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mid-April, Gov. Deval Patrick was among a group of area leaders who met with local children and residents to release more than 1,150 trout and salmon into Jamaica Pond.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Free fishing will be offered at Boston's largest freshwater body on three consecutive Fridays this summer, according to city officials.

Rods and reels will be available to borrow and bait and tackle will be available for use, all at no cost, on July 13, 20 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Jamaica Pond, the Boston parks department said.

More than 1,150 trout and salmon raised in state hatcheries were released into the 60-acre pond in mid-April. The glacial kettle hole located in Jamaica Plain along where that city neighborhood borders Brookline is stocked with fish annually.

The upcoming "Fishing Fridays" are sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and outdoor recreation retailer Bass Pro Shops. P&J Bait Shop in Dorchester supplies the bait for the events.

The free fishing supplies will be available for pickup at the pond's boathouse, which is located near where the abutting Jamaicaway meets with Pond Street.

Anyone 15 and older must have a valid state fishing license. Anyone between age 15 and 17 can obtain a fishing license for free from the state. No license is needed for those under 15.

For license information, including pricing, visit the state Department of Fish and Game [website](#).

"Thanks to our annual trout and salmon stocking program with the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, there's a good chance you could land a trophy." said a statement from Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

For more information call 617-635-4505 or visit [www.cityofboston.gov/parks](http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks).

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