

Pigeon River Canthook Landing



Fish Species

Brook Trout; Brown Trout; Steelhead

Species Description

Brook trout are less common here, since the river flows a bit warmer than in upstream reaches. Brown trout and rainbow trout are prevalent. Brown trout can reach up to 24 inches here and downstream many miles, but most will only be swayed to hit at night due to their nocturnal habits. Juvenile rainbows are found in these waters, and typically are caught when they are less than 8 inches long. Adult steelhead from Mullett Lake migrate through this reach in the fall, winter, and spring, spawn in the river, and return to the lake by May or June. April would be the best time to look for 15-25 inch steelhead at this location.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:45.290967 / Long:-84.477583

Noteworthy

Canthook Landing seems like a dubious location for an angler to be persuaded to try. There is another way to view it though, maybe the fish are just too large to hook and then land to the net. Either way, this is pretty good water. The stream is slower here, and large logjams are starting to show up which offer ample cover for large brown trout. Some anglers believe the only way to fish this reach is to float it from Webb Road downstream to Pigeon River Road.

Fishing Regulations

This is a designated Type 4 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations of the current Michigan Fishing Guide. Anglers can fish all year round and possess the appropriate bag limit of steelhead throughout the year. Brook and brown trout may only be harvested from the last Saturday in April through September.

Directions to Site

Canthook Landing is located by taking a small dirt road called Webber Road north from Webb Road for a few miles, than finding State Forest Road 14 and following it to the southwest for less than a mile to the river. This small forest road once swallowed vehicles whole, but has recently been improved to be more friendly. Still anglers, should understand the seasonality of such small forest roads.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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