



Wild Trout Streams Open to Public Fishing

A “W” in the fish species column represents a population of wild trout for that species. Many wild trout streams in Iowa have a mixture of public and private ownership. Public fishing areas are typically well-marked with “Open to Public Fishing”, “Public Fishing Only”, “Public Hunting”, or “Park” signs. Resources are available to identify areas of public ownership including web-based GIS interactive maps and printed plat books. Iowa law requires landowner permission to enter property that is not signed as open to public entry. Trespassing for wild trout is a crime.

Stream	County	Nearest Town	Brown Trout	Brook Trout	Location Latitude/Longitude
Arner Branch	Allamakee	Dorchester	W		43.466414, -91.498840
Bear Creek	Allamakee	Sattre	W		43.435567, -91.565961
Clear Creek (Lansing)	Allamakee	Lansing	W		43.358781, -91.237809
Clear Creek (New Albin)	Allamakee	New Albin	W		43.448879, -91.420057
French Creek	Allamakee	Waukon	W	W	43.408171, -91.398724
Hickory Creek	Allamakee	Volney	W		43.117625, -91.406520
Lansing Wildlife Area Creek	Allamakee	Lansing		W	43.40709, -91.26553
Little Paint Creek	Allamakee	Harpers Ferry	W	W	43.183944, -91.236129
Paint Creek	Allamakee	Harpers Ferry	W		43.171122, -91.244335
Patterson Creek	Allamakee	Waukon	W		43.350490, -91.575502
Pine Creek	Allamakee/ Winneshiek	Sattre	W	W	43.396042, -91.589994
Waterloo Creek	Allamakee	Dorchester	W		43.450737, -91.506585
West Branch French	Allamakee	Waukon	W	W	43.381971, -91.401451
Wexford Creek	Allamakee	Harpers Ferry	W		43.272426, -91.133328
Yellow River	Allamakee	Waukon	W		43.163916, -91.453730
Bear Creek (Bixby)	Clayton	Edgewood	W		42.675072, -91.400427
Bloody Run	Clayton	Marquette	W		43.039685, -91.217803
Buck Creek	Clayton	Garnavillo	W		42.889169, -91.203703
Hewett Creek (Ensign WMA)	Clayton	Strawberry Point	W		42.757368, -91.561821
Joy Springs	Clayton	Strawberry Point	W		42.676666, -91.596722
Maquoketa River	Clayton / Delaware	Strawberry Point	W		42.643976, -91.579794
Mossy Glen	Clayton	Edgewood	W		42.705052, -91.423869
North Cedar Creek	Clayton	McGregor	W	W	42.962597, -91.228981
Sny Magill	Clayton	McGregor	W		42.952408, -91.195279
South Cedar Creek	Clayton	Garnavillo	W		42.829723, -91.244929
Turkey River	Clayton	Elkader	W		42.910573, -91.472849

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Bailey's Ford	Delaware	Manchester	W		42.447789, -91.410252
Elk Creek (Twin Bridges)	Delaware	Greeley	W		42.631350, -91.285079
Fountain Springs	Delaware	Greeley	W		42.618064, -91.301048
Little Turkey River	Delaware	Colesburg	W		42.634472, -91.155289
Richmond Springs	Delaware	Strawberry Point	W		42.635670, -91.560953
Spring Branch	Delaware	Manchester	W		42.461033, -91.397409
Bankston	Dubuque	Bankston	W		42.558286, -90.954971
Catfish Creek (Swiss Valley)	Dubuque	Dubuque	W		42.423057, -90.758802
Monastery Creek	Dubuque	Dubuque	W		42.423057, -90.758802
White Pine Hollow	Dubuque	Luxemburg	W		42.628429, -91.094124
Bear Creek	Fayette	Fayette	W		42.809838, -91.695936
Brush Creek	Fayette	Arlington	W		42.774962, -91.686691
Dutton Cave Spring	Fayette	West Union		W	42.997945, -91.766490
Glovers Creek	Fayette	West Union	W		42.949344, -91.774831
Grannis Creek	Fayette	Fayette	W		42.824597, -91.721390
Mink Creek	Fayette	Wadena	W		42.869452, -91.651649
Otter Creek	Fayette	West Union	W		42.950255, -91.754222
Bigalk Creek	Howard	Cresco	W		43.473921, -91.079208
Chihak Creek	Howard	Cresco	W		43.330012, -92.083492
Big Mill	Jackson	Bellevue	W		42.270402, -90.523846
Little Mill	Jackson	Bellevue	W		42.249197, -90.476612
Mill Creek	Jackson	Bellevue	W		42.253686, -90.431024
South Fork Big Mill	Jackson	Bellevue	W		42.270402, -90.523846
Burr Oak	Mitchell	Osage	W		43.320595, -92.733991
Spring Creek	Mitchell	Orchard	W		43.227144, -92.793688
Turtle Creek	Mitchell	St. Ansgar	W		43.393394, -92.922616
Bohemian Creek	Winneshiek	Protivin	W		43.214260, -92.062675
Canoe Creek	Winneshiek	Decorah	W		43.36713, -91.61682
Casey Springs	Winneshiek	Decorah	W	W	43.358202, -91.865269
Coldwater Creek	Winneshiek	Bluffton	W		43.434564, -91.948782
Coon Creek	Winneshiek	Decorah	W		43.315912, -91.629177
Falcon Spring Branch	Winneshiek	Decorah		W	43.33892, -91.87055
Middle Bear Creek	Winneshiek	Highlandville	W	W	43.47566, -91.64481

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North Bear Creek	Winneshiek	Highlandville	W		43.449434, -91.616945
North Canoe Creek	Winneshiek	Decorah	W		43.380232, -91.773343
Pine Spring Creek	Winneshiek	Decorah	W	W	43.38205, -91.80648
South Bear Creek	Winneshiek	Highlandville	W		43.449434, -91.616945
South Pine Creek	Winneshiek	Sattre	W	W	43.385440, -91.663031
Ten Mile Creek	Winneshiek	Decorah	W		43.33652, -91.85672
Trout River	Winneshiek	Decorah	W		43.264155, -91.661142
Trout Run	Winneshiek	Decorah	W		43.290393, -91.759205
Twin Springs	Winneshiek	Decorah	W		43.298393, -91.812067
West Canoe Creek	Winneshiek	Decorah	W		43.402151, -91.806966

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