

DIVISION PROGRAMS FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED ANGLERS

The State of Delaware has a variety of fishing waters available throughout the state for disabled anglers, ranging from limited trout waters to the surf fishing along the Atlantic coast. These waters include the free-flowing streams, impounded freshwater ponds, tidal streams, Inland bays, open water bay areas and ocean waters. The current Delaware Fishing Guide provides a current list of all freshwater and tidal fishing and boating access areas, including access for anglers with disabilities. Click [here](#) to access the [2020 Delaware Fishing Guide](#).

Non-Tidal Fishing

Access to the trout fishing streams is the most limited. The Division does not maintain accessible fishing sites on our designated trout streams, but there is one undeveloped area of stream that is accessible to most. Wilson's Run in Brandywine Creek State Park has been utilized by disabled anglers for many years. In addition, a fish derby for anglers with special needs and senior citizens occurs annually at this location. For details on the fishing derby, please call the park office at 302-577-3534. For safety reasons, users of any specific site should judge as to whether an undeveloped area is accessible. Angler ingress on to private streamside property will require landowner permission.

Two seasonally stocked ponds are accessible for trout fishing. They are Tidbury Pond near Dover operated by the Kent County Parks and Recreation, and Newton Pond near Greenwood in Sussex County owned by the Division of Fish & Wildlife. Anglers with disabilities can access the floating fishing pier located at the Newton Pond site. Tidbury Pond has undeveloped access with pondside locations that are accessible. Both ponds offer bluegill and largemouth bass fishing as well.

The Division owns and maintains 30 freshwater non-tidal impoundments throughout the state managed for warmwater species such as bass, bluegill and crappie. Logan Lane Pond located on the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Ted Harvey Conservation Area near Kitts Hummock is open only to physically challenged individuals. This area offers limited bank fishing as well and pier angling. Records Pond, Millsboro Pond, Hearn's Pond, and Haven Lake all have an accessible fishing pier and adjacent van accessible parking. The remaining freshwater ponds located throughout the state have areas of limited public bank fishing. Individuals using these bank-fishing areas may require assistance.

Tidal Fishing

The Division maintains 26 tidal water access areas. All of the launching areas are barrier-free and have accessible floating boarding docks and floating courtesy docks. Several of the more popular areas; Scotton Landing on the St. Jones River, Broad Creek below Records Pond in Laurel, Broadkill River at Milton, Nanticoke River adjacent to the Seaford Boat Ramp, Massey's Landing, Rosedale Beach on the Inland Bays, Woodland Beach and the Cape Henlopen Fishing Pier on the Delaware Bay all have barrier free fishing piers or platforms. Refer to the Delaware Fishing Guide for all tidal access areas including the Inland Bays and bay access areas.

Surf fishing requires access to the Atlantic Ocean beaches. Every four-wheel drive vehicle accessing the beaches must display a SURF FISHING VEHICLE PERMIT. This permit is available through the Division of Parks and Recreation. The Division of Parks and Recreation also has a limited number of accessible beach wheelchairs, which will permit chair-bound individuals' access to the beach. For more information reserving an accessible beach wheelchair contact Cape Henlopen State Park at (302)–645-8983.