Inland Trout Early Season
Catch and Release

First Saturday in January at 5:00 a.m. to the Friday preceding the First Saturday in May at midnight (January 4 to May 1 in 2020)

All trout caught during this time must be immediately released (The daily bag limit is 0).

Only artificial lures may be used.

KEY
- All streams open
- Only specific streams open (see back)
- All streams closed
Early season streams

All streams in Adams, Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Dunn, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Ozaukee, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Racine, Richland, Rock, Rusk, St. Croix, Sauk, Sawyer, Sheboygan, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washburn, Washington, Waukesha and Wood counties are open. (Note: all streams in Brown Calumet, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Menominee, Outagamie and Winnebago counties are closed)

Ashland county—All streams except streams and their tributaries flowing into Lake Superior upstream to the first impassable barrier.

Bayfield county—All streams except streams and their tributaries flowing into Lake Superior upstream to the first impassable barrier.

Douglas county—All streams except streams and their tributaries flowing into Lake Superior upstream to the first impassable barrier.

Florence county—Pine River.

Forest county—Peshtigo river downstream from U.S. highway 8, Pine river downstream from STH 55, and Rat river downstream from Scattered Rice lake.

Iron county—All streams except streams and their tributaries flowing into Lake Superior upstream to the first impassable barrier.

Langlade county—Wolf River.

Lincoln county—All streams west of STH 51 and Prairie river downstream from CTH J.

Marathon county—Black creek (mouth at T27N R7E S4), Black creek (T30N, R3E), Grass creek, McGinnes creek, Fourmile creek, Noisy creek, and Plover river from STH 29 downstream to STH 153.

Marinette county—North branch Peme Bon Won river downstream from STH 141, Peshtigo river upstream from CTH C, Pike river between CTH V and CTH K, and Rat river.

Marquette county—Chaffee creek downstream from CTH B, Klawitter creek, Lawrence creek, Lunch creek, Mecan river upstream from STH 22, Neenah creek, O’Keefe creek, Wedde creek and Westfield creek.

Oconto county—North branch Oconto river downstream from STH 64 and south branch Oconto river downstream from CTH AA.

Oneida county—All streams west of STH 51 and Bearskin creek.

Portage county—Ditches 1 through 6 downstream from Townline road and Tomorrow river from Amherst downstream to Durrant road.

Shawano county—Middle branch Embarrass river from Homme dam to STH 29, north branch Embarrass river from Tilleda dam downstream to Leopolis dam and Red river downstream from lower Red Lake dam.

Vilas county—Mishonagon creek.

Waupaca county—North branch Little Wolf river from CTH P to CTH J, south branch Little Wolf river, and Waupaca river from Frost Valley road to STH 54.

Waushara county—Carter creek, Leola ditch, Mecan river downstream from 11th Road, Pine river downstream from CTH K to Poy Sippi pond, Roche-a-Cri creek, Willow creek from Blackhawk Road to 29th Lane, and White river from STH 21 to lower White River millpond.