Below is the month-by-month breakdown of the best hatches found in Northeast Iowa along with recommended dry and wet flies for each.

**HATCH J F M A M J J A S O N D FLIES**

- *March*: Muddler Minnow & Terrestrials Hoppers & Sulphurs
- *April*: March Brown & Scuds
- *May*: Olive, Grey or Midges, Griffiths Gnat & Hendrickson
- *June*: Adams & Dark Caddis, Elk Hair Caddis
- *July*: Baetis, Blue Winged Olives
- *August*: Caddis, Elk Hair Caddis
- *September*: Baetis, Blue Winged Olives
- *October*: Woollybugger #4-10, Black Trico #22, Tan Scud #12-16, Brassie #16-22, Drake #10-12, Olive #16-22

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Below are guidelines that will be helpful when you fish Iowa. However, it is not a complete list of information. More information can be found at [ne.iowa.gov](http://ne.iowa.gov) or by contacting your local DNR district office.

**IOWA’S TROUT SEASON.**

Iowa has a year-round trout fishery that is unique in the nation. The state offers continuous year-round fishing for brook, brown and rainbow trout. Iowa DNR efforts have also contributed to making this region of the state a world-class trout fishery.

**DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMIT.**

On private land, the daily bag limit is two trout. On public land, the daily bag limit is one trout. The possession limit is ten. On private land, the possession limit is two trout. On public land, the possession limit is ten.

**REGULATIONS FOR ALL TROUT.**

- Catchable trout, as well as French Creek and the West Fork of the Yellow River, are open to the public or require permission from property owners.
- Catchable trout, approximately 85 percent are rainbows and 15 percent are browns.
- Allamakee County's high relief, pre-glacial landscape is home to some of the state's best trout streams.
- The Iowa DNR also stocks over 58,000 brown trout and 50,000 rainbow trout into catchable-sized in rearing stations and are only stocked once a year.
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- On the Mississippi River and several trout streams, 563-380-5600, 213 W Main St., Decorah.
- Weather conditions and water levels are also available. 563-380-6962. Old Spruce Dr., Decorah.
- The Upper Iowa River is one of the state's best trout streams. 563-497-3615. 2753 Hwy 76, Dorchester.
- 8 campsites within a 1/2 mile of the Upper Iowa River. 563-586-2475. 219 S 1st St., Harpers Ferry.
- Custom fishing rods & repairs of all kinds. Call Sam Fox at 563-539-4272. 419 Big Foot Rd., Volney.
- 877-776-2208. 878 Old Mission Rd., Harpers Ferry.
- 563-380-6962. Old Spruce Dr., Decorah.
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5. YELLOW RIVER

DESCRIPTION:

The Yellow River is purported by the Iowa DNR Fisheries to have the highest gradient of structures and rocky banks have made this stream a pleasant destination for fly fishermen. In 2010, Healing Harvest Forest Foundation volunteers along with members of the Iowa Trout Unlimited Chapter installed a 120’ long, 11’ high, 4’ wide and 5’ thick concrete wall to prevent stream erosion. This habitat project is a part of the Trout Unlimited Stream Protection Program.

2. PINE CREEK

LENGTH & TROUT:

1.5 mile stream with brown & brook trout

DESCRIPTION:

This stream is located in the northeastern part of the Moccasin River Valley. Pine Creek is a tributary to the Pine River which is a tributary to the Des Moines River. Pine Creek is a scenic stream that runs through farm land and forest areas. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

1.4 mile stream with brown & brook trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of Freeport in Bureau County, Illinois. The stream is a tributary to the Illinois River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

1.3 mile stream with brown & brook trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of Plattsmouth in Cass County, Nebraska. It is a tributary to the Platte River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

1.2 mile stream with brown & brook trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of Alburnett in Jackson County, Iowa. It is a tributary to the Black River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

1.1 mile stream with brown & brook trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of Blackhawk in Tama County, Iowa. It is a tributary to the Mississippi River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

1.0 mile stream with brown & brook trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of Winfield in Washington County, Iowa. It is a tributary to the Mississippi River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

0.9 mile stream with brown & brook trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of St. Charles in St. Charles County, Missouri. It is a tributary to the Missouri River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

0.8 mile stream with brown & brook trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of Mount Zion in Marion County, Illinois. It is a tributary to the Illinois River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

0.7 mile stream with brown & brook trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of Peoria in Peoria County, Illinois. It is a tributary to the Illinois River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

0.6 mile stream with brown & brook trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of Freeport in Bureau County, Illinois. It is a tributary to the Illinois River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

0.5 mile stream with brown, brook & rainbow trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of Freeport in Bureau County, Illinois. It is a tributary to the Illinois River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

0.4 mile stream with brown & brook trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of Freeport in Bureau County, Illinois. It is a tributary to the Illinois River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

0.3 mile stream with brown, brook & rainbow trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of Freeport in Bureau County, Illinois. It is a tributary to the Illinois River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

0.2 mile stream with brown, brook & rainbow trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of Freeport in Bureau County, Illinois. It is a tributary to the Illinois River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

0.1 mile stream with brown & brook trout

DESCRIPTION:

This small stream is located near the town of Freeport in Bureau County, Illinois. It is a tributary to the Illinois River. This stream is easily accessed from county roads and is open to fly fishing in the entire stream.

PUBLIC LAND

NOTE: It is unlawful to kill, wound or capture any wild trout. All trout must be kept whole and returned to the water in which taken. It is illegal to take trout, kill, wound or capture trout, and to remove or transport trout from their natural habitat. It is unlawful to remove trout from your possession. Violation is a violation of law and subject to fines.

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