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## Public Fishing Information

# Cohocton River

## Lower Section

This brochure covers the section downstream (south) of the mouth of Neil Creek

\* For public fishing information upstream (north) of the mouth of Neil Creek see **Cohocton River-Middle Section & Neil Creek** OR **Cohocton River-Upper Section**.



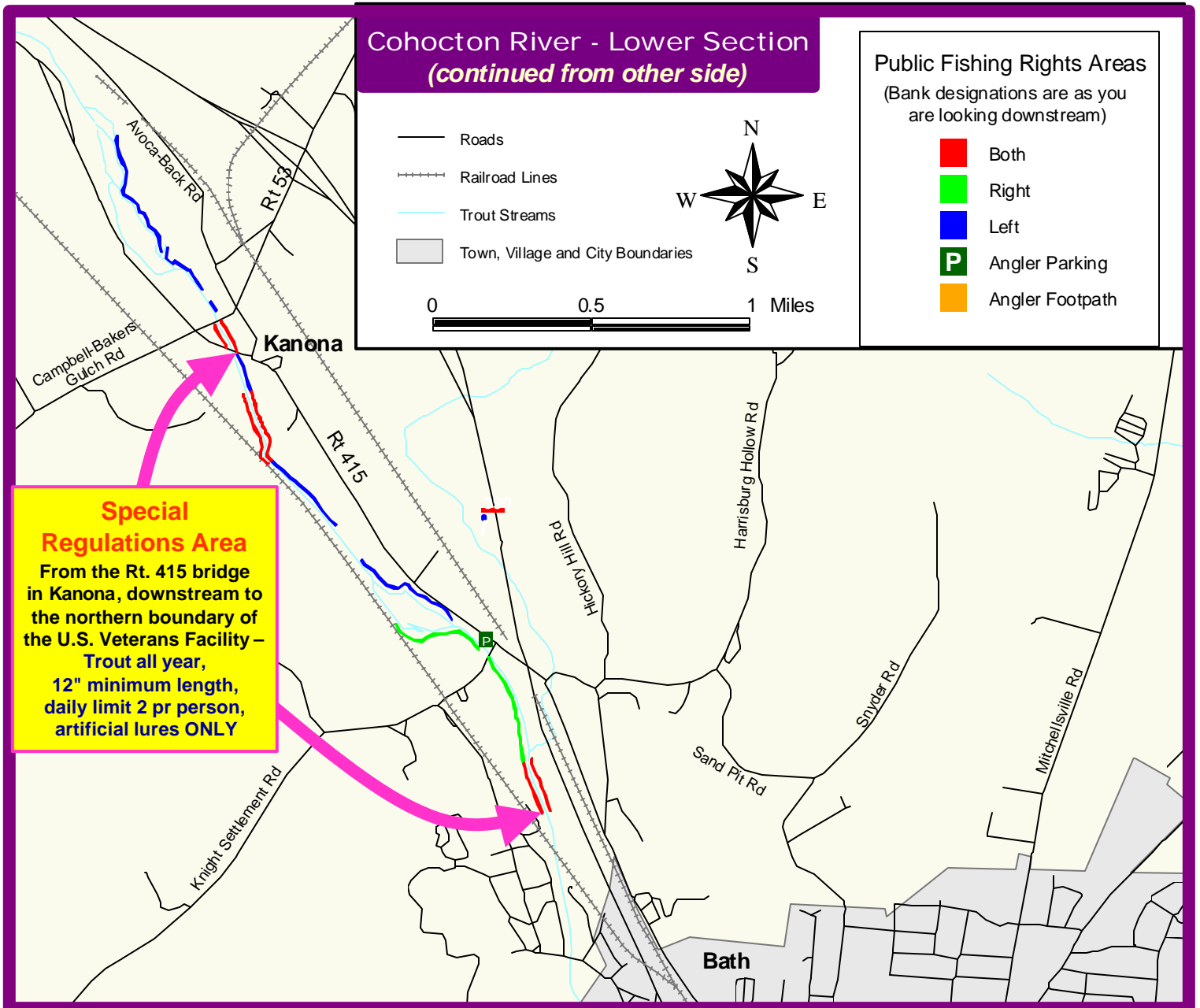
The Cohocton River flows through the scenic Finger Lakes Region of New York. It begins about seven miles south of Honeoye Lake and eventually joins the



Tioga River at Painted Post and becomes part of the Chemung River. The lower section shown in this brochure contains primarily brown trout, but smallmouth bass are also present.

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### Public Fishing Rights

Public Fishing Rights (PFRs) are permanent easements purchased from landowners, giving anglers the right-of-way to fish and walk along the bank (usually a 33-foot strip on one or both banks of the stream). This right is for the purpose of fishing and no other purpose. Treat the land as if it were your own to ensure the continuation of this right and privilege. Fishing privileges may be available on some private lands. Landowner courtesy and respect for their property will ensure their continued use.

See the map in this brochure for details on the Public Fishing Rights Areas on the Cohocton River – Lower section



Look for these signs to be sure you are in the right location

At times, the fishing pressures can be heavy and stream etiquette can go a long way in making everyone's day a pleasurable one. Elbow room to fish is a common courtesy. The stationary, or slow moving, angler should be given room by overtaking them noiselessly – out of the water – and re-entering as far away as practical. Wading right up to another angler could disturb a pod of feeding fish and no one appreciates this type of conduct. Pleasant conversations are OK, so long as fish within casting range are not disturbed.

## Fishing Regulations

Cohocton River – The lower section described in this brochure starts at the mouth of Neil Creek and ends at the Village of Bath:

**Trout all year, any size, daily limit 5 per person with no more than 2 fish over 12" EXCEPT areas described below.**

Cohocton River from the mouth of Neil Creek downstream to the northern boundary of the Village of Avoca **AND** Cohocton River from the Rt. 415 bridge in Kanona, downstream to the northern boundary of the U.S.

**Veterans Facility:**

**Trout all year, minimum length 12", daily limit 2 per person, Artificial lures ONLY.**

The section of the Cohocton River described in this brochure contains mostly stocked fish. Each year the Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) stocks over 10,000 brown trout including a large number of two-year-old fish.

## Methods for Releasing Fish

1. Use barbless hooks, they are easier to remove.
2. Play a fish no longer than necessary. To do so decreases its chance of survival.
3. Wet your hands before touching a fish that is to be released. Dry skin will remove the mucous coating on a trout. Avoid touching the gills.
4. Use of a landing net also increases the survival rate of a trout.
5. Gently push the hook out and cradle the fish in your hand, underwater and facing upstream.
6. After a moment, allow the fish to swim free. If the fish turns upside down, catch it and revive it again as stated above.

