

## South Branch Au Sable River Downeys Stairs

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### ***Fish Species***

Brook Trout; Brown Trout

### ***Species Description***

Wild brook and brown trout are both present here. Brook trout up to ten inches are common and brown trout can grow to twenty inches or larger in this reach.

### ***Geographic Coordinates***

Lat:44.58469 / Long:-84.48252

### ***Noteworthy***

Cobble, gravel and sand substrate are all present here. The Mason Tract Pathway parallels the river in this area and provides multiple access points. The parking lot offers room for multiple vehicles and the angler will have to walk a short distance to the river. This is a scenic area and is on the Mason Tract of State forest land.

### ***Fishing Regulations***

The South Branch Au Sable River at Downeys Stairs is a designated Gear Restricted Stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the Current Michigan Fishing Guide.

### ***Directions to Site***

From M-72, turn south on South Branch Road. Drive south and southwest past Canoe Harbor Campground. Turn left after 2.9 miles onto the access road. Bear a left at the fork and continue on for a total of .3 miles. There will be a parking area for about ten vehicles and a 30 yard path that leads from the parking area to a set of stairs leading down to the water's edge.

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

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