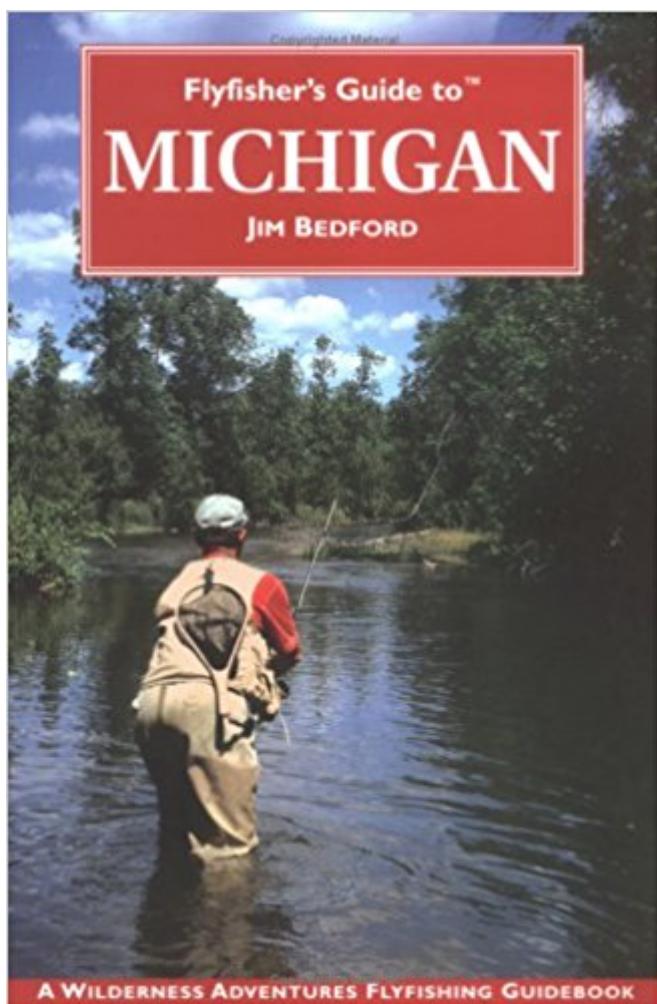


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# Flyfisher's Guide To Michigan (Flyfisher's Guide Series)



## Synopsis

Michigan is a flyfisher's paradise, with a seemingly endless supply of rivers, streams, and lakes. Outdoor writer Jim Bedford covers all of these opportunities in greater detail than ever before in this new 480 page guidebook. From steelhead and salmon around the Great Lakes to the remote trout waters of the Upper Peninsula to the famous waters of the Northern Lower Peninsula, he gives great information on where, when and how to fish this impressive state. He also covers opportunities for smallmouth and largemouth bass, carp, and other species that have been virtually ignored in previous guidebooks for Michigan. There is a comprehensive fly shop listing and travel information that includes hotels, campgrounds, restaurants, and more. Over 120 maps for rivers and streams complement the thorough text that will make this the best flyfishing guidebook to own for fishing all of Michigan's great water.

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Jim Bedford is an extremely avid angler who has been fishing Michigan rivers for over 40 years. Now retired from his day job as a toxicologist, he spends close to 1,000 hours a year in his waders. He has written for Field & Stream, Outdoor Life, Trout, and Salmon Trout Steelheader, as well as several regional magazines. Jim also has written one other book, Steelhead Savvy. Jim lives in Lansing with his wife and has two grown children.

I have been fly fishing in Michigan for a couple of years now and in my quest to seek out good fishing locations and take advantage of my locale, I have purchased a number of books on fly fishing in Michigan waters. This book has become my favorite, mostly because of its comprehensive coverage of the significant rivers here in Michigan. There are also good descriptions of the most promising locales on stretches of each river. That said, there is room for improvement in the content, particularly maps and descriptions of particular stretches of water on specific rivers. For instance: if you want better maps and details on bottom conditions, wading opportunities, etc, I would suggest the "Twelve Blue Ribbon Trout Streams of Michigan." While this book does not come close to covering all the rivers that the current book contains, the details of the rivers are more complete and a fisherman can assess each stretch of river more completely in preparation for a visit. What no book I've found does well is describe the specific strategies for each body of water based on the most challenging season, the hot days of summer (when most of us have the most time and inclination for fishing). For the new fly fisher, practical advice like this would save us a lot of time, money, and wasted effort. For instance, if the fisherman is best served by staying off the Muskegon below Croton Dam until after 5 PM in late June-August, then why not say so? Also, if switching to small mouth bass fishing with poppers and streamers would be a good strategy for making the best of bright, hot day, why not point that out for a particular stretch of water? It may be that the author did not know this....which is sufficient reason for its absence...Finally, one considering this book should consider its age and I have often wondered while perusing its pages and dreaming of fishing trips whether the quality of fishing has improved or declined in the areas discussed. The DNR is no help at all on this question and if you rely on guide-based fishing reports one might think that the fish are lined up to grab your fly, so what is a reliable source of fishing news?

Jim Bedford lives in Michigan and I heard him speak at a Kalamazoo Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited meeting. Jim is pleasant and knowledgeable in person and that's how this book is written.

This is a very good guide book for several of the rivers to Fly fish in Michigan. I recently went on a

trip the Michigan's Upper Peninsula and I used this book extensively to help me find places to fish and make a successful trip. There are good maps & descriptions of rivers. I would highly recommend.

Provides good direction for any river you want to fish in Michigan. Have used it multiple times...fished the Muskegon, the Pere Marquette, the Au Sable, the St. Joe, and the Dowagiac using this guide.

I purchased this book a few months ago in order to expand my angling experience outward from the "Holy Water" of the main branch of the Au Sable River. This book breaks the state up into sections by region and then gives one information by stream including: summaries, maps with access points, and even hatch charts! I've fished eight different rivers using this guide and have caught fish on every one! Most recently the Two Hearted River in the U.P.. I live in Northern Lower Michigan and have found many trout streams and access points all within an hour of home. My brother lives in the Metro Detroit area and recently I informed him the guide lists many flyfishing opportunities in his urban city setting as well. He has ordered a copy for himself and is excited to be able to get out on a nearby river and fish between trips north to the Au Sable. If I were traveling to a different state I would purchase a Flyfisher's Guide for that area as well.

Describes details about each location that he recommends to fish, but he does not include key details like places to camp, etc. like some of the other books in this series.

I may be a bit biased because I learned to fish for steelhead using spinners with Jim Bedford. Then I was introduced to fly fishing! It's a book anyone fly fishing I'm Michogan should own. Good writing. Good information.

This guide is as inspirational as it is informative. Includes many odd bits of information (catch and release sections, no fishing from bank areas, areas too deep or too narrow to fish effectively) that would be very difficult to find out other than from hard experience. Very informative as to what fish you can expect to find in certain sections of streams -- I could go on and on. But won't. Just buy it!

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