

Season: The 2026 Quabbin Fishing Season runs from April 18 through October 17, 2026.

Shore Fishing is open one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset, seven days a week from the beginning of the season until December 31; DCR reserves the right to close the season early due to ice conditions. The Boat Launch Areas (BLAs) will also open on April 19, conditions permitting. BLAs are open seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. until closing. **Boats must be off the water 1½ hours before closing.** Closing times and ‘boats off the water times’ are posted at the BLAs and [Quabbin Fishing Website](#). **Pottapaug Pond and O’Loughlin Pond will be closed to all boating (private and rentals) for the 2026 Quabbin Fishing Season.**

Boat Launch Area Fees:

You must be 16 years or older, with a Massachusetts Fishing or Sporting License or a Quabbin Fishing License to rent or launch a boat. Boats are rented on a first-come – first-served basis. We require anyone renting a boat to be in possession of some form of fishing equipment. All rental boat customers born after January 1, 1989 must present a valid boater safety card to rent a DCR boat. For information on how to obtain a boater safety card visit the [Commonwealth’s Take a Boating Safety Course website](#).

- Prices:** Parking and fishing access - \$6 per vehicle; \$8 per vehicle and trailer (includes launching fees)
Seasonal parking pass (online sales only) - \$50; \$25 if handicapped (with placard) or senior citizen (62 and older)
Boat and motor rental - \$40 per day No cash sales; credit/debit only at BLAs
Boat only rental - \$14 per day
Senior citizens (62 and older) – half price parking and season pass; half price boat rentals
Handicapped (with placard) – half price parking, season pass, and boat rentals

Quabbin Boat Seal: An intact [Quabbin Boat Seal](#) is required on all private and non-DCR boats launched on the reservoir. For information call the Quabbin Visitor Center at (413) 323-7221 and press 0 when the recording starts.

Boat Size, Occupancy, and Safety:

- Minimum boat size is 12'. Boats under 14', 6" are limited to three individuals. Private boats may carry no more than four individuals.
- Rental boats are limited by weight. In general, maximum of three adults (16 or older) per rental boat; or two adults and two children under 16 per rental boat; or one adult and three children under 16 per rental boat.
- Boats must be operated at a safe and reasonable speed.
- Boats must return to BLA no later than the posted “Boats off the water” time.
- No boats may be launched less than two hours before the posted “Boats off the water” times at BLAs.
- Persons under 16 must be accompanied by an adult when in a boat.
- Flashlights or a cyalume stick are recommended in the event you need to be rescued.

Outboard Motor Size Limits:

- DCR rental boats are limited to 10 horsepower (hp) maximum.
- Two-Stroke Engines - private boats with two-stroke engines are limited to one-half the Boating Industries of America (BIA) or Outboard Boating Council (OBC) hp rating of the boat, up to a maximum of 20 hp.
- Four-stroke engines - private boats with four-stroke engines less than 40 hp are limited to ½ the BIA or OBC hp rating. Private boats with four-stroke engines rated for 40 hp or larger are limited to a maximum of 25 hp.
- Private boats may use two motors provided the total does not exceed the hp limits. If hp exceeds the limits the propeller on larger motor needs to be removed.
- Combined four-stroke and two-stroke engines may not exceed 20 hp total.

Boating Regulations - the following are Required for private boats:

- Intact Quabbin Boat Seal at check-in prior to launching
- Safety equipment compliant with U.S. Coast Guard regulations

Watershed Protection Regulations - the following are Prohibited:

- Swimming or wading
- Boating beyond marked limits
- Private canoes or kayaks
- Alcoholic beverages
- Drones
- Disposal of materials in the reservoir or reservation
- Harassment of nesting or chick rearing wildlife
- Dogs or other animals
- Landing boats on shoreline/islands except at designated areas for restroom facility use
- No personal ropes or anchors allowed on rental boats

Contact Information:

Emergency - 911

MA State Police, Quabbin - (413) 323-7561

Quabbin Visitor Center - (413) 323-7221

Watershed Rangers - (617) 828-2452 (cell)

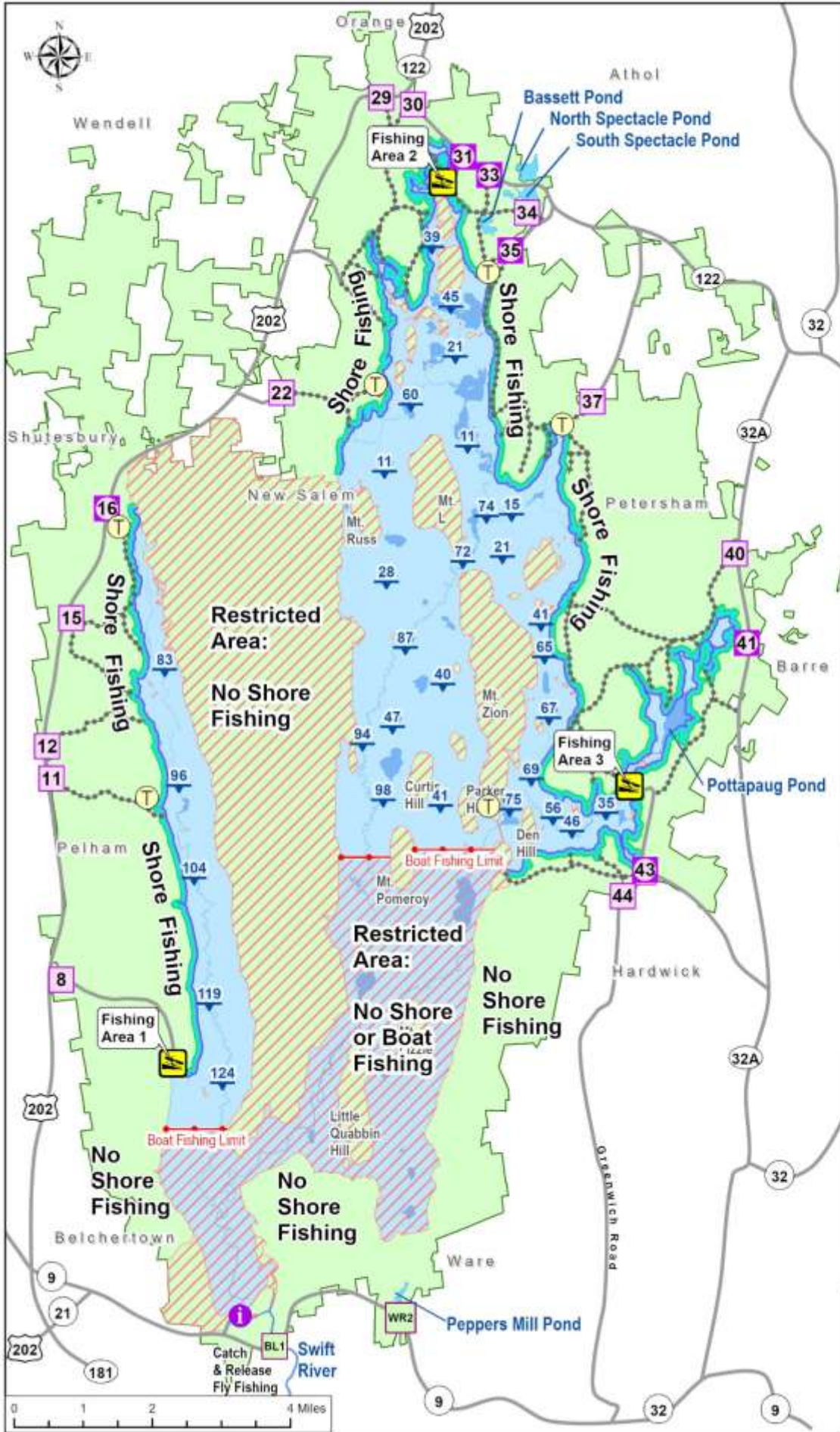
[The complete Quabbin Fishing guide is available on the DCR website](#) or use the QR code.

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Quabbin Reservoir Fishing Map



- Visitor Center
- Fishing Area (Boat Launch)
- Portable Toilet
- Gate: Day Access Only
- Gate: Night Access*
- Feet below 530 elevation
- Shoreline Fishing
- Boat Fishing Limit
- Road
- Access Route
- Restricted Area
- Quabbin Land Boundary
- Fishing Pond
- Quabbin Reservoir
- Submerged Pond

***DCR Authorized Permit
 Required For Night Access**
 DCR Contact Information:
 Visitor Center: (413) 323-7221
 Ranger Station: (413) 323-0191
 Ranger Mobile: (617) 828-2452

This map is composed of geographic data provided by DCR Division of Water Supply Protection & MassGIS

