



Trout Season

Spring has sprung, and along with it comes warmer weather, budding flowers, and here in Pennsylvania:

TROUT SEASON! Amongst all of the activities one can participate in during the spring, trout fishing is indeed a staple. In streams and lakes across the Commonwealth and across Chester County, anglers will head out in pursuit of catching trout.

With nearly 16,000 miles (and counting) of wild trout streams, nearly 5,000 miles of stocked trout streams and over 125 stocked trout lakes, there are no shortage of opportunities to fish for trout here in Pennsylvania. Lucky for us in Chester County, these opportunities extend into our own backyard. Chester County is home to 14 stocked trout streams, along with two Class A wild trout streams.

Open space plays an important role in the world of trout, especially here in Southeastern Pennsylvania. With increasing pressure from development, open space provides critical habitat for trout. Protected open space provides vegetative cover for streams and rivers, allowing water temperatures to remain cool for sensitive trout. Forested riparian areas along streams filter sediment and pollutants from the water, cleaning it before it enters surface waters. And protected open space provides public access for anglers to partake in fishing activities.

The French Creek Trail
East Pikeland Township
The French Creek Trail covers several miles in East Pikeland Township between Township Line Rd and Hares Hill Rd. Along its length are several parking areas and trail heads. Anglers will find access to French Creek, a stocked trout stream, along the length of the trail.

Valley Creek Park
East Whiteland Township - 361 Morehall Road, Frazer, PA 19355
Valley Creek Park provides 35 acres of woodlands, open space, and natural trails along the Valley Creek. Among other features, it includes an ADA accessible fishing pier. Valley Creek is designated as a Class A wild trout stream.

Anson B. Nixon Park
Kennett Township - 405 N Walnut Rd Kennett Square, PA 19348
Anson B. Nixon Park is a 106-acre park extending from the Borough of Kennett Square into Kennett Township. Two ponds in the park provide fishing opportunities. A kids' trout fishing rodeo is held annually.

Kerr Park
Downingtown Borough - Park Ln, Downingtown, PA 19335
Kerr Park is a 45-acre park with access to the East Branch Brandywine Creek. While providing angler access to a stocked trout stream, the park also holds a kids' fishing derby annually.