

Pigeon River Tin Bridge Road



Fish Species

Brook Trout; Brown Trout; Rainbow Trout

Species Description

Brook, brown, and rainbow trout are common, and all are wild fish. Brook trout typically are below 8 inches in length, but fish up to 12 inches are occasionally caught. Brook trout are starting to be a little less abundant here than in upstream reaches of the river which are colder. Brown trout over 20 inches are sometimes hooked in this water, but most are less than 12 inches. Young aggressive rainbows (juveniles) are present as well, and in the spring, the deeper holes will harbor steelhead from 15-25 inches.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:45.130433 / Long:-84.5

Noteworthy

This is good steelhead water, but good luck getting to this spot during periods of wet weather, particularly the spring. Occasional large lake run brown trout can be found in these reaches as they migrate up river from Mullett Lake. Do not take the trip into this location lightly. The river around this bridge is getting wider, but the swamp corridors are still reaching out to the angler and will grab your terminal tackle with no problem. Most of the water is still wadable, and the bottom substrate is primarily sand and gravel, with some cobble present, particularly a couple miles upstream.

Fishing Regulations

This is the gear restricted reach of the Pigeon River, both upstream and downstream of the bridge. The river is open to fishing all year round, with a possession season of the last Saturday in April through September for brook and brown trout, but open all year for rainbow trout (steelhead); artificial lures or flies only, with a daily possession limit of two trout, with no more than 1 brown trout; minimum sizes of harvested trout are brook and rainbow trout 10 inches, and 12 inches for brown trout. This regulation stretches upstream many miles to Elk Hill Horse Campground, and downstream to Pine Grove Campground. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide.

Directions to Site

Anglers with only high clearance vehicles and possibly even 4-wheel drive should fish this location. Tin Bridge Road (also known as Cornwall