The fall trout season provides an alternative fishing option at 37 loc

Trout Fishing

The 2010 fall trout season provides anglers with the opportunity to enjoy the fall weather and a limit of colorful trout.

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Saturday, October 16th is a date circled on calendars around Illinois. Long before the start time—as early as 5 a.m. at some locations—crowds will have gathered around 37 Illinois lakes as anglers anxiously await the opening of the 2010 fall trout season.

"Our catchable trout program is a fun and popular family activity, and a great opportunity to introduce children to fishing," remarked Steve Pallo, head of the DNR Division of Fisheries.

"For many people, the attraction of the fall trout season is simply the chance to enjoy a crisp, autumn day

Anglers interested in fishing for trout at one of the 37 participating sites must possess a valid fishing license and an inland trout stamp (see Side bar for exemptions).

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outdoors," Pallo continued. "Others enjoy reeling in a good-fighting, colorful fish, which many claim tastes better than many other species."

Illinois' trout program began in 1982 and the annual stocking of more than 130,000 fish continues to be a self-sufficient program, with the revenues raised from the sale of Inland Tout Stamps supporting both the spring and fall trout seasons.

Go ahead; circle October 16th on your calendar.

Make this the year you add a little variety in your fall fishing creel or a new experience for the family.

For more information on fall trout season and other Illinois fishing opportunities, visit ifishillinois.org.

To take trout legally beginning at 5 a.m. Oct. 16, anglers must have a fishing license and an inland trout stamp, unless they are under the age of 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily catch limit for each angler is five trout.

Illinois fishing licenses and inland trout stamps are available at DNR Direct license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets. Fishing licenses and trout stamps can also be purchased by using a credit card through DNR Direct online at dnr.illinois.gov or by calling DNR Direct toll-free at 1-888-6PERMIT (1-888-673-7648).

For more information about site regulations and specific start times, anglers should contact the individual sites stocked with catchable-size trout.

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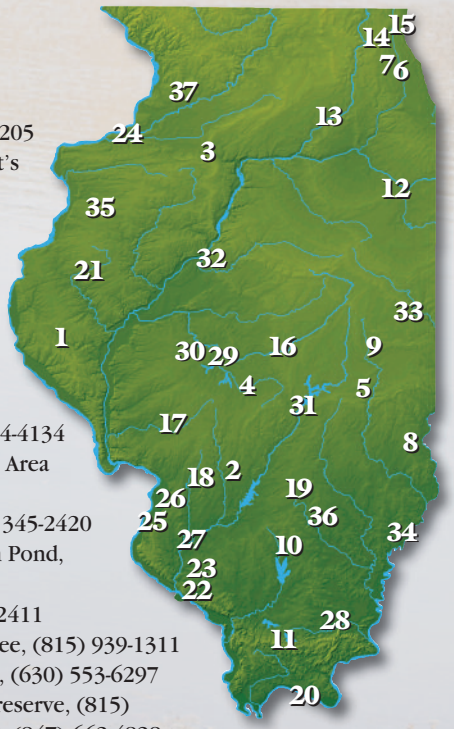

Available at the following 37 locations, listed by county:

Adams: (1) Siloam Springs SP, (217) 894-6205
Bond: (2) Greenville Old City Lake (Patriot's Park Lake), (618) 664-2330
Bureau: (3) Hennepin Canal Parkway SP, (815) 454-2328
Christian: (4) Manners Park Pond, Taylorville, (217)824-3110
Coles: (5) Campus Pond, Eastern Illinois University, (217) 345-2420
Cook: (6) Axehead and **(7)** Belleau lakes, Cook Co. Forest Preserve District, (847) 294-4134
Crawford: (8) Crawford Co. Conservation Area Pond, (618) 563-4405
Douglas: (9) Villa Grove West Lake, (217) 345-2420
Jefferson: (10) Mount Vernon Game Farm Pond, (618) 547-3610
Johnson: (11) Ferne Clyffe SP, (618) 995-2411
Kankakee: (12) Bird Park Quarry, Kankakee, (815) 939-1311
Kendall: (13) Big Lake at Silver Springs SP, (630) 553-6297
Lake: (14) Banana Lake, Lake Co. Forest Preserve, (815) 675-2319; **(15)** Sand Lake, Illinois Beach SP, (847) 662-4828
Macon: (16) Rock Springs Pond, Macon Co. Conservation District, (217) 423-7708
Macoupin: (17) Beaver Dam SP, (217) 854-8020
Madison: (18) Highland Old City Lake, (618) 651-1386
Marion: (19) Boston Pond, Stephen A. Forbes SP, (618) 547-3381
Massac: (20) Fairgrounds Pond, Fort Massac SP, Metropolis, (618) 524-4712
McDonough: (21) Argyle Lake SP, (309) 776-3422
Randolph: (22) Randolph Co. SFWA, (618) 826-2706; **(23)** Derby Lake, Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex, (618) 295-2700
Rock Island: (24) Prospect Park Pond, Moline, (815) 454-2759
St. Clair: (25) Frank Holten SP, (618) 874-7920; **(26)** Jones Park Lake, East St. Louis, (618) 847-7920; **(27)** Willow Lake, Peabody River King SFWA, (618) 785-2555
Saline: (28) Jones Lake Trout Pond, Saline Co. SFWA, (618) 276-4405
Sangamon: (29) IDOT Lake, Springfield, (309) 543-3316; **(30)** Washington Park Pond, Springfield, (309) 543-3316
Shelby: (31) Forest Park Lagoon, Shelbyville, (217) 345-2420
Tazewell: (32) Mineral Springs Park Lagoon, Pekin, (309) 968-7568
Vermilion: (33) Clear Lake, Kickapoo SP, (217) 442-4915
Wabash: (34) Beall Woods SP, (618) 298-2442
Warren: (35) Citizen's Lake, Monmouth, (309) 344-2617
Wayne: (36) Sam Dale Trout Pond, Sam Dale Lake CA, (618) 835-2292
Whiteside: (37) Coleta Trout Pond, (815) 454-2759