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3.2 MILLION REASONS TO FISH

That's how many **adult trout**
we will stock in **2026**
in **684 streams and 130 lakes.**

Average size: 11 inches

Plus, **1.1 Million**
trout stocked by **cooperative nurseries.**



2.3 Million
Rainbow Trout



698,000
Brown Trout



128,000
Brook Trout



18,000
Golden Rainbow Trout
(75% stocked before opening day)

72,000

trophy-sized Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout and Brook Trout.

Trophy size: 14 to 20 inches
(70% stocked before opening day)

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2026 Trout Stocking Schedule Now Available

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

I am pleased to announce the official release of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC)'s 2026 trout stocking schedule.

The trout stocking schedule is searchable by county, lists the waterways in alphabetical order, and indicates stocking dates, meeting locations for volunteers, and the species of trout that are planned to be stocked at each location. In 2026, Pennsylvania's statewide Opening Day of Trout Season will be held on Saturday, April 4. A single, statewide Mentored Youth Trout Day will take place on Saturday, March 28.

To prepare for the start of the season, trout stocking operations are set to begin during the week of February 16. Anglers should note that fishing is not permitted on lakes and streams designated as Stocked Trout Waters from February 16 to 8 a.m. on the opening day of trout season (April 4), with the exception of the Mentored Youth Trout Fishing Day (March 28), unless waters are included in the Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing program.

TROUT STOCKING

3.2 Million Trout

In 2026, the PFBC will stock approximately 3.2 million adult trout in 684 streams, and 130 lakes open to public angling. These figures, which are consistent with the number of trout stocked over the past decade, include approximately 2.3 million Rainbow Trout; 698,000 Brown Trout; and 128,000 Brook Trout. As with past practice, the average size of the trout produced for stocking is 11 inches in length with an average weight of .58 pounds.

Once again, this year, anglers will have an excellent chance to catch large, trophy-sized trout. During 2026, the PFBC will stock approximately 72,000 trophy-sized brood fish, which are 2 ½ year-old and 3 ½ year-old hatchery-raised Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout measuring 14-20 inches. Roughly 75% of these large fish will be stocked into streams and lakes during the pre-season prior to opening day of trout season, and 25% will be stocked during in-season replenishment stockings.

The PFBC will stock approximately 18,000 golden Rainbow Trout during 2026. In addition to being stocked during the pre-season period before opening day, these highly prized fish featuring vibrant golden-orange pigmentation and weighing an average of 1.5 pounds will be stocked during in-season replenishment stockings. Approximately 75% of golden Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the pre-season, and approximately 25% will be stocked in-season.

ONLINE STOCKING SCHEDULE

The most up-to-date stocking information can be found through the PFBC's website (www.fishandboat.com). The schedule may be subject to change based on weather-related and water conditions. I would encourage you to check the online stocking schedule to ensure access to the latest information. Link: PFBC Adult Trout Stockings

PURCHASE A FISHING LICENSE

Fishing Licenses and Trout Permit (or Combo Trout/Lake Erie Permit) are required for anglers age 16 or older. Please visit: Licensing Agents to see the issuing agents by county. Fishing licenses, as well as launch permits and boat registration renewals, may be purchased online at huntfish.pa.gov.



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