

ORCA 2025 National Meet Fishing Tournament Rules and Information

The purpose of the ORCA Fishing Tournament is to encourage members to use vintage fishing tackle, and to have fun. All participants must be ORCA members. Rods and reels must be at least 50 years old (pre-1975). No graphite rods! The Fishing Tournament Champion is the person who catches the longest fish, as witnessed by another participant (bring a tape measure).

A dam just downstream of the historic Sachs Covered Bridge forms a water supply impoundment that stretches for several hundred yards upstream. This pool holds largemouth bass, crappies and other panfish. No wading is allowed within 200 feet upstream and 100 feet downstream of the dam. However, there are plenty of easily accessible fishing spots along the banks, so wading is not necessary. There are no bathrooms or other amenities available on site.



A PA fishing license is required. Non-resident anglers can purchase a three-day tourist pass for \$31.97. A Trout Stamp is not necessary, since this section of Marsh Creek is not stocked, although you may catch a trout that has moved down from upstream. Licenses are available [online](#) or may be purchased at Redding's Hardware & Sporting Goods (279 S Franklin St), Adams County Treasurer's Office (Adams County Court House, 117 Baltimore St #101), or Walmart (1270 York Rd) in or near Gettysburg.

Directions from the Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center:

- Turn right onto Emmitsburg Rd (Rt. 15 Business North) for 2.8 miles.
- Turn left onto Millerstown Rd/Pumping Station Rd for 1.7 miles.
- Cross over Marsh Creek, and immediately turn left onto Waterworks Rd. Proceed 900 ft. to the Bridge parking area.

Built in 1852, the Sachs Covered Bridge was used by both Union and Confederate troops during the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863. In 1938, the bridge was designated Pennsylvania's "most historic bridge" by the Department of Highways. In 1980, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Sachs Bridge served as the execution site for three southern soldiers, becoming a hot spot for otherworldly sightings and paranormal encounters.

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