Season: The 2022 Quabbin Fishing Season runs from April 16 through October 15, 2022. Shore Fishing is open seven days a week for the season. The Boat Launch Areas (BLAs) will also open on April 16, conditions permitting. BLAs are open seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. until closing. From April 16 – May 9 the areas close at 8:00 p.m., from May 10 – July 25 at 8:30 p.m., from July 26 – August 15 at 8:00 p.m., from August 16 – September 5 at 7:30 p.m., then at 6:30 p.m. for the remainder of the season. **Boats must be off the water 1½ hours before closing** (“Boats Off the Water Time” is posted at each area throughout the season). Canoe and kayak rentals are available for regulating ponds from May 15-September 15.

**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. Rentals before 12:30 p.m. pay full day rate. **After June 1, 2022, ONLY credit/debit cards will be accepted at the BLAs (no cash sales).** Season Passes must be purchased online through the Quabbin Fishing Website [www.mass.gov/dcr/quabbinfish](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/quabbinfish). Damage to or littering in rental boats may result in either loss of fishing privileges, damage charges, or both.

**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 full day; $30 afternoon (after 12:30 p.m.)
Boat only Rental - $14 full day; $10 afternoon (after 12:30 p.m.)
Senior Citizens (62 and older) – half price Parking and Season Pass; half price weekday Boat Rentals (except holidays)
Handicapped (with placard) – half price Parking, Season Pass, and Boat Rentals

**Quabbin Boat Seal:** An intact [Quabbin Boat Seal](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/quabbinfish) is required on all private and non-DCR boats launched on the reservoir. This seal documents that the craft has gone through a DCR-approved decontamination for aquatic invasive species. Boat seals are inspected by Boat Launch Attendants prior to launching. Call the Quabbin Visitor Center to schedule an appointment at (413) 323-7221 and press 0 when the recording starts. Leave a message if necessary. Appointments are taken after March 1.

**Boat Size, Occupancy, and Safety:**
* Minimum boat size is 12'. Boats under 14', 6" are limited to three individuals. No boats may carry more than four individuals.
* Rental boats are limited to a maximum of 3 adults (16 or older); or 2 adults and 2 children under 16; or 1 adult and 3 children under 16.
* Boats must be operated at a safe and reasonable speed.
* Boats must return to Boat Launch Area no later than the posted “Boats off the water” time.
* No boats may be launched less than 2 hours before the posted “Boats off the water” times at Boat Launch Areas.
* 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.
* Canoe and kayak rentals are available for regulating ponds from May 15-September 15.

**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 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:**
* Acts that pollute the water supply
* Boating beyond marked limits
* Private canoes or kayaks
* Alcoholic beverages
* Drones
* Swimming or wading
* Camping
* Dogs or other animals
* Fires
* Disposal of materials in the reservoir or reservation
* Pontoon boats, inflatable boats or sailboats.
* Lead fishing sinkers
* Harassment of nesting or chick rearing wildlife
* Drones
* Landing boats on shoreline/islands except at designated areas for restroom facility use

**Contact Information:**
EMERGENCY - 911  Quabbin Visitor Center - (413) 323-7221
MA State Police, Quabbin - (413) 323-7561  Watershed Rangers - (617) 828-2452 (cell)

The complete Quabbin Fishing guide is available at: [www.mass.gov/dcr/quabbinfish](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/quabbinfish) 3/22/22