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1. I'm originally from about an hour NE of the city. In the city itself, you have the rivers, which are primarily smallmouth bass fishing, and they're gonna be real difficult without a boat. There are some stocked trout fisheries in the area, the locals will have to help you with those. PA is an excellent wild trout state, but Pittsburgh is not exactly in the heart of it. An hour or so to the SE is the Laurel Highlands, where there is good trout fishing. 2 hrs north to the National Forest area is also good. 3 hrs to the east puts you in central PA, which is the heart of our best trout fishing.

2. For Approved Trout Waters (ATW's), the season lasts through the end of February. From the first of March through April 14th these streams are closed. April 14th is the opening day of trout season.

A list of ATW's can be found here: http://fishandboat.com/fishpub/summary/troutregs_sw.htm

That said, our ATW's typically get too warm in the summertime, and the trout die. That's why they must be stocked. All of these streams are stocked in the Spring (closed season in March), but only a few are stocked in the fall, so you'd want to check stocking schedules before fishing in February.

Also, we have a number of special reg sections which would be open during the closed season. And many wild trout streams, which are not labeled ATW's, are also open on a catch and release basis. You can find those listings and regulations by navigating around the fish commission site I posted. If you have any questions, feel free to post.

Fishing licenses can be purchased online or at a number of outdoor related stores, such as Dick's Sporting Goods and many others. <http://fishandboat.com/license.htm> Prices depend on options, and whether you are a resident. For instance, I'm a resident, the license is \$22.70, plus \$9.70 for a trout permit. If I wish to fish the Lake Erie watershed, I need an Erie permit for another \$9.70, or I can get a combo trout/Erie permit for \$15.70.

3. Defer to locals.

4. Defer to locals, though this site is probably one of the best "clubs" going, and there are relatively frequent events, and you can likely find someone to give you rides to places.