

General Information

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

- Access points for fishing the river
- Parking locations
- River characteristics
- Unique features along the river

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, the Michigan Fly Fishing Club, and the four south east Michigan Trout Unlimited Chapters - Challenge Chapter, Clinton Valley Chapter, Paul H. Young Chapter and the Vanguard Chapter.

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

The River

Paint Creek is considered a high quality, coldwater stream by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. 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.

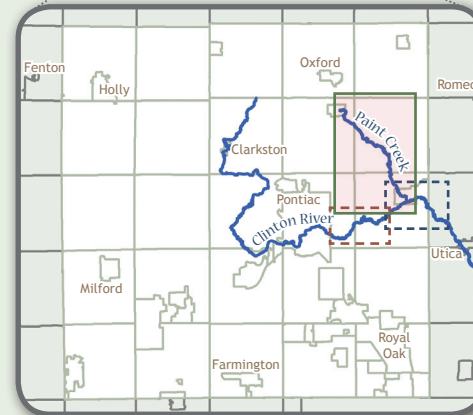
River Etiquette

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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A Fisherman's Guide to the Paint Creek

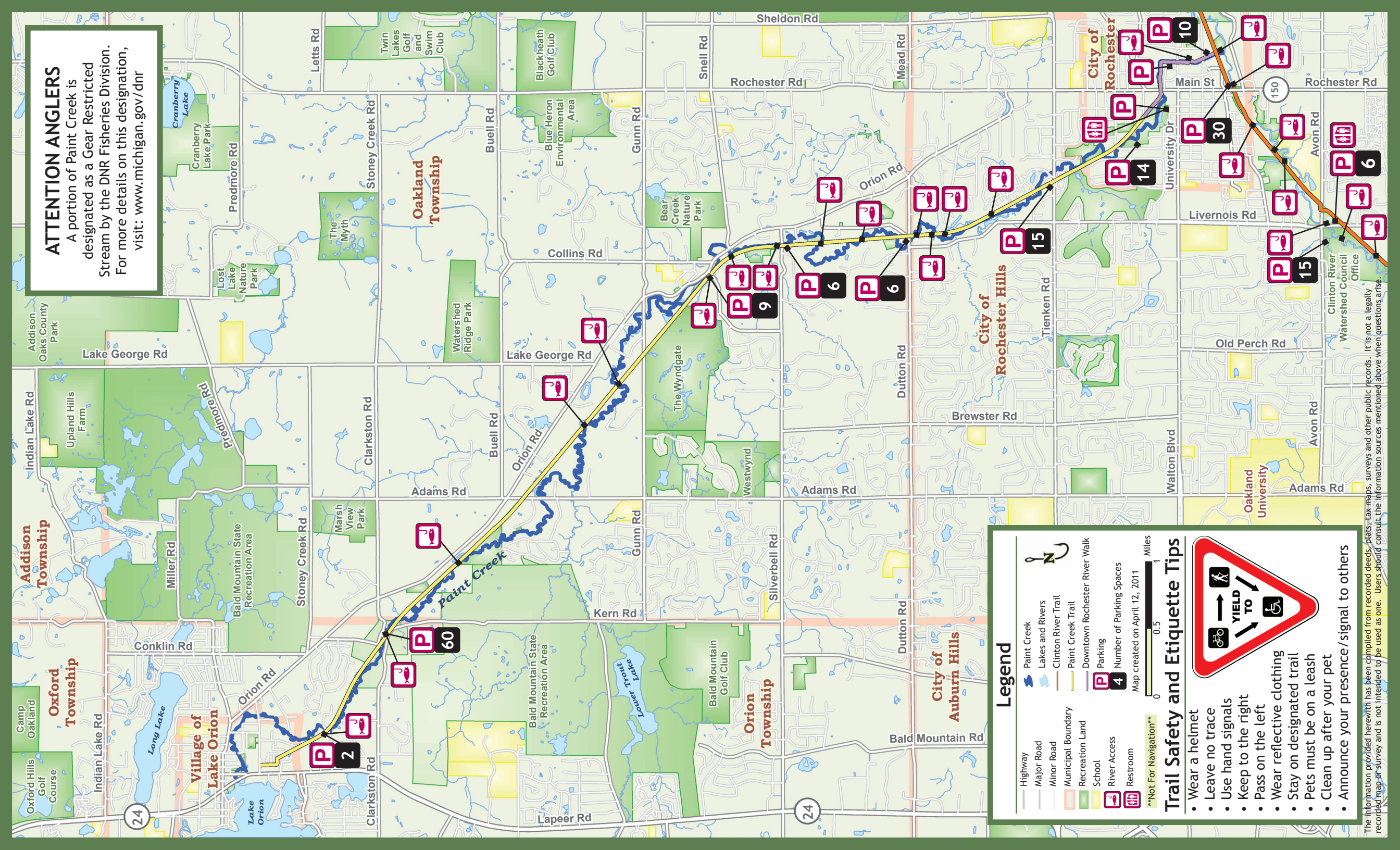


Lake Orion to Rochester



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A portion of Paint Creek is designated as a Gear Restricted Stream by the DNR Fisheries Division. For more details on this designation, visit: www.michigan.gov/dnr



Legend

- Highway
- Major Road
- Minor Road
- Municipal Boundary
- Recreation Land
- School
- River Access
- Restroom
- Paint Creek
- Lakes and Rivers
- Clinton River Trail
- Paint Creek Trail
- Downtown Rochester River Walk
- Parking
- Number of Parking Spaces

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Miles: 0, 0.5, 1

Not For Navigation

Trail Safety and Etiquette Tips

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



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