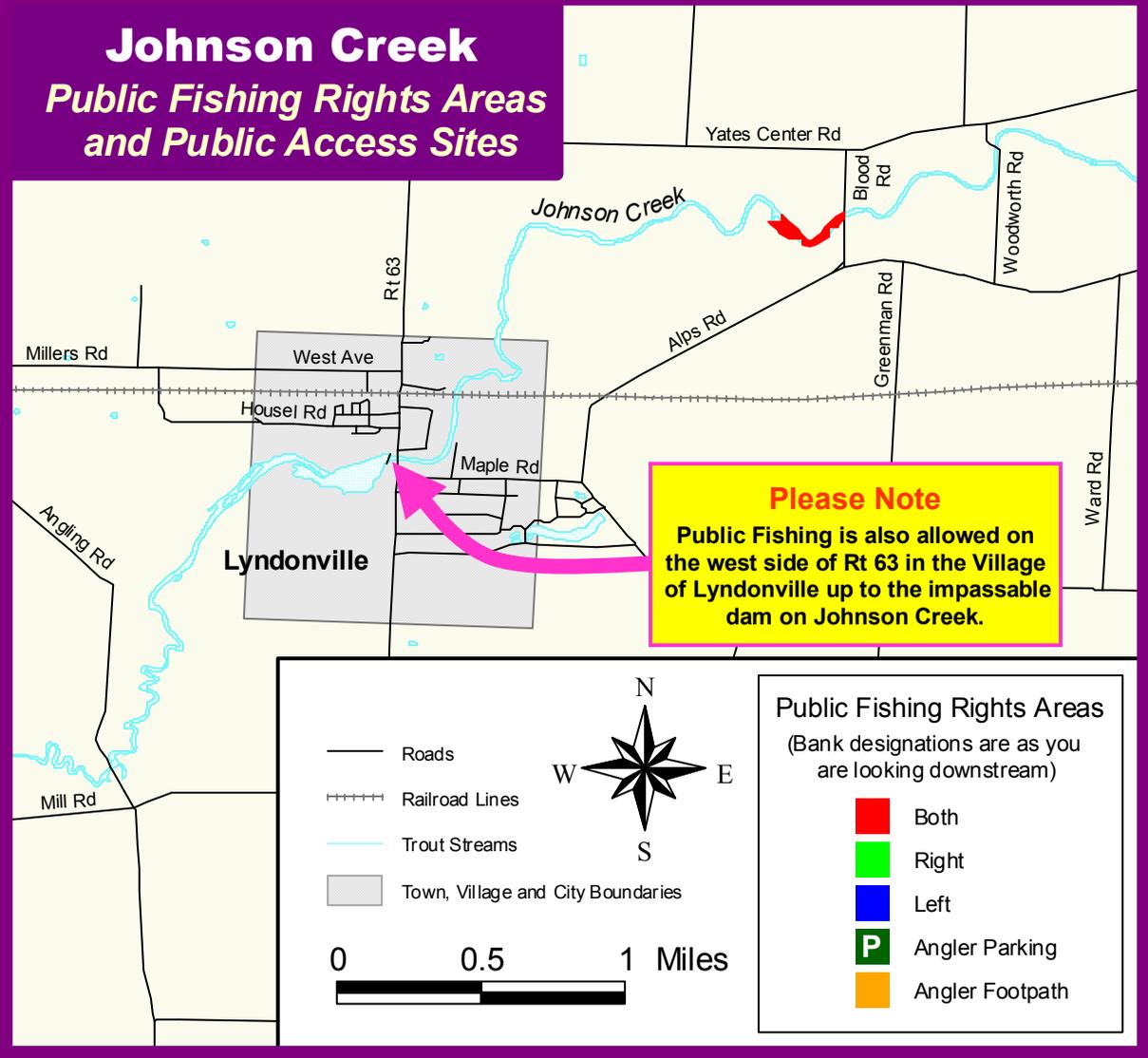


Johnson Creek Public Fishing Rights Areas and Public Access Sites



Johnson Creek flows through Niagara and Orleans Counties emptying into Lake Ontario. This stream offers better than average cold water fishing with opportunities to catch brown trout, rainbow trout (steelhead) and salmon. Fish can run as far upstream as the dam in Lyndonville.

Each year the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) stocks 6,700 rainbow trout (steelhead) in Johnson Creek.

Fishing Regulations

For fishing regulations concerning Johnson Creek see *New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Fishing Regulations Guide – Special Regulations for Lake Ontario Tributaries* or visit the website at www.dec.state.ny.us

Public Fishing Rights

Public Fishing Rights (PFRs) are permanent easements purchased by the NYSDEC from landowners, giving sportsman the right-of-way to fish and walk along the bank (usually a 33-foot strip on one or both banks of the stream). This right is for the purpose of fishing and no other purpose. Treat the land as if it were your own to ensure the continuation of this right and privilege. Fishing privileges are available on some private lands. Landowner courtesy and respect for their property will ensure their continued use.

See the map in this brochure for details on the Public Fishing Rights Areas Oak Orchard River, Marsh Creek and Johnson Creek.



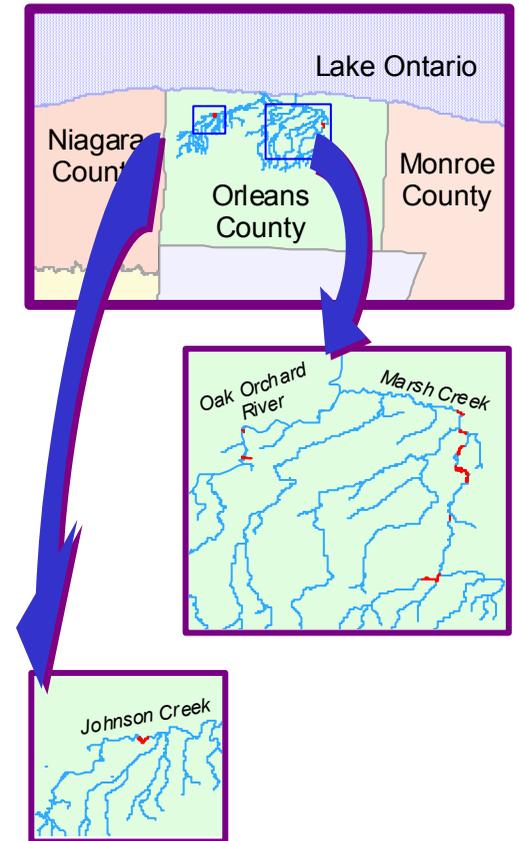
Look for these signs to be sure you are in the right location

At times, fishing pressure can be heavy and proper stream etiquette can make everyone's day a pleasurable one. Remember, elbow room to fish is a common courtesy. Try to pass the stationary or slow-moving angler by getting noiselessly out of the water and re-entering as far away as practical. Keep in mind that wading right up to another angler could disturb a pod of feeding fish, which no one appreciates. Pleasant conversations are OK, so long as you don't disturb other anglers.



Public Fishing Information

Oak Orchard River Marsh Creek Johnson Creek



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The Oak Orchard River begins at the Oak Orchard swamps in Genesee County and flows through Orleans County emptying into Lake Ontario at Point Breeze. Marsh Creek, a prominent tributary of the Oak Orchard River, meets up with the river at an area known as "The Bridges". Oak Orchard River and Marsh Creek offer excellent cold water fishing with opportunities to catch brown trout, rainbow trout (steelhead), chinook and coho salmon. Runs of these fish offer some of the most exciting cold water fishing in New York State.

Each year the Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) stocks 21,000 rainbow trout (steelhead), 155,000 chinook salmon and 26,000 coho salmon in Oak Orchard River AND 7,100 rainbow trout (steelhead) in Marsh Creek.

Fishing Regulations

For fishing regulations concerning Oak Orchard River and Marsh Creek see [New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Fishing Regulations Guide – Special Regulations for Lake Ontario Tributaries](#) or visit the website at www.dec.state.ny.us

Methods for Releasing Fish

1. Use barbless hooks, they are easier to remove.
2. Play a fish no longer than necessary. To do so decreases its chance of survival.
3. Wet your hands before touching a fish that is to be released-dry skin removes the mucous coating on trout. Avoid touching the gills.
4. Use of a landing net increases the survival rate of trout.
5. Gently push the hook out and cradle the fish in your hand, underwater and facing upstream.
6. After a moment, allow the fish to swim free. If the fish turns upside down, catch it and revive it as stated above.

