

Au Sable and Manistee Rivers Trip – September 2- 5, 2009

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| <p>Trip Description</p> | <p>Fly Fishing on the Au Sable and Manistee Rivers</p> <p>We travel to the land of Hemingway's youth where two great rivers await us. The Au Sable has three branches, the Main, the North and the South. The Manistee is just a few miles away and is more serene than the Au Sable. All have wild populations of brown, rainbow and brook trout. Some of the most fabulous hatches that you will see anywhere are on these waters. Nearly all of it is wadable and of course you can float a shallow boat, canoe, kayak or pontoon as well. The Trout Unlimited chapters have worked on these streams of years and it shows. These rivers are too good and too close to pass up.</p> |
| <p>Travel</p> | <p>Depart from home the morning of Wednesday September 2, 2009 at around 7:00 a.m. Drive time is 6 hours and 36 minutes, non-stop. Take US 23 between Toledo and Flint instead of I-75.</p> <p>You will be passing Cabela's at 110 Cabelas Blvd E, Dundee, MI - (734) 529-4700, about 20 miles into Michigan after Sylvania, Ohio.</p> <p>We will return on Saturday September 5, 2009. If you need or ride or are willing to share a ride, let the Trip Coordinator know as soon as possible.</p> |
| <p>Lodging</p> | <p>Our accommodations have been researched and we have found that on this trip, the consensus is to rent a motel room. Usually, a couple of guys will share a room, or singles can snore their heart away by themselves as they feel most comfortable. This worked well for the group that went last year. You can make your own reservations or simply show up and do some friendly price haggling as some did last year and save a few extra bucks. You can spend as much or little as your budget allows. Here are just a few of the many suggested places to stay:</p> <p><u>Gates Au Sable Lodge</u> – Located on the Holy Waters of the Au Sable River. There is an Orvis Fly Shop and a very nice restaurant on site. Rooms are \$60 - \$100 per night depending on the room etc. http://www.gateslodge.com/</p> <p><u>Woodland Motor Lodge, Motel and Cabins</u> Rooms are \$35 - \$110 per night. It's at the north end of Grayling, on MI 93, easy to find and only a short distance from either river. It received good reviews on Tripadvisor.com Here is the web site http://woodland-motel.com/</p> <p><u>Super 8 Motel</u>, Rooms are \$65 - 75 per night. It's at the south end of Grayling, easy to find just off I-75 and only a short distance from either river. It also received good reviews on Tripadvisor.com Here is the web site http://www.super8.com/Super8/control/Booking/property_info?propertyId=03583</p> <p>There are many more choices in and near Grayling. It's a resort town and has lots of motels and cabins available. Just Google for Lodging Grayling Michigan.</p> |
| <p>Meals</p> | <p>Meals are at your own expense. There are several good restaurants in the area.</p> |

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| | <p>We can help you locate them when we arrive on site. Here are some of our favorites:</p> <p><u>Grayling Restaurant</u> 211 E Michigan Ave, Grayling, MI 49738, (989) 348-2141 Good home cooking and reasonable prices! And they open early.</p> <p><u>Dawson & Steven's Classic Diner</u>, 231 E Michigan Ave, Grayling, MI 49738 (989) 348-2111. Great diner food and ice cream and it's a Coca Cola Museum! bottlecapmuseum.com</p> <p><u>Spike's Keg o' Nails</u> - 301 N James St, Grayling, MI 49738, (989) 348-7113 You have to stop in for burger and a cold one. You can get a T-Shirt too! spikes-grayling.com</p> <p><u>The Ole Barn</u>, 6811 W M 72 Hwy, Grayling, MI 49738, (989) 344-1760 Great food – better prices.</p> |
| License | <p>A Michigan Fishing License is required.</p> <p>Non Resident Annual = \$42, One day = \$7 Online license link: http://www.mdnr-elicence.com/welcome.asp</p> |
| Equipment | <p>A 4 - 6 weight fly rod is ideal for fishing either river. Some may even want to try a 3 weight. Both 6X and 7X fluorocarbon leaders and tippets are highly recommended.</p> <p>See the hatch chart at http://www.gateslodge.com/hatches.htm</p> <p>We will be in the middle of the White Fly Hatch on this trip. It is something to see and we will be traveling to Mio on one or more evenings to take part.</p> |
| Guide Info | <p>I do not have any experience with any of these guides. If you ask me in person, I can tell you of one to avoid (he's not on the list below).</p> <p>Fuller's North Branch Outing Club www.fullersnboc.com They do support our annual fly fishing show.</p> <p>Gates Au Sable Lodge www.gateslodge.com Rusty Gates and company have a very good reputation locally and beyond.</p> <p>Bob Linsenman's Au Sable Angler http://www.ausableangler.com/ Linsenman's is another shop with a good local reputation.</p> <p>Guilt Trip Charters http://www.guilttrip.com/</p> |
| Special Info | <p>The river provides easy access for wade fishing, and for those who prefer to float, haul your boats/canoes with you, rent a canoe or kayak at one of the rental shops, or use the available guide services. Many guides on the Au Sable use the unique Au Sable canoe for float trips.</p> <p>There are many options for fishing in this area. We can work out exactly where to fish when you get into country.</p> |

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| <p>Registration:</p> <p>How to register –</p> <p>Deadline –</p> <p>Costs –</p> <p>Maximum Participants</p> | <p>If you would like to join us on this late summer/early fall trout trip - contact the Trip Coordinator, Steve Bailey at (513) 829-1823 or chiefrsb@fuse.net for any questions. There will be a sign-up sheet at the 2009 July and August general meetings.</p> <p>Deadline to register is August 21, 2009.</p> <p>Costs – No registration costs required</p> <p>Maximum participation is 10 persons</p> |
| <p>Local Links</p> | <p>Grayling Visitors Bureau www.grayling-mi.com</p> <p>Grayling Lodging www.grayling-mi.com/looding.html</p> <p>Grayling Dining http://www.michigan.org/Things-to-Do/Dining/Default.aspx?city=G3100</p> <p>Gaylord Visitors Bureau www.gaylordmichigan.net</p> <p>Michigan Vacation Guide www.michiganvacations.com</p> <p>Stream Reports:</p> <p>Gates Au Sable Lodge www.gateslodge.com</p> <p>Bob Linsenman's Au Sable Angler http://www.ausableangler.com/</p> |