

WARNING

Attention anglers, boaters, swimmers and tubers,
the invasive alga “didymo” is present in this river

The invasive alga “didymo” (a.k.a. “Rock Snot”) has recently been found in the Farmington River. Didymo has the potential to alter food webs and degrade habitat in many Connecticut trout rivers.

The microscopic cells can cling to fishing gear, waders (especially those with felt soles), clothing, boots and boats, and remain viable for months under even slightly moist conditions. It is recommended that everyone entering these waters practice **CHECK, CLEAN, DRY** procedures to prevent transport to new areas:

When leaving these waters:

CHECK: Before leaving the water, remove all obvious clumps of algae and plant material from fishing gear, waders, clothing & footwear, canoes & kayaks and anything else that has been in the water. Leave them at the site. If you find any later, clean your gear and dispose of all material in the trash.

CLEAN: Soak/spray & scrub boats and all other “hard” items for at least one minute in either very hot (140°F) water, a 2% bleach solution, or a 5% dishwashing detergent solution. Absorbent materials such as clothes and felt soles on waders should be soaked for at least 40 minutes in very hot water (140°F), or 30 minutes in hot water (115°F) with 5% dishwashing detergent. **FREEZING THOROUGHLY WILL ALSO KILL DIDYMO.**

DRY: Drying will also kill didymo, but items must remain completely dry (inside and out) for at least 48 hours.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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