

West Branch Otter River



Fish Species

Brook Trout

Species Description

The Otter River is a 20-foot wide, knee deep, coldwater trout stream that is ideal for both fly or spincast fishing. Resident fish here are wild brook trout, supplemented periodically with stockings of Jumbo River-strain brook trout (parentage from Ontonagon River watershed and reared by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department).

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:46.818178 / Long:-88.712658

Noteworthy

The character of the river hosts sweeping meander bends, log cross-vanes, and gravel riffle/pool complexes - all of which hold brook trout. This river can have swift currents after rain events, so careful footing and wearing flotation gear is advised.

Fishing Regulations

This is a Type 1 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout & Salmon Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide.

Directions to Site

Proceed west on Highway M-38 for a distance of 11.6 miles from the Highway US-2 and M-38 intersection in Baraga. Then go north 2.1 miles on Hazel Road where the road "Ts" with North Laird Road. Turn left (west) and proceed .2 miles to Hazel Swamp Road, located on your right (north). Travel north 1.8 miles on Hazel Swamp Road and you will reach the bridge over the West Branch Otter River. Turn right (east) and go down a 2-track path for 30 yards until you get to a grassy parking area. Hazel Swamp Road is gravel and can be muddy following rain events.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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