

Gear Restricted Streams

The following streams have regulations that differ from those in Types 1 - 4 as listed on p. 23. Red text indicates either a new addition to this section or a regulation change to an existing gear restricted stream. On any stream reach that is being managed under gear restrictions, it shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material on any of the waters or on shore.

Au Sable River, Mainstream (Crawford County) from Burton's Landing (T26N, R3W, S11) to South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge): Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year; Tackle: artificial flies only; Daily Possession Limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout; Size limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. Mileage: 9.0 miles.

Au Sable River, Mainstream (Crawford County) from South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge) to McMasters Bridge Rd. (McMasters Bridge): Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; Tackle: artificial lures only; Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. Mileage: 8.0 miles.

Au Sable River, Mainstream (Oscoda County) from Mio power line (T26N, R3E, S7) to Evans Rd. (McKinley Bridge): Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; Tackle: artificial lures only; Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 7 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. Mileage: 15.0 miles.

Au Sable River, North Branch (Crawford County) from Sheep Ranch (T28N, R2W, S12) to confluence with Mainstream: Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; Tackle: artificial flies only; Daily possession limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. Mileage: 20.7 miles

Au Sable River, South Branch (Crawford County) from Chase Bridge Rd. (Chase Bridge) to Lower High Banks (T25N, R2W, S13): Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year; Tackle: artificial flies only; Daily possession limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout; Size limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. Mileage: 4.3 miles.

Au Sable River, South Branch (Crawford County) from Lower High Banks (T25N, R2W, S13) to confluence with Mainstream: Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; Tackle:

artificial flies only; Daily possession limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. Mileage: 11.5 miles.

Black River (Otsego and Montmorency counties) from Tin Shanty Bridge Rd. to the Town Corner Lake Stairs (T32N, R1E, S31 SE/SE): Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout; open for the entire year for brown trout and rainbow trout; Tackle: artificial lures only; Daily possession limit: five (5) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than two (2) brook trout; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. Mileage: 4.4 miles.

Cooks Run, (Iron County) from US Forest Hwy 16 (T44N, R37W, S36) to confluence with South Branch Paint River (T44N, R36W, S28): From the last Saturday in April through September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 2 regulations.

From October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: Fishing season: October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April; Possession season: closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open; Tackle: artificial flies only; Daily possession limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout; Size limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. Mileage: 4.5 miles.

Duck Creek (Gogebic County) from Railroad Bridge (T44N, R39W, S16 SE1/4 SE1/4) to confluence with Middle Branch Ontonagon River: Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; Tackle: artificial lures only; Daily possession limit: two (2) trout; Size limits: minimum size limit: all species of trout – 10 inches. Mileage: 6.5 miles.

Escanaba River (Delta County) from Boney Falls Dam to Mouth of Silver Creek (T40N, R23W, S11): Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; Tackle: artificial lures only; Daily possession limit: two (2) trout; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 12 inches; rainbow trout – 12 inches. Mileage: 14.2 miles.

Fox River (Schoolcraft County) from Fox River State Forest Campground (T46N, R14W, S11) to M-28: From the last Saturday in April through September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 1 regulations.

From October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: Fishing season: October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April; Possession season: closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open; Tackle: artificial flies only; Daily possession limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout; Size limits: not

applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. **Mileage:** 7.6 miles.

Huron River (Oakland County) from the Sign below Moss Lake Outlet to the Signs 100 Yards below Wixom Road (T2N, R7E, S13): From the last Saturday in April through September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 1 regulations.

From April 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: **Fishing season:** April 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April; **Possession season:** closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily possession limit:** zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout; **Size limits:** not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. **Mileage:** 2.0 miles.

Johnson Creek (Washtenaw and Wayne counties) from Napier Rd. (T1S, R7E, S24) to its confluence with the Middle Branch Rouge River (T1S, R8E, S3): **Fishing season:** open for the entire year; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 12 inches; rainbow trout – 12 inches. **Mileage:** 6.0 miles.

Little Manistee River (Lake County) from North Peacock Trail (Spencer's Bridge T19N, R13W, S5) to Johnson Rd. (Johnson's Bridge T20N, R14W, S24): **Fishing season:** Apr 1 - Dec 31; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; Apr 1 - Dec 31 for all other species of trout and salmon; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) fish, any combination of trout and salmon; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 15 inches; all other species of trout and salmon – 10 inches. **Mileage:** 7.5 miles.

Manistee River (Crawford County) from CO. Rd. 612 to M-72: **Fishing season:** open for the entire year; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. **Mileage:** 9.2 miles.

Manistee River (Crawford and Kalkaska counties) from M-72 to Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26): **Fishing season:** open for the entire year; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. **Mileage:** 16.7 miles.

Paint Creek (Oakland County) from Gunn Rd. to Tienken Rd.: **Fishing season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for all species of trout; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for all species of trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: all species of trout – 14 inches. **Mileage:** 5.0 miles.

Paint River, South Branch (Iron County) from the Mouth of Cooks Run (T44N, R36W, S28) to the Mouth of the North Branch of the Paint River (T44N, R35W, S8): From the last Saturday in April through September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 2 regulations.

From October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: **Fishing season:** October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April; **Possession season:** closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily possession limit:** zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout; **Size limits:** not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. **Mileage:** 10.0 miles.

Pere Marquette River (Lake County) from M-37 to the Downstream Edge of the Boat Ramp/Slide at Gleason's Landing (T17N, R13W, S13): **Fishing season:** open for the entire year; **Possession season:** closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily possession limit:** zero (0) trout and salmon; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout or salmon; **Size limits:** not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout and salmon. Trout and salmon less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. **Mileage:** 8.5 miles.

Pere Marquette River (Lake County) from the Downstream Edge of the Boat Ramp/Slide at Gleason's Landing (T17N, R13W, S13) to the Upstream Edge of the Boat Ramp at Rainbow Rapids (T18N, R14W, S27): From September 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 4 regulations, with the following exceptions: **Fishing season:** September 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April; **Possession season:** September 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April; **Daily Possession Limit:** zero (0) brook trout; zero (0) brown trout; one (1) rainbow trout; **Size limits:** not applicable for brook trout and brown trout.

From the last Saturday in April through August 31, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: **Fishing season:** last Saturday in April through August 31; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through August 31; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout or salmon; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) brown trout 18 inches or greater, and except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) rainbow trout; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: all species of salmon – 10 inches; brook trout – 8 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; rainbow trout – 8 inches; except that the harvest of fish greater than 14 inches and less than 18 inches shall be prohibited for brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout. **Mileage:** 10.5 miles.

Pigeon River (Cheboygan and Otsego counties) from Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail (T32N, R1W, S10) to Pine Grove Campground Stairs (T33N, R1W, S17): **Fishing season:** open for the entire year; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) brown trout; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 12 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. **Mileage:** 5.3 miles.