

Brandywine Creek Community Park



Fish Species

Brown Trout

Species Description

Most legal sized brown trout are 8-13 inches in length with occasional fish in the 15-20 inches range. Sub-legal fish are abundant near 15th Street and US Hwy 12 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:41.808444 / Long:-86.259427

Noteworthy

Brandywine Creek Nature Park is owned by Niles Township. Additional access to the creek at US Hwy 12 (Latitude: 41.797332; Longitude: -86.21459) and at 15th Street (Latitude: 41.810005; Longitude: -86.239817) crossings. US-12 is a busy road so please use caution when parking at this location. Outside of the township parks, most of the stream flows through private land, so please stay in the stream. Stream width varies from less than 10 feet at US-12 to about 20 feet near Niles Township Community Park.

Fishing Regulations

Brandywine Creek is a designated Type 1 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Streams Trout and Salmon Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide. All rainbow trout (steelhead) are wild. Brown trout are a mixture of stocked and wild fish. Wild brown trout are more common from the Brandywine Creek Nature Park downstream to the confluence with the St. Joseph River.

Directions to Site

Community Park is located south of the city of Niles off Bond Street onto Norred Court between Fort Street and Beeson Road. There is a large gravel parking lot at this location. It is approximately a 200 yard hike from the parking area to the stream. The park is open from sunrise to sunset. Additional amenities include bathrooms, a playground and picnic tables.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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