

# MISSOURI

## Bennett Springs Trout Fishing

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240 miles 3.75 hrs

Near Lebanon

River reports on Orvis.com [Fly Fishing](#) Fishing Reports under Resources or anglersfishinginfo.com

Best time to fish: Early A.M. and Evenings. Fishing has remained good throughout each zone this year. Our water is on the low side now, so I would recommend fishing over the weed and moss beds or fish the deeper water. This applies to each zone. Easy access all through the park and designated handicapped fishing areas. For additional information, please call 417-532-4418 or 417-532-7612.

### Fly fishing hatches in order of importance:

Renegades 14, 18-20 Griffiths Gnats 18 Pale Evening Duns 18-20 Dave's Harvester Midge 16-18 Olive Black or Olive Zebra Midge - Sizes 18 Beetles Olive or Tan Scuds fished as a dropper below a San Juan or chamois Wooley Bugger Size 8 - 12 - Black Zonkers Black or Olive Leeches.

### Techniques & Tips

The dry fly fishing has been good. Size 18-22 mayfly patterns coming off. Black caddis, renegades & Griffiths gnats have been productive. Fishing bead head or plain midge patterns 18-24" under the surface have been effective. Sink tip or sinking fly lines with Cracklebacks have been effective & also fish them under the surface & slow strip. Colors vary.

<b>Fishing Hours</b>	<b>Beginning Time</b>	<b>Ending Time</b>
March	6:30 a.m./7:30 a.m.	6 p.m./7 p.m.
April	7 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
May	6:30 a.m.	8:15 p.m.
June/July	6:30 a.m.	8:30 p.m.
August	7 a.m.	8 p.m.
September	7:30 a.m.	7:15 p.m.
October	7:30 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
Catch-and-Release Season	Beginning Time	Ending Time
2nd Friday in Nov. - 2nd Monday in February (Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday only)	8 a.m.	4 p.m.

Here inside the park we stock the stream nightly with rainbow trout raised locally in our hatchery. The number of fish stocked changes from night to night depending on the number of people fishing the previous day.

### Regulations

Trout fishing is permitted in accordance with the state wildlife code & posted restrictions daily from March 1 through Oct. 31, & during the winter catch-and-release season from the second Friday in November to the second Monday in February on Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday only.

Each angler shall display a daily trout tag purchased on the area & bearing his or her signature.

Each angler shall have a state fishing permit except those 15 years & younger or Missouri residents 65 years & older.

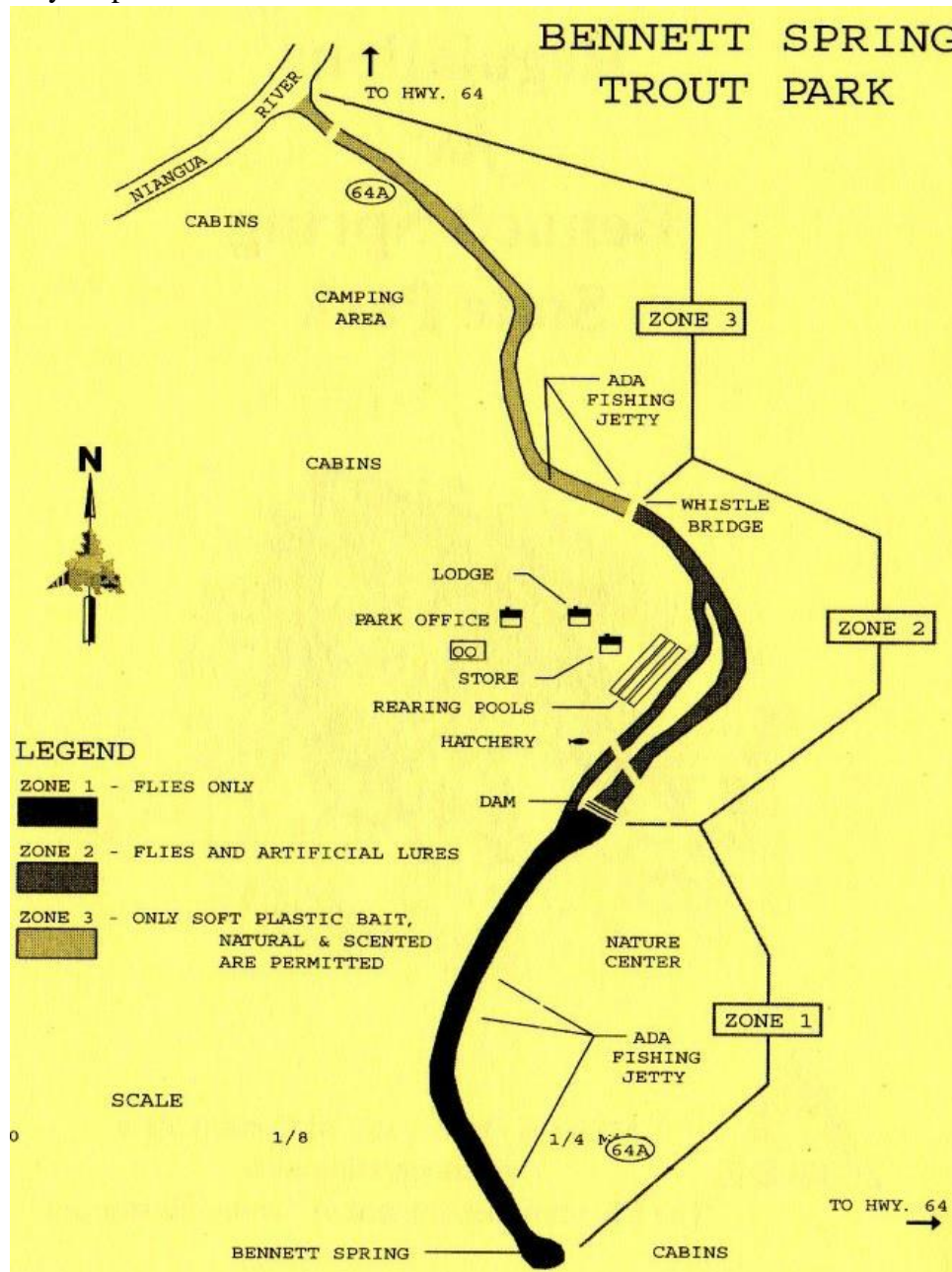
Each angler shall keep their trout separate at all times & identified with their name and address.

Daily limit is four, only one of which may be a brown trout equal to or greater than 15". No length limit on rainbow trout. Possession limit is eight trout.

Only a single pole or rod may be used. Giggling, snaring or snagging is NOT permitted.

No person shall continue to fish for any species in these trout waters after having four trout in possession.

The use of game fish or parts thereof for bait is prohibited; chumming is not permitted. No trout may be possessed in the catch-and-release area.



Zone areas are marked in the park & maps are also available.

Zone 1 From the hatchery dam upstream to the end of the area. Only flies are permitted.

Zone 2 From the hatchery dam to the whistle bridge. Only flies & artificial lures are permitted.

Zone 3 From the whistle bridge to the Niangua River. Only soft plastic bait (unscented), natural & scented bait are permitted. All flies & artificial lures are prohibited, even if natural bait or scent has been added.