CATCH AND RELEASE TIPS
- Land and release the fish quickly.
- Handle the fish as little as possible. Use forceps or noodle pole to help you handle the fish.
- Keep the fish in clear water for as long as possible.
- Use a fish release tool.

IMPROVING TROUT STREAM FISHING
Extensive efforts pay off when you catch the largest number of fish possible. Catching and releasing trout is the most critical ingredient needed to maintain a viable fish population.

WHERE CAN I FISH FOR TROUT? Trout streams are subject to seasonal regulations and are typically found in the northwest and western parts of the state. Also check with your local fishery office for a list of public fishing ponds.

Trout are easily spooked, so try to approach them slowly. Be sure to carry a light-action spinning rod or fly rod.

TROUT FISHING TIPS
- Be aware of your surroundings and any hazards that may be present.
- Use a suitable fly or artificial lure that matches the natural food items and the corresponding weather conditions.
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CATCHABLE TROUT STREAMS
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KIDS’ TROUT FISHING PONDS
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### TROUT FISHING IN COMMUNITY LAKES AND PONDS

**Manchester Trout Hatchery** - 2 miles southwest of Manchester. Originally built in the 1880s, it is one of the oldest hatcheries in the United States. Brook and brown trout fry (hatchlings) are raised in tanks inside the hatchery until they reach 10 to 12 inches, when they are stocked into the Turkey River at the hatchery.

**Chuck Gipp Decorah Fish Hatchery** - 2 miles southwest of Decorah in Winneshiek County. It was built in 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). About 145,000 rainbow trout are raised in tanks inside the hatchery and community fishing lakes and ponds.

**Iowa Trout Country** - For more information about trout fishing in community lakes and ponds, go to www.iowadnr.gov/trout.

### VISIT A TROUT HATCHERY

**Manchester Trout Hatchery** - The hatchery is located in the town of Manchester, about 12 miles southeast of Manchester in Delaware County. The hatchery produces 4,000 gallons per minute, and the spring supplies water to the hatchery at 2,000 gallons per minute. Large tanks are used in the hatchery to provide eggs and eggs to produce trout. Fry are stocked into the Turkey River in Manchester 600,000 to 700,000 fish are produced each year. Fish are stocked into the Hatchery, and after 2 to 3 inches, when the fry are released into the Turkey River, they are transferred to the Fish Hatchery and are released into the Turkey River where they are introduced into the hatchery.

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There is an access trail along the river, a footpath to public fishing, and a trail that runs along the river. The hatchery is open to visitors and public fishing near the river.

**Iowa TroutCountry** - A family-friendly event is often paired with the stocking to help anglers have success and fun while fishing. The tagging of trout allows anglers to follow the life cycle of the trout from fingerling to catchable size, and allows for education and community fishing lakes.

**TROUT FISHING IN COMMUNITY LAKES AND PONDS** - Community trout stockings offer a "Village to River" option for anglers in cities and towns across Iowa. Between 1,000 to 4,000 catchable-sized rainbow trout are released once a year at 16 locations between October and April. These cool weather stockings provide easy access trout fishing opportunities in areas that cannot support trout during the summer. These locations often include the stocking of brook trout due to their cold water temperature and for winter fishing.

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