

# St. Joseph River Carronde Park



## ***Fish Species***

Steelhead

## ***Species Description***

Adult Steelhead average 7-10 lbs. Chinook Salmon and Coho Salmon sizes vary depending on prey fish abundance in Lake Michigan. A mixture of stocked fish and wild brown trout from tributaries. Brown trout are rare in this stream reach, but a few fish move upstream from Lake Michigan during the fall and other fish may occasionally move into the river from tributary streams. Steelhead (mixture of stocked fish and wild fish from tributaries) are the primary species targeted by anglers. Steelhead are most abundant during September through April. Some steelhead move into the river during the summer, but these fish have to take refuge in or at the mouths of coldwater tributaries during hot weather. Wild and stocked Chinook and Coho salmon are present in September-mid October.

## ***Geographic Coordinates***

Lat:42.069324 / Long:-86.467639

## ***Noteworthy***

Carronde Park is owned by St. Joseph Charter Township. Other amenities at the site include toilets, picnic areas, pavilions, tennis courts, playground equipment, volleyball court, and a softball field. The park is open from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. This stretch of the St. Joseph River is navigable. During all seasons, boaters should be alert for shallow riffles, boulders, and logs. This is especially true during low water periods. This portion of the St. Joseph River also provides good fishing for smallmouth bass, walleyes, channel catfish, and flathead catfish.

## ***Fishing Regulations***

The St. Joseph River is a designated Type 3 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide.

## ***Directions to Site***

The Carronde Park access site is located at the end of Riverbend Drive. From M-139, turn west onto Nickerson Avenue. Drive 1.1 miles and turn left onto Colfax Avenue. After 0.8 miles, turn left onto Lu Al Drive. Drive 0.2 miles and turn left onto Riverbend Drive. The park has a concrete boat ramp and a paved parking lot with 64 spaces. The launch is 4.3 miles upstream of Lake Michigan.

## ***Regional Visitor Information (URL)***

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