

REGULATIONS

1. You must have a valid fishing license from the ages of 18 and 65, unless you have a registered disability. Anglers can obtain a equipment through the OFAH TackleShare Program – contact the GRCA for further info.
2. You must carry your license with you at all times while fishing.
3. It is *illegal* to transfer your license to anyone else, including relatives.
4. Snagging is *illegal*. Snagging is defined as: catching a fish by hooking it through any part of the body other than the mouth. Any snagged fish **MUST** be released immediately.
5. You cannot fish within 75.5 feet (23 m) downstream of a fishway, dam, falls, or leap.
6. It is *illegal* to attempt to catch fish when the season is closed, even if you plan to release them.
7. There is *no* fishing of any kind allowed in a fishing sanctuary.
8. It is *illegal* to leave fish fit for consumption rotting on the stream bank.
9. Only licensed dealers may sell fish or spawn (roe).
10. Deposit of waste – Refer to The Corporation of The County of Northumberland By-Law No. 15-10: Prohibitions on Deposits of Waste, including fish carcasses.
11. Fishing is prohibited on the Ganaraska River between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. from August 15 to September 30 from the Robertson Street Bridge to the Molson Street Bridge.



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REPORT A POACHER

If you witness a poaching incident, please report it to the following:

MNR 24-Hour Reporting 1.877.TIPS.MNR
(847.7667)

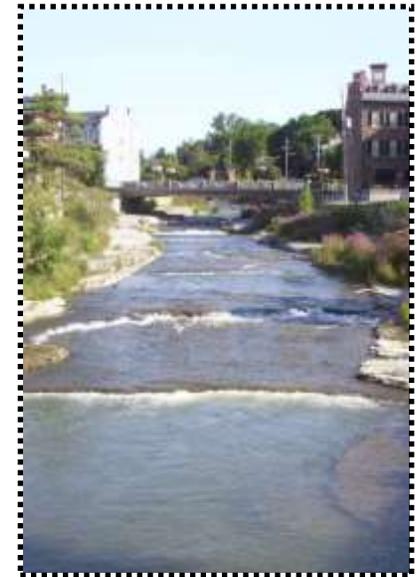
Crime Stoppers 905.222.TIPS (8477)

Port Hope Police Service
905.885.8123

Please make note of the date, time, and location of the incident. Also try to collect the physical description of the person(s), details about the crime and vehicle information including make, model, and plate number.



GANARASKA RIVER WATCH



Working together with the Municipality of Port Hope and the Ministry of Natural Resources to educate anglers on important fishing regulations, prevent poaching on the Ganaraska River, and provide knowledge for a fun and enjoyable recreational activity.

TIPS ON LIVE RELEASE OF FISH

Using proper handling and release techniques improves fish survival. Here are some tips:

1. Use single barbless hooks and artificial lures (no organic bait) to prevent deep hooking.
2. Keep the fish in the water as much as possible and handle the fish gently.
3. Wet your hands or use wet cloth gloves when handling fish out water.
4. Do not touch the gills or eyes. Grasp the fish just behind the gill covers, or for fish without teeth (for example, bass or panfish), hold the fish by the lower lip.
5. Remember that all fish not immediately released count towards your daily catch or possession limits.

FISH CLEANING STATION

The Municipality operates a fish cleaning station (★ shown on map) where anglers may clean and dispose of their catch. Please dispose garbage in a responsible manner.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

To protect wild trout and salmon populations, the following regulation applies to the river and all tributaries:

Property owner agreements exist on sections of the river and are posted as such. Respect the landowner's requests or you will be charged with trespassing.

Always check the Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations for changes that might affect you!

www.ontario.ca/fishing

FISHING SEASON

The Ganaraska River is in Fisheries Management Zone 17

General Regulations:

Atlantic salmon: Catch and Release only

Bass: Open from the 3rd Saturday in June to December 15th of each year

Trout & Salmon: Open from the 4th Saturday in April to September 30th of each year

FISHING SEASON EXCEPTIONS

A FISH SANCTUARY

From Hwy. 401 downstream to the south side of the Jocelyn St. Bridge:

Fish sanctuary, closed all year – *No fishing* allowed in fish sanctuary whatsoever!

B EXTENDED FALL SEASON

Between the south side of the C.P.R. bridge and the southerly limit of the C.N.R. right-of-way:

Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Atlantic and Pacific Salmon extended fall season (4th Saturday in April to December 31st of each year)

C YEAR-ROUND SEASON

Between the southerly limit of the C.N.R. right-of-way and Lake Ontario:

Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Atlantic and Pacific Salmon – year round open season

GENERAL FISH LIMITS

- Five (5) trout and salmon combined, but only two (2) can be rainbow trout and zero (0) Atlantic salmon
- Six (6) largemouth and/or smallmouth bass
- Six (6) pike

Note: Conservation license has *lower* limits!

