

## FISHING CREEK

### Description

Fishing Creek originates in northern West Hanover Township and flows west between Blue and Second Mountains in a narrow valley. Numerous small tributaries enter the stream from the mountains. It eventually flows into the Susquehanna River at Fort Hunter. The watershed is about 9.25 miles long and 2 miles wide and covers an area of 18.5 square miles. The entire watershed lies within Dauphin County.

Much of the watershed is forested with a low population density and a small amount of agriculture. Most of the development in the watershed is composed of residential road frontage at the west end of the watershed.

Topography is typical of the Ridge and Valley physiographic province in Pennsylvania with the stream located in a narrow, steep sided valley with flat to gentle slopes dominating the narrow valley floor. The mountain ridges of the watershed are composed of red and gray sandstone and conglomerate with shale being the dominate formation in the valley.

### DEP Classification

Fishing Creek is listed as a Warm Water Fishery (WWF).



*Fishing Creek before entering the Susquehanna River.*

### QUICK FACTS

**Watershed Size:** 18.5 mi<sup>2</sup> in Dauphin County

**Stream Miles:** 27.4

**Impaired Stream Miles:** 0

**Land Uses:** Predominantly forest,  
Some residential and  
Minimal agriculture

**DEP Stream Classification:**

- WWF

**DEP Listed Impairments:**

None

**Watershed Municipalities:**

Lower Paxton Twp, Middle Paxton Twp,  
Susquehanna Twp, West Hanover Twp



*Fishing Creek watershed*