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Updated maps will be available on the DNR web site at: www.mndnr.gov/fishing/trout_streams
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How to Read These Maps

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Fishing Easements

In cooperation with willing landowners, the DNR has established over 250 miles of public fishing easements along trout streams in southern and central Minnesota. These easements are perpetual and transfer on the title if the property is sold. Streamside easements are marked in light gray on the maps. Signs along the streamside mark many easements. However, signs are sometimes missing, so anglers should use these maps to be sure they are on an easement. Hunting, other recreational activities, and dogs are not permitted in state angling easement areas without the landowner’s permission.

Please consider the following angler courtesies:

The DNR works with landowners to acquire easements to trout stream corridors. As trout anglers, we need to do our part to maintain and improve angler/landowner relations so future generations of anglers have good access. Know the state trespass law as it relates to trout fishing and always ask the landowner for permission to access if you are not sure. Here are a few things to keep in mind while enjoying your favorite trout stream:

• Do Not Litter. Littering is the single biggest complaint the DNR receives each year regarding trout anglers.
• Remove litter left by others…pack out more than you brought in.
• Do not bring your dogs on angling easements. This is the second biggest complaint the DNR receives from landowners regarding trout anglers.
• Avoid gates and fences if you can, and always leave them as you find them.
• Be cautious around livestock and do not harass livestock.
• Do not block field drives or park where it creates unsafe or inconvenient situations for you or others.
• Stay within the fishing easement corridor. Most easements are 132 feet wide, centered on the stream.

Thank the landowners that allow you to fish on private property. And especially thank those landowners who are part of the fishing easement program.

Additional trout fishing resource maps:

Consult the annual Minnesota Fishing Regulations booklet. Maps of new trout stream easements are placed under “New fishing easement maps” here…http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/trout_streams/south_mn_maps.html. Maps of southeastern Minnesota trout stream habitat improvement project locations are found on the following site under Management. These maps cover Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Wabasha and Winona counties. http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/trout_streams/index.html

Trout Species

Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, and Brook Trout can be found in Minnesota streams. Of these three species, only the Brook Trout is native to Minnesota watersheds. While many Brook Trout populations have been reestablished through stocking, a number of streams contain Brook Trout unique to the Driftless area. This unique genetic strain of Brook Trout has only been found in southeastern Minnesota and Iowa, and is not related to any known hatchery stock. It is believed that these fish represent, at least in part, pre-European settlement Brook Trout populations.

Rainbow trout

Brown trout

Brook trout

illustrations: Carlyn Iverson

Brook Trout face numerous obstacles to their survival, including degraded stream conditions, relatively high vulnerability to angling, and competition with Brown Trout. Most Brook Trout do not live past 2 to 3 years of age, and because of this, rarely exceed 10 inches in length. Brook Trout hatch in early spring and many are sexually mature in their first fall.

Brook Trout can have a competitive advantage over Brown Trout in areas with cold water temperatures and good water quality; however, as stream temperatures rise, Brown Trout are able to out compete Brook Trout for feeding and resting areas. This explains why Brook Trout are usually found in the headwaters of streams near cold spring sources and Brown Trout are found further downstream. Brown Trout can thrive in most Minnesota trout streams and grow much larger than Brook Trout (some up to and beyond 30 inches). Their abundance and size make Brown Trout the most common and sought after trout in southern and central Minnesota streams.
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