

FISHING HAS NEARLY \$28 MILLION ANNUAL IMPACT IN ORLEANS COUNTY, NY

- According to 2017 DEC survey results, the total economic impact from fishing in Orleans County was \$27,989,393
- Out-of-state anglers account for 70% of the fishing econmic output which was \$19,620,488 out of the \$27,989,393



- County residents who fish accounted for \$1,767,334 and other NYS residents outside of the county contributed \$6,601,571
- Anglers generated \$5,110,762 in local and state tax revenue in 2017
- Orleans County was ranked 15 for at-location expenditures by fisherman out of 62 counties in NYS
- Using an average yearly rate of inflation of 3.3%, the total economic impact from fishing in Orleans County could be more than \$34,000,000* in 2024!

*estimated formula number

Orleans County is home to a World-Class fishery among the Great Lakes, Lake Ontario and the tributaries. Cold water trout and salmon angling is the number one pursuit in spring, summer, fall, and winter, and there is a prolific warm water fishery too.

Tributary waters like the Oak Orchard River and the open Lake Ontario are an unequaled year round trout and salmon sport fishery! Fishing Orleans County waters is exhilarating when fighting a 12 pound brown in the tribs or a 30 pound Chinook on the Lake. The diversity and productivity of the fishery is unequaled among Great Lakes trout and salmon angling destinations.

In Lake Ontario during the spring, summer and fall, charter and recreational anglers can catch Kings, Coho, Atlantic Salmon, Steelhead, Lake Trout and Brown Trout. The fish-rich deep water haunts are near shore in the western Lake Ontario Orleans County waters! Trophy fishing is close at hand!

In the Oak Orchard River and nearby tribs like Johnson Creek and Sandy Creek during the fall, winter and spring, the trout and salmon make upstream migrations where guides and anglers cast and make hopeful drifts. The salmon and trout follow the cool flowing tribs and grow to trophy size. The fish are strong fighters awaiting your offering of lure, spoon, fly or bait.



Fly Fishing on the Oak Orchard River



Fishing Charters

Orleans County charter captains & guides are fully insured and licensed by the United States Coast Guard. They provide the rods, reels, lures and state of the art electronics to assure a hassle-free, unforgettable day of trophy fishing.

Be prepared for a successful fishing expedition with these items:

- A New York State Fishing License
- Soft, white, rubber-soled boat shoes or sneakers
- Sunglasses, sunscreen lotion and visor or hat
- Warm clothing, raingear, windbreaker
- A camera
- A cooler to keep your catch fresh after leaving the boat
- Lunch (sandwiches) & beverages

Boating Impact

In Orleans County there are over 40 Charter Fishing & Guide Services, 9 Marinas that can accomodate over 400 boats, as well as lodging, campgrounds, cabins, and cottages.

- Many of these anglers are traveling from out of state for extended stays (PA, OH, NJ, MD, VA)
- According to the Great Lakes Recreational Boating report, the average Trip Spending ranges from \$100/day for a craft under 21' to \$285 for craft over 40'.
- This includes spending on lodging, marina services, restaurants, fuel (boat & auto), maintenance, supplies, entertainment and shopping.

BAIT, TACKLE & LICENSE* OUTFITTERS

Captain's Cove Motel and Marina* 14339 Roosevelt Hwy (Rt 18) Waterport, NY 14571 captainscoveontheoak.com 585-682-3316

Oak Orchard Tackle & Lodge* 1764 Oak Orchard Rd (Rt 98) Albion, NY 14411 fishoakorchard.com 585-682-4546

Walmart* 13858 NY-31 Albion, NY walmart.con/store /3607-albion-ny 585-589-0608

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