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The Brook Trout, *Salvelinus fontinalis*, has a dark-green body. Its back is dark olive-green or gray green, with dark, wormlike markings. The sides and belly are lighter, with green, gray or lavender tones. Its sides have scattered red dots, surrounded by blue halos. The belly is pale yellow or pale orange. Fins are orange with a white edge and a black stripe.

Field Notes:

Brook Trout live in limestone, spring-fed streams and cold, mountain creeks. They also adapt to ponds

and lakes. Brook Trout feed on aquatic and terrestrial insects, crustaceans and small fish.

Did You Know?

The Brook Trout is Pennsylvania's official state fish. It needs cold water that is not polluted to survive. So, Brook Trout indicate clean water. The name, *fontinalis*, means "of springs".

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