About Trout and Trout Unlimited
America’s Premier Coldwater Conservation Organization

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Fish

Fish (Phylum Chordata) showed up a long, long time ago like this guy.
Ray Finned Fish

Ray Finned Fish (Class Actinopterygii) traveled a long way to get here.
Trout

Trout (Family Salmonidae) showed up with T-Rex, but survived.
North American Trout

Distribution caused by glaciers coming and going.

Oncorhynchus mykiss
Oncorhynchus clarki
Salvelinus fontinalis
America’s Wild and Native Trout

Trout Unlimited focuses on America’s wild and native trout.

Wondering where the brown trout are? They’re native to Europe, not North America.
Fly Fishing

Fly fishing is the art of using artificial insects to catch fish.
Our Angling Heritage

Brook trout, our only native trout, once swam in all our streams.

Leaping Trout, Brook trout painted by Winslow Homer in 1892 while fishing for them.
Penn’s Woods

When Europeans arrived, forests covered 90 percent of Pennsylvania.

Mountain Stream (1880) by George Hetzel, who visited the hamlet of Scalp Level in 1866 during a fishing vacation.
The Painting That Moved A Nation

*Hunter Mountain, Twilight* (1866) by Sanford Robinson Gifford, showing the devastation wrought by years of timbering.
The Trees Returned But Not the Trout

Linn Run trout restoration failed in 1959.

*Falls at Flatrock*  Rita Kambic Haldeman: Linn Run State Park, site of failed trout restoration 1959.
Fishing for Trout in Most of Pennsylvania

Did you know PA does not stock healthy streams, only unhealthy ones?

“The Great White Fleet” Providing the miniature golf of trout angling.
Traditional Vision of Trout Fishing

“In Pennsylvania trout fishing is like Church, many attend, but few understand.”
“By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild trout once again thrive in Pennsylvania, so that our children can enjoy healthy fishing in their home waters.”