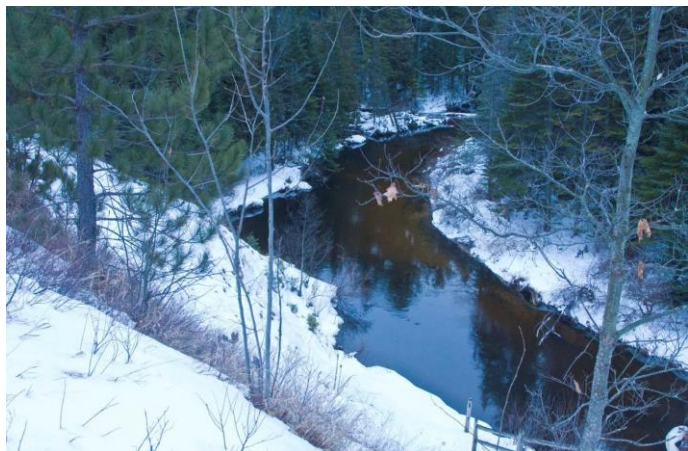


Ocqueoc River Highbanks



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 upstream all the way to the falls day use area and its many ledges and fast runs, passing this location as they get there.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:45.409889 / Long:-84.048014

Noteworthy

This area provides slower, deeper holes for the steelhead to rest. Anglers will often find themselves alone on this reach, especially if one spreads out upstream or downstream on the public forest land. April would be a good time to start exploring this reach for steelhead. Some spawning runs last into May if the snow and cold of winter persist.

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

From the town of Onaway, travel 11 miles east on M68 Highway to Silver Creek Road. Turn left (north) and travel 1.3 miles to Black highway and turn left. Travel approximately 575 feet west on Black Highway to rock barricade then follow the two-track for a half-mile to an open area, then proceed 350 feet to the river bank.

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