

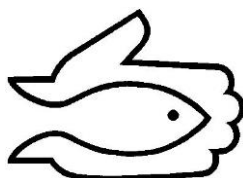
Birch River Angling Package



This package was created to provide anglers with information to enhance angling quality and opportunity on the Birch River. The document will summarize research completed on the river and along with maps and information that anglers can use to plan day or multi-day trips on the Birch River.

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Background Information

The Birch River has been stocked intermittently since 1950. Plantings have been dominated by brook trout and rainbow trout. The most recent plantings occurred in 2008 with 3,000 brook trout, and 2012 with 3,000 rainbow trout. Updated stocking records can be viewed on the SVSFE website.

In the fall of 2012 SVSFE conducted a presence/absence survey on the Birch River. The objective was to identify stretches of the river where trout were present, and therefore angling opportunities. Trout were found at all sampled locations between WPT #1 (PR 266 Bridge), and WPT #10 (Access Point). There are likely angling opportunities both upstream and downstream of these locations as well; however not documented. Also, the 2012 survey found evidence of a naturally reproducing brook trout population in the Birch River. The report from 2012 survey can be found on the SVSFE website (IFA#2 - Birch River).

Additional Information

This package is a summary of information collected in 2012 and therefore subject to change over time; especially in terms of access and trail information. The GIS data (.gpx, .kmz) from the map on the following page can be downloaded from the "Go Fishing - Birch River" page on the Swan Valley Sport Fishing Enhancement Website.

The most effective way to angle these backcountry streams is to travel far from the access points where there is far less angling pressure. It is also recommended to plan your trip during low runoff periods when the water is clear. The following is a summary of stream distances between access points along with waypoint information.

WPT #'s	Approximate Distance Between WPTS	WPT #	WPT Name	Comments
#1-#2	~1km	1	Access Point	PR 266 Bridge
#2-#3	~300m	2	Access Point	Access via old cut line
#3-#4	~2km	3	Access Point	Access via Road 233N
#4-#5	~1.8km	4	Primrose Park	Angling opportunities throughout
#5-#6	~1.3km	5	Access Point	Access via old cut line
#6-#7	~1.3km	6	Access Point	Old bear bait and trail
#7-#10	~2.5km	7	Access Point	No trail - from gravel pit ~100m to river
	~6.3km	8	Bypass	North trail high and dry
		9	Junction	Northeast ~1.3km to Faye Corbett shelter
		10	Access Point	Access at trail crossing
		11	Shelter	Faye Corbett Warmup Shelter (NMRiders)

In most stretches of the river there isn't much bank width and very little clearings on shore for casting. For this reason, this particular fishery is better suited for spin fishing as opposed to a fly fishing.

Travel along this particular stream is time consuming, therefore ensure that you're well prepared for very long days of angling. The rocky substrate, deep pools, fallen trees, and beaver flooded areas can make travel very slow, therefore ensure that you are well prepared before heading out on a day or multiday trip on the Birch River.

Birch River Map

