

General Information

This river guide is one of a set of three maps that show:

- Access points for fishing the river
- Locations where one can park
- River characteristics
- Unique features along the river

Michigan Fly Fishing Club is a southeastern Michigan organization of approximately 300 members dedicated to fly fishing, casting, rod-building, fly tying and stream conservation. The Clinton River Coldwater Conservation Project is a joint effort of the Clinton River Watershed Council, the Michigan DNR Fisheries Division, the City of Auburn Hills, and the four Detroit area Trout Unlimited Chapters – Challenge Chapter, Clinton Valley Chapter, Paul H. Young Chapter, and the Vanguard Chapter. The goal of this joint effort is to generate public support in the Clinton River Watershed as a valued recreational resource through efforts to improve water quality, aesthetics, and access.



The River

Paint Creek is considered a high quality, coldwater stream by the MDNR. It begins as an outflow from Lake Orion where a dam having a bottom draw tube releases water that flows approximately 13 miles to empty into the Clinton River in the City of Rochester. The stream varies from 10 to 30 feet in width and has numerous sections with gravel and cobble bottom and pools as deep as 5 feet. The water quality is very conducive to maintaining a good trout population. Temperatures rarely exceed 70 ° F thanks to the ability of releasing cold lake water in the summer.

Paint Creek has received annual trout stocking since the 1940s and some sections of the stream now have natural reproduction of brown trout. Based on stream surveys, the trout population exceeds 600 fish per mile in some parts of the creek. Many of these fish are in the 7 to 14 inch range with a few approaching 20 inches in length.

WARNING

The Paint Creek can rise to high levels after a storm making wading and boating on the river very dangerous. Avoid wading in areas of fast currents.

River Etiquette

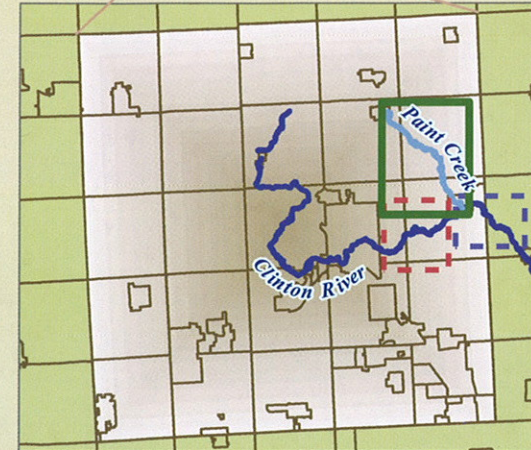
When walking along the river, avoid trespassing on private land. It is permitted to wade through sections of river that are surrounded by private property so long as you stay in the stream.

Respect those who will visit the river after you and please don't litter.

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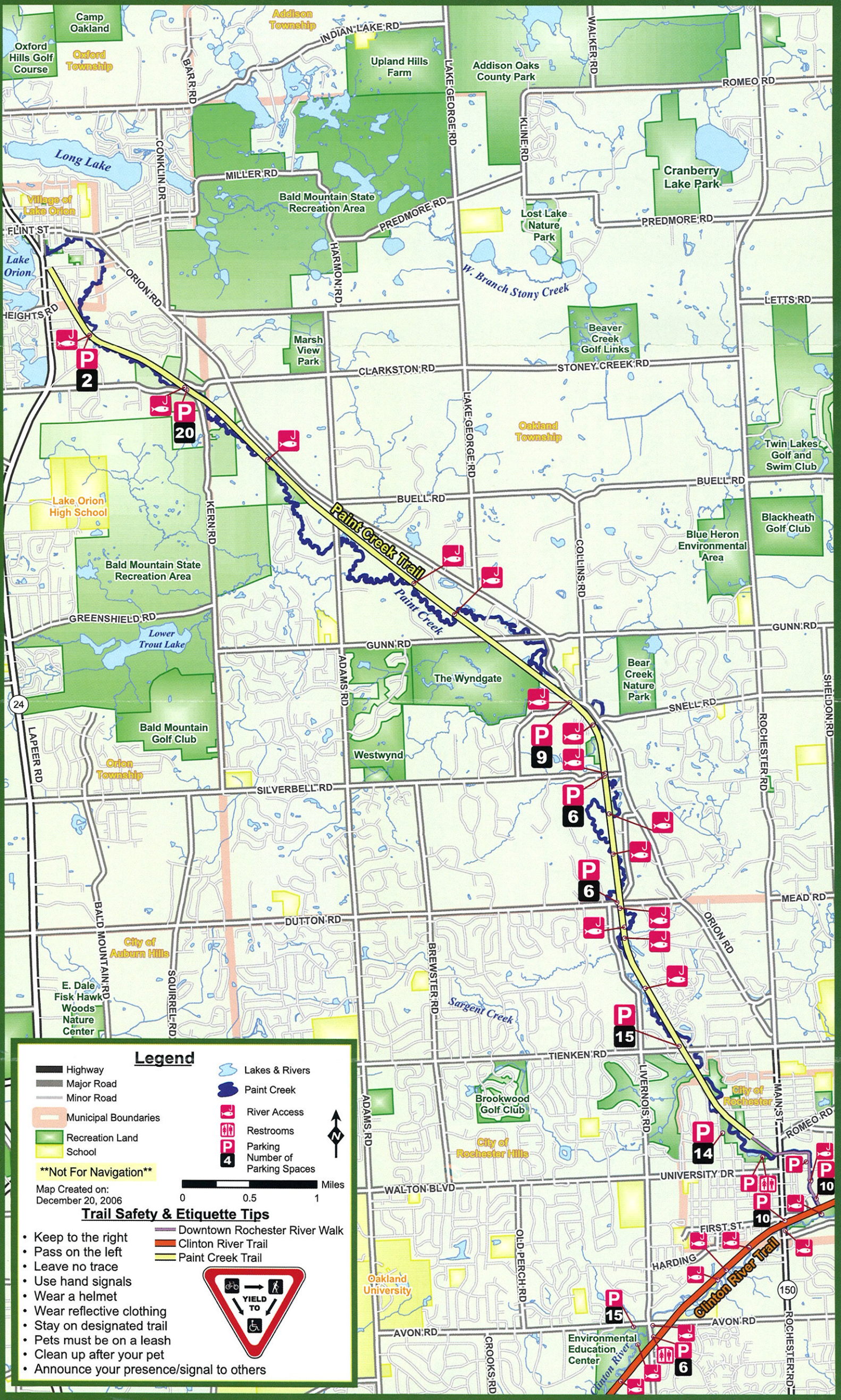
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A Fisherman's Guide to the Paint Creek



Lake Orion to Rochester



Legend

- Highway
- Major Road
- Minor Road
- Municipal Boundaries
- Recreation Land
- School
- Lakes & Rivers
- Paint Creek
- River Access
- Restrooms
- Parking Number of Parking Spaces

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Trail Safety & Etiquette Tips

- Keep to the right
 - Pass on the left
 - Leave no trace
 - Use hand signals
 - Wear a helmet
 - Wear reflective clothing
 - Stay on designated trail
 - Pets must be on a leash
 - Clean up after your pet
 - Announce your presence/signal to others
- Downtown Rochester River Walk
— Clinton River Trail
— Paint Creek Trail

