradox Lake	Schroon	Paradox Lake	Public	LT, RT, YP, Pks
Parch Pond	Moriah	Elizabethtown	Private	YP
Peaked Hill Pond	Schroon	Paradox Lake	Public	YP, Pks
Pine Pond	Moriah	Elizabethtown	Public	NP
Putnam Pond	Ticonderoga	Paradox Lake	Public	YP, NP, T.Musky, Pks
Pyramid Pond	Schroon	Paradox Lake	Public/Private	YP, Pks
Round Pond	Moriah	Elizabethtown	Public	YP, Pks
Schroon Lake	Schroon	Paradox Lake	Public	LT, LLS, YP, S, C.Pkl, BC
Sherman Lake	Crown Point	Paradox Lake	Public	C.Pkl, Pks
Smith Pond	Moriah	Elizabethtown	Private	NP?
Smokey (Murrey) Pond	Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown	Public	NP, YP
Thurman Pond	Schroon	Schroon Lake	Private	NP, YP, Pks
Turtle Pond	North Elba	Saranac Lake	Public/Private	YP, Pks
Wilcox Pond	Schroon	Paradox Lake	Private	Pks
Wolf Pond	North Elba	Saranac Lake	Private	YP
Woodruff Pond	Newcomb	Newcomb	Private	NP, YP, Pks
Worcester Pond	Ticonderoga	Ticonderoga/Bolton Landing	Private	NP, YP, Pks

Key: YP- yellow perch; NP- northern pike; Pks- pumpkinseed; WAE- walleye; RT- rainbow trout; RB- rock bass; BC- black crappie; LLS- landlocked salmon; LT- lake trout; Bgs- bluegill; BT- brown trout; C. Pkl- chain pickerel; LMB- largemouth bass; SMB- smallmouth bass; Spk- splake; T. Musky- tiger muskellunge; WF- whitefish

### Ice Fishing Special Regulations for Essex County

WATER	TOWN	QUAD (15 MIN.)	OWNERS HIP	FISH SPECIES	METHOD
Bigsby Pond, Copperas Pond Fishing Prohibited Oct. 16-Mar. 31	Lake Trout	Apr. 1-Oct. 15	15"	3	Tip-ups prohibited
Eagle Lake, Connery Pond	Trout	All year	Any size	5	Ice fishing permitted
Lake George*	Lake trout	All year	23"	2	Ice fishing permitted
	Landlocked salmon	All year	18"	2	
	Trout	All year	Any size	2	
Hudson River	Largemouth bass	All year	Any size	Any number	Ice fishing permitted
	Smallmouth bass	All year	Any size	Any number	
	Trout	All year	Any size	5	
Indian River	Lake trout	All year	Any size	3	Ice fishing permitted
	Landlocked salmon	All year	Any size	3	
	Trout	All year	Any size	5	
Schroon Lake, Schroon River (from Schroon Lake upstream to Alder Meadow Road)	Lake trout	All year	18"	2	Ice fishing permitted
	Landlocked salmon	All year	15"	3	
	Pickrel	All year	Any size	Any Number	
	Trout	All year	Any size	5	
Crane Pond**	Lake trout	All year	15"	3	Ice fishing permitted
Paradox Lake	Trout	All year	Any size	5	Ice fishing permitted
	Lake trout	All year	18"	3	
	Pickrel	All year	Any size	Any number	

**Note:** General Regulations apply to waters listed on pages 2 & 3, with the exception of the underlined waters which have special regulations that apply (see pages 4, 5 & 6). For questions on unlisted waters, please contact the Regional Fisheries Offices.

**Remember:** always obtain landowner's permission to fish private waters.

\* Possession and/or use of smelt as bait is prohibited

\*\* Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

**The use, or possession for use, of alewife and blueback herring as baitfish is prohibited in all Essex County waters.**

## Lake Champlain Special Regulations

Lake Champlain including all tributaries up-stream to the first barrier impassable by fish:\*

Species	Open Season	Min. Length	Daily Limit
Trout	All year	12"	3
Lake trout		15"	3
Landlocked salmon		15"	2
Largemouth & smallmouth bass	2nd Sat June- Nov 30	10"	5
Walleye	1st Sat May- Mar 15	18"	5
Sauger		any size	any number
Muskellunge	All year	30"	1
Northern pike		20"	5
Pickerel		any size	10
Crappie		9"	25
Yellow perch & sunfish (Lake Champlain except Cumberland Bay**)	All year	any size	any number
Yellow perch & sunfish (Cumberland Bay**)	All year	any size	50
Bullhead, catfish, carp, cisco, rock bass, smelt, suckers, whitefish and all other fish not listed in table	All year	any size	any number
Lake sturgeon and mooneye	Possession Prohibited		

**Ice Fishing** is permitted for any species during its open season. Fifteen tip-ups and two hand lines may be used for ice fishing from November 15 - April 30.

**Note:** Each fishing line may have no more than two baited hooks or artificial lures with or without added natural bait.

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\* Contact Region 5 DEC Regional Office at Ray Brook for barrier locations

\*\* Lake Champlain except Cumberland Bay (the bay is those waters of the lake north & west of a line extending from Cumberland Head Lighthouse to the northern tip of Crab Island, then westerly to the southerly of the two piers at the Oil Terminal known locally as Copeland Oil Terminal).

Additional Tributary Regulations:

Stream Section	Regulations
Saranac River from Catherine St. bridge upstream to Imperial Dam; Ausable River from marked boundary 800 feet west of downstream most Rte. 9 bridge, upstream 2.3 miles to the mouth of Ausable Chasm	Angling from boats prohibited
Saranac River from Catherine St. bridge upstream to Imperial Dam; Ausable River from marked boundary 800 ft. West of the downstream most Rte. 9 bridge upstream to Rainbow Falls; Bouquet River and tributaries to first barrier from mouth upstream to Wadham Falls. Note additional closed sections below.	From June 15 through December 31: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• max hook gap 1/2"</li> <li>• fishing prohibited from ½ hr after sunset to ½ hr before sunrise</li> <li>• fishing permitted with unweighted artificial flies or unweighted natural baits only. Exception: on Saranac River floating lures with one free-swinging hook are also permitted</li> <li>• no supplement weight such as metal leaders, sinkers, split shot, twist-ons or swivels may be attached to line, leader or hook</li> </ul>
North Branch Bouquet River & tributaries to first barrier; Mill Brook (in Port Henry) from mouth to falls west of Rte. 22	Fishing prohibited from October 15 through December 31 to protect spawning salmon
Bouquet River from marked boundary below Willsboro Dam upstream to Rte. 22 in Willsboro	Fishing prohibited to protect migrating landlocked salmon
Chazy River from Rte. 9B at Coopersville upstream to Perrys Mills Dam	Fishing prohibited Mar 16 till opening of walleye season in May to protect spawning walleye
Scotion Creek from mouth upstream to Pardy Rd.	Snatching & blind snatching burbot allowed Dec 1 through March 31

Ice fishing is permitted in the waters listed on pages 2-3. Two (2) hand lines and five (5) tip-ups may be used, except if noted in the *Special Regulations* section. All tip-ups must be marked with the name and address of the operator; the operator must be present when lines (either tip-ups or hand lines) are in the water. Ice shanties must be marked on the outside with the owner's name and address in letters at least three inches high. Shanties must be removed from all waters **by March 15**.

### Ice Fishing Seasons:

**November 15 - April 30** - for those species in the **General Angling Regulations** (see below) for which there is no closed season or no minimum length.

**November 15 - March 15** - for northern pike, pickerel, tiger muskellunge and walleye.

## General Angling Regulations

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MIN. LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT
Trout (brook, brown & rainbow & hybrids of these species; & splake)	April 1 - October 15	any size	5
Lake trout		21"	3
Landlocked salmon		15"	3
Kokanee		any size	10
Largemouth & smallmouth bass	3rd Sat in June - Nov 30	12"	5
Muskellunge		30"	1
Northern pike	1st Sat in May - Mar 15	18"	5
Pickerel		15"	5
Tiger muskellunge		30"	1
Walleye		15"	5
Crappie	all year	9"	25
Atlantic, shortnose, lake sturgeon	Closed	Possession prohibited	
Whitefish	all year	any size	5
Yellow perch*	all year	any size	50
Sunfish (bluegill, pumpkinseed & redbreast)*	all year	any size	50
American eel: All waters except Hudson River	all year	6"	any number
American eel: Hudson River from the Battery to Troy and all tribs. upstream to the first barrier.	all year	Eels 6-14" may be possessed in any number for bait. No eels greater than 14" may be possessed. No eels may be possessed for food.	
All other species	all year	any size	any number

\* All Essex County waters (except Lake George) Yellow perch & Sunfish, All year, Any size, Any number.

## **Helpful Fishing Information**

### **DEC Region 5 Hunting and Fishing Hotlines:**

Ray Brook (518) 891-5413

Warrensburg(518) 623-3682

### **Contacts:**

Hydrographic maps of specific waters are available upon request  
by contacting your regional fisheries office at:

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Inland Fisheries

PO Box 296, Route 86

Ray Brook, NY 12977

(518) 897-1333

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Inland Fisheries

Hudson Street

Warrensburg, NY 12885

(518) 623-1200

### **Websites:**

[www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/fish](http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/fish)

[www.adirondacklakessurvey.org](http://www.adirondacklakessurvey.org)

The Ray Brook Fishing Hotline can be found online at:

[www.pressrepublican.com/outdoors](http://www.pressrepublican.com/outdoors)

