



Boardman River

Free Weir Tours September 26- October 20th



Salmon weirs play an important role in helping to keep Michigan's lakes, rivers and streams one of the greatest freshwater fisheries in the world. The DNR Fisheries Division & the Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center invite schools to visit the Boardman River Weir for an interpretive tour this fall.

Students will experience firsthand how the DNR collects eggs and raises fish. The program ties in history, ecology, biology and stewardship. The weir, part of the Boardman River system, is located in down town Traverse City.

Your Tour of the Boardman Weir Includes:

After a brief overview, school groups will be rotated through the stations and spend a few minutes at each station. DNR staff conducting the fish take will take a few moments with each group to explain what they are doing.

- Why and how the DNR raises fish
- What is a fish hatchery?
- What is a weir?
- Chinook Salmon / Coho salmon
- Chinook Salmon Life Cycle
- Incubation of eggs
- Hatched eggs
- Spawning
- Fish Ladders
- Erosion/Sedimentation
- Pollutants
- Non-native/alien/invasive species
- Fish Holding Ponds
- Identifying males and females
- Recovery Pond
- Salmon egg arrival to the hatchery

Public tours will be offered on Saturdays & Sundays please check on our web site for times. www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter.

Space is limited! Call or email to reserve your tour! Contact Park Interpreter Edward Shaw 231-779-1321 or shawe@michigan.gov

We also offer free programs at your school and field trips to the CTJ. Also ask about the Salmon in the Classroom program.