



Raccoon Creek

Raccoon Creek is a small stream that holds some steelhead. Its mouth is located west of the town of North Springfield, just west of Elmwood Home Road (Township Road 324). Raccoon is not an stocked trout stream and it is not stocked with "regular" trout for the trout season. However, there is evidence of natural reproduction of trout in this creek. Occasionally the PFBC puts spawned-out steelhead in Raccoon Creek near Ellis Road. Most of Raccoon runs through wooded lands, and portions run through State Game Lands 314. Because of its small size and because it runs primarily through woods, Raccoon drains quickly and can be fishable when the larger creeks are too high or muddy from recent rain or runoff.

Raccoon Park, a nice community park with picnic pavilions and plenty of parking, is located just east of the mouth of Raccoon Creek. The creek has a slow, wide and reasonably deep area at its mouth in this area. Much of the fishing in Raccoon Creek is done here at the mouth. You can also walk upstream from Old Lake Road and fish the stream.



Heading south on Elmwood Home Road, you enter the State Game Lands. You can walk into the Game Lands and fish the stream here. You can also access the stream by parking along the Conrail tracks (which are the northern set of tracks) and taking the steep but short trail down the south side of the tracks to the creek. Here you will find a tube under the bridge and some nice fishing areas. There is also access at the bridge on Lynch Road north of Route 5. There is limited parking here and the stream is brushy. Trying to fish this area or areas upstream of this with a long rod will be very difficult.

The next access points are where Elmwood Home Road crossed over the creek, and at the Route 5 bridge, which is just upstream.

If you want to try a smaller stream, with few other anglers, try this one.