

## Main Branch Black River McKinnon's Bend

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### ***Fish Species***

Brook Trout

### ***Species Description***

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

### ***Geographic Coordinates***

Lat:45.117533 / Long:-84.450817

### ***Noteworthy***

Ask some local anglers where they fish, and they will tell you places other than this location. That is because they would rather keep this a secret. The river in this reach is slow and deeper, the channel is narrower, the bottom is mainly sand and silt, hard substrate is a rarity. Brook trout densities in this reach are lower, but biomass numbers are higher. Simply put, bigger trout, fewer young fish. Each year anglers catch some of the largest brook trout in the watershed in the general vicinity of this landing. The farther away you are from the landing, the better. Fish are fickle here. One day they can be on fire, other times, you wouldn't think there are trout in this river. This is big swamp corridor water, with lowland tag alders lining the river like a tunnel. Fly fishing is for the toughest here. Most anglers use bait or spinners. Brook trout grow fast here (based on age analysis) on a quality diet and slow water which allows them to put the pounds on quickly.

### ***Fishing Regulations***

This site on the Main 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***

McKinnons Bend can be most readily reached at the easterly end of Old Vanderbilt Road where it intersects with Black River Trail . From this point continue southeasterly about 1.5 miles where the road turns south. The access site is immediately south of this point.

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