

The Pere Marquette River System Included in the Michigan Natural Rivers Plan

Pere Marquette Mainstream: (Excluding that portion within the City of Scottville)

From the junction of the Middle Branch and the Little South Branch (known as the "Forks") to the U.S. 31 highway bridge, including all channels of the mainstream.

Tributaries:

1. **Swan Creek** from Darr Road in Eden Township, Mason County to its confluence with the Pere Marquette River (5.1 miles).
2. **Weldon Creek** from the outfall of Romeo Lake in Branch Township, Mason County to its confluence with the Pere Marquette River (6.3 miles).
3. The **Big South Branch** from the confluence of Beaver Creek with Winnespesaug Creek in Beaver Township, Newaygo County to its confluence with the Pere Marquette River (41.5 miles), including the following streams tributary to it:
 - a. **Cedar Creek** from M-37 in Lilley Township, Newaygo County, to its confluence with the Big South Branch (11.6).
 - b. **Ruby Creek** from its source in Section 6, Colfax Township, Oceana County, to its confluence with the Big South Branch (4 miles).
 - c. **Carr Creek**, excluding that portion of the stream which branches north in Section 14 of Logan Township, Mason County, from North Branch Road (Lake County-Mason County boundary), to its confluence with the Big South Branch (3.9 miles).
4. **Sweetwater Creek** from its source in Section 21, Sweetwater Township, Lake County, to its confluence with the Pere Marquette River (1 mile).
5. **Kinney Creek** from the outfall of Wingleton Lake in Section 31 of Webber Township, Lake County, to its confluence with the Pere Marquette River (3.3 miles).
6. **Danaher Creek** from the C&O Railroad in Section 27, Pleasant Plains Township, Lake County, to its confluence with the Pere Marquette River (4.4 miles).
7. The **Baldwin River** (excluding that portion in the village of Baldwin) from the outfall of the "widewaters" in Section 32, Newkirk Township, (T19N, R12W), to its confluence with the Pere Marquette River (8.2

miles), including the following streams tributary to it:

- a. **Cole Creek** to its confluence with the Baldwin River including the North Branch of Cole Creek, from Big Spring in Section 15 of Cherry Valley Township to its confluence with the South Branch of Cole Creek; the South Branch of Cole Creek from the east line of Section 21, Cherry Valley Township, Lake County, to its confluence with the North Branch of Cole Creek (4.4 miles).
- b. **Bray Creek** from the outfall of Bray Lake in Section 26, Webber Township, to its confluence with the Baldwin River (.7 mile)
- c. **Sandborn Creek** (excluding that portion in the Village of Baldwin) from State Road (Cherry Valley-Penora Township boundary) to its confluence with the Baldwin River (14.3 miles).
- d. **Leverentz Creek** from the outfall of Leverentz Lake in Section 35, Webber Township, Lake County, to its confluence with the Baldwin River (.6 mile).

8. The **Middle Branch** from Bonney Road in Chase Township, Lake County, to the "Forks" (12.4 miles), including the following stream tributary to it:

- a. Blood Creek from its source in Yates Township, Lake County, to its confluence with the Middle Branch (2.8 miles).

9. The **Little South Branch** from U.S. Forest Service Road 5309 where it crosses the stream in Section 9, Monroe Township, Newaygo County, to the "Forks" (9.9 miles), including the following streams tributary to it:

- a. McDuffee Creek from 13 Mile Road in Home Township, Newaygo County, to its confluence with the Little South Branch (2.2 miles).
- b. The Pease Creek system all of which lies in Home Township, Newaygo County, to its confluence with the Little South Branch (7.2 miles).

Note: Specific interpretation of boundaries can be found on beginning on page 56 of the PM Natural Rivers Plan (R 281.345 Boundaries; interpretation of boundaries; filing of zoning map).