

Pigeon River Ford Lake Tubes Campground



Fish Species

Brook Trout; Brown Trout; Steelhead

Species Description

Brook trout are common in this reach with fish less than 8 inches typical, but some fish up to 12 inches might be collected. Brown trout are also common, but will feed mostly at night, with an occasional brown trout larger than 20 inches present. Rainbow trout (steelhead) also migrate to this reach of river and spawn in the gravel reaches. These are migrating fish from Mullett Lake. Steelhead typically range from 15-25 inches here during the spawning run. Juvenile rainbows less than 7 inches in length are caught in the swifter water around this campground as well, making it a good location to cast spinners for small aggressive rainbows (especially for kids!).

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:45.171033 / Long:-84.43695

Noteworthy

This is a busy location, but most people using it are within the boundaries of the campground. Spend some time walking upstream or downstream away from the campground or river crossing and you will find some attractive water. Steelhead are attracted to the large pool behind the road-crossing in the spring. The bottom is sand and gravel. Current is increasing here, and the stream corridor is very aesthetic with mature forest, and some meadows.

Fishing Regulations

This area is a designated Type 2 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Stream Trout and Salmon regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide. Wild trout populations.

Directions to Site

There is another Pigeon River campground just off the beaten path that bisects a good reach of the river. It can be accessed just a few hundred feet west of Twin Lakes Road. The campground offers plenty of river side camping sites, and plenty of supplemental parking locations. There are two culverts under Ford Lake Road that always attract anglers and swimmers.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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