



## THE HEDGES



## FISHING GUIDE

Blue Mountain Lake boasts some of the cleanest, clearest waters in the Adirondack Park. The Eckford Chain of Lakes, which encompasses Blue, Eagle, and Utowana Lakes, offers boundless opportunities for fishing. For those wishing to explore further, there are many additional bodies of water in the area from which to choose. Novices and seasoned anglers, fly fisherman and spin casting aficionados, are all sure to enjoy the opportunities our waterways provide.

### **Consider trying some of these local fishing holes.\***

The Eckford Chain: Cast a line right outside your door right here on Blue, or hop in a boat and paddle under Pioneer Bridge to neighboring Eagle and Utowana Lakes. Species include lake trout, brook trout, smallmouth bass, brown bullhead, landlocked salmon, rainbow smelt, pumpkinseed, and yellow perch. Every year Blue Mountain Lake is stocked with 500 Lake Trout and 1,300 Landlocked Salmon. Surplus brook trout fingerlings are sometimes stocked in the fall.

Lake Durant: This shallow, dammed lake is named after Adirondack Great Camp developer William West Durant and is accessed on Route 28/30 East outside the Hamlet of Blue Mountain Lake. Largemouth bass, tiger muskellunge, brown bullhead, yellow perch, rock bass and pumpkinseed inhabit this body of water. Each year Lake Durant is stocked with approximately 1,300 tiger muskellunge -the tiger musky is a sterile hybrid species, so restocking is necessary.

Rock Pond: Rock Pond is a 0.6-mile woodland walk from a trailhead off the Durant Road in the Hamlet of Blue Mountain Lake. This trail is great for those who want a short hike, serene lake views, and an opportunity to drop a line off the Rock Pond bridge.

Tirrell Pond: Tirrell Pond combines a hiking and fishing adventure. Park at the trailhead for Blue Mountain across from The Adirondack Experience museum and hike 3.3 miles along a flat, low-lying trail. Tirrell contains brook trout, lake trout and pan fish.

Cedar River: If casting a line along a cascading stream is more your style, Cedar River may be the place for you. It can be accessed at the end of Benton (no, not *that* Benton!) and Pelon Roads in the Town of Indian Lake. The river is stocked with brown trout and contains brook trout and smallmouth bass.

\*Information provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation website.

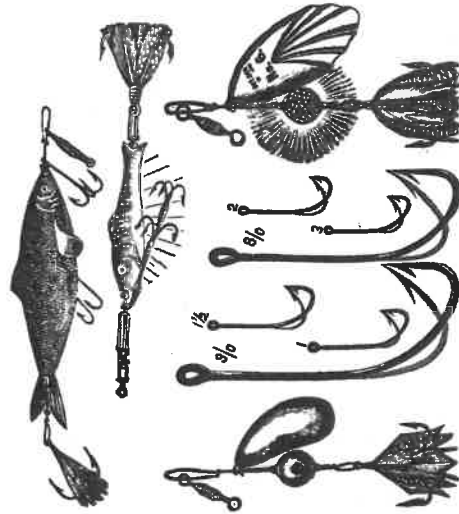
**Several area shops can help with your gear, tackle, and boating needs.**

Blue Mountain Boat Livery in the Hamlet of Blue Mountain Lake rents motorized boats and offers bait and marine and fishing supplies. The Livery boat launch is available for a modest fee (518) 352-7351.

The Ol' Station at the corner of Routes 28 and 30 in the Hamlet of Blue Mountain Lake sells worms and a limited supply of fishing gear.

Hoss's Country Corner in Long Lake sells fishing supplies. Those in your party who are less inclined toward fishing may enjoy browsing Hoss's extensive inventory of merchandise while you select your lures, hooks, and bait.

Pine's Country Store in Indian Lake carries rods and reels, as well as other fishing gear.

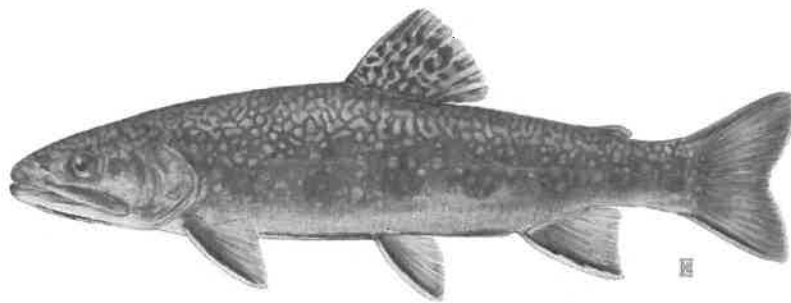


**A New York State fishing license is required for anyone age 16 and over. Permits may be purchased at several locales or online through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation website.**

Lake Durant Campground: 3444 State Road in Blue Mountain Lake (518) 352-7797.

Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce: 6301 NY-30 in Indian Lake (518) 648-5112.

Hoss's Country Corner: 1142 Main Street in Long Lake (518) 624-2481.



*Brook trout illustration by Hugh Chrisp*

Hedges trivia: The illustrated placemat that appears on your Hedges breakfast table was originally created by Hugh H Chrisp in 1933. Chrisp produced fish portraits for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation watershed survey, conducted 1926 – 1939.\*

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