

Ocqueoc River Falls Day Use Area



Fish Species

Steelhead

Species Description

The Ocqueoc River is fairly warm in the summer, so resident trout are not common. However, it does receive a strong steelhead (rainbow trout) run each spring with fish up to 12 pounds caught. Most fish would be 5-8 pounds. A portion of the spawning steelhead migrate all the way to the falls day use area with its many ledges and swift runs.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:45.396596 / Long:-84.057792

Noteworthy

This is a very attractive area to fish, but fish will not always show up at this location, at least not in numbers that you may find in the lower reaches of this river. The day use area offers plenty of public land to roam along, and fast, aggressive reaches of river that should not be waded by a novice. The ledges and cobble substrate are slippery, especially in spring when the water levels are higher. This might be an area to scout for steelhead in April. Pathways extend out from the day use area and parallel the river.

Fishing Regulations

The Ocqueoc River from its source in Barnhart Lakes downstream to Lake Huron is a Type 4 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the Michigan Fishing Guide.

Directions to Site

This popular location is just north of M68 Highway between the towns of Rogers City and Onaway. Many signs direct the angler to the parking area from the highway. The day use area is popular in the summer for waders, hikers, and tourists, but attracts less people for fishing in the spring.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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