

Fishing Policy

Wissahickon Trails is a private landowner who has the right to decide the ways in which the public can use its preserved land. The 12.6 mile Green Ribbon Trail that follows the Wissahickon Creek is made up of multiple public and private property owners and Wissahickon Trails is not a decision maker in their land use. This policy applies only to the portions of the Green Ribbon Trail that Wissahickon Trails owns.

First and foremost, Wissahickon Trails' preserves serve as protected areas for nature in the developed Wissahickon Valley. With regard to the Wissahickon Creek, the water can be very shallow, there is intermittent flow and the creek was deemed "impaired" under the EPA's Clean Water Act in 2003. Given these concerns, Wissahickon Trails – as a private landowner – has decided to prohibit fishing.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission stocks the Wissahickon Creek from Lafayette Ave. downstream to Stenton Ave. Wissahickon Trails does not own that portion of the land around the creek, and licensed fishing is up to the discretion of those landowners, which does include Fort Washington State Park, a place where licensed fishing is permitted.

Approved recreational activities on Wissahickon Trails properties, including hiking, running, bird watching, and leashed dog walking, are encouraged and the trails are open to the public year round. Please call 215-646-8866 if you have any questions about this policy.