

Brandywine Creek Nature 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:41.803495 / Long:-86.254424

Noteworthy

Brandywine Creek Nature Park is owned by Niles Township. Additional access to the creek at US Hwy 12 (Latitude 41° 47' 50.395" N, Longitude 86° 12' 52.524" W) and at 15th Street (Latitude 41° 48' 36.018" N, Longitude 86° 14' 23.338" W) 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' at US-12 to about 20' 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 Nature Park downstream to the confluence with the St. Joseph River.

Directions to Site

Heading south on Third Street from the city of Niles, Brandywine Creek Nature Park is located on the east side of South Third Street immediately south of the Beeson Road intersection. There is a paved parking lot with 7 spaces plus one handicapped parking space. It is less than 100 feet from the parking lot area to the stream.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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