



Fishing Policy

Wissahickon Trails recognizes that fishing is a cultural and family tradition that connects people with nature, a key component of our mission. For this reason, **Wissahickon Trails allows licensed, catch and release fishing only, on properties we own along the Green Ribbon Trail (GRT).** If you plan to fish along the GRT, please note the following:

- The 10.5-mile Green Ribbon Trail that follows the Wissahickon Creek is made up of multiple public and private property owners, and Wissahickon Trails is not a decision maker in their land use: ***this policy applies only to the portions of the Green Ribbon Trail under our ownership.***
- Please bear in mind that while the Wissahickon is lovely, it is an urban waterway carrying pollutants, parasites, and E. coli. The water can be very shallow (especially in the Montgomery County portion of the creek), there is intermittent flow, and the water quality has been deemed “impaired for aquatic life” under the EPA’s Clean Water Act in 2003. **Always wash your hands after they have been in contact with the water.**
- **The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission stocks trout in the Wissahickon Creek from Lafayette Ave. downstream to Stenton Ave.** Wissahickon Trails does not own that portion of the land around the creek, and licensed fishing is up to the discretion of those landowners, which does include Fort Washington State Park, a place where licensed fishing is permitted.
- **Loose and discarded fishing line can cause injury to wildlife and become an environmental pollutant – please be sure to clean up any removed line.**