Paint Creek Tienken Road
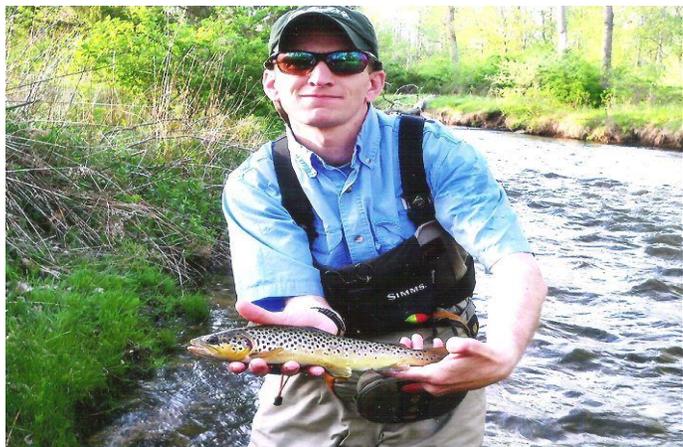
Fish Species

Brown Trout; Rainbow Trout

Species Description

Paint Creek is stocked annually with yearling brown trout to supplement the limited amount of natural reproduction that occurs in the stream. Brown trout are often caught between 8 and 10 inches but there are the occasional 20 plus inches long fish that get captured. The rainbow trout in Paint Creek are likely wild fish that are the progeny of steelhead that made it over Yates Dam and into Paint Creek. Rainbow trout reach up to around 11 inches in Paint Creek but are few in number.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:42.6958 / Long:-83.1484

Noteworthy

Even though this stream runs through a fairly developed area it provides a lot of natural beauty and serene settings. This is a wadable stream that allows anglers to bounce from one hole or log jam to the next while casting mini crankbaits, spinners, or flies upstream of Tienken Road. A large portion of the fishing is done from opening weekend through May, but there are people that find success throughout the whole season. Paint Creek provides a quality fishing experience for novice anglers to seasoned fly fishing aficionados. The Paint Creek Trail is Michigan´s first Rail-to-Trail and provides many access points to the stream.

Fishing Regulations

Paint Creek at Tienken Road is designated a Type 1 trout stream with gear restrictions from Tienken Road to Gunn Road. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide.

Directions to Site

From I-75 and Joslyn Road (Exit 83), go north on Joslyn Road about 0.3 miles and keep right toward Brown Road. After about 0.9 miles, turn right (east) to stay on Brown Road and after you cross Lapeer Road the road name will change to Dutton Road. Stay on Dutton Road until you reach N. Adams Road and turn right (south). Take N. Adams Road to Tienken Road and turn left (east). Go about 2.4 miles and the Paint Creek Trail parking lot will be on the left (north) side. From the parking lot take the trail north about 500 feet where it crosses the stream.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)