



Details and anticipated dates for the 2020 season:

OCTOBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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DECEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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- Elevated base flows on Sandy and Oak Orchard
- Typical Canal draining flows on Sandy, with elevated base flows on Oak Orchard
- Typical Canal draining flows on Oak Orchard, with elevated base flows on Sandy
- Typical Canal draining flows on all Lake Ontario tributaries (Canal is being emptied)
- Elevated base flows on Sandy only (Canal is being filled)
- Public holidays
- Free Fishing Day (no license required) and Veteran's Day

Please note: dates are subject to change depending on weather

For details on fishing in the Great Lakes region, visit the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's website:



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This project is part of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Reimagine the Canals initiative, encouraging New Yorkers to experience the Canals in a different way—while also increasing tourism and bolstering New York State businesses.

For more information on Reimagine, please visit ny.gov/programs/reimagine-canals-initiative.

FALL FISHING 2020

Explore world-class fishing destinations on Lake Ontario tributaries supplied with water from the Erie Canal



New This Year: Improved angling experience with higher flows and a longer season



Department of Environmental Conservation

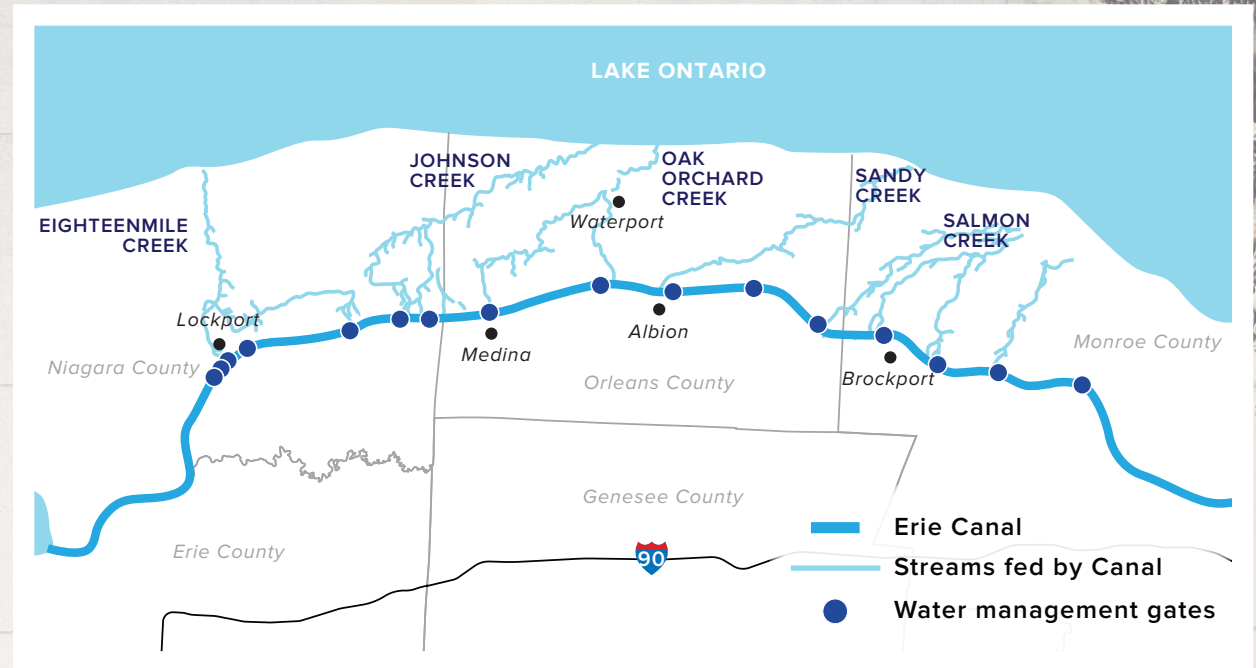


For the first time in recent years, the Canal Corporation is releasing more water from the Erie Canal into Lake Ontario tributaries, over an extended period of time—creating a longer season and even better angling experience.

For all of October, the Canal Corporation will increase regulated water releases into Orleans and Monroe County's premium streams – Oak Orchard Creek and Sandy Creek. In early November and early December, all Lake Ontario tributaries (Eighteenmile, Johnson, Oak Orchard, Sandy and Salmon Creeks) will see higher flows. This will entice more brown trout, steelhead and Atlantic and Pacific salmon to run up these streams, improving conditions for the fish and expanding opportunities for anglers. Please refer to the calendar included on the back for more details.

CORONAVIRUS IS STILL ACTIVE IN NEW YORK

Please be smart: Wear a mask and keep 6 feet away from others—even while fishing—to help reduce the spread.



But how does it work? The Erie Canal in Western New York is an entirely man-made channel (unlike other regions where the Canal follows the course of a natural river). The Lake Ontario tributaries connected to the Canal serve as an outlet for the Canal's water management gates – which can be raised or lowered to manipulate water levels in the Canal for navigation, and are used to drain the Canal during the winter for maintenance.

Most Novembers, the Canal is emptied over the course of a week, raising water levels on these tributaries and creating optimal fishing opportunities. This year the Canal Corporation will intentionally release water, when appropriate, to increase the flows in these streams throughout the fall—and extend the draining of the Canal to create a longer season for anglers.

The Canal and tributary waters will be monitored for quantity and quality to help ensure this program is not causing any harm to the health of the fishery.