



# Godfrey & Trout Runs, Orchard Beach Creek

## Erie Nursery Waters

**Godfrey Run** is a nursery water and fishing in the creek is prohibited. However, fishing at the mouth of Godfrey for steelhead and walleye is popular when lake conditions are favorable. The mouth of Godfrey can be accessed from Fairplain Road (Township Road 4031), which loops around south of Route 5.

There is parking on the West side of the loop beyond the no parking signs. Walk back north and down the dirt access road to the lake. The dirt road accessing the Lake is private and parking is not permitted.



**Trout Run** is a nursery water and fishing in the creek is prohibited. The mouth of Trout Run is the most popular place for shore fishing in the lake for steelhead and walleye. The Fish and Boat Commission maintains a nursery upstream on Trout Run, where it raises and milks steelhead. Thousands of steelhead return to Trout Run every year. This provides excellent fishing for steelhead when the fish school off the mouth trying to enter this relatively small and shallow creek. Likewise, when the fingerlings leave the creek in the spring, the walleye lurk just offshore at night looking for an easy meal.



If you want to see if the steelhead run has started, or if you want to see steelhead or show them to others, go to the mouth of Trout Run. In the fall the creek can be stacked with large steelhead, many with their tails sticking out of the water. It is a sight many children (and anglers) enjoy.

The mouth of Trout Run is at the foot of State Route 98 (Avonia Road) directly north of the town of Fairview. Parking is permitted only in certain areas along the road. Parking between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. is also prohibited.

Fishing for steelhead at the mouth of Trout Run is very popular in the fall. Fish can be schooling just offshore when the fish have not yet made any significant run up any of the major creeks. If the lake is relatively calm, the steelhead fishing can be very productive. On the other hand, this is no secret, and on a warm, calm day in late September or October, you will likely find anglers lined up shoulder to shoulder at the mouth forming the "chorus line" as it is so often called.



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