

Paint River



Fish Species

Brook Trout and Brown Trout

Species Description

Brown and brook trout are both present in the South Branch of the Paint River and populations of these trout are maintained by natural reproduction. Brook trout can reach 12 inches in length, however most of the "brookies" caught are somewhat smaller. Brown trout are often caught in excess of 20 inches in length.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:46.208138 / Long:-88.76039

Noteworthy

This waterway is attractive to all types of fishing and both wading and navigation by kayak or canoe is possible. During periods of low flow, dragging over short distances may be required.

Fishing Regulations

South Branch of the Paint River (Iron County) from the mouth of Cooks Run to the mouth of the North Branch of the Paint River is a designated Type 2 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide.

Directions to Site

Travel west on US Hwy 2 from the city of Iron River for 8 miles and turn right (north) onto Amvets Hwy. Proceed 1/2 a mile then turn left (west) and travel for 2.8 miles until you reach National Forest 1470, also known as Gold Mine Road. Turn right (north) and proceed 0.2 miles to the bridge over the South Branch of the Paint River. There is only roadside parking here and room for up to 4 vehicles.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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