

WHY FISH NH?

Just step outside to find scenic fishing here in wild New Hampshire—we've got great fishing around every corner:

- ◆ 12,000 miles of river and streams.
- ◆ 975 lakes and ponds.
- ◆ Fishing for bass, trout, salmon, pike, walleye, pickerel, perch, and more.
- ◆ Record big fish—and some wily wild fish too!
- ◆ Scenic vistas and wildlife abound.
- ◆ Nearly a million trout stocked each year—just for you!



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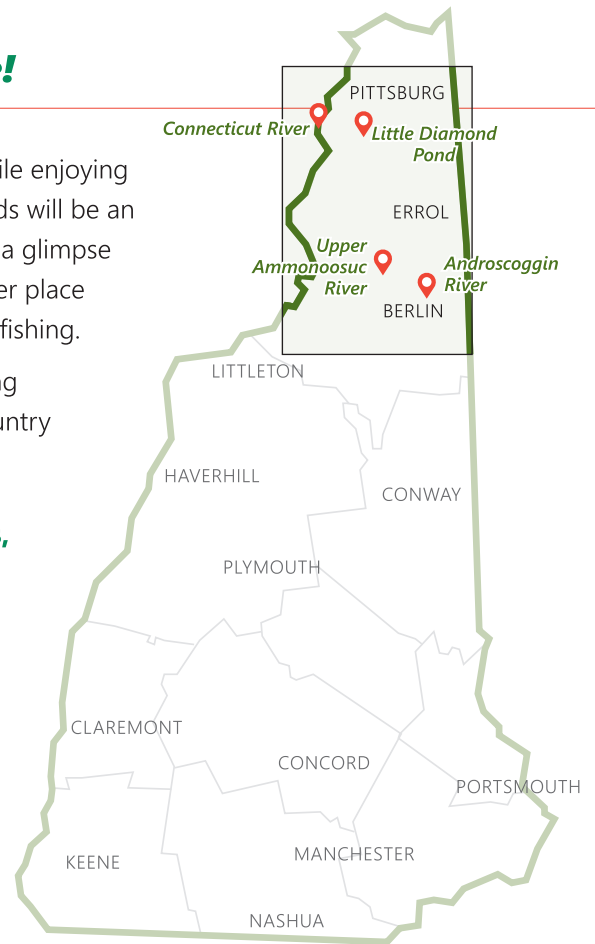
North Country Fishing – The Great Escape!

Whether you're fly-fishing for big rainbows or casting a line while enjoying a riverside picnic, fishing New Hampshire's Great North Woods will be an experience to remember. Relax in scenic natural surroundings. Catch a glimpse of moose, osprey, or loons. Pull in a fighting brookie. There's no better place than New Hampshire's North Country to get away from it all and go fishing.

From world-class fly-fishing waters to serene lakes and welcoming riverbank waysides, use this handy guide to find your own North Country fishing hole. Why wait?

Try these scenic shoreline sites in the Great North Woods, just a few of many great North Country fishing spots to enjoy:

- 📍 Connecticut River
- 📍 Little Diamond Pond
- 📍 Androscoggin River
- 📍 Upper Ammonoosuc River



Catch and Release

Fishing for fun, not food? Make sure you practice "catch-and-release." A fish that is properly handled will have the best chance for survival.

Here's how:

- Use barbless hooks or hooks with pinched barbs.
 - Land the fish quickly, so it does not become exhausted or stressed.
 - Release the fish while it's still in the water.
- To remove the hook, gently back it out of the fish's mouth. You can use pliers for this.
 - Never remove a deeply swallowed hook from the fish's throat or stomach—instead, cut the leader and leave the hook in the fish. It will eventually work free or rust away.



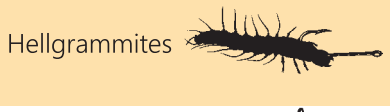
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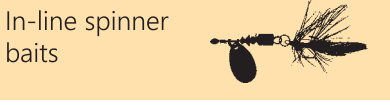
Use this handy guide to choose the best baits and to see what kind of fish you've caught.

Baits to Use

Natural Baits















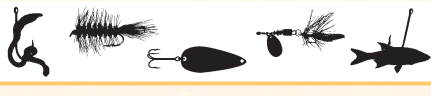







Artificial Baits



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Fish Identification Chart

Brook Trout		Largemouth Bass	
			
Rainbow Trout		Smallmouth Bass	
			
Brown Trout		Yellow Perch	
			
Landlocked Salmon		Chain Pickerel	
			
Cusk (burbot)		Bullhead (horned pout)	
			

Match Your Bait to Your Catch



What to Bring

Make a fun day even better by taking along the right gear. You'll want to have:

- Fishing rods with spin-casting reels
- A tackle box with hooks, bobbers, non-lead sinkers, artificial baits, and a pair of pliers
- The *NH Freshwater Fishing Digest*
- A cooler with ice for storing your catch
- Binoculars for wildlife watching

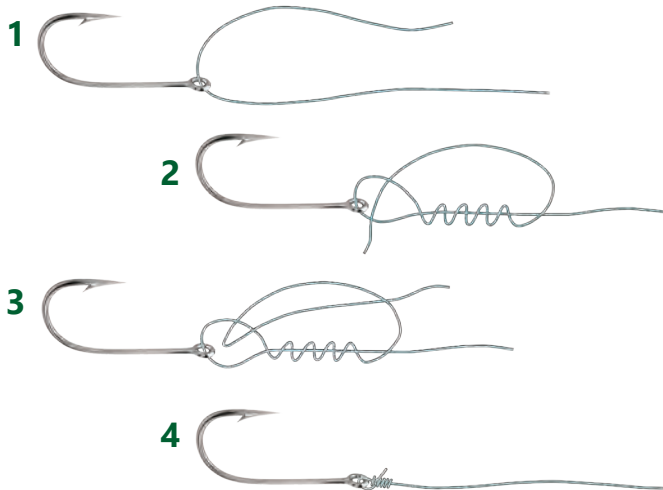
Keep your family comfortable while they're fishing and they'll ask to come with you again. Have them dress for the weather, and be ready for whatever the day might bring. Keep the bug spray handy, as well as a simple first aid kit, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hats. Pack plenty of snacks and drinks, too—but keep in mind that some fishing sites have many users. To help keep these places clean and safe, bring along a small trash bag and carry out everything you bring in.

Basic Clip-on Bobber Rig

Using the clips at the top and bottom, snap a bobber onto your line at a height matching the depth of the water you are fishing.



Clinch Knot



Baiting the Hook

Worms can be purchased at bait shops, sporting goods retailers, and gas stations. You can also go to your compost pile and dig up your own!

Poke the worm onto the hook in loops or...

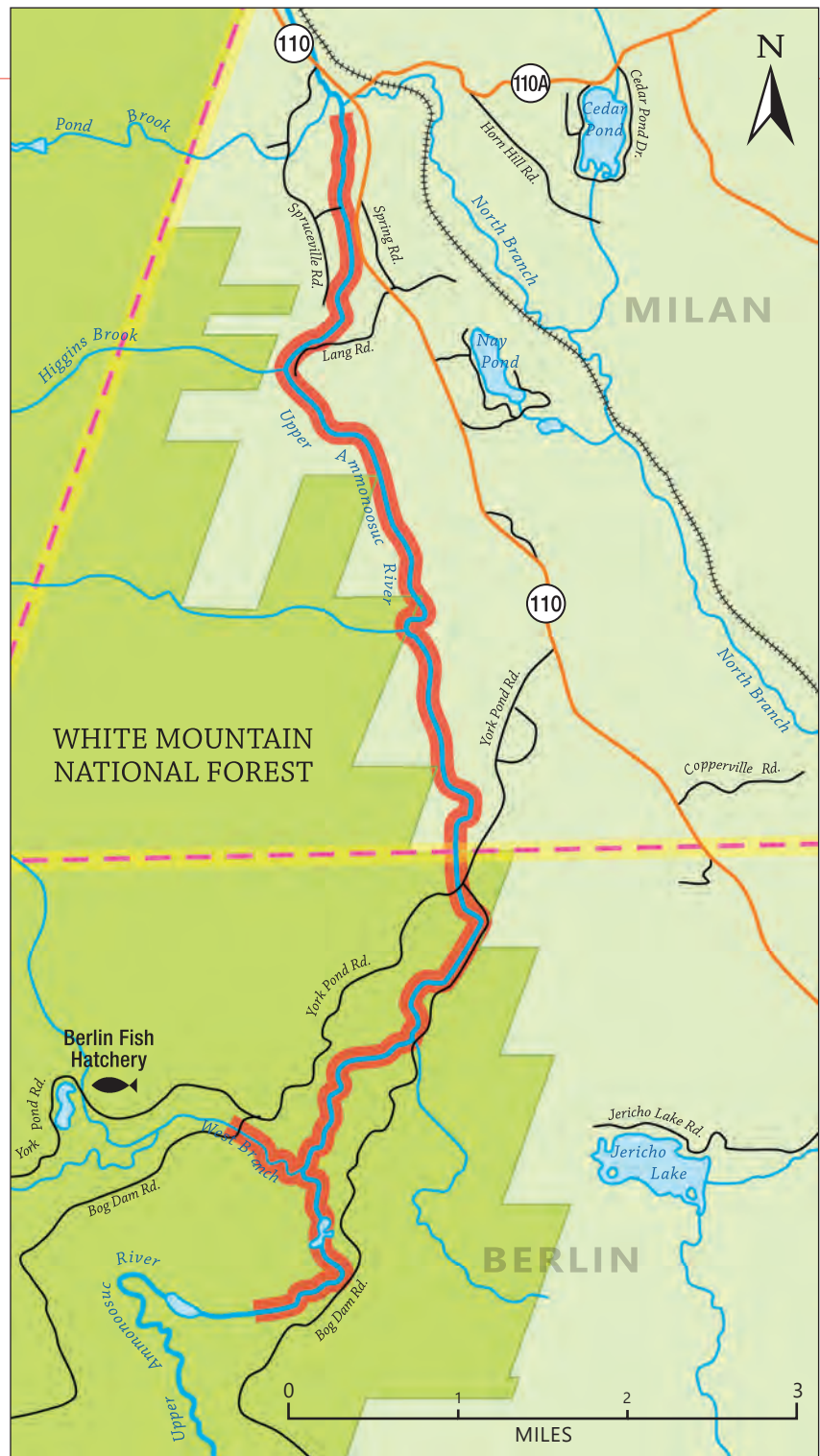


Upper Ammonoosuc

Anglers looking for a more solitary experience will enjoy the upstream reaches of the Upper Ammonoosuc River and the West Branch of the Upper Ammonoosuc River (shaded in red) in Milan and Berlin. The “Kilkenny Loop”—Bog Dam Road—off York Pond Road from Route 110, offers the best access to this area, with excellent opportunities for brook trout.



From rushing rivers to secluded streams, the unrivaled beauty of the Great North Woods makes it well worth the trip.



Connecticut River

Anglers can expect to catch several species of trout—brook, brown and rainbow—as well as landlocked salmon, in this beautiful stretch of the Connecticut River downstream from its headwater lakes. An equal number of stocked and wild fish keep the action hot.

1-3. Pittsburg — Good access points include: a NH Fish and Game pull-off/kiosk near the *State garage* (1), *Pittsburg-Clarksville covered bridge* (2) (locals call it Bacon Road Bridge) just south of town, and *Murphy Dam parking area* (3).

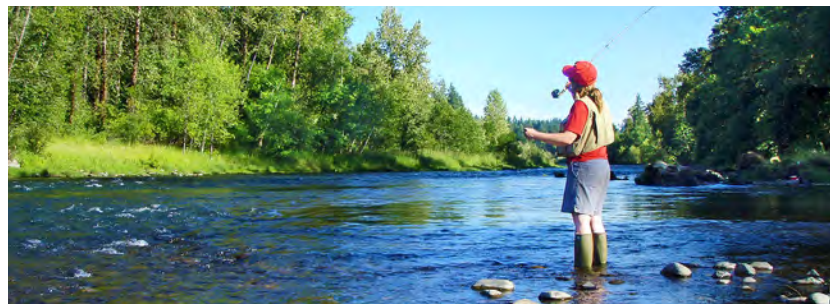
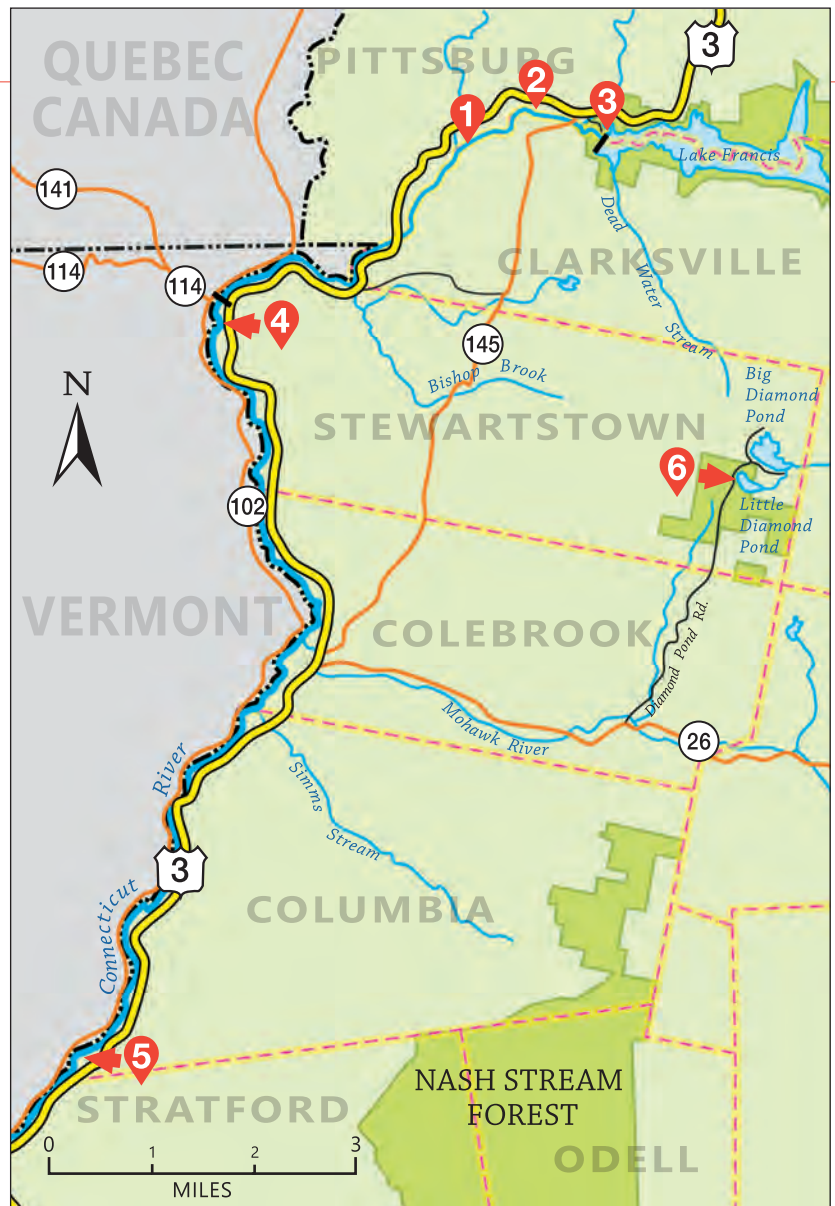
4. Canaan Dam, West Stewartstown —

This area offers wide, deep-water fishing for beginners or kids, while the fast water below the dam will test casting skills and frequently gives up monster brown trout. Good parking and fishing access.

5. Lyman Falls, Columbia — This stretch of river is awesome nursery habitat for coldwater fish, and anglers can catch naturally reproduced brook, brown, and rainbow trout. Find good foot access to the river off Route 3 via a private gravel road. Note that only catch-and-release and artificial lures and flies may be used.

6. Little Diamond Pond, Stewartstown —

You'll find some of the best shoreline trout fishing in Coos County at Little Diamond Pond. Anglers do very well from shore catching brook and rainbow trout. The parking lot can accommodate about 30 cars and boat trailers. On the shore of the pond, 1,500-acre Coleman State Park offers camping (no hook-ups), hiking, and canoeing. For more information, visit nhstateparks.org.



Androscoggin River

The entire length of the Androscoggin River is home to trout and smallmouth bass. From Errol to Berlin, the Androscoggin offers tremendous access and unlimited fishing opportunities, as the river parallels Route 16 for almost 20 miles.

- 1. Androscoggin Wayside State Park** — Located within the Thirteen Mile Woods natural area in Errol, this fishing and family-friendly area offers access to classic trout waters.
- 2. Seven Islands Bridge, Errol** — An opportunity to cross the river and cast from both sides into pool, riffle, and glide sections of river.
- 3. Pontook Reservoir, Dummer** — Enjoy traditional, pond-style fishing in the impoundment. The river below the dam is a white-water trout fishery. Ample parking and a boat launch.
- 4. Paul Bofinger Wayside State Park, Dummer** — Allows access to an otherwise quiet and secluded section of river and can be a hotspot for taking smallmouth on a fly rod.



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Androscoggin River

- 5. Nansen Wayside State Park, Milan** — Great fishing access and a popular spot for wading, picnicking, and boating.
- 6. Northern Forest Heritage Park** — On Main Street in Berlin. Toss your line in at the park's waterfront, then stop in at the logging camp museum to learn about the story of the working forest.
- 7. Further down the Androscoggin** — From the Sawmill Dam in Berlin through Shelburne to the Maine border, fishing for big browns and rainbows is phenomenal. Access the river from the whole length of Hogan Road (which runs parallel to the river on the north side), and from Route 16 on the south side of the river. Below the Shelburne Dam, you'll find great fishing with access via the state land on the south shore. This section of the river has no closed season, but is catch-and-release and single-hook artificial lure/fly only, giving anglers excellent opportunities at trophy fish.



Shake the bushes to see what the trout are eating



Keep an eye out for rising water on rivers.

