

Pigeon River Pine Grove Campground



Fish Species

Brook Trout; Brown Trout; Rainbow Trout

Species Description

Brown and rainbow trout are common, and all are wild fish. Some brook trout are occasionally caught, and are typically below 8 inches in length, but fish up to 12 inches are occasionally caught. Brown trout over 20 inches are sometimes hooked in this water, but most are less than 12 inches. Young aggressive rainbows (juveniles) are present as well, and in the spring, the deeper holes or gravel sites will harbor spawning steelhead from 15-25 inches. Some large migrating brown trout from Mullett Lake work their way through this water in mid summer to stage for the fall spawning season. These fish can usually be distinguished from the all year residents by their lighter, more white color, and stocky shape.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:45.244027 / Long:-84.446662

Noteworthy

The campground is small, and not all campers will be fishing. This is get away water, meaning get away from the campground and you might have it to yourself. The riparian corridor is a mixture of hardwoods and conifers, with some meadows present. The bottom is primarily sand and gravel, with some clay lenses present, so be careful not to slip. Wading is still relatively easy here, particularly in the summer. This is nearly 100% state land.

Fishing Regulations

Type of Water – This campground is the split in fishing regulation types and anglers first should consult the current online Michigan Fishing Guide. Upstream of the campground is the Gear Restricted reach where the river is open to fishing all year round, with a possession season of the last Saturday in April through September for brook and brown trout, but open all year for rainbow trout (steelhead); artificial lures or flies are only allowed, with a daily possession limit of two trout, with no more than 1 brown trout; minimum sizes of harvested trout are brook and rainbow trout 10 inches, and 12 inches for brown trout. Downstream, anglers can fish year round and use all tackle types, as it is a designated a Type 4 trout stream in the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations.

Directions to Site

Pine Grove Campground in the state forest is located in Cheboygan County. Anglers should take Webb Road (dirt road) west from Osmun Road (dirt road), and follow the signs on another small dirt road towards this campground. The road might get a bit bumpy at times going into the