



Hiking

The hiking trail is open year round from sunrise to sunset. The portion of the trail that runs along the old

railroad grade on the eastern side of the reservoir offers a lake-view walk. There is some small hill climbing and stream crossings.

The trail is not considered handicapped accessible. Entrances to the trail are available from Tolland Stage Road and Shenipsit Lake Road.

Hikers should stay on town roads or the Connecticut Water Company property as shown on the map. There are also signs along the trail. Please don't trespass private property.

General Information

Sanitary facilities and trash receptacles are provided at designated locations. Participants should use these facilities and report any problems or violations of the permit regulations to the Lake Activities Monitor.

For more information about the Shenipsit Lake Reservoir Recreational Program contact:

**Connecticut Water Company
1-800-286-5700
www.ctwater.com**

**Shenipsit Lake Reservoir
Boat Storage Facility
860- 875-1850
www.shenipsitlake.org**

Partnering to Provide Recreation and Protect Your Drinking Water Supply



Lake Shenipsit Reservoir is a critical water supply source for north central Connecticut and combined with our ground water sources (wells) meets the daily water supply needs of families and communities for drinking, cooking, hygiene, sanitation, economic development, and public fire protection.

Our Rockville Drinking Water Treatment Facility, completed in 2017, treats and filters all water withdrawn from the reservoir. The combination of high-quality source water and state-of-art treatment allows us to deliver a reliable supply of safe drinking water day-in and day-out.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us to protect the high quality of the water in the reservoir and in making this a successful recreation program. We ask only that you always show respect for the delicate environment that surrounds you and abide by our posted Rules and Regulations.



The Connecticut Water Company, in cooperation with the Shenipsit Lake Association, is pleased to offer this recreational fishing and hiking program.

Open to all residents of the State of Connecticut, the public is encouraged to take part in the recreation program and enjoy this natural resource.

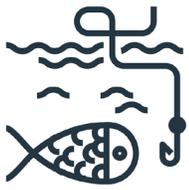
Connecticut Water Company has a long history of environmental stewardship and takes great measures to protect this public water supply, while at the same time allowing recreational activities that are permitted and approved by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH).

The fishing program starts annually on the second Saturday of April and ends on October 31 with permitted hours from sunrise to sunset. A Lake Activities Monitor is on-site daily to supervise activities during the permitted hours.

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The Rules and Regulations, opening and closing dates for the recreation program, as well as notices and special event announcements are available at ctwater.com and are posted on the bulletin boards located near the boat storage shed and at the trail entrance.





Fishing

Lake Shenipsit Reservoir offers some of the best fishing in north central Connecticut. There are some rules that need to be followed because this is a public water supply that

needs to be protected. Fishing is allowed in designated areas along the shoreline or from boats powered by oars or electric motors from sunrise to sunset during fishing season.

Wading into the lake or having bodily contact with the water is strictly prohibited. Anyone 16 years or older must have a valid Connecticut fishing license. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult with a valid Connecticut fishing license. Lake Shenipsit is stocked with trout by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

The only boats allowed on the lake are those that have been registered by the Connecticut Water and the Shenipsit Lake Association, and have been quarantined for 48 hours. Boats may only be launched and brought to shore at the Boat Storage/Launching site. Anyone fishing from a boat needs a valid fishing license, necessary personal flotation devices, and a safe boating certificate as required by law.

The quarantine period is required to prevent the introduction of zebra mussels into the reservoir. Zebra mussels are an invasive species that can clog the intake structures of drinking water treatment facilities.

More information about registering boats for use on the lake and quarantine process are available by contacting the Shenipsit Lake Association at 860-875-1850.

Connecticut Water and the Shenipsit Lake Association also offer youth fishing derbies between May and August. Visit www.shenipsitlake.org for dates and other details.

