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MICHIGAN RIVER GUIDES- AUSABLE RIVER

Ports	Fish	Captain	Boat	Information
AUSABLE RIVER	Salmon, Steelhead, Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Walleye	GENE KIRVAN	CALYPSO II	15' Hyde Drift Boat Low Profile
Website	Reservations CALYPSO SPORT FISHING CHARTERS GENE KIRVAN 401 West River Road Oscoda, MI 48750 989-739-2313 E-Mail: Calypsocharters@yahoo.com			

The Au Sable River is one of the best trout fishery in Michigan and the Au Sable ranks in the top 20 trout and salmon streams in the U.S. The river characteristic is serene with nine miles of tree lined banks and deep pools that hold lots of rainbow trout and salmon. The entire stretch of the river is nearly 80 miles.

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River	Fish	Captain	Information
BIG MANISTEE	Salmon, Steelhead, Brown, Lake Trout, Walleye, Perch, Bass	KYLE BUCK	17' Jet Sled
Website	Reservations GREAT LAKES GUIDE SERVICE KYLE BUCK 1963 Bonneville Dr. Muskegon, MI 49441 231-638-5752 E-Mail: greatlakesguideservice@gmail.com		
BIG MANISTEE	Salmon/ L. Trout Steelhead/ Browns	JASON FROLENKO	Jet Boat
Website	Reservations STRIKE ZONE CHARTERS JASON FROLENKO 3198 South 37 Rd. Cadillac, MI 49601 231-884-2198 E-Mail fishcaptjay@aol.com		
BIG MANISTEE	Salmon/ L. Trout Steelhead/ Browns	DOUG KARAKAS	River Boat
Website	Reservations E-FISH-N-SEA CHARTERS DOUG KARAKAS 1826 Brookwood Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48073 248-545-1181 or 248-420-0900 (mobile) E-Mail: captaindoug@efishnseacharters.com		
BIG MANISTEE	Salmon/ Steelhead/ Browns	PAUL SCHLAFLEY	22' Enclosed River Master
Website	Reservations		

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Manistee River in the U.S. state of Michigan, runs approximately 232 miles through the northern Lower Peninsula, through the villages of Sharon, Smithville, Mesick, and enters Lake Michigan at Manistee. It is considered, like the nearby Au Sable River, to be one of the best trout fisheries east of the Rockies. The river rises in the sand hills in southeastern Antrim County, on the border with Otsego County, about six miles southeast of the town of Alba. These deep glacial sands provide it with a remarkably stable flow of clean cold water year round, making it a popular river for year round salmon and steelhead fishing.

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River	Species	Captain	Information
BETSIE	Salmon/ L. Trout Steelhead/ Browns/Bass	CHRIS STEIN	15' Fish Rite Drift Boat
Website	Reservations BLUE WATER CHARTERS CHRIS STEIN 3556 Raymond Road Frankfort, MI 49635 231-632-3474		
BETSIE	Salmon/ Steelhead Brown/ L. Trout/ Bass	MIKE WILLSEY	Hyde Drift Boat
Website	Reservations WILDWATER GUIDE SERVICE, LLC MIKE WILLSEY 20335 White Oak Ct. Lake Ann, MI 49650 231-275-3021 or 231-360-8213 (cell) E-Mail: mwillsey@charter.net .		

Fish the Betsie River system year round for salmon, rainbow trout, brown trout.

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Ports	Species	Captain	Boat	Information
GRAND HAVEN	Salmon, L.Trout/Perch Steelhead/ Browns	JIM BARD	IT-IL-DO	33' Tiara Sportfisherman 
Website	Reservations IT-IL-DO CHARTERS, LLC JAMES BARD 1009 Hazel Street South Haven, MI 49090 269-214-0051 E-mail: request information.			
GRAND RIVER	Salmon, Steelhead, Brown, Lake Trout, Walleye, Perch, Bass	KYLE BUCK	POLAR CRAFT	17' Jet Sled
Website	Reservations GREAT LAKES GUIDE SERVICE KYLE BUCK 1963 Bonneville Dr. Muskegon, MI 49441 231-638-5752 E-Mail: greatlakesguideservice@gmail.com			
GRAND RIVER	Salmon, Steelhead,Brown, Walleye, Perch	CHIP KLEIN	HIT MAN II	Sea Ark 20'
Website	Reservations HIT MAN FISHING CHARTER CHIP KLEIN 0-11335 14th Ave NW Grand Rapids MI 49544 616-677-1860 or 616-638-7226 E-Mail: fishjam2@comcast.net			
GRAND RIVER	Salmon/ L. Trout Steelhead/ Browns	MARK VEURINK	REEL ACTION	35' Viking 
Website	Reservations			

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River	Fish	Captain	Boat	Information
DETROIT RIVER	Walleye/ Smallmouth Bass/ Perch/ Muskie	TOM ARLINGTON	NORTH BAY	17' Open 
Website	Reservations NORTH BAY CHARTER TOM ARLINGTON 3946 Palms Casco Twp MI 48064 586-337-1951 or 586-727-4991 E-Mail: arlington@peoplepc.com			
DETROIT RIVER	Walleye/ Smallmouth Bass/ Perch/ Muskie	STEVE BERRY	--	19' Yar Craft
Website	Reservations FRESHWATER GUIDE SERVICE STEVE BERRY 481 Solon Cedar Springs, MI 49319 616-696-0972 E-mail captsteve@freshwaterguideservice.com			
DETROIT RIVER	Muskie/ Walleye Perch/ Bass Salmon/Steelhead	STEVE JONES	PREDATOR	20' Boston Whaler 
Website	Reservations PROFESSIONAL FISHING STEVE JONES 37897 Mast Ct MT CLEMENS, MI 48045 586-463-FISH 586-463-3474 E-mail: profisharc@aol.com			
	Muskie/ Walleye			

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DETROIT RIVER	Perch/ Bass Pike/Steelhead	DAVID KRAWCZYK	WALLEYE ONE	19.5' Lund  Pro Tournament Fisherman
<p>Reservations ZEKE'S CHARTER SERVICE DAVID KRAWCZYK 610 S Livingston Street Whitehall MI 49461 231-670-3066 E-Mail: zekescharters@aol.com</p>				
DETROIT RIVER	Walleye	MIKE PITTIGLIO	WALLEYE MANIA	19.5' Lund 
<p>Reservations WALLEYE MANIA SPORTFISHING MIKE PITTIGLIO 51658 Indian Pointe Macomb Twp MI 48042 586-260-4068 Email: Capt_Mike_Pittiglio@hotmail.com</p> <p>Website </p>				
DETROIT RIVER	Walleye/ Perch Smallmouth Bass/Muskie	ERIC STUECHER	HOOKED AGAIN	22' Twin V Center Consule
<p>Reservations GREAT LAKE FISHING CHARTERS, LLC ERIC STUECHER 4905 Dusk Drive Shelby Twp MI 48316 248-608-9551 E-Mail: capteric@glfc.net</p> <p>Website </p>				

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Michigan Charter Boat Association provides a directory of professional Fishing charter captains fishing for Muskie and Walleye on the Detroit River in **Michigan** on Lake St.Clair.



During Fishing season on Lake St. Clair, Fishing charter captains provide fishing reports for the Detroit River. Fishing season begins when the ice is out, although many captains fish year round on the rivers tributaries. Charter captains begin taking reservations early in their season. Michigan Charter Boat Captains attend the outdoor sport shows. (see the Michigan Sport Show schedule). ***Your could even win a free fishing charter for 4 persons!***

Located between lakes Huron and Erie, Lake St. Clair is the smallest lake in the Great Lakes system. Heart-shaped and shallow



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Ports	Species	Captain	Boat	Information
KALAMAZOO RIVER FISHING	Salmon/ L. Trout Steelhead/ Browns	LORRIE WITT	KING'S CONSORT II	30' Sea Ray
	<p>Reservations</p> <p>KING CHARTERS LORRIE WITT 53096 N. US 131 Three Rivers, MI 49093 616-836-2728 or 269-279-5028 E-Mail: loesca@juno.com</p>			

The Kalamazoo River is located in the southwest portion of Michigan's lower peninsula. Anadromous trout and salmon ascend Swan Creek in the fall and spring, and provide a fishery. The upstream end of these anadromous fish runs is the Swan Creek Impoundment. Three small tributary streams to the lower Kalamazoo River (Mann, Bear and Sand creeks) are also classed as top or second quality cold water. Mann and Sand creeks are primarily brook trout streams and Bear contains predominantly brown trout. In addition to natural reproduction, Bear Creek also receives annual supplementary plants of brown trout. Anadromous trout and salmon spawn successfully in these streams. Coho salmon, brown trout, brook trout and rainbow trout reproduction have been documented in Sand and Bear creeks. Fish are abundant on the Kalamazoo River system year round for salmon, rainbow trout, brown trout.

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Ports	Fish	River Guide	Boat
MUSKEGON RIVER	Salmon, Steelhead, Brown, Lake Trout, Walleye, Perch, Bass	KYLE BUCK	17' Jet Sled
Website	Reservations GREAT LAKES GUIDE SERVICE KYLE BUCK 1963 Bonneville Dr. Muskegon, MI 49441 231-638-5752 E-Mail: greatlakesguideservice@gmail.com		
MUSKEGON RIVER	Salmon/ Steelhead/ Browns	RUSSELL JARVIS	18' Alumacraft Jet Sled
Website	Reservations FIN NAILER RUSSELL JARVIS 7426 Texas Heights Dr. Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269-998-1599 E-Mail: captruss(@)finnailer.com		
MUSKEGON RIVER	Salmon/ Steelhead/ Browns	ARTHUR SCHOTTS	17' Jet Boat
Website	Reservations STEELHEAD CHARTERS ARTHUR SCHOTTS JR 5009 Whitehall Rd. Muskegon MI 49445 231-329-2117 E-Mail: captart@steelheadcharters.com		

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LAKE HURON FISHING - SAGINAW RIVER

Ports	Species	Captain	Information
SAGINAW RIVER	Walleye/ Smallmouth Bass/ Perch/ Muskie	STEVE BERRY	19' Yar Craft
Website	Reservations FRESHWATER GUIDE SERVICE STEVE BERRY 481 Solon Cedar Springs, MI 49319 616-696-0972 E-mail captsteve@freshwaterguideservice.com		

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Fish the Saginaw River in Michigan - try vertical Jigging for Walleye. The Saginaw River offers fishing for Small mouth bass, Perch and Walleye.



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Ports	Fish	Captain	Boat	Information
ST. CLAIR RIVER	Walleye, Smallmouth Bass	GARY GAW	CAT-TALES	22' Twin V Cat
Website	Reservations ST. CLAIR SPORTFISHING CHARTERS GARY GAW 890 Ohio Avenue, Marysville, MI 48040 810-364-3604 or 810-434-0450 E-Mail gary(@)gawsgourmetfoods.com			

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Ports	Fish	Captain	Boat	Information
ST. CLAIR RIVER	Walleye/ Smallmouth Bass/ Perch/ Muskie	TOM ARLINGTON	NORTH BAY	17' Open
Website	Reservations NORTH BAY CHARTER TOM ARLINGTON 3946 Palms Casco Twp MI 48064 888-291-4594 or 586-337-1951 E-Mail: tarlington@excite.com			
ST. CLAIR RIVER	Walleye/ Perch Smallmouth Bass/Muskie, Pike	KENNETH CLARK	FISHMAS	21' Lund
Website	Reservations FISHMAS CHARTERS KENNETH CLARK 4628 Sandy Lane Whitehall, MI 49461 231-894-8718 OR 231-740-2614 E-Mail: kclark@fishmascharters.com			

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ST. CLAIR RIVER	Walleye/Muskie	MIKE PITTIGLIO	MUSKIE MANIA	19.5' Lund 
	Reservations MUSKIE MANIA SPORTFISHING MIKE PITTIGLIO 51658 Indian Pointe Macomb Twp MI 48042 586-260-4068 Email: Capt_Mike_Pittiglio@hotmail.com			
ST. CLAIR RIVER	Walleye/ Perch Smallmouth Bass/Muskie	ERIC STUECHER	HOOKED AGAIN	22' Power Cat 
	Reservations GREAT LAKE FISHING CHARTERS, LLC ERIC STUECHER 4905 Dusk Drive Shelby Twp MI 48316 248-760-5222 or 248-608-9551 E-Mail: capteric@glfc.net			

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River	Fish Species	Captain	Boat
ST JOSEPH RIVER	Salmon/ L. Trout Steelhead/ Browns, walleye,Perch	BUTCH BRADSHAW	
Website	Reservations SEA KING SPORTFISHING CHARTERS BUTCH BRADSHAW 51567 Cherry Road Granger, IN 46530 1-800-637-FISH 219-271-9178 E-Mail: seakingcharter@cs.com		
ST JOSEPH RIVER	Salmon, Steelhead, Pike, Browns, Walleye, Perch, Bass	RUSS CLARK	24' Custom -Heated Enclosed
Website	Reservations SEAHAWK SPORTFISHING CHARTERS RUSS CLARK 5841 Longhorn Trail Stevensville , MI 49127 269-429-6110		
ST JOSEPH RIVER	Salmon,Steelhead, Browns,Walleye	GARY DeROSA	24' Sea Ark Heated & Enclosed
Website	Reservations GOLDEN EYE CHARTERS GARY DeROSA 6367 Pokagon Road Berrein Springs, MI 49103 269-471-7162 E-Mail dwali@cybersol.com		
ST JOSEPH RIVER	Salmon,Steelhead, Pike Browns,Walleye,Perch, Bass	WILLIAM DOAK	22' Starcraft Heated & Enclosed
	Reservations		

	FOUR SEASONS SPORTFISHING CHARTERS WILLIAM DOAK 7780 Stvl-Brda Road Baroda, MI 49101 <i>toll free</i> 1-800-972-8993 or 616-422-2287 E-Mail: Bill@FOURSEASONSCHARTERS.COM		
ST JOSEPH RIVER	Salmon, Steelhead, Browns, Walleye	MIKE EBERSTEIN	18'6 Lund
	Reservations HOOK YA UP CHARTERS, LLC MIKE EBERSTEIN P.O. Box 397 Schoolcraft, MI 49087 269-629-4342 E-Mail hookyaupcharters@yahoo.com		
ST JOSEPH RIVER	Salmon, Steelhead, Browns, Walleye ,Perch	GARY GAMBLE	24' Harris Float Boat Heated & Enclosed
	Reservations SUNDOWNER CHARTERS GARY GAMBLE 7068 Evans Road Eau Clair, MI 49111 269-461-3099 E-Mail sundownerg1@aol.com		
ST. JOSEPH	Salmon/ L. Trout Steelhead/ Browns	RUSSELL JARVIS	23' Custom Carolina Skiff Heated & Enclosed
	Reservations FIN NAILER RUSSELL JARVIS 7426 Texas Heights Dr. Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269-998-1599 E-Mail: captruss(@)finnailer.com		
DETROIT RIVER	Muskie/ Walleye Perch/ Bass Salmon/Steelhead	STEVE JONES	20' Boston Whaler
	Reservations PROFESSIONAL FISHING STEVE JONES 37897 Mast Ct MT CLEMENS, MI 48045 586-463-FISH 586-463-3474 E-mail: profisharc@aol.com		

ST. JOSEPH	Salmon/ L. Trout Steelhead/ Browns/Perch	GERALD LINK	Tritoon 26'custom heated & enclosed
<p>Reservations ORIGINATOR SPORTFISHING CHARTERS GERALD LINK 2814 Kimmel Stevensville, MI 49127 269-207-2551</p>			
ST JOSEPH RIVER	Salmon, L. Trout Steelhead/ Browns Perch, Walleye	KEN NEIDLINGER	Enclosed River Boat
<p> Reservations SILVERKING SPORTFISHING CHARTERS KEN NEIDLINGER P.O. Box 831 St. Joseph, MI 49085 269- 983-7816 E-Mail: silverkingfish@aol.com</p>			
ST JOSEPH RIVER	Salmon,Steelhead, Pike Browns,Walleye,Perch	TIM SHAFFER	24' Heated Enclosed River
<p> Reservations HEAD HUNTER CHARTERS TIM SHAFFER 10034 Painter School Road Berrien Springs MI 49102 269-921-6997 E-Mail: steelheadhunter@aol.com</p>			
ST JOSEPH RIVER	Salmon/ L. Trout Steelhead/ Browns	MARK VEURINK	River Boat
<p>Reservations REEL ACTION CHARTERS MARK VEURINK 14630 144TH Ave. Spring Lake, MI 49456 616-638-3331 or 616-846-6637</p>			
ST JOSEPH RIVER	Salmon,Steelhead, Pike Browns,Walleye,Perch, Bass	ROBERT WARNER	24' Carolina Skiff Heated & Enclosed
<p> Reservations LUCKY DUCK CHARTERS ROBERT WARNER 105 N. Sophia St. Homer, MI 49245</p>			

	517-568-4971		
ST JOSEPH RIVER	Salmon, Steelhead, Pike Browns, Walleye, Perch, Bass	BARRY WISE	26' Pontoon Heated & Enclosed
	Reservations BAR-LYN CHARTERS BARRY WISE 9420 Territorial Road Benton Harbor, MI 49022 269-463-3390		
ST JOSEPH RIVER	Salmon/ Steelhead/ Browns/Bass/Flat Head/Channel Catfish	ANTHONY WOLTE	20' Tracy's River Boat
	Reservations FROST BITE CHARTERS ANTHONY WOLTE P.O. Box 895 Fennville, MI 49408 616-836-8452		

Thousands-upon-thousands of steelhead enter the St. Joseph river every year. The "St. Joe" River is a very large river with intense flow. At times the river can't be waded so Charter Boat fishing is most popular. Through-out the river system you will find large deep runs and pools which hold schools of spawning skamania steelhead and chinook salmon. The St. Joseph also has a much better catch ratio than other Michigan waters. According to the Michigan DNR between 14,000 and 19,000 steelhead are caught each year on the St. Joseph and another 8,000 to 17,000 caught and released,"



The River originates in Michigan and gains its fast moving currents from many of the tributaries along the way. It passes the town of Three Rivers and then dips southwest towards Indiana. Once across the Indiana border the river flows past Elkhart, Mishawaka, South Bend while turning northwest back towards Michigan. Back across the Michigan border the St. Joseph River passes Berrien Springs before making its way to the town of St. Joseph on the southeast shore of Lake Michigan.

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SAULT STE. MARIE (St. Mary's River)	HAROLD BAILEY	BLUE HERON	Salmon, Walleye, Perch, Bass, White Fish, Pike, Musky
Website	Reservations BLUE HERON FISHING CHARTERS HAROLD BAILEY 11589 East Village Road -- Sault St Marie MI 49783 906-635-5134 or 906-632-1775 E-Mail: blueheron@wildblue.net		
ST. MARY'S RIVER	AL TIPTON	GET-A WEIGH II	Salmon, Walleye, Perch, White Fish
Website	Reservations RIVER COVE CHARTERS AL TIPTON 2841 Riverside -- Sault St Marie MI 49783 906-632-7075 or 906-748-1276 Mobile E-Mail tiptons@rivercove.com		

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