

# St. Joseph River Benton Harbor City Park



## **Fish Species**

Steelhead

## **Species Description**

Adult steelhead average 7-10 lbs. Chinook Salmon and Coho Salmon sizes vary depending on prey fish abundance in Lake Michigan. Brown Trout are rare in this stream reach, but a few fish move upstream from Lake Michigan during the fall and other fish may occasionally move into the river from streams. A mixture of stocked fish and wild brown trout can be found from tributaries. Steelhead (mixture of stocked fish and wild fish from tributaries) are the primary species targeted by anglers. Steelhead are most abundant during September through April. Some steelhead move into the river during the summer, but these fish have to take refuge in or at the mouths of coldwater tributaries during hot weather. Wild and stocked Chinook and Coho salmon are present in September-mid October.

## **Geographic Coordinates**

Lat:42.111037 / Long:-86.467527

## **Noteworthy**

Other amenities at this site include picnic tables, a playground and rustic toilets. This portion of the St. Joseph River also provides good fishing for smallmouth bass, walleyes, channel catfish, and flathead catfish.

## **Fishing Regulations**

St. Joseph River at Benton Harbor City Park is a designated Type 3 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide.

## **Directions to Site**

Benton Harbor City Park is located on the south side of River Street. When traveling east on West Main Street/Business Route 94, turn right onto River Street and drive 0.2 miles to the parking lot (on right). When traveling west on West Main Street/Business Route 94, turn left onto Riverview Drive. After 0.2 miles, turn right on River Street and drive 0.1 miles to the parking lot (on left). This site provides shorefishing access to the St. Joseph River. The paved parking lot accommodates about 10 vehicles. The site is 1.1 miles upstream of Lake Michigan.

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

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