

Muskegon River Besemer Park



Fish Species

Brown Trout; Steelhead

Species Description

Lake Michigan spawning runs of steelhead and Chinook salmon. Stocked brown and rainbow trout.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:43.435561 / Long:-85.66678

Noteworthy

Steelhead fishing occurs from late October through June and Chinook salmon during September and October. Brown trout and rainbow trout fishing occurs all year. Fishing is good by boat and by wading from the shoreline. On the west side of Croton Drive there is a steep, paved boat launch, with trailer parking on both the west and east sides of the road. There is shore fishing on both sides of the road with a good walkway under the road bridge. The North Country trail provides shore fishing access to about 3/4 mile of public land downstream of the boat ramp. In the parking area west of Croton Drive, there is a barrier free path down the hill to the river just below Croton Dam, and a barrier free fishing platform. There is also a fishing pier just below the dam on the south side of the river that can be accessed by traveling a short distance on Croton Drive south of the bridge.

Fishing Regulations

Muskegon River in this area below Croton Dam is designated a Type 4 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide.

Directions to Site

From the intersection of M-37 and M-82 (Croton Drive) on the north side of Newaygo, on Croton Drive travel east 6 miles to the bridge over the river just downstream of Croton Dam. There is an access road downstream of the bridge on the northwest side of the bridge, and access upstream of the bridge from Swan Road on the northeast side of the bridge.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)