

Inland Trout & Salmon Regulations

The information in this section (pp. 38-57) provides fishing regulations that pertain only to the taking of trout and salmon from inland waters. Check the county listings on pp. 44-57 for specific waters and the regulations placed on each according to the Type listed for that entry. Regulations for lakes and streams are listed in either the lake regulations table (below), stream regulations table (p. 39), or the gear restricted streams section (pp. 40-42). **Maps have been developed to assist anglers in identifying inland trout waters and the regulations associated with each Type as indicated by color scheme and text. Maps are only available online at Michigan.gov/FishingGuide. During closed season dates on inland trout and salmon waters, fishing is prohibited for all species.** Anglers should check the *It is Unlawful To* section for restrictions on hooks and lures (p. 11) and the *Exceptions to General Regulations by County* (pp. 28-31) for other restrictions.



A person shall not at any time take, attempt to take, or possess an Arctic Grayling taken from any of the waters over which the state has jurisdiction.

Inland Trout & Salmon Lake Regulations

The following regulations pertain only to inland lake Types A - F as listed on pp. 44-59. Maps are available online at: Michigan.gov/FishingGuide

Lake Type	Fishing Season	Possession Season	Tackle	Daily Possession Limit	Brook Trout	Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, & Splake	Lake Trout	Coho, Chinook, & Pink Salmon	Atlantic Salmon
Minimum Size Limit (inches)									
A (65 lakes)	Last Sat. in April - Oct. 31	Last Sat. in April - Oct. 31	All except minnows	5/3*	10"	12"	15"	10"	15"
B (62 lakes)	Open All Year	Open All Year	All	5/3*	10"	12"	15"	10"	15"
C (26 lakes)	Open All Year	Open All Year	All	5/3*	8"	8"	8"	10"	15"
D (25 lakes)	Last Sat. in April - Oct. 31	Last Sat. in April - Oct. 31	**	1	15"	15"	15"	10"	15"
E (14 lakes)	Open All Year	Open All Year	All	3	15"	15"	15"	10"	15"
F (15 lakes)	Open All Year	Open All Year	All	5/3^	10"	10"	10"	10"	10"

* 5 fish, with no more than 3 trout 15" or greater.
 ** On Type D lakes, it is unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait or organic or processed food on any of the waters or on shore.
 ^ 5 fish in any combination, but no more than 3 fish of any one species, except up to 5 salmon (Chinook or coho) may be retained.

Designated Trout Lakes:

All Type A and all Type D lakes are designated trout lakes (see p. 8).

Regulations for Lakes Not Classified as Lake Type:

Except for lakes in the Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters and Sylvania Wilderness Area, any other inland lake not classified by Type is open all year to the taking of trout with an 8-inch minimum size limit and 5 fish daily possession limit, no more than 3 of which may be 15" or greater. Artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used. See pp. 24-26 for Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters and Sylvania Wilderness Area regulations, respectively.

Inland Trout & Salmon Stream Regulations

The following regulations pertain only to inland stream Types 1-4, Research Areas (RA), and Brook Trout Restoration Areas (BTRA), as listed on pp. 44-57.

Maps are available online at: Michigan.gov/FishingGuide.

Stream Type (Colors below are indicated accordingly on the maps online.)	Fishing Season	Possession Season	Minimum Size Limit (inches)		Daily Possession Limit
			Brook Trout	Brown Trout	
1 (Approx. 1,400 streams) 2 (14 streams) 3 (57 streams)	Last Sat. in April - Sep. 30	Last Sat. in April - Sep. 30	7"	8"	Atlantic, Chinook, Coho & Pink Salmon, Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout (Steelhead), Splake All Trout and Salmon 5 fish, but no more than 3 trout 15" or greater
	Last Sat. in April - Sep. 30	Last Sat. in April - Sep. 30	10"	12"	
	Open All Year	Open All Year	15"	15"	
	Open All Year	Last Sat. in April - Sep. 30 for Brook Trout, Brown Trout, and Atlantic Salmon Open all year for all other Trout and Salmon	7"	10"	
4 (130 streams)	Open All Year	Open All Year	7"	10"	Brook Trout Restoration Areas (BTRA) The following locations have more restrictive brook trout regulations. Fishing regulations on these waters shall supersede those in other sections which in any way conflict with the following: the harvest season for Brook Trout is from the last Saturday in April - Sep. 30, the minimum size limit on Brook Trout, Lake Trout, and Splake shall be 20 inches with a daily possession limit of one (1) Brook Trout, Lake Trout or Splake total combined. 1. Big Garlic River and tributaries (Marquette Co.), from County Road 550 (T50N, R26W, S33) downstream to Lake Superior (T50N, R26W, S21). 2. Big Huron River (Baraga and Marquette Cos.), from Big Eric's Bridge (T52N, R30W, S35) downstream to Lake Superior (T52N, R29W, S18). 3. Iron River (Marquette Co.), from Lake Independence Dam (T51N, R27W, S13) downstream to Lake Superior (T51N, R26W, S18). 4. Little Huron River (Marquette Co.), from unnamed bridge crossing located at the southern border of section 20 (T52N, R29W, S20) downstream to Lake Superior (T52N, R29W, S17). 5. Pilgrim River and tributaries (Houghton Co.), from the headwaters downstream to Portage Lake (T54N, R33W, S5). 6. Portage/Torch Lake system (including the Portage River, Portage Canal, North Entry and South Entry, Houghton Co.). 7. Ravine River (Baraga Co.), from Sicotte Road (T51N, R31W, S2) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S4). 8. Silver River (Baraga Co.), from Silver River Falls (T51N, R32W, S26) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S18). 9. Slate River (Baraga Co.), from Slate River Falls (1/2 mile upstream from Skanee Road T51N, R31W, S9) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S8).
Research Areas (RA)	Research Areas: Salmon-Trout River (Marquette Co.) is under special regulations as indicated on p. 53. It is indicated on the online maps (Michigan.gov/FishingGuide) with gray shading. Please see the county listing for specific regulations on this water.				