



Tri County Trout Derby

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a Trout Derby?

A: The Tri-County Trout Derby is a two-day event where entrants have an opportunity to catch tagged rainbow trout that are released into the Cattaraugus creek for cash prizes.

Q: Who can fish in the tournament?

A: EVERYONE! In fact, this is a family friendly event where we encourage all ages to participate. The first 50 children 12 and under that register will receive a free gift at the tournament. All registrants aged 16 and older must have a valid NY fishing license.

Q: How much does it cost and how do I register?

A: Cost: *Adults:* \$20 by March 15, and \$30 after March 15; *Children 12 and under:* \$20

Register Online: www.arcadechamber.org, or fill out and send in a completed application to the Arcade Area Chamber of Commerce: 228 Main St. Arcade, NY. (*Registration forms are available at the following locations: Pioneer Motorsport, Machias Outdoors, Arcade Area Chamber of Commerce*)

Q: Do I have to pre-register to participate in the derby?

A: No! You can register the day of the event at the Official Derby Headquarters at the Arcade Fire Department. If you preregister by March 15 your registration will be \$10 cheaper.

Q: Once registered, when do I get my registration packet?

A: Early Registration: Friday, April 12 (2 pm – 7 pm) at Pioneer Motorsport- 12220 Olean Rd, Chaffee, NY
Registration Packet includes: Official Fisherman Button, Derby Map, FAQs, Rules, anything you registered early for (apparel, 50/50 tickets, etc.) & more! (*If you can't arrange to pick up on this day, registration packets will be available at the Derby Headquarters which open at 5:00am*)

Q: What are the boundaries of the derby?

A: Our derby covers a 9-mile stretch of the Cattaraugus creek. It begins at the public access point to the creek right on the corner of Route 98 and East Arcade Rd (Old Cattaraugus Road) and goes 200 yards past the Bridge on Savage Road in Chaffee. Boundaries are clearly marked during the derby.

Q: When can I fish in the Derby?

A: Saturday, April 13 from 6:30am-7:00pm and Sunday, April 14 from 6:30am-5:00pm. You are welcome to fish all or part of the derby. *Important Note: Anyone caught fishing the creek outside of these hours will be removed from the derby*

Q: Where are the fish released?

A: The fish are released at 14-20 different locations on the Cattaraugus creek within the boundaries of the derby. No tagged fish will be stocked outside of these boundaries and absolutely no tagged fish will be stocked into any feeder streams (tributaries) of the Cattaraugus creek.

Q: How many tagged fish are there and how much are they worth?

A: We release 400 tagged fish and the prizes vary based on the ID number on the tag. The amounts range from \$25-\$1,000.

Q: What is the “Community Fish”?

A: The “Community Fish” is like a 50/50 fish with the potential for a 100% payout to contestants. Every dollar collected from the tickets sold will be put into a “pot”. Whatever the total is the person that catches the fish with the proper ID number on it gets ½ of that total pot. At the end of the derby we will draw one ticket from all the tickets purchased and another person will win the other half of the total amount. Starting in 2018, if the Community Fish is not caught, the money will go into a progressive jackpot and until the fish is caught.

Q: What do I do if I catch a tagged fish?

A: You bring the ALIVE fish to a check point, where Derby officials will validate the fish and present you with a coupon to redeem at the Derby Headquarters with the fish’s tag to receive your cash. There will also be Derby officials walking the creek that can validate the fish as well. *We do provide a plastic bag in your registration packet that is a way to keep your fish alive while transporting to a check point.*

Q: Where is the Derby Headquarters?

A: Located at: Arcade Fire Department- 145 North St, Arcade, NY (Opening at: 5:00am both days of Derby) Headquarters offers: Derby information, registration packets not picked up early, 1 of 2 official check points, prize money for fish, food and drinks, bait, 50/50 tickets, Community Fish tickets, apparel, raffles, and more!

Q: Where are the official check points?

A: Derby Headquarters and the access point at Route 16 bridge.

Q: Do tagged fish have to be alive to receive a cash prize?

A: YES! If the fish is dead before presented to Derby officials, you will not be paid out for the fish. *We do provide a plastic bag in your registration packet that is a way to keep your fish alive while transporting to a check point.*

Q: Is there a limit on the number of tagged fish I can catch?

A: NO, As long as you follow DEC regulations and do not keep more fish than is allowed in your daily creel limit you are not limited in the number of tagged fish you can catch on either day. We encourage you to release everything you catch or be selective with your harvest to avoid getting to your creel limit. The check points are open all day so validate your fish often.

Q: Will there be other prizes given out besides cash for the tagged fish?

A: No, all the tagged fish will have a designated cash prize associated with it. However we will have raffles, 50/50 and more at the Derby Headquarters at the Fire Department.

Q: Do I have to be present at the time of any raffle to win?

A: No, we do not require that you are present for the drawing(s) of any raffle we have.

Q: What is the Bait and Hook Prize?

A: On Sunday at 5pm we will randomly draw one fisherman for a \$250 special cash prize. If that fisherman has caught a fish the prize doubles to \$500.

If you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns please contact us.

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Good luck and FISH ON!