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Year-round fishing, including an open-season for trout, is available. West Virginia offers catch-and-release and fly-fishing-only streams to challenge the enthusiast, as well as shoreline fishing, boat launching, and facilities for the physically challenged throughout the state. All children under 15 fish for FREE.

**PREMIER FISHING DESTINATIONS**

**Trout**
- Cranberry River, Dogway Fork, Otter Creek, Blackwater River, Elk River, Back Fork of Elk River, Shavers Fork of Cheat River, Slutyfork section of Elk River, Williams River, North Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac River

**Smallmouth Bass**
- Greenbrier River, New River, South Branch of the Potomac River, Gauley River

**Largemouth Bass**
- Stonewall Jackson Lake, Sleepy Creek Lake, O’Brien Lake, Woodrum Lake, Upper Mud Lake, Cheat Lake, Ohio River, Elk Fork

**Walleye**
- Kanawha River, Ohio River, New River, Gauley River, Tygart Lake, Summersville Lake

**Channel Catfish**
- Stonewall Jackson Lake, Bluestone Lake, East Lynn Lake, Kanawha River, Ohio River

**Musky**
- Middle Island Creek, Buckhannon River, Mud River, Hughes River, Little Kanawha River, New River, Kanawha River, Gauley River, Stonewall Jackson Lake, Burnsville Lake, Stonecoal Lake

**Trout, Walleye, Musky**
- Mouth of North Fork, Petersburg Bridge, Vernon Welton Park, Fisher Bridge South, Old Fields Bridge, Trough Entrance (McNeill), Harmsion, Stony Run, Hanging Rock, Blues Beach Bridge, Milessons Mill, Blue Ford, Indian Rock

**Blackwater Falls State Park**
- trout, smallmouth bass

**Bluestone State Park/WMA**
- smallmouth bass, hybrid striped bass, channel catfish, flathead catfish

**Hawks Nest State Park**
- smallmouth bass, channel catfish

**Greenbrier River Trail**
- smallmouth bass

**Kanawha Falls Public Fishing Area**
- smallmouth bass, walleye, musky, hybrid striped bass

**Kumparow State Forest**
- trout

**Monocove Lake State Park/WMA**
- largemouth bass, channel catfish

**North Bend State Park**
- largemouth bass, musky

**Pipestem Resort State Park**
- largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, trout

**Seneca State Forest**
- smallmouth bass, trout

**Stonewall Resort State Park/WMA**
- largemouth bass, channel catfish, musky, crappie, trout

**Tygart Lake State Park**
- largemouth bass, walleye

**Watoga State Park**
- smallmouth bass, trout

**West Virginia State Parks, Forests and Wildlife Management Areas**
- Many state parks, forests and WMAs are located on lakes, rivers and streams. With a wide variety of accommodations to choose from, West Virginia offers excellent fishing opportunities for the whole family to enjoy. Please call 1-800-CALL WVA or visit www.wvdnr.gov for more information.

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- trout, smallmouth bass

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**Cacapon River Float Trips**
- Wardenshire
- Capon Lake
- Hooks Mill Road Ford
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- Rt. 127 Bridge
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- Largent South
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- Power Plant
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**Greenbrier River Float Trips**
- Renick
- Anthony Bridge
- Caldwell
- Ronceverte
- Fort Spring
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- Alderson
- Pence Springs
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- Talcott Bridge
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- Bargers Springs
- Willow Wood Bridge

**New River Float Trips**
- Shanklins Ferry*
- Mouth of Indian Crk
- Below Sandstone Falls*
- Prince
- Prince*
- Thurmond

*Contains rapids for experienced canoeists only.
**Contains two falls to be portaged.

**BARGAIN BASS FISHING LAKES**

**SMALLMOUTH BASS**
- Prized for their fighting ability, smallmouth bass are one of the most popular game fish in West Virginia. Put your angling skills to the test with a float trip on one of more than 120 stocked trout streams. Small public fishing lakes are stocked beginning in January and stocking of catchable rainbows, browns, brook and West Virginia golden rainbows continues through May in suitable waters.

**MUSKELLUNGE**
- Increase your odds with the fish of 10,000 casts. Long-standing management and stocking efforts have established outstanding stream musky fishing. Trophy muskies over 40 inches are not uncommon from native and stocked waters.

**POPULAR FLOAT FISHING TRIPS**

**From**
- Mouth of North Fork
- Petersburg Bridge
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**Distance (miles)**
- 4.5
- 3.0
- 5.5
- 2.5
- 4.5
- 5.0
- 4.0
- 4.5
- 7.5
- 2.0
- 4.75
- 4.0
- 8.5
- 8.0
- 11.0
- 7.0
- 9.0
- 1.75
- 10.0
- 12.7
- 6.0
- 8.5
- 6.0
- 8.5
- 4.5
- 4.5
- 6.0
- 6.0
- 12.0
- 12.0

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**端正钓鱼、大麻哈鱼**
- 贡献于其搏斗能力，大麻哈鱼是其中一个最受欢迎的比赛鱼在西维吉尼亚。把你的钓鱼技巧和一只在拥有超过120条流水的小溪的浮子钓鱼。适合捕鱼的公共湖泊在1月开始被放养，金底彩虹继续在5月适合的水中放养。
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