

What's the Catch?



Thank you for participating in the
Ausable River Association Creel Survey*

Here's what we've found so far!

Brown Trout



The most abundant catch is Brown Trout (71%). They range in size from 8 to 18". Native to European streams, hatchery raised Browns have been shown to reproduce in the Ausable. The largest number of Browns are caught in reach 5.

Rainbow Trout



Rainbow Trout are the second most abundant catch, making up 15% of reported catches. They are stocked by Essex County at 9" and 13" and come out of the river between 10" and 16". Rainbows are caught in reaches 5 and 3.

Brook Trout



Native to the Ausable, "Brookies" make up 11% of reported catches. They range in size from 6 to 12" with an average size of 9.75". Most commonly they are caught in reaches 5 and 4.

Smallmouth Bass



Occasionally a Smallmouth Bass shows up on the end of someone's line. Bass on the mighty Ausable? You betcha! Smallmouth Bass are commonly reported in reaches 3 and 4.

*From 2005 to 2008 anglers filled out 400 to 550 survey cards annually, reporting 1100 to 1500 catches per year.

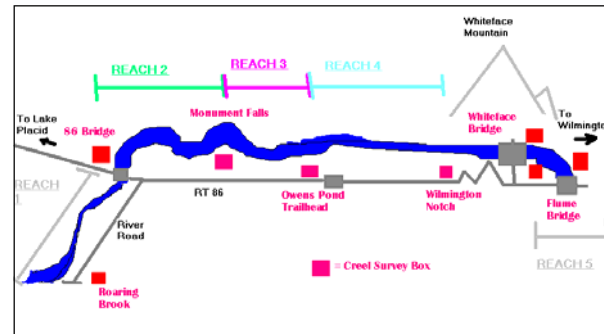
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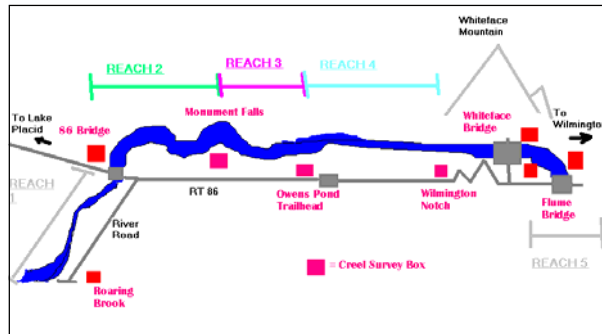
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