



The Great American Hatchery Road Trip!

✓ Northeast Edition




There's nothing like cruising down the interstate, a fresh summer breeze blowing through the windows, the stereo blasting, and the anticipation of adventures ahead! The hardest part? Picking a destination! Don't worry, we've got you covered.

The National Fish Hatchery System has been improving recreational fishing and restoring aquatic species since 1872, so what better way to explore these cool sites than by starting with ones over 100 years old! Fish hatcheries have something for everyone in your group, so buckle those seatbelts and let's hit the road!



Craig Brook
National Fish Hatchery



The first stop on our road trip is the second oldest federal fish hatchery still operating today! Craig Brook supports the last remaining natural populations of Atlantic salmon in the U.S. and produces roughly 3 million eggs annually for the species' recovery!



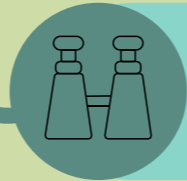
What better way to kick off a hatchery road trip than with a fishing song? Add Louis Armstrong and Bing Crosby's "Gone Fishin'" to your playlist to get you in the angling mood.



Public use areas and boat launches provide access to Craig Pond, where you can fish for lake trout and landlocked salmon, or to Alamoosook Lake, where you can fish for bass, pickerel, and perch.



Biking, boating, cross-country skiing, there are too many fun activities to list! But did you know you can go snorkeling?! If you're not a water fan, put on your hiking boots and hit the trails!



Hatcheries aren't just for fish! From bald eagles to black-capped chickadees, birds abound at Craig Brook! The trail systems provide forested habitat and the nearby lakes offer scenic views!



History lovers, this is the spot for you! Check out the Friends of Craig Brook Atlantic Salmon Flyfishing Museum, co-located in the Visitor Center.



Bust out that fancy camera or find your favorite social media filter and get to snapping! Plenty of gorgeous photos can be taken on the grounds.



MAP LEGEND

-  **The Angler**
-  **The Explorer**
-  **The Animal Lover**
-  **The Historian**
-  **The Artist**



If you love a silly photo opp, head about an hour from Craig Brook to the town of Gouldsboro, Maine. This is home to "Big Jim the Fisherman," a 40-50 foot metal cutout of a fisherman.



Before you hit the road, be sure to check the hatchery's web page for additional activities and call ahead to check opening status.

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