

# Trout

## Fast Facts:

- Most trout live in **freshwater** lakes and/or rivers exclusively.
- Trout don't have **scales** for the first month of their life.
- Trout are members of the **salmon family** and therefore can grow relatively large.
- Wisconsin ranks **7<sup>th</sup>** in trout production in the United States.
- The most popular **food fish** in Wisconsin are trout and yellow perch.
- Wisconsin's **state fish** is the Muskellunge.

## Can you spot a Trout?

A **rainbow trout** has a long, skinny body and can come in a variety of colors ranging from brown and black to olive and blue-green. No matter the color, the rainbow trout always has a **reddish stripe** length-wise down both sides of its body.

The **brown trout** is a medium-sized fish, growing on average to **44 pounds** or greater in some locations. In smaller rivers, a mature weight for the brown trout is considered to be about **2 pounds**.

## Did you know?

Rainbow trout live in cool freshwater, but some of them migrate into saltwater and become **steelhead trout**. Steelheads are the same as rainbow trout except in saltwater the fish gets bigger and eats larger prey.

## Trout Life Cycle

