

St. Joseph River Shamrock 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 are found from the 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:41.954012 / Long:-86.335829

Noteworthy

Shamrock Park is owned by the Village of Berrien Springs. There is a fee to use this site. There are modern toilets and a campground at this location. 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 when it may be necessary to walk the boat over riffles. This portion of the St. Joseph River also provides good fishing for smallmouth bass, walleyes, channel catfish, and flathead catfish. This is the only public boat launch near the Berrien Springs Dam. Some charter boats also operate out of Shamrock Park. Additional information is available at the Shamrock Park web site <http://www.shamrockpark.net>

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

Shamrock Park is located on the north side of M-139, approximately 0.3 miles northwest of the M-139/Pokagon Road intersection. There is a concrete boat ramp and a paved parking lot with 52 spaces. The boat launch is approximately 0.6 miles downstream of the Berrien Springs Dam.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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