# McCoy Creek



## Fish Species

Brown Trout

## Species Description

Most legal-sized brown trout are 8-12 inches, with occasional fish up to 15 inches. Sub-legal fish are abundant soon after stocking in the spring. Wild steelhead leave the stream before attaining legal size. When they return as adults, they average 7-10 lbs. Steelhead are rare during the open season. The best chance of encountering a steelhead is in late summer. It is difficult to land these fish in such a small stream.

## Geographic Coordinates

Lat:41.805092 / Long:-86.396354

## Noteworthy

US-12 is a busy road. Use caution when parking at this location. Most of the creek upstream of McCoy Creek Recreation Area flows through private land. Please stay in the stream and be respectful of this private property. The stream is about 20 feet wide with a lot of brush near US-12 and Bakertown Roads. The stream is slightly wider and casting is much easier from McCoy Creek Recreation Area downstream. Within the city of Buchanan, portions of the creek are confined in underground culverts. There are rustic toilets at McCoy Creek Recreation Area and E.B. Clark Woods. From the parking area at E.B. Clark Woods, there is a hike of approximately 1/4 mile (each way) to the stream.

## Fishing Regulations

McCoy Creek is a designated Type 1 trout stream. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide. All rainbow trout (steelhead) are wild. Brown trout are a mixture of stocked and wild fish. Wild brown trout are more common in the high gradient reaches near Schirmer Parkway.

## Directions to Site

There is roadside parking along US-12, Bakertown Road (Latitude: 41.813064; Longitude: -86.387556), and Schirmer Parkway (Latitude: 41.833672; Longitude: -86.347624). Additional access at the McCoy Creek Recreation Area at the corner of Park Court and W. Smith Street (Latitude: 41.822272; Longitude: -86.369875) and at E. B. Clark Woods off Schirmer Parkway (Latitude: 41.830464; Longitude: -86.348174).

## Regional Visitor Information (URL)