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## **Fishing Guide**



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FREE Days!**

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# Fishing Guide

Regardless of the season, the natural beauty of the Susquehanna River Valley's streams, creeks, lakes, and its namesake, the Susquehanna River, invites all to explore the great outdoors.

Along with many pristine fishing areas, which this Guide will outline, the region is also home to three state parks: Shikellamy State Park and Marina, Milton State Park, and R.B. Winter State Park.



*Catch some family fun!*

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# Where To Start?

## Fishing by the Numbers

### 444 miles

The Susquehanna River flows approximately 444 miles through the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New York.

### 16th Largest

The Susquehanna is the largest river on the East Coast and ranks as the 16th largest in the entire United States.

The Susquehanna is connected to many well-known bodies of water such as the Chesapeake Bay, Otsego Lake, and the Wiconisco Creek.

## Safety

All boat operators are required to have an approved life jacket on board for each person. 80% of boating fatalities happen when boaters are not wearing a life jacket.

Children 12 years and younger who are on a boat that is 20 feet or less in length, and children in all canoes and kayaks **MUST** wear a life jacket. All water skiers, personal watercraft operators, windsurfers, and anyone being towed behind a vessel must also wear a life jacket.

Boating and alcohol do not mix. It is illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. Penalties include loss of boating privileges, significant fines, and imprisonment. For a complete PA Boating Handbook, contact the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

## Fish For FREE Days

There are two days during the year when you do not need a fishing license to fish in PA's waterways. In 2011, those two days are Memorial Day and Labor Day. This is a great time to introduce someone new to fishing. For more info about Fish For FREE Days, go to [www.FishAndBoat.com](http://www.FishAndBoat.com). All other regulations apply.





# Get Your Gear Here

## Local Outfitters, Guides and Sporting Goods Shops

### Big Earl's Bike Shop

8552 Old Turnpike Road  
Mifflinburg, PA  
(570) 966-4992

Fishing kayaks for rent.

### Blue Heron Sports\*

5115 State Route 405  
Milton, PA  
(570) 742-3228  
[www.blueheronsports.com](http://www.blueheronsports.com)

Largest full-service bait and tackle store featuring supplies and bait for all your fishing needs, including an expansive selection of fly fishing gear.

### Lake Augusta Outfitters

236 Marina Road  
Sunbury, PA  
(570) 286-2148  
[www.lakeaugustaoutfitters.com](http://www.lakeaugustaoutfitters.com)

Rent pontoon boats, jet skis, canoes, kayaks for fishing. Bait and tackle, gas and towing services.

### Isle of Que River Guides

508 S. Front Street  
Selinsgrove, PA  
(570) 374-9310  
[www.isleofqueriverguides.com](http://www.isleofqueriverguides.com)

River guide with local knowledge of history, fishing, and guiding for spin and fly fishing. Explore this majestic middle section of the Susquehanna River. Rent kayaks or fish, or just take a guided tour.

### Southside Sports

1051 South Front Street  
Sunbury, PA  
(570) 988-0360

Fishing tackle retailer carrying a full line of bait and tackle for trout, bass, walleye, pike, musky, and panfish. Licensed and insured guide service on the Susquehanna River for smallmouth bass, walleye, and musky.

### Vargo Outdoors

214 Market Street  
Lewisburg, PA  
(570) 523-2022  
[www.vargooutdoors.com](http://www.vargooutdoors.com)

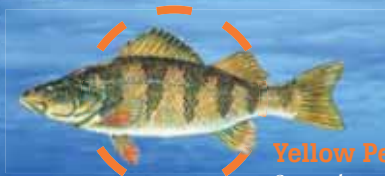
Fishing kayaks for rent.

*\*Fishing licenses can be purchased here.*





# What can I catch?



**Yellow Perch (Panfish)**

Susquehanna River & Lake Augusta,  
Faylor Lake & Walker Lake



**Black Crappie (Panfish)**

Susquehanna River & Lake  
Augusta, Penns Creek, Weiser State  
Forest (Roaring Creek Tract) South  
Branch Roaring Creek



**Pumpkinseed (Panfish)**

Susquehanna River & Lake Augusta,  
Faylor Lake & Walker Lake

**Rainbow Trout**

Halfway Lake & Rapid  
Run, Penns Creek



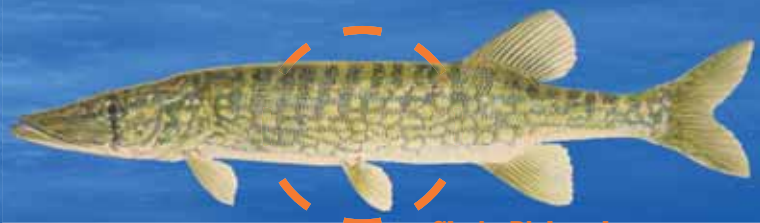
**White Crappie (Panfish)**

Susquehanna River & Lake  
Augusta, Penns Creek, Faylor  
Lake & Walker Lake, Weiser State  
Forest (Roaring Creek Tract) South  
Branch Roaring Creek



**Walleye**

Susquehanna River  
& Lake Augusta,  
Walker Lake



**Chain Pickerel**

Faylor Lake & Walker Lake



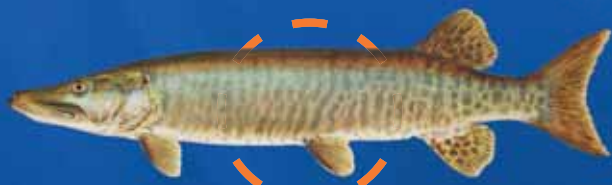
**Carp**

Susquehanna River & Lake Augusta,  
Faylor Lake & Walker Lake



**Smallmouth Bass**

Susquehanna River & Lake  
Augusta, Penns Creek



**Muskellunge**

Susquehanna River & Lake Augusta



**Blue Gill  
(Panicfish)**

Susquehanna River & Lake Augusta,  
Faylor Lake & Walker Lake



**Brook Trout**

Penns Creek, Halfway Lake  
& Rapid Run



**Redear Fish (Panicfish)**

Susquehanna River & Lake  
Augusta, Penns Creek



**Catfish**

Susquehanna River & Lake Augusta,  
Faylor Lake & Walker Lake

# Where are the fish?

Fishing spots  
worthy of note.



## Susquehanna River and Lake Augusta

*Fish: Smallmouth Bass, Catfish,  
Walleye, Muskellunge, Carp, Panfish*

At approximately 444 miles long, it is the longest river on the American East Coast. The broad, shallow waters also make the Susquehanna the longest, non-commercially navigable river in the country.

Lake Augusta is the body of water created by the Adam T. Bower Dam. When the dam is fully inflated in late spring through early fall, it raises the water level an average of 6 feet in the main body of Lake Augusta and tapers off to a few feet at the uppermost reaches of the approximately 4-mile-long impoundment.

Shikellamy State Park offers 62 slips that may be acquired through seasonal leases and 8 transient slips for daily rental.



## Penns Creek

*Fish: Trout in western portion,  
Smallmouth Bass in eastern portion*

Penns Creek was voted one of "America's Top 100 Trout Steams" and continues to be publicized due to its great fishing. The major reason why this creek is so popular is its large Green Drake hatch May through June. Penns Creek is known for its inconsistent waters ranging from still to some of the most rapid moving waters in the entire state. Penns Creek ranks among the very top in fly fishing within the state of Pennsylvania.







## Faylor Lake and Walker Lake

*Fish: Walleye, Pickerel, Carp, Panfish, Catfish, Largemouth Bass*

Walker Lake, a 239-acre impoundment lake, is owned and managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Paddle and electric boats are permitted. Walker Lake is a warm water/cold water fishery and all species of fish are managed under statewide regulations for Commonwealth Inland Waters. The Commission stocks the lake with northern pike and walleye fingerling.

Fish habitat structures have been placed in the lake over the years as part of the Commission's Cooperative Fish Habitat Improvement Program.

Nearby Faylor Lake is a 140-acre impoundment lake near Beaver Springs.



## Halfway Lake and Rapid Run

*Fish: Trout*

The focal point of R.B. Winter State Park in Mifflinburg is Halfway Lake, which is filled by spring-fed mountain streams and contained by a hand-laid, native sandstone dam. Open year round, the park provides diverse opportunities for recreation.

The park is a cold water fishery, stocked with brown, rainbow and brook trout. With the exception of the swimming area, the lake and its tributary streams are open to public fishing. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission stock the lake and Rapid Run regularly during the season. Many anglers gather near the sandstone dam or the fishing pier.



## Weiser State Forest (Roaring Creek Tract) South Branch Roaring Creek

*Fish: Trout*

The Roaring Creek Tract is located within the Weiser State Forest, off of Route 54, outside of Elysburg and Bear Gap. A large valley extends eastward from Shamokin Creek for a distance of 16 miles, and is bounded on either side by continuous mountain chains, Big Mountain being on the south and Little Mountain on the north. Through this valley flows the water of the South Branch of Roaring Creek. The South Branch of Roaring Creek begins at the head of this valley and flows westward about 10 miles before it breaks through Little Mountain at a point known as Bear Gap.

Hiking, hunting, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, electric powered boating, biking, wildlife watching, nature study, and cross-country skiing are all encouraged. All tributary streams as well as the lakes are catch and release only.



## Additional Streams (North to South)

### Spring Creek

*Fish: Trout*

### White Deer Creek

*Fish: Trout*

### Buffalo Creek

*Fish: Trout in western portion*

### Little Weikert

*Fish: Trout*

### Swift Run

*Fish: Trout*

### Middle Creek

*Fish: Trout in western portion, panfish in eastern portion*

### Little Shamokin Creek

*Fish: Trout*

### Schwaben Creek

*Fish: Trout*

### Mahantango Creek

*Fish: Trout in upper portion, panfish in middle portion, trout in lower portion*



*Information included in this Guide was provided by local, fully-licensed fishing guides. Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of content, contact info is provided to allow verification prior to visiting.*

## Licensing

A license, which must be displayed on an outer garment while fishing, is required for all people 16 years of age and older. Licenses can be purchased from approximately 1,000 license-issuing agents across the state. Licenses can also be purchased online.

All anglers should thoroughly review the Fish and Boat Commission's PA Fishing Summary, which clearly outlines PA's fishing regulations and laws, prior to fishing.

There are different licensing requirements for residents and visitors. This chart outlines the various options and fees. For more info, visit [www.FishAndBoat.com](http://www.FishAndBoat.com)

Type of Fishing License or Permit	Age	Cost
Resident	16-64	\$22.70
Senior Resident	65 & up	\$11.70
Senior Resident - Lifetime	65 & up	\$51.70
1-day Resident	16 & up	\$11.70
National Guard & Armed Forces Reserve (resident)	16 & up	\$2.70
Prisoner of War (resident)	16 & up	\$2.70
Prisoner of War - Senior Lifetime (resident)	65 & up	\$2.70
Non-resident	16 & up	\$52.70
7-day Tourist	16 & up	\$34.70
3-day Tourist	16 & up	\$26.70
1-day Tourist (includes all privileges)	16 & up	\$26.70
Trout/Salmon Stamp	16 & up	\$9.70

*Fees reflect 2011 licensing fees and are subject to change.*

Interested in camping along the Susquehanna River? Check out the Sleeping section of **VisitCentralPA.org** for all kinds of camping opportunities.



## Other Useful Guides

The Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau offers a variety of additional outdoor recreation-focused maps, guides, and brochures. Two of particular interest:

### Outdoor Discovery Map

Explore the many opportunities for outdoor recreation in the Upper Susquehanna region.



### Top 20 River Spots

Winding its way through the historic towns of the Susquehanna River Valley, the Susquehanna River provides year-round inspiration and recreation. While this list is certainly not exhaustive, it provides 20 unique and memorable river spots.



Go to:  
**[www.VisitCentralPA.org](http://www.VisitCentralPA.org)**  
to download or request guides








## Featured Streams, Creeks, and Lakes

The waterways featured in this Fishing Guide are color coded based on water temperature. You will notice that oftentimes, one stream is two colors. That is because part of the stream provides cold water (and therefore fish like trout are naturally present) and then the stream changes to warm water downstream (and therefore are stocked).



## Stream Guide

-  Cold Water Fish
-  Warm Water Fish
-  Lakes
-  Rivers



## Cold Water Fish

## Warm Water Fish

## Lakes

## Rivers

