

Pigeon River Sturgeon Valley Road



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 18 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.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:45.156383 / Long:-84.467483

Noteworthy

This is the gateway to the Pigeon River Country State Forest. Crossing over this bridge brings you into the most congested part of the state forest, if you could consider it congested. You are now in the heart of Michigan's elk range as well. The river in this reach is starting to widen a bit, and some deeper runs and undercut banks are attractive to anglers and fish alike. The bottom is mostly sand, gravel, with some silt and clay pockets. Anglers wading upstream from the bridge should note that this is private land, and one should stay in the river when fishing. Fishing both upstream and downstream will take anglers through some lowland conifer swamps, but surprisingly, through many areas of meadows and fields.

Fishing Regulations

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

Directions to Site

The Pigeon River at Sturgeon Valley Road crossing has a parking area on the west side of the river (about 100 yards away), and a state forest campground adjacent to the site. Anglers can find parking spaces at both areas, and quickly traverse down to the river.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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