



# WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Fisheries Information Sheet

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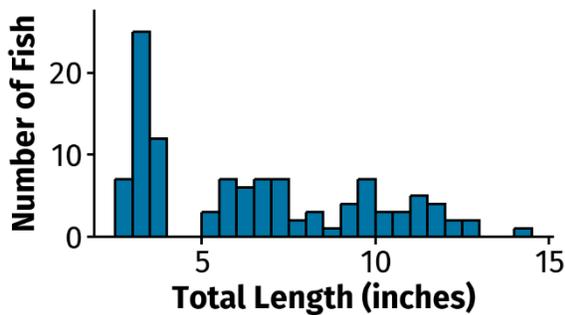
**STREAM:** East Fork of the White River    **COUNTY:** Bayfield    **YEAR:** 2025

### Introduction

A stream electrofishing survey was conducted on the East Fork of the White River (WBIC 2901200) in Bayfield County during summer of 2025. All species were collected at the site.

### Trend Site

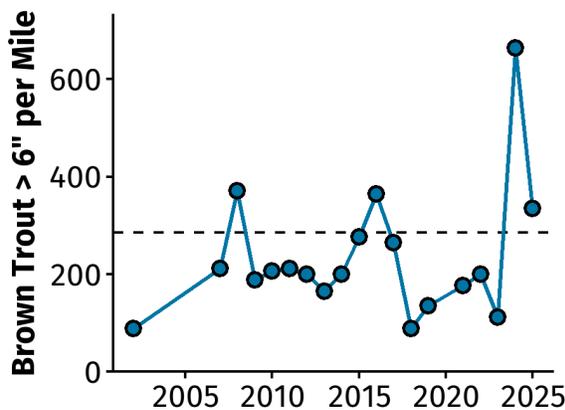
The East Fork of the White River upstream of Delta-Drummond Road has been sampled annually since 2007 with a DC towable barge stream shocker to assess trends in populations over time. Comparisons were made with previous surveys and the statewide 50<sup>th</sup> percentile for Class I trout streams, which is depicted as a dashed line.



### BROWN TROUT



There were 111 brown trout captured, and length ranged from 2.7 to 14.3 inches with an average length of 6.5 inches. Catch rate of brown trout 6 inches and larger (blue dots) was less than in 2024 but still above the recent average and is around the 55<sup>th</sup> percentile for Class I trout streams statewide.



# Captured Per Mile (all sizes)	653
% of Brown Trout ≥6"	51.4%
% of Brown Trout ≥12"	4.5%

Catch rates are shown in the table to the right with the percentiles for Class I trout streams statewide, rounded to the nearest 5<sup>th</sup> percentile, in parentheses.

SITE	BROWN TROUT/MILE			
	ALL	<4"	≥6"	≥12"
Delta-Drummond Road	653 (60 <sup>th</sup> )	259 (70 <sup>th</sup> )	335 (55 <sup>th</sup> )	29 (55 <sup>th</sup> )

## OTHER SPECIES

Other species captured included two largemouth bass with lengths of 2.3 and 2.7 inches and creek chubs. Although, no brook trout were captured in 2025, they are occasionally captured in low numbers in the trend site.

## Summary

The East Fork of the White River provides anglers opportunities at catchable-size brown trout. Warmer water temperatures and abundant gravel substrates in the East Fork may provide spawning habitat for later spawning trout. The abundance of brown trout over 6 inches in the trend was lower than in 2024, but still above average for the stream. More information on the East Fork and the rest of the White River watershed will be available in the upcoming comprehensive watershed survey report to be published in 2026.

*General fishing regulations for the East Fork of the White River in Bayfield County, Wisconsin.*

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT
Trout (Brown & Brook)	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday in May to October 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 in total	8 inch minimum

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