



Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park

Fishing Information

www.michigan.gov/fishing

Valid from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020

Michigan Hunting and fishing licenses are available at the Wilderness Visitor Center daily 10AM – 6PM ET, mid-May through mid- October and at the Headquarters Monday through Friday 8AM – 4:00PM, mid- October through mid- May.

For more specific information, or for any water body not mentioned, see Michigan's current Fishing Guide.

COOL WATER FISH

LAKES

Lake of the Clouds

Species: Smallmouth Bass, Perch

Regulations: Fishing restricted to artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use, or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food or scented material at any time on the shore or water. No spearing, no possession of smallmouth bass.

Perch season – Open All year

Size and take limits: Perch only – no size limit, 25 in possession

Lake Superior

Non- Trout Species: Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike, Muskellunge, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, White Bass, Lake Whitefish Cisco (lake herring), Lake Sturgeon, Smelt, All Others.

Regulation Totals:

SEASON FOR BASS:

JAN 1ST - Fri before Memorial Day; catch and immediate release only

Saturday before Memorial Day – December 31st – Regular season

Largemouth – 14" minimum, 5 possession limit

Smallmouth Bass - 14" minimum, 5 possession limit

SEASON FOR WALLEYE, NORTHERN: May 15 – March 15

Walleye – 15" minimum, 5 possession limit

Northern Pike – 24" minimum, no more than 2 possession limit

SEASON FOR MUSKELLUNGE: 1ST Sat in June – March 15

Muskellunge – 42" minimum, LIMIT 1 FISH

SEASON FOR OTHERS: Open All Year:

Yellow Perch – No size limit, 25 take limit

Sunfishes - No size limit, 25 take limit in any combination of the listed species.

White bass – No size limit, 25 take limit

Lake Whitefish Cisco – No size limit, 12 in any combination

Smelt – No size limit, 2 gallon limit

All Others – No size limit, No take limit

NO FISHING SEASON

Lake Sturgeon – NO POSSESSION, MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY

TROUT AND SALMON WATERS

Note: An All-Species fishing license is required for all anglers, age 17 or older, to take and possess trout and salmon from any public waters.

LAKES

Lake Superior	Species: Lake Trout & Splake, Salmon, Trout; Brown and Rainbow. Regulation: Open All Year. Size and take limits: Minimum size 15", 3 daily possession (no more than (1) lake trout 34" or greater), 3 in any combination. Note: for Brook Trout ONLY; size is 20" with only 1 allowed in possession. Salmon, Brown and Rainbow Trout Size and Possession; 10" minimum, Take; 5 total in any combo, no more than 3 of any one species, except up to 5 Coho, Chinook or Pink Salmon allowed.
Mirror Lake	Species: Splake, Brook Trout Regulations: Open All Year; no bait restrictions. Size and Possession: Splake – 12", Brook Trout – 10" / 5 fish, with no more than 3 trout that are 15 inches or larger.
Lily Pond	Species: Brook Trout, Splake Regulations: Open All Year (non-designated trout lake); no bait restrictions. Size and possession: Splake – 8", Brook Trout – 8", possession is 5 fish, with no more than 3 trout 15 inches or larger.

RIVERS & STREAMS

Rivers and streams are designated by "Type". **All rivers & streams in the Porkies are Type 1 streams, except for the section of stream/rivers listed below.** Type 1 is (open the last Sat. in April - Sept. 30), and size and take is 7" for Brook Trout, 8" Brown Trout, 10" for Rainbow Trout, Atlantic, Chinook, Coho and Pink Salmon. A daily possession of 5 fish with no more than 3 trout; 15 inches or larger.

River & Stream Type Exceptions:

Type 3 (Open all year)
Size: 15" on Brook Trout and Brown Trout, 10" on Atlantic, Chinook, Coho & Pink Salmon, Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout. Possession: 5 fish, with no more than 3 trout 15 inches or larger.

Big Carp River	Species: Brook Trout, Rainbow Trout, Pink Salmon Regulations: from a point 100 yards downstream of Bathtub Falls (T50N, R45W, 1) to Lake Superior.
Little Carp River	Species: Brook Trout, Coaster Brook Trout Regulations: from Traders Fall downstream to Lake Superior.
Little Iron River	Species: Brook Trout, Salmon Regulations: Upstream to Nonesuch Falls (T50N, R43N, 1).
Presque Isle River	Species: Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout, Coho, Chinook & Pink Salmon, Northern Pike, Muskellunge, Walleye, Pan Fish. Regulations: from Manabezho Falls downstream to Lake Superior

Type 4 (Open last Sat in April – Sept. 30th for Brown & Brook Trout & Atlantic Salmon.
Open all year other trout and salmon species)
Size Minimum: 7" on Brook Trout, 10" on Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Atlantic, Coho, Chinook & Pink Salmon.
Possession: 5 fish, with no more than 3 trout 15 inches or larger.

Union River	Species: Brook Trout, Rainbow Trout Regulations: from South Boundary Rd (T51N, R42W, 22) downstream to Lake Superior.
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