

Watersmeet Trout Hatchery

Watersmeet, MI



This private fish farm located just down Old US 2 from Simpler Times Cabin is a popular family destination in summer for children of ALL ages! Visitors are given rods and buckets. No fishing licenses are necessary.

This picturesque site on the Ontonagon River Middle Branch goes back to a State of Michigan trout hatchery built in the early 1930s. Water comes largely from springs producing 60,000 gallons of 43° water an hour—ideal for trout. The state moved out in 1965. Outdoors-loving Dino Giannola, a retired fireman, bought it with his wife Roberta in 2007. They live with their children in the second-story apartment built for hatchery employees.

You will get a kick out of fishing here, where it seems every angler is successful. Every fish caught must be kept. The charge is 45¢/inch for fish under 14 inches, 60¢/inch over 14 inches.

The fish farm also raises walleye, bluegill, perch, and trout, by special order, for stocking ponds.



Hours of Operation:

Open Daily: Memorial Day - Labor Day
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri and Sat - 9am to 4:30 pm
Sun - Noon to 4:30pm
Closed on Wednesdays

October thru March - call ahead for hours 906-358-4331

Directions:

At the top of the drive, turn LEFT onto Old US 2. Proceed approximately one mile and hatchery will be located on your left, clearly marked with signs.

