The Great American **Hatchery Road Trip!**









There's nothing like cruising down the interstate, a fresh summer breeze blowing through the windows, the stereo blasting, and the ancitipation 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!



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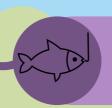


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The Dwight D. Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery is a 35-acre facility located in the lush Green Mountains of Vermont. The hatchery was constructed in 1909 and over 100 years later, is still rearing landlocked Atlantic salmon. The hatchery also raises lake trout and brook trout for recreational fishing in the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain and brook trout for Vermont's anglers.



Follow Weezer's lead in "Long Time Sunshine" and pack up your stuff, hop on a bus, and move to Vermont! Or just sing along in your car!



Grab your fishing gear and head to Furnace Brook, a great spot to catch brown, rainbow, and brook trout. Recreational fishing is permitted on Furnace Brook from public access points on the hatchery and along the banks of hatchery property.



The hatchery is located near the town of Pittsford, with access to a trail network for walking, hiking, jogging, cross-country skiing, or whatever else you're into! Local staff recommend the Chaffee Falls loop that features a beautiful cascade along Furnace Brook.



OMG, you can feed fish at this hatchery! Head to the display pool to participate and get a good look at all the beautiful fish as they chow down!



A fun little factoid for the history lover of the group: This facility was originally called the Pittsford National Fish Hatchery, but then was re-named after 34th President Dwight D. Eisenhower when the hatchery's reconstruction was completed in 1959.



Feed the fish, then feed yourselves! Design and decorate some beautiful fish-themed cupcakes and bring them along for a fancy picnic. Pro tip: the amazing colors and patterns of Atlantic salmon and brook trout would make for some stellar confections.

MAP LEGEND



The Angler



The Explorer



The Animal Lover



The Historian



The Artist



Roughly an hour and a half drive from the hatchery is the town of Thetford, home to the Vermontasaurus, a gigantic pile of scrap wood in the shape of a dinosaur. We're not sure this needs any additional selling points as a must-see attraction, but apparently now there's also a BABY VERMONTASAURUS.

You're welcome.

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More Hatchery Fun!

- > Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery Maine
- Berkshire National Fish Hatchery Massachusetts
- Nashua National Fish Hatchery New Hampshire



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