

# East Branch Black River Highbanks 1

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## ***Fish Species***

Brook Trout

## ***Species Description***

Brook trout are the primary trout species encountered at this location.

## ***Geographic Coordinates***

Lat:45.128633 / Long:-84.275983

## ***Noteworthy***

East Branch Black River Road parallels (at a distance) the East Branch for a small number of miles, but the oil and gas activity in the region allows for multiple access sites. The East Branch is a good river, and probably even a better river for larger brook trout compared to the mainstem. It is harder to fish than the mainstem, and lacks the accessibility of the other river. Add some of that up, and it equates to better solitude and sometimes better catches. Fishing regulations are, however, much more liberal on this branch and always have been. In the Highbanks 1-3 region, the river is somewhat narrow at times and often lined with tag alders and lowland brush. Fly fishing at times can be tough for novices. This river runs a little deeper and narrower, and has a quality amount of fish structure in the river. Brook trout over 10 inches here are not uncommon.

## ***Fishing Regulations***

This site on the East Branch of the Black River is a designated Type 1 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide.

## ***Directions to Site***

From M-33, turn west on CR-622 which is approximately 8.5 miles north of Atlanta. Follow 3.9 miles to turn on right (northwest) which is East Branch Road. Continue on East Branch Road 2.0 miles to 2-track trail on left with visible gas well facility. Turn left (SW) and follow to site.

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

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