

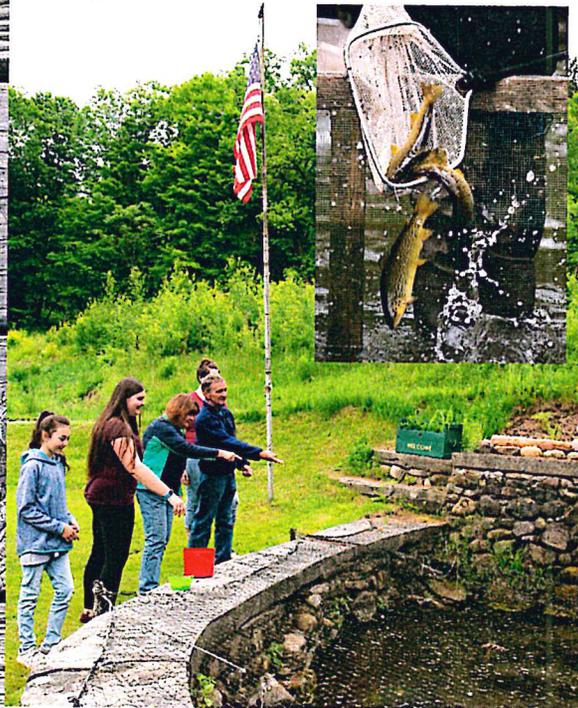
Stocking our waterways since 1928!

The Essex County Fish Hatchery is operated by the Fisheries Division of the Essex County Department of Public Works. The hatchery has been in operation since 1928. Essex County obtained the facility from New York state in 1982. Since then the hatchery has been successfully raising brook, rainbow, and brown trout.

Each year the hatchery staff release approximately 6,000 three-year-old, 22,000 two-year-old, and 12,000 one-year-old trout, making it one of the most unique and ambitious stocking programs in the northeastern United States. Stocking lists are available.

The hatchery sits on 41 acres along Putnam Creek in the town of Crown Point. The facility includes picnic areas as well as a recreational trail system. It's an ideal stop for a relaxing, free, informative, and fun day for the entire family.

Come and visit any time and discover the natural world of breeding fish.



Open daily year-round
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Educational tours for school groups by appointment.

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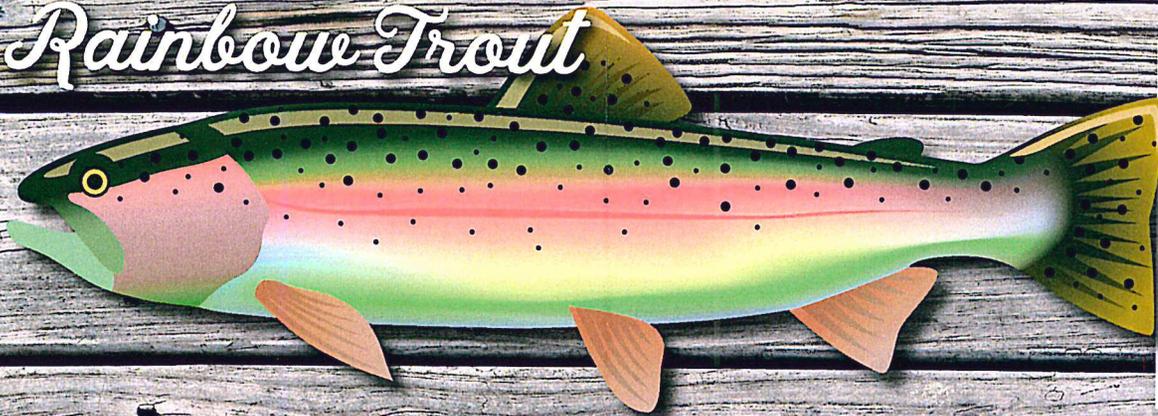


Essex County FISH HATCHERY



Crown Point, New York

Rainbow Trout



Rainbow trout are the most readily identified trout to most people due to their bright colors as the name would suggest. They often have a pink to reddish band along their sides and a grayish to greenish back. They have several dark spots along their bodies. They range in size from 12 to 28 inches. These trout are known for their feisty disposition and make for a very exciting angling experience!

Brown Trout



Brown trout are originally from Europe. They can now be found all over the Adirondacks in numerous bodies of water. They can tolerate warmer water temperatures than brook trout. This allows them to exist in bodies of water where our native species do not thrive. Brown trout have reddish spots on their sides which is a very distinctive marking that sets them apart from other trout species. They grow into wary adults which makes catching them even more desirable to fly fishermen who like a challenge.

Brook Trout



Brook trout, also called speckled trout, are known for the distinctive white marking that trails along their lower fins. They inhabit cold, clean waters like so many of those that exist in the Adirondacks. The spawning season takes place from September to December. They are New York's official fish and range in size from 12-20 inches. They are very popular and sought out by anglers.