

Trout Fishing Regulations for Montauk State Park

Trout fishing is permitted in accordance with the Wildlife Code and posted restrictions daily from March 1st to October 31st, and during the winter catch and release season. Throughout the year all anglers shall have a state fishing permit except those 15 years and younger or Missouri residents 65 years and older.

Each angler shall sign and display a daily trout tag purchased on the area. The state wide daily limit is 4 trout, regardless of the number of daily tags purchased or waters fished.

Daily Limit 4 trout. Possession Limit 8 trout.

No person shall continue to fish for any species in these trout waters after harvesting a daily limit of 4 trout anywhere in Missouri. Each angler shall keep their trout separate at all times and identified with their name and address.

All brown trout less than 15 inches must be released unharmed immediately after capture. There is no minimum length limit on rainbow trout.

Only a single pole or rod may be used. Giggling, snaring, snagging and the taking of live bait are NOT permitted.

Special Permits:

The Department of Conservation may issue special fishing permits for specified dates without cost to supervised groups involved in rehabilitation programs or groups of hospital patients or persons with disabilities under therapy. To obtain this permit, contact the Hatchery Manager (573) 548-2585. Be sure to ask that the daily tag be waived as well as fishing permit.

Any resident of Missouri having a visual acuity not exceeding 20/200 in the better eye with maximum correction, or having twenty degrees or less field of visual concentric contraction, and any resident who is so severely and permanently disabled as to be unable to move freely without the aid of a wheelchair, may fish without permit (does not include daily tag) provided while fishing he/she carries a certified statement of eligibility from a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist or from a licensed physician.

Any honorably discharged resident veteran having a service related disability of sixty percent or more or who was a prisoner of war during military service may fish without a permit (except daily tag and trout permit) providing he/she carries a statement of eligibility from the Veterans Administration.

Hours of Fishing in Missouri Trout Parks

Month	Opens		Closes	
	Central Standard Time	Daylight Savings Time	Central Standard Time	Daylight Savings Time
March	6:30 A.M.	7:30 A.M.	6:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
April		7:00 A.M.		7:30 P.M.
May		6:30 A.M.		8:15 P.M.
June		6:30 A.M.		8:30 P.M.
July		6:30 A.M.		8:30 P.M.
August		7:00 A.M.		8:00 P.M.
September		7:30 A.M.		7:15 P.M.
October		7:30 A.M.		6:30 P.M.
Winter Catch & Release Trout Fishing Hours at Montauk State Park 2nd Friday in November to 2nd Monday in February 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday Only				

Winter Catch-and-Release Season

Winter catch-and-release season is from the second Friday in November to the Second Monday in February, on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday only.

Fishing is only permitted upstream from the old low-water bridge located just below the ADA fishing pier in the campground.

All anglers must possess a Trout Permit during the winter catch and release season.

Only flies are permitted during the winter catch and release season. A fly is defined as an artificial lure constructed on a single point hook, using any material except soft plastic bait and natural and scented bait that is tied, glued or other-wise permanently attached.

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