PA Lake Fishing Almanac

2026

Lake by lake. Labelled by season.

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This sample shows one lake per region. Every lake profile is bookmarked by region and lake in your PDF reader. Lake index: last pages.

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- PASDA Stocked_Trout_Waterbodies_pt202608: 202608, retrieved Oct 4, 2026
- DEP/PFBC Fish Consumption Advisory excerpt 2026: 2026 list (updated 2026-02-27), retrieved Oct 4, 2026
- PFBC Ice_Destinations map service, layer 0: 152 destinations, retrieved Oct 4, 2026
- PFBC lake habitat-plan links (Lakes_Point LHI_Link where LHI_Map = Yes): current, retrieved Oct 4, 2026
- PFBC Counties map service, layer 0: 67 counties, retrieved Oct 4, 2026
- PASDA LawEnforcementRegions201708 (6 PFBC regions) + LawEnforcement_Regions map service: 201708, retrieved Oct 4, 2026

§ How to read this almanac

Each lake profile shows only what PFBC and DEP published, with dates. Survey findings are our summaries of the latest PFBC report, with page numbers; surveys over 10 years old say "Historical survey". Schedule dates are PFBC's spring schedule as published on Oct 4, 2026 — PFBC: "All stocking events are subject to change without notice." Check PFBC's schedule before a trip; meeting places and times are on lakepa.net. Advisory rows are word for word for the year shown. Regulations are summarized; the current Summary and posted signs govern.

Spring schedule only: fall and winter schedules are not included.

§ Key dates 2026

- Mentored Youth Trout Day: Mar 28, 2026
- Trout season opens (statewide): Apr 4, 2026
- Fish-for-Free Days: May 24, 2026 and Jul 4, 2026

(2026 Pennsylvania Fishing Summary, cover)

§ Statewide fish-consumption advice (2026 list)

"Pennsylvania has issued a general, statewide health advisory for recreationally caught sport fish: eat no more than one meal (1/2 pound) per week of sport fish caught in the state’s waterways."

"One meal is assumed to be 1/2 pound of fish (8 oz. before cooking) for a 150-pound person."

""“Do Not Eat” means no one should eat those fish because of high contamination."

"People who regularly eat sport fish, women of childbearing age and children are particularly susceptible to contaminants that build up over time."

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"For example, if the fish you eat is in the one meal a month group, wait a month before eating another meal of fish from any restricted category."

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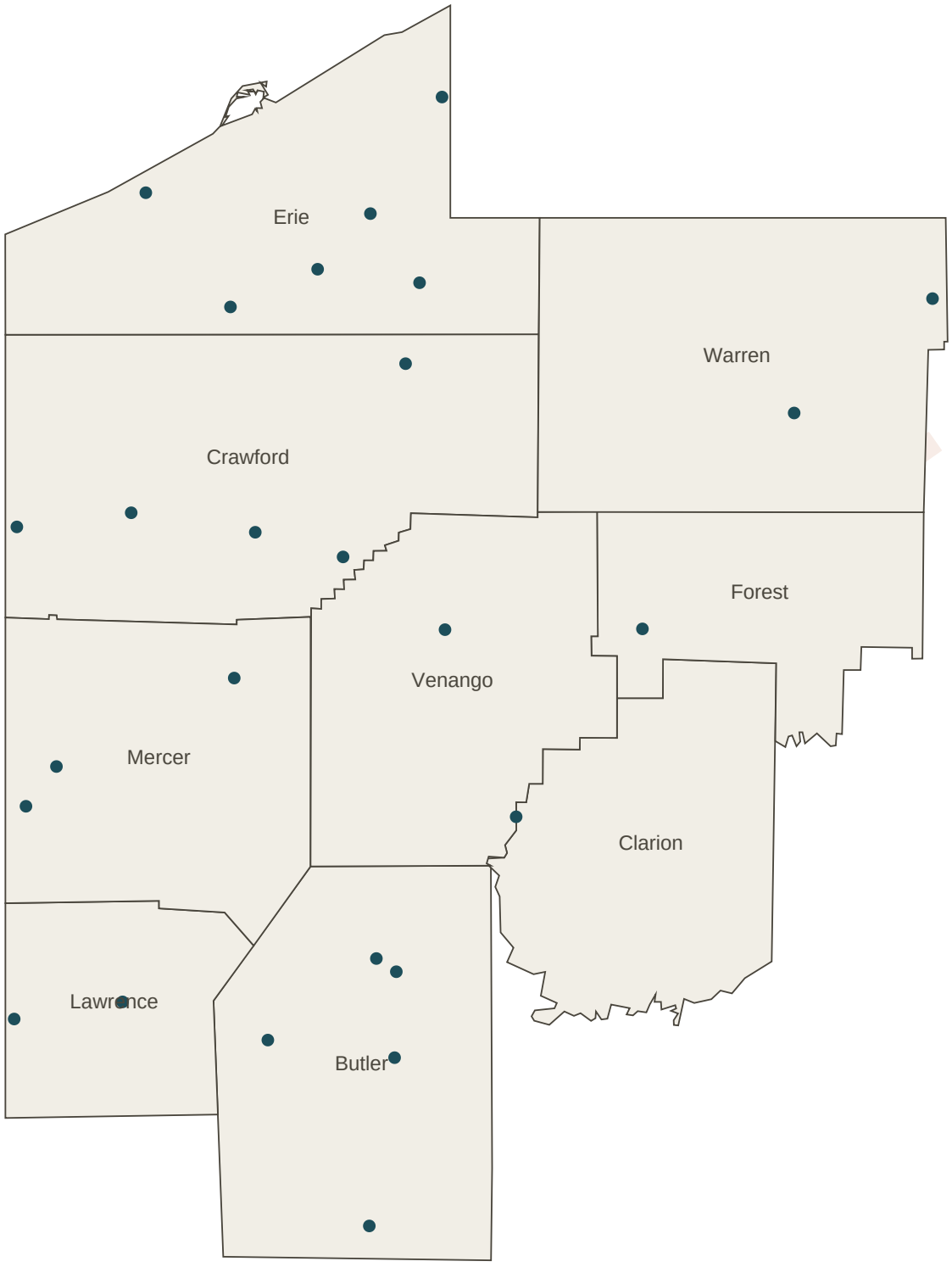
- Find the lake, then the species you caught.
- If the lake or species isn't listed, the statewide one-meal-a-week advice applies.
- Advice is for the year shown; DEP says advisories may be issued or lifted after the summary goes to press.

DEP: "The advisory listing was current at the time this summary went to press. Fish consumption advisories may have been issued or lifted since that time."

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Northwest region

26 lakes in Warren, Lawrence, Mercer, Crawford, Erie, Butler, Venango and Forest.



County outlines from public boundary data; lakes plotted by PFBC coordinates; not for navigation.

Allegheny Reservoir

12,081 acres in Warren County · U.S. Army Corps of Engineers · Northwest region

PFBC Best Fishing Waters: Northern Pike (list of Nov 2024)

Latest PFBC survey: March 2014 — Historical survey (more than 10 years old). Gear: gill nets, trap nets, night electrofishing, boat electrofishing

- Gill nets captured 275 Walleye measuring 9 to 29 inches. (p. 4)
- Among gill-netted Walleye, 166 fish, or 60%, measured at least 15 inches. (p. 5)
- Gill nets captured 67 Northern Pike measuring 12 to 38 inches, with 47% at least 24 inches. (p. 6)
- The largest gill-netted Muskellunge measured 42 inches and weighed just over 22 pounds. (p. 8)

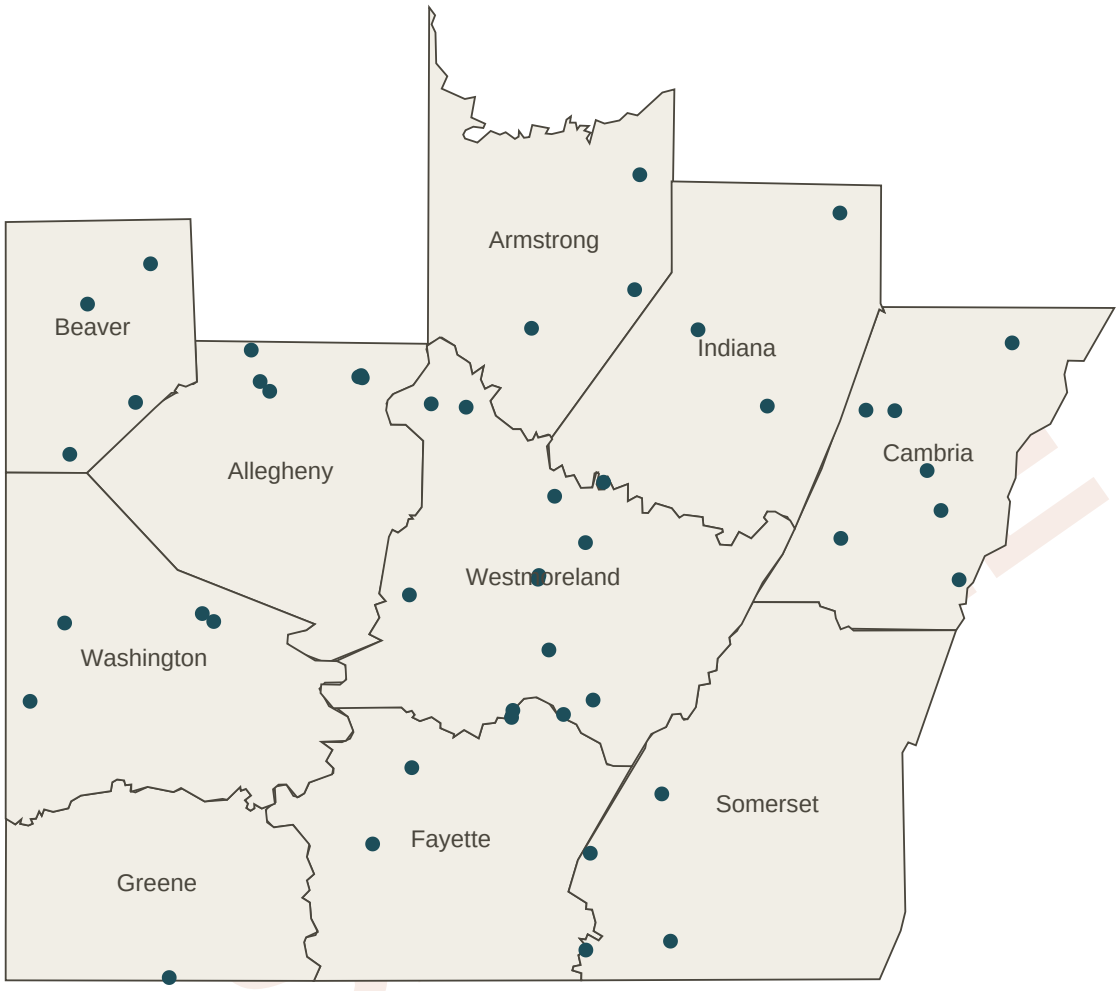
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Southwest region

47 lakes in Westmoreland, Cambria, Beaver, Fayette, Washington, Indiana, Somerset, Armstrong, Greene and Allegheny.



County outlines from public boundary data; lakes plotted by PFBC coordinates; not for navigation.

Acme Dam

24 acres in Westmoreland County · Other owner · Southwest region

PFBC Best Fishing Waters: Bluegill and Pumpkinseed, Bullhead catfish (list of Nov 2024)

Latest PFBC survey: April 2021. Gear: trap nets, night electrofishing, boat electrofishing

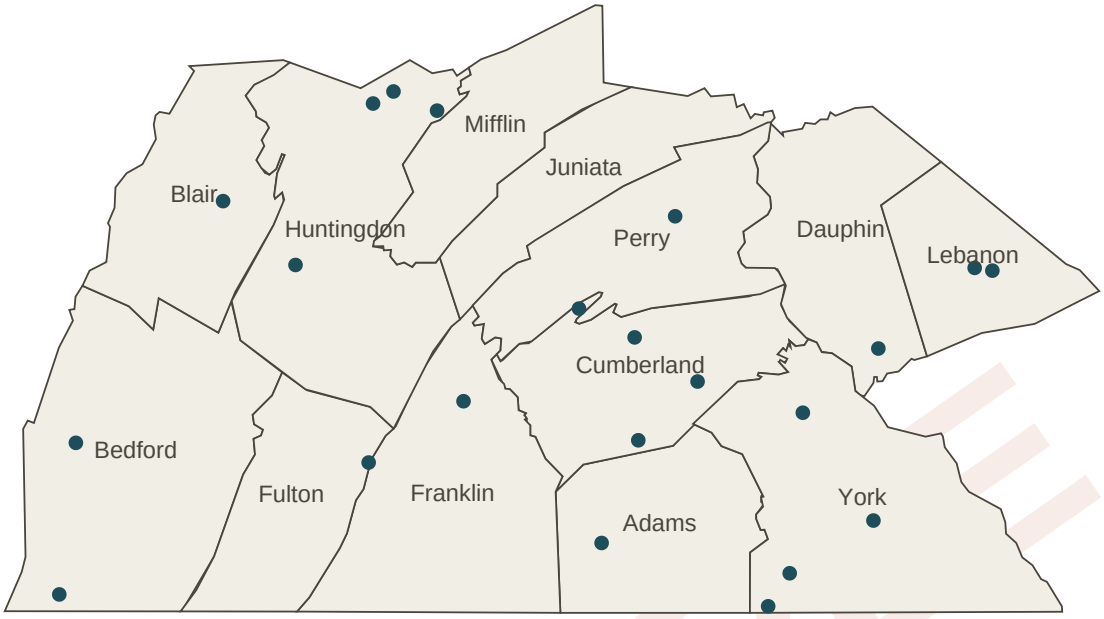
- Night electrofishing captured 66 Largemouth Bass measuring 3–21 inches. (p. 3)
- Bass over 15 inches were collected at 42 per hour. (p. 3)
- Trap nets captured 158 Black Crappies, with 86% over 9 inches. (p. 1)
- Trap nets captured 192 Bluegills, with 80% over 7 inches. (p. 1)

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Southcentral region

22 lakes in Blair, Cumberland, Fulton, Bedford, Huntingdon, York, Franklin, Lebanon, Perry, Dauphin and Adams.



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Canoe Creek Lake (State Park)

155 acres in Blair County · State park · Southcentral region

Programs: Big Bass Program — Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass: 15-inch minimum and 4 a day (combined) from Jan. 1 through April 10 and from June 13 through Dec. 31; catch and immediate release only from April 11 through June 12, with no tournaments. Other species follow inland rules. (2026 Fishing Summary, p. 11)

PFBC Best Fishing Waters: Muskellunge, Stocked trout, White and Black Crappie (list of Nov 2024)

Latest PFBC survey: April 2021. Gear: trap nets, night electrofishing

- Trap nets captured 28 Muskellunge measuring 27 to 47 inches. (p. 3)
- The Muskellunge catch rate was 0.10 fish per hour. (p. 3)
- The largest Muskellunge weighed 34 pounds. (p. 3)
- The catch included 317 Black Crappie measuring 2 to 17 inches. (p. 5)

2026 spring schedule (as published Oct 4, 2026): Mar 25 (Rainbow, Golden Rainbow); Apr 6 (Rainbow); May 11 (Rainbow)

Fish advice (2026 list): Largemouth Bass: 2 meals/month (Mercury)

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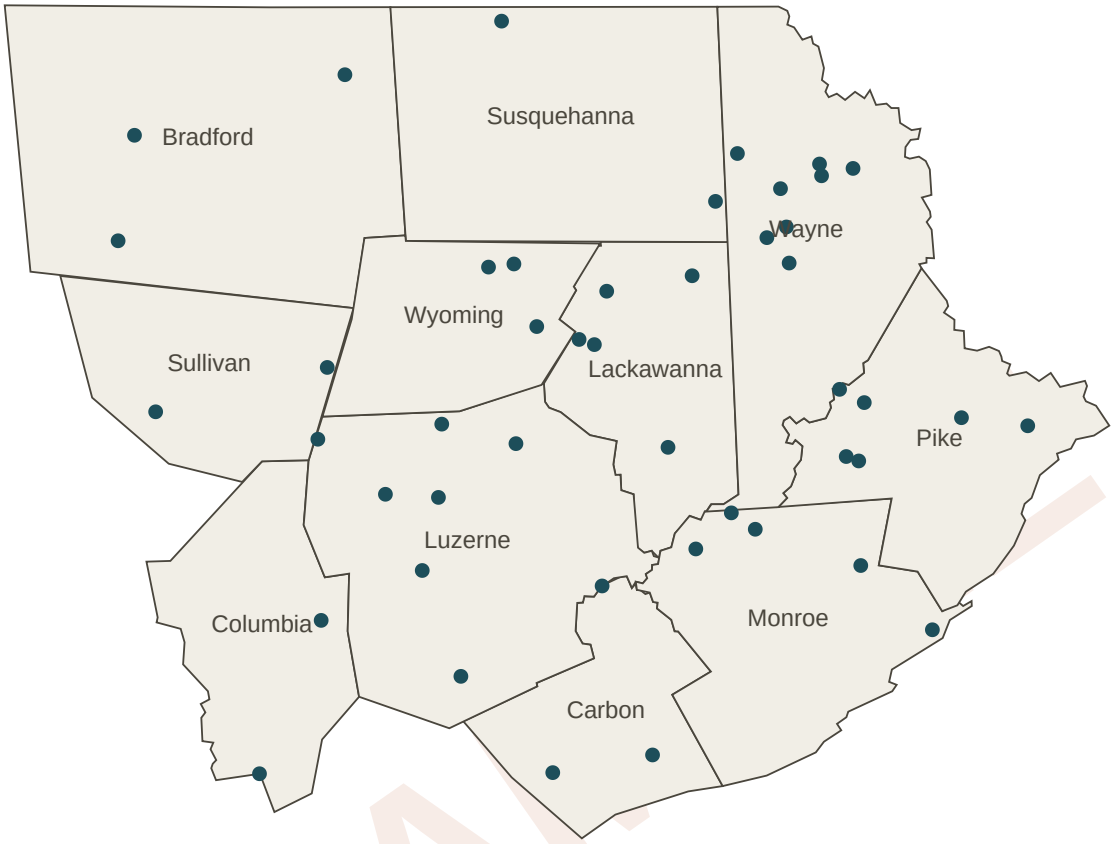
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Northeast region

46 lakes in Wayne, Carbon, Monroe, Columbia, Bradford, Lackawanna, Pike, Luzerne, Sullivan, Wyoming and Susquehanna.



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Beltzville Lake

947 acres in Carbon County · State park · Northeast region

PFBC Best Fishing Waters: Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass, Walleye (list of Nov 2024)

Latest PFBC survey: April 2017. Gear: night electrofishing

- Electrofishing captured 81 Walleye measuring 15 to 27 inches. (p. 1)
- The mean Walleye catch rate was 18.4 fish per hour. (p. 1)
- Most Walleye measured between 19 and 22 inches. (p. 1)
- The ratio of Largemouth Bass to Smallmouth Bass was near 3:1. (p. 1)

Fish advice (2026 list): Walleye: 2 meals/month (Mercury)

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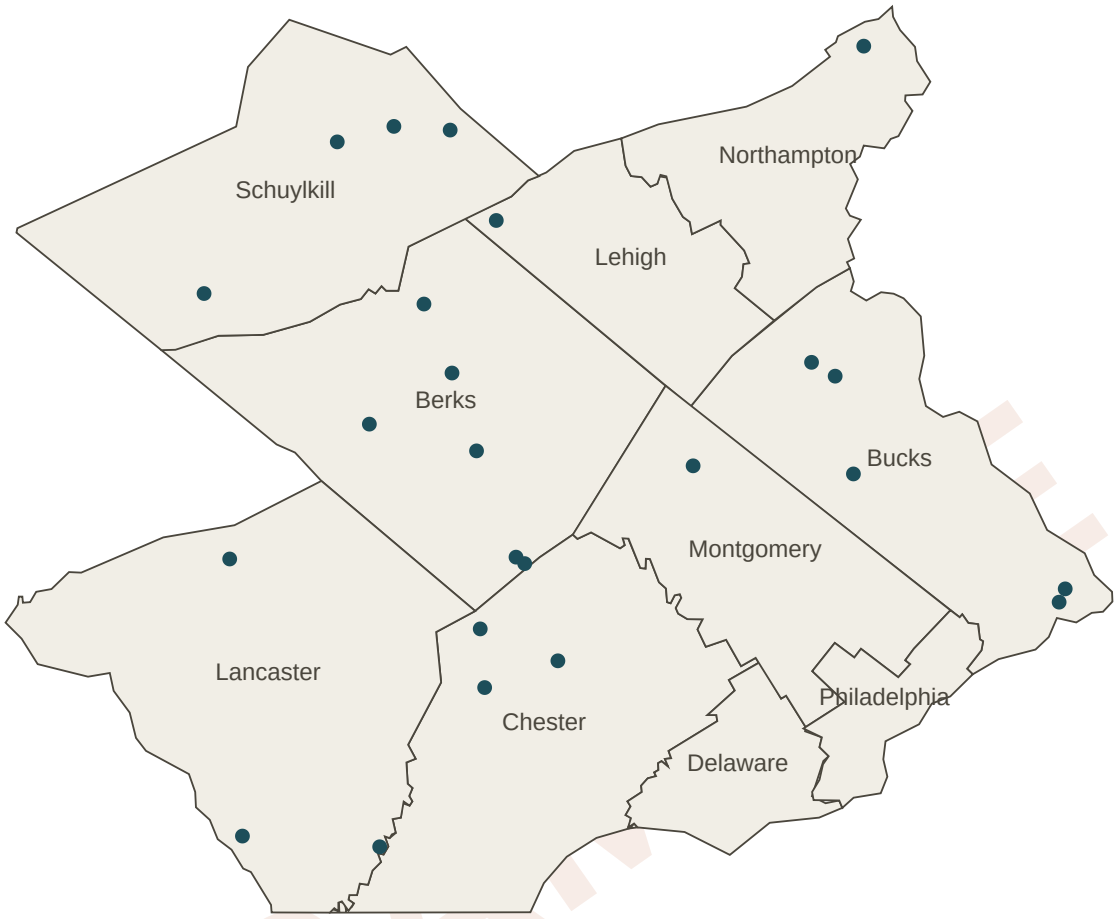
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Southeast region

24 lakes in Berks, Chester, Lancaster, Montgomery, Bucks, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Northampton.



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Blue Marsh Reservoir

1,150 acres in Berks County · Other owner · Southeast region

Programs: Big Bass Program — Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass: 15-inch minimum and 4 a day (combined) from Jan. 1 through April 10 and from June 13 through Dec. 31; catch and immediate release only from April 11 through June 12, with no tournaments. Other species follow inland rules. (2026 Fishing Summary, p. 11)

Programs: Panfish Enhancement Special Regulations — Panfish Enhancement here covers Crappie (9-inch minimum), 20 a day. (2026 Fishing Summary, p. 15)

PFBC Best Fishing Waters: Channel Catfish, Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass, Walleye (list of Nov 2024)

Latest PFBC survey: April 2021. Gear: trap nets

- The survey captured 6 Tiger Muskellunge measuring 30 to 41 inches at a rate of 0.013 fish/hr. (p. 3)
- The survey captured 354 Channel Catfish measuring 8 to 30 inches at a rate of 0.75 fish/hr. (p. 4)
- The catch included 25 Walleye measuring 16 to 28 inches. (p. 6)
- The survey captured 72 Black Crappie measuring 4 to 14 inches. (p. 2)

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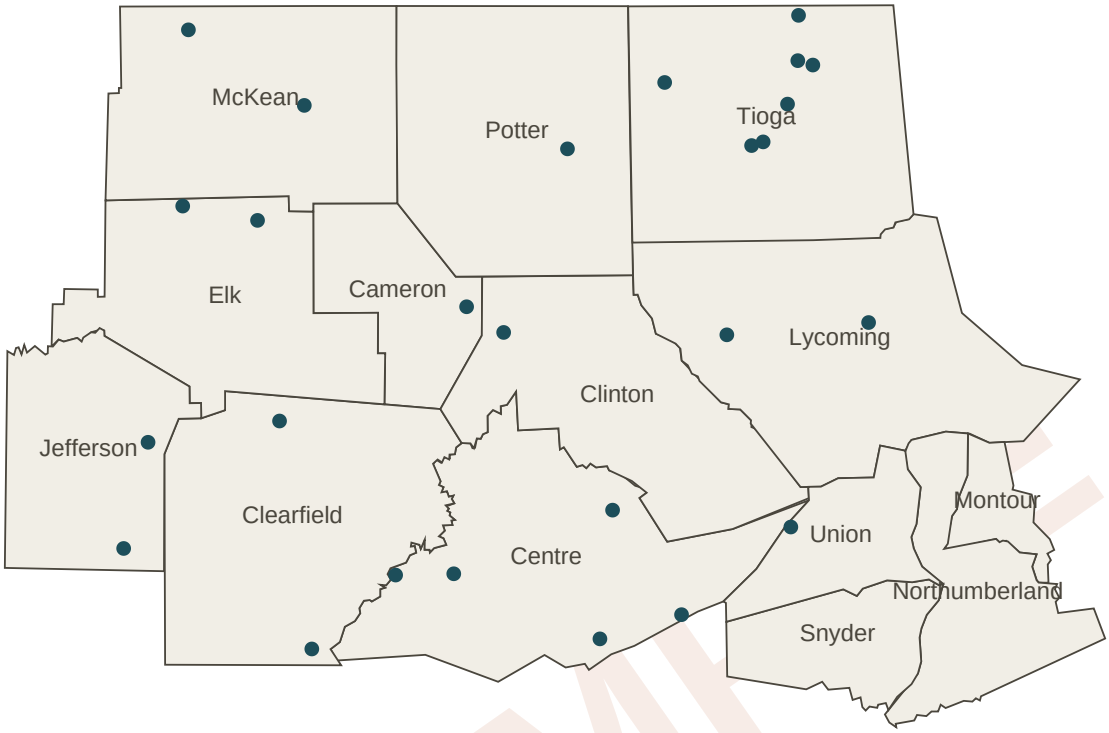
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Northcentral region

26 lakes in Tioga, Centre, McKean, Jefferson, Elk, Cameron, Union, Clearfield, Clinton, Lycoming and Potter.



County outlines from public boundary data; lakes plotted by PFBC coordinates; not for navigation.

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Bradford City Number Three Reservoir

20 acres in McKean County · Other owner · Northcentral region

Latest PFBC survey: May 2018. Gear: night electrofishing, boat electrofishing

- The survey caught 84 Largemouth Bass measuring 4 to 16 inches. (p. 2)
- Biologists caught 5 Smallmouth Bass measuring 8 to 21 inches. (p. 2)
- The catch included 48 Yellow Perch measuring 4 to 8 inches. (p. 2)
- Biologists collected 3 White Perch measuring 6 to 8 inches. (p. 2)

2026 spring schedule (as published Oct 4, 2026): Mar 13 (Brook); Apr 18 (Brook, Brown); May 13 (Brook, Brown)

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County schedule tables (spring 2026)

As published Oct 4, 2026. PFBC: "All stocking events are subject to change without notice." Meeting places and times are on lakepa.net.

Adams County

Mar 13	Waynesboro Reservoir	Brook, Rainbow, Golden Rainbow
Mar 20	Orrtanna Pond - Pond 1	Rainbow, Golden Rainbow
Apr 7	Waynesboro Reservoir	Rainbow

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- PFBC Counties map service, layer 0 — https://fbweb.pa.gov/arcgis/rest/services/PFBC_Map_Services/Counties/MapServer/0 — version 67 counties, retrieved Oct 4, 2026. What we changed: Generalized to about 30 m for point-in-polygon checks and maps.
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- Computed locally (PHP date_sun_info + moon-phase algorithm) at the six region centroids — computed locally — version per edition. What we changed: Astronomical data, not fishing predictions.

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We merged PFBC datasets by water ID, normalized county names and checked them against county boundaries, removed status notes from lake names, dropped streams and the Great Lakes waters, mapped program values to program pages, summarized program rules from the Fishing Summary, and summarized biologist reports in our own words with page citations. PFBC has not reviewed or approved these changes or this publication.

Fish-consumption advice: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania public health advisory (DEP with PFBC and the Department of Health), quoted word for word. Regulations from the 2026 Pennsylvania Fishing Summary, summarized with page numbers.

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