



Maryland Fish Consumption Advisories

for Recreationally Caught Fish in Prince George's County, MD

Guidelines for Recreationally Caught Fish Species in Maryland Fresh, Estuarine, and Marine Waters

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Species	Waterbody			Recommended Meals/Month		
				General Population	Women ¹	Children ²
American Eel	Anacostia River		Δ	1	1	1 every other month
	Middle Patuxent River		Δ	3	3	3
	Potomac River - 301 Bridge to DC Line		Δ	1 every other month	1 every other month	1 every other month
Black Crappie	Cash Lake		*	4	3	2
	Lake Artemesia		*	6	6	5
Blue Catfish	Anacostia River	15" - 19"	Δ	4	3	2
	Anacostia River	> 19"	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Mattawoman Creek	12" - 15"	Δ	4	4	4
		15" - 24"	Δ	4	3	2
	24" - 30"		Δ	1	1	1 every other month
		> 30"	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
		> 30"	Δ ✖	2	2	1
	Middle Patuxent River	15" - 24"	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	6
	Middle River	15" - 24"	Δ	4	3	2
	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC Line					
		12" - 15"	Δ	4	4	4
		15" - 24"	Δ	4	3	2
		24" - 30"	Δ	1	1	1 every other month
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	Upper Patuxent River	15" - 24"	Δ	No Limit	No Limit	6
Brown Bullhead	Anacostia River		Δ	5	5	4
Channel Catfish	Anacostia River	15" - 20"	Δ	2	2	1
	Anacostia River	> 20"	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Middle Patuxent River		Δ	2	2	1
	Middle River		Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC Line			1 every other month	1 every other month	
		< 18"	Δ			Avoid
		> 18"	Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Upper Patuxent River		Δ	2	2	1
Common Carp	Anacostia River		Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC Line		Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
Large and Smallmouth Bass ♥	Anacostia River		◇	2	2	2
	Cash Lake		*	3	2	1
	Greenbelt Lake		*	No Limit	8	5
	Lake Artemesia		*	5	4	2
	Mattawoman Creek		Δ	6	6	5
	Middle Patuxent River		Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Potomac River - 301 Bridge to DC Line		◇	3	2	1
	Tidal headwaters of Piscataway Creek		◇	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Upper Patuxent River		◇	3	3	2
Northern Snakehead	Anacostia River		Δ	3	3	1
	Mattawoman Creek		◇	1 every other month	1 every other month	Avoid
	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC Line		Δ	3	3	3



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Rainbow Trout and Golden Rainbow Trout (Hatchery Raised)	All Hatchery Raised fish stocked in Anne Arundel County, Allegany County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Calvert County, Carroll County, Caroline County, Cecil County, Charles County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Harford County, Howard County, Queen Anne's County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Washington County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	**For more information on put-and-take fish see https://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/put-and-take-trout-fishing-areas **For more information on Special Management Areas-Trout see https://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/special-management-areas-trout			
Spot ♥	Middle Patuxent River Δ	5	5	4
	Upper Patuxent River Δ	5	5	4
Sunfish (including Bluegill)	Anacostia River ◇	1	1	1 every other month
	Cash Lake *	8	7	4
	Keys Community Park Pond *	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Lake Artemesia *	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Non-Tidal Piscataway Creek ◇	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC Line Δ	2	2	2
	Upper Patuxent River ◇	2	2	1
White Catfish	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC Line Δ	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid
White Perch	Anacostia River ◇	2	2	1
	Middle Patuxent River ◇	5	4	2
	Potomac - 301 Bridge to DC Line ◇	3	2	1
	Upper Patuxent River Δ	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
White Sucker	Upper Patuxent River ◇	No Limit	8	4
Yellow Bullhead	Anacostia River ◇	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
	Non-Tidal Piscataway Creek ◇	1	1	1 every other month
	Middle Patuxent River Δ	5	5	4
	Upper Patuxent River Δ	5	5	4