



DEC

Public Fishing Information

Irondequoit Creek

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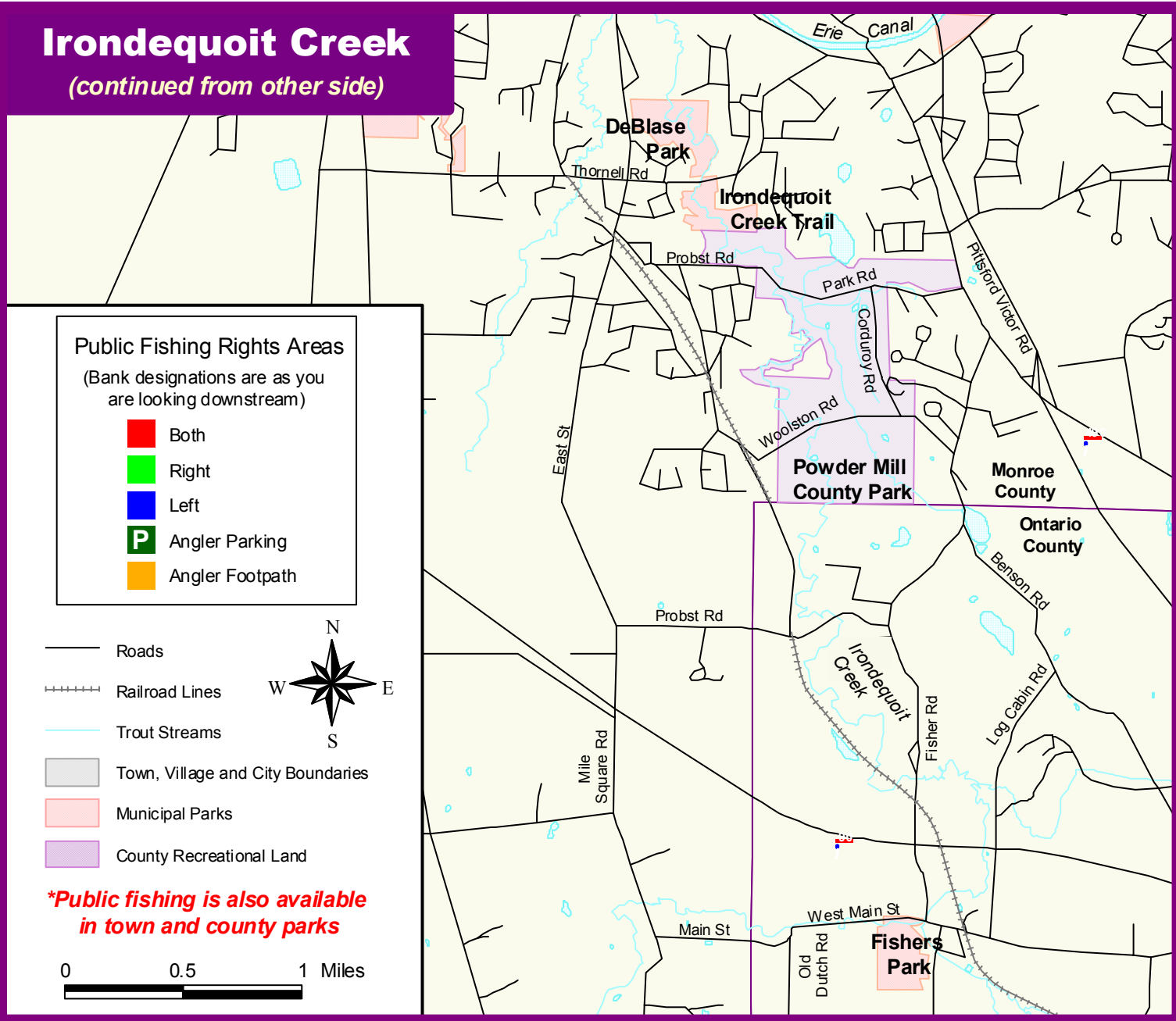


Rainbow trout



Irondequoit Creek flows through Ontario and Monroe counties, emptying into Irondequoit Bay on Lake Ontario. Irondequoit Creek is one of the best rainbow trout (steelhead) streams in New York State. Although it has only a small amount of Public Fishing Rights Areas purchased by the NYSDEC, numerous city, town and county parks offer additional access sites on Irondequoit Creek.

Irondequoit Creek (continued from other side)



Methods for Releasing Fish

1. Use barbless hooks, they are easier to remove.
2. Play a fish no longer than necessary. To do so decreases its chance of survival.
3. Wet your hands before touching a fish that is to be released. Dry skin will remove the mucous coating on a fish. Avoid touching the gills.
4. Use of a landing net also increases the survival rate of a fish.
5. Gently push the hook out and cradle the fish in your hand, underwater and facing upstream.
6. After a moment, allow the fish to swim free. If the fish turns upside down, catch it and revive it again as stated above.

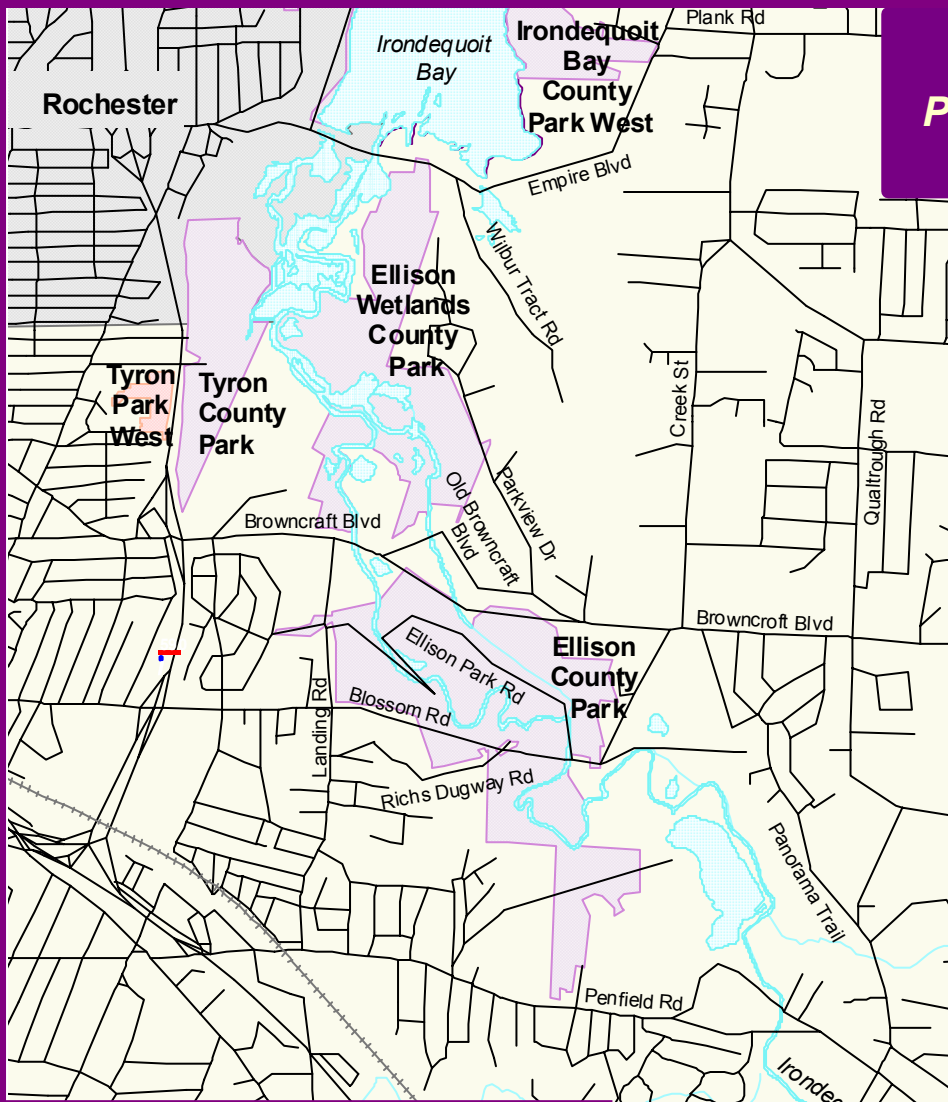
Fishing Regulations

For fishing regulations concerning Irondequoit Creek see *New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Fishing Regulations Guide – Special Regulations for Lake Ontario Tributaries* or visit the website at www.dec.state.ny.us

Each year the Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) stocks 27,500 rainbow trout (steelhead) and 7,600 brown trout including over 1,500 two-year-old fish.

At times, the fishing pressures can be heavy and stream etiquette can go a long way in making everyone's day a pleasurable one. Elbow room to fish is a common courtesy. The stationary, or slow moving, angler should be given room by overtaking them noiselessly – out of the water – and re-entering as far away as practical. Wading right up to another angler could disturb a pod of feeding fish and no one appreciates this type of conduct. Pleasant conversations are OK, so long as fish within casting range are not disturbed.

Irondequoit Creek Public Fishing Rights Areas and Public Access Sites



Public Fishing Rights Areas
(Bank designations are as you are looking downstream)

- Both
- Right
- Left
- P Angler Parking
- Angler Footpath

- Roads
- Railroad Lines
- Trout Streams
- Town, Village and City Boundaries
- Municipal Parks
- County Recreational Land

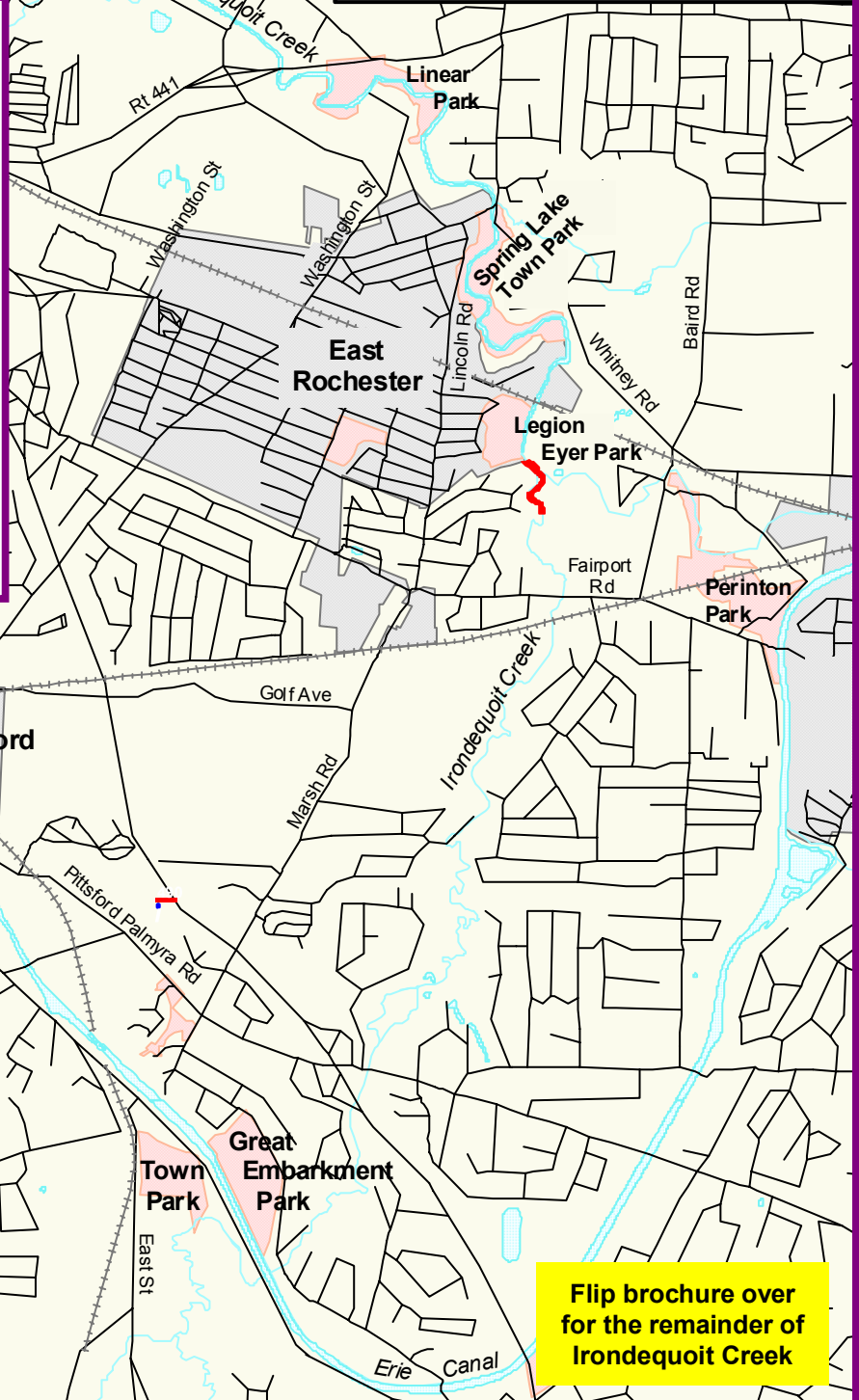
*Public fishing is also available in town and county parks

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Public Fishing Rights

Public Fishing Rights (PFRs) are permanent easements purchased by the NYSDEC from landowners, giving anglers the right of way to fish and walk along the bank (usually a 33-foot strip on one or both banks of the stream). This right is for the purpose of fishing and no other purpose. Treat the land as if it were your own to ensure the continuation of this right and privilege. Fishing privileges may be available on some private lands. Landowner courtesy and respect for their property will ensure their continued use.

See the map in this brochure for details about the Public Fishing Rights Areas on Irondequoit Creek



PUBLIC FISHING STREAM

PUBLIC FISHING RIGHTS ARE RESTRICTED TO THE STREAM AND BANKS DESIGNATED BY THESE SIGNS. ACCESS AT DESIGNATED POINTS. ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN FISHING ARE UNLAWFUL. AVOID TRESPASS ON OTHER LANDS. RIGHTS PROVIDED UNDER EASEMENTS SECURED FROM LANDOWNERS.

RESPECT THEIR PROPERTY

N.Y.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Look for these signs to be sure you are in the right location

Flip brochure over for the remainder of Irondequoit Creek