

Lake Trout Turn-In & Win

New For
2026



The 2026 “Lake Trout Turn-In & Win” program is a new Derby category developed in collaboration with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Anglers are encouraged to target and turn in Lake Trout equal to or greater than ~~18~~ 15 inches* and less than 22 inches caught in Lake Winnepesaukee.

The goal is to reduce the number of Lake Trout in Lake Winnepesaukee in an effort to promote increased growth for this popular species, as well as ensure adequate food resources and growth for all the other popular game-fish in the lake. All Lake Trout will still be measured and processed at Derby Headquarters, with donated catches going to feed animals at the Squam Lakes Science Center—ensuring that every fish caught has a positive impact beyond the lake.

How to enter and rules

- **Eligible Species:**

Only Lake Trout caught in Lake Winnepesaukee are eligible for this new, special category.

- **Eligible Size Range:**

Lake Trout must be equal to or greater than ~~18~~ 15 inches* (* The minimum state regulated size as of 10/10/2025) and less than 22 inches. Lake Trout 22 inches and greater will be entered into the traditional Lake Trout category.

- **Entry Numbers:**

Anglers may submit up to a maximum of two (2) Lake Trout per day, for a Derby total of up to four (4) Lake Trout.

- **Prize Category:**

Raffle Winner – Every eligible Lake Trout earns one raffle entry.

- **Total Prize:**

\$2,500 - Random raffle drawing from the pool of eligible Lake Trout entries.

- **Turn-In Location:**

All eligible Lake Trout must be measured and submitted at Derby Headquarters.

- **Donated Fish:**

All turned-in fish will be donated to the Squam Lakes Science Center to feed local wildlife.

- **Honor System:**

Anglers must confirm their fish were caught in Lake Winnepesaukee.

- **Entry is Automatic:**

If you're registered for the Derby and submit eligible Lake Trout, you're automatically entered.