

Pigeon River Afton Road



Fish Species

Brown Trout; Rainbow Trout; Steelhead

Species Description

Brook trout are rare 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:45.36395 / Long:-84.5074

Noteworthy

Many anglers with cabin fever poke their noses around this site in the spring looking for steelhead. Most of the riparian zone is private here, so anglers should respect landowner rights and stay in the river.

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

The growing Pigeon River flows under Afton Road (a north/south paved road) about two miles south of Highway M-68 in Cheboygan County. There is a pull off near the bridge where anglers may park and fish the river.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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