

Mill Creek St. Joseph Street



Fish Species

Brown Trout

Species Description

Most legal-sized brown trout are 8-12 inches, with occasional fish in the 15-20 inch range. Sub-legal fish are abundant after stocking in the spring. Wild steelhead leave the stream before attaining legal size. When they return as adults, they average 7-10 lbs. Steelhead are rare during the open season. The best chance of encountering a steelhead is in late summer. It is difficult to land these fish in such a small stream.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:42.186775 / Long:-86.258167

Noteworthy

The stream width is approximately 20 feet at this site. Mill Creek is wadeable, but anglers should be alert for deep holes and tripping hazards. The stream becomes highly turbid after rain events. There is additional access to the creek at the Carmody Road and Dan Smith Road crossings. Outside of the City of Watervliet parks, most of the stream flows through private land. Please stay in the stream and be respectful of private property.

Fishing Regulations

Mill Creek is a designated Type 1 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide. All rainbow trout (Steelhead) are wild. Brown trout are a mixture of stocked and wild fish. Some Chinook salmon and Coho salmon from the Paw Paw River also move into Mill Creek in September.

Directions to Site

The City of Watervliet owns property along Mill Creek on the south side of East St. Joseph Street. The access road is immediately west of the bridge and 0.1 miles east of the intersection with M-140 (Main Street). There is a gravel driveway with a small gravel parking lot at the end.

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