

Main Branch Black River Hardwood Creek Region



Fish Species

Brook Trout

Species Description

Brook trout are the primary trout species encountered at this location.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:45.13295 / Long:-84.363533

Noteworthy

Chandler Dam Road becomes a north-south road in Montmorency County and crosses over tiny Hardwood Creek north of Town Corner Lake campground. On the northeast side of the crossing is a small two track road which ends a hundred yards into the woods. Taking this trail directly east and then north will take you to some of the nicest water on the Black River. This is the old Blue Lakes Ranch section which is now under public ownership as part of the Pigeon River Country State Forest. Some anglers find the old fireplace or chimneys near the power lines and camp here. Again, what a great spot for elk. This water is high gradient (especially upstream) and easy to wade. Gravel and cobble is common. Fish densities are high, but large fish (10 inches or more) are less common. This is a production area for brook trout.

Fishing Regulations

This site along the Black River at Hardwood Creek Crossing is a designated Type 1 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide.

Directions to Site

Beginning at a point within the Pigeon River Country State Forest where Blue Lakes Road seemingly ends at its intersection with Hardwood Lake Road, turn south and follow what is still Blue Lakes Road to a two-track trail road on left (east). Turn east and follow road a few hundred yards to available parking areas. The Main Branch of the Black River can also be accessed by continuing east from this point.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)