## **Rainbow and Brown Trout Fishing**

The Battle River was stocked with stream trout annually for nearly fifty years until 1989. In 2009, trout management efforts were renewed and catchable size (8 to 11 inches) rainbow



trout were stocked shortly before the trout opener in mid-April. Catchablesized rainbow trout will again be

stocked annually each spring. The stream is wadeable with the bottom comprised mostly of

sand and gravel. There is plenty of rock and woody structure, riffles, and pools that provide good



trout habitat. Anglers will likely have the greatest success during spring/early summer/early fall when water temperatures are cooler.





Designated trout waters of the Battle River lie in northern Beltrami County approximately 40 miles northeast of Bemidji. From Bemidji, take US HWY 71 to MN HWY 72 (at Blackduck) and take 72 north to CSAH 36. CSAH 36 continues north for 4.5 miles, and then turns east for 3 more miles to River Bluff Road. Turn south and follow to the North Beltrami Sportsman's Club property. The stream can be accessed anywhere from this property or surrounding public land (see map on back). There are 0.7 miles of stream on NBSC property and 0.3 miles of stream on adjacent public land. A private bridge crossing marks the upstream-most extent of public fishing. Please respect the NBSC and surrounding property and be a good steward of your stream resources.

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