

# St. Joseph River Riverview 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. A mixture of stocked fish and wild brown trout from tributaries may be found. 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 tributary streams. 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 Salmon and Coho Salmon are present in September-mid October.

## ***Geographic Coordinates***

Lat:42.065424 / Long:-86.462186

## ***Noteworthy***

Riverview Park is owned by the City of St. Joseph. The park is open from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm. Other amenities at this site include picnic areas, pavilions, and softball fields. This stretch of the St. Joseph River is navigable. During all seasons, boaters should be alert for shallow riffles, boulders, and logs. This is especially true during low water periods. This portion of the St. Joseph River also provides good fishing for smallmouth bass, walleyes, channel catfish, and flathead catfish.

## ***Fishing Regulations***

The St. Joseph River 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***

The Riverview Park access site is located on the north side of M-63 (Niles Road) between Ansley Drive and the Riverview Cemetery. The address for the park is 2927 Niles Road in St. Joseph. There is a concrete boat ramp and a paved parking lot with 50 spaces. This launch is 5.2 miles upstream of Lake Michigan.

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

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