

## RULES

1. Ontario residents must have a valid fishing license or deemed licence to legally fish in Ontario from the age of 18 to 64 inclusive. Some exceptions apply, call MNRF at 1-800-667-1940 for clarification or check the front of the Ontario recreational fishing regulations summary. Anglers can obtain equipment through the OFAH TackleShare Program – contact the GRCA for further information.
2. If you are required to purchase a licence, you must carry your Outdoors Card or Temporary Outdoors Card accompanied by a valid Recreational Fishing Licence or Licence Summary whenever you are fishing. People who qualify to use other documents as a deemed licence must carry those while fishing.
3. It is illegal to transfer your licence to anyone else, including relatives.
4. Catching or retaining a fish by impaling or snagging it with a hook through any part of the body other than the mouth is illegal.
5. It is illegal to attempt to catch fish when the season is closed, even if you plan to release them.
6. There is no fishing of any kind allowed in a fish sanctuary.
7. It is illegal to allow fish fit for human consumption to spoil.
8. 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.
9. 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 Jocelyn/Molson Street Bridge.



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### REPORT A POACHER

If you witness or suspect a natural resource violation, please report it to the following:

**MNRF 24-Hour Reporting** 1.877.TIPS.MNR  
(1.877.847.7667)

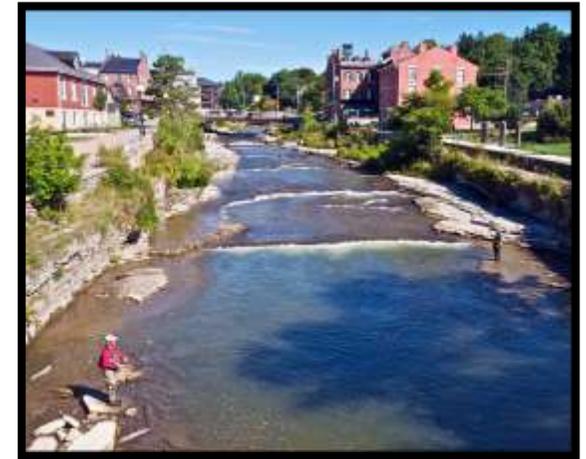
**Port Hope Police Service** 905.885.8123

**Crime Stoppers (Anonymous reporting)**  
905.222.TIPS (8477)

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 and Forestry to educate anglers on important fishing regulations, prevent resource abuse 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 of 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 of garbage in a responsible manner.

## PRIVATE PROPERTY

You must obtain permission prior to entering private property. Failure to do so may result in trespass charges.

## FISHING SEASON

The Ganaraska River is in Fisheries Management Zone 17 ([www.ontario.ca/page/fisheries-management-zone-17-fmz-17](http://www.ontario.ca/page/fisheries-management-zone-17-fmz-17))

Selected General Regulations for Fisheries Management Zone 17:

Trout & Salmon: Open from the 4th Saturday in April to September 30th of each year.  
Atlantic salmon: Catch and Release only

## FISHING SEASON EXCEPTIONS for the Ganaraska River (see map)

### A FISH SANCTUARY

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

FISH SANCTUARY – CLOSED ALL YEAR – NO FISHING

### 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 (bridge closest to Lake Ontario):

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 (bridge closest to Lake Ontario) and Lake Ontario:

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

## SPORT FISHING LICENCE LIMITS

Five (5) trout and salmon combined (includes Brook, Brown, Lake and Rainbow Trout, and Pacific and Atlantic Salmon), but only two (2) can be Rainbow Trout and zero (0) Atlantic Salmon

## CONSERVATION FISHING LICENCE LIMITS

Two (2) trout and salmon combined (includes Brook, Brown, Lake and Rainbow Trout, and Pacific and Atlantic Salmon), but only one (1) can be a Rainbow Trout and zero (0) Atlantic Salmon

