

# McCormick Lake



## ***Fish Species***

Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout and Brook Trout

## ***Species Description***

Brown trout are the most common trout that an angler will catch on McCormick Lake. These fish will mostly be 7-9 inches in length, with good numbers caught in the 13-16 inches range with an occasional larger fish. Wild rainbow trout that are caught are usually 15-18 inches in length, with a rare 10 inch brook trout that may be caught. There are rainbow smelt in this lake also, another cold water species an angler may fish for in addition to trout.

## ***Geographic Coordinates***

Lat:44.957082 / Long:-84.255732

## ***Noteworthy***

This is a wonderful lake to visit, boat around, and fish. It is a good lake for small boat owners. Some anglers fish the lake at night from boats, using lanterns to attract plankton to the surface during the summer, and then use live bait down below the surface. Another popular mode of fishing is trolling during the spring through fall. Fall is a very good time to troll this lake and fish may also be caught near the surface. Anglers must fish deeper in the summer for trout once the thermocline establishes. Popular fishing locations are near the creek inlets and near the lake outlet.

## ***Fishing Regulations***

McCormick Lake is a Type B trout lake. Please refer to the Inland Lake Trout and Salmon Regulations in the Michigan Fishing Guide. Yearling size (5-7 inches) brown trout are stocked annually in McCormick Lake. However, there are plenty of wild brook and rainbow trout in the lake thanks to natural reproduction of trout in the streams that enter the lake.

## ***Directions to Site***

West of the town of Atlanta, drive south from Hwy M-32 onto McCormick Lake Road and follow it south for a couple of miles to the labeled boat launch public access site. There is parking for approximately 5 boat trailers and a sturdy gravel/concrete boat launch. Shoreline fishing access is very limited for this 100 acre lake.

## ***Regional Visitor Information (URL)***

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