

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

Trash receptacles are provided at designated locations. Participants should use these receptacles and report any problems or violations of the permit regulations to Connecticut Water.

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

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

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Our Rockville Drinking Water Treatment Facility, completed in 2017, treats and filters all water withdrawn from the reservoir.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.

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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/ShenipsitLake.



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. All boats must be registered with CT Water prior to launching. Kayaks are not allowed.

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 Company urges participants of the program, members of the Shenipsit Lake Association, shoreline property owners and the public to honor the terms of the DPH permit to protect the public drinking water supply. Conditions of the DPH recreation permit prohibit the following activities:

- Swimming and/or wading in the lake or tributaries
- Littering
- Smoking and Alcoholic beverages
- Fishing in restricted areas
- Hunting/trapping
- Pets not leashed on dry land
- Motor bikes/ATVs/Snowmobiles
- Fires and Camping
- Removal of vegetation, animals, or minerals
- Carrying or discharge of firearms/dangerous weapons
- Bicycles
- Horses
- Ice fishing or any activities in the frozen lake
- Disposal or discharge of wastes into the lake
- Cleaning of fish within 250 feet of the lake or tributary

