

## Manistee River Tippy Dam South



### ***Fish Species***

Brown Trout; Steelhead

### ***Species Description***

The Manistee River below Tippy Dam is annually stocked with 60,000 brown trout, 84,000 steelhead, and 100,000 coho salmon. The several miles below Tippy Dam provides year-round opportunities for catching resident brown trout over 20 inches in length. Steelhead are available year-round, although the best opportunities to catch them occur in March and April. Chinook and coho salmon are available in the fall. Steelhead average from 3-10 lbs, coho salmon from 2-6 lbs, and Chinook salmon are up to 20 lbs.

### ***Geographic Coordinates***

Lat:44.257 / Long:-85.94024

### ***Noteworthy***

The Manistee River below Tippy Dam is one of the most popular fishing locations in Michigan. This site provides outstanding fishing opportunities year-round. The stocked brown trout grow very well here and can reach large sizes. However, the resident brown trout fishery is often overlooked, as anglers typically associate Tippy Dam with salmon and steelhead fishing. Fly fishing is a popular way to catch the brown trout, although bait fishing and tossing lures are also productive techniques. The Manistee River here is very wadeable, with large gravel riffles punctuated by pockets and deeper holes. From here, anglers can hike downstream for several miles, and can access other popular sites including Suicide Bend and the Tunk Hole (although parking is available near the Tunk Hole as well). Reaching the river from this access site requires descending (and then climbing to return) a long stairway of several hundred steps that drops several hundred feet into the river valley. The steps are not shoveled in the winter and can be covered in snow and ice, making them treacherous. This site is administered by Consumers Energy and provides parking for many vehicles, as well as rustic toilets.

### ***Fishing Regulations***

The Manistee River in this area is designated a Type 3 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide.

### ***Directions to Site***

From Manistee travel east on M-55 for 19 miles, then turn left (north) on Tippy Dam Road. Proceed 2.2 miles and turn right (east) into the Tippy Dam