

Rifle River at Ranch Road Bridge



Fish Species

Brown Trout; Rainbow Trout; Steelhead

Species Description

Anglers may find brown trout of a variety of sizes (surveys showed up to 19 inches), and rainbow trout (steelhead) from smolts (7" to 2ft plus). In the spring, the steelhead come up the river to spawn. Brown trout are stocked at various locations and steelhead are stocked at Selkirk downstream. Anglers may find the occasional brook trout which may drop out of tributaries.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:44.3996 / Long:-84.0356

Noteworthy

The best fishing is immediately after the opener. Baits to try include worms, spawn, spinners and flies. The river can be accessed by canoe, kayak, wading or bank fishing as there is ample area in the Rifle River Recreation Area.

Fishing Regulations

The Rifle River at the Ranch Road Bridge is a designated Type 1 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide.

Directions to Site

From Rose City head east on Rose City road for five miles to the entrance of the Rifle River Recreation Area at Lupton. Proceed south on main campground road towards the rustic camping sites (Ranch Road) until you get to the bridge over the river. There is a canoe launch on the north east side of the road. A recreation passport is required.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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