

# [Catch the Big One](#)

Rural Maine is a mecca for fishermen, both fresh and salt water.

Saltwater fishing does not require a license and you are welcome to throw in a line almost anywhere along the coast.

Freshwater fishing requires a license.

Click [here](#) for a blog posting of the best Maine fishing online resources.

Fresh-water fish to be found in great abundance include: brook trout, lake trout, landlocked salmon, small mouth bass, chain pickerel, white perch, yellow perch, hornpout and sunfish. Those of the salt-water variety include: mackerel, cod, hake, haddock, halibut, smelt, striped bass, flounder, cunner, pollock, alewives, bluefin tuna and last but by no means least, the Atlantic Salmon.

On Route 1, 30 miles east of Ellsworth, is the town of Cherryfield, headquarters for Atlantic salmon fishing on the **Narraguagus River**.

From here over a hard-surfaced highway the fisherman can continue seeking the big silvered warriors in the rips and pools of the **Dennys River** at Dennysville, the **Pleasant River** at Columbia Falls, and the **Machias River** at Machias.

**Gardner Lake** is only a few miles outside of East Machias and is easily accessible, however there is little opportunity to fish from shore - better with a canoe or kayak. Key Species: landlocked salmon, smallmouth bass, pickerel, white perch.

**Rocky Lake** - East Machias/Whiting. This 1,555-acre lake is contained within the boundaries of the 10,904-acre Maine Public Reserve Land Rocky Lake Parcel. Rocky Lake is a great spot for families with children. From October 1 to November 30, all trout, landlocked salmon, lake trout, and bass must be released alive at once.

Key Species: smallmouth bass, pickerel, white perch, landlocked salmon and brook trout possible.

**Lily Lake** (a.k.a. Anderson Lake) covers 31 acres and is located off Crowns Neck Road in Trescott Township. [Click here](#) for a depth map and more fisheries information. This pond is stocked with trout. These stocked trout measure between 8" and 11". **Norse Pond** covers 10 acres and is located in Cutler. This pond is closed to ice fishing, but stocked with trout. **Salmon Pond** covers 11 acres and is located next to Machias River Road (a.k.a. CCC Road) . [Click here](#) for a depth map and more fisheries information. This pond is closed to ice fishing, but stocked with trout.

**Six Mile Lake** covers 55 acres and is located next to Route 192 (Northfield Road) in Marshfield (see The Maine Atlas and Gazetteer map 26 B2). [Click here](#) for a depth map and more fisheries information. This pond is stocked with trout.

**Grand Lake Stream** has one of Maine's top five salmon rivers. The waterway is also a well-known

fly- fishing destination. The waters in this region are ripe with brook trout, togue, salmon, and smallmouth bass. The fishing is plentiful, and a number of knowledgeable guides are available through the [Grand Lake Stream Guides Association](#). The family-friendly area has hiking trails, canoe and boating trips, a downtown village, and a sandy public beach.

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