Elk Creek is the largest and most popular of the Erie County tributary streams. It enters Lake Erie about one-half mile west of State Route 18 in Girard Township. Its headwaters are south of the Town of McKean. It flows under Interstate 79 at the McKean exit (Exit 174), under West Road (SR 3020) in the Village of Sterrettania, under State Route 98 at Folly's End Campground south of the Town of Fairview, then northwest through a mostly wooded areas passing under Interstate 90, then north under U.S. Route 20 in Girard and under U.S. Route 5 in Lake City and on to Lake Erie. Elk Creek is stocked with steelhead and brown trout and is an approved trout water.

The next popular access point upstream is at Folly's End Campground off Route 98 south of the Town of Fairview. This is about a mile south of the intersection of Route 98 and Interstate 90 (Exit 9 - Fairview). There is a tackle shop at the campground, which includes fly gear. There is also a sizable pool right at the campground that is popular. The fishing can be good both upstream and downstream from Folly's End.

Upstream from Folly's End is the "Streuchen Flats" area. There is a parking lot here. To reach this location, travel east on State Route 832 (Sterrettania Road) east of Route 98. Turn south on the dead end road known as Platz Road (Township Road 428), and follow it to its end. This area is now owned by Fairview Township and there is a small sign on Platz Road identifying the area. This road is not maintained in the winter. There is good fishing both upstream and down.

**Sterrettania Parking Area**

The Commission owns and controls a parking area at the intersection of West Road and Sterrettania Roads (Route 832) in the Village of Sterrettania. The area is just east of the bridge over Elk Creek, and north of the sewer plant. This is a popular parking area later in the steelhead season, and fishing is good both upstream and downstream, but is all on private property.

**Rick Road Public Access Area**

The Rick Road Access Area is located ½ mile west of the I-79 McKean exit (Exit 174). This 4.2 acre Commission owned and controlled access area provides approximately 900 feet of frontage to upper Elk Creek along the north bank and approximately 450 feet of frontage on the south bank of the stream. A parking area has been developed along Rick Road which can accommodate approximately 20-25 vehicles. This area is popular later in the fall when fish have moved far upstream. There is a large hole which has formed at the base of the bridge which provides good angling opportunities. Property boundary markers define the PFBC owned area but fishing is allowed both upstream and downstream of this access by the adjacent private owners.

The last popular fishing area is at the big pool just south of the intersection of Interstate 79 and West Road at the McKean exit of I-79 (Exit 174). This pool is located behind a heavy truck repair shop and just south of the on-bound ramp to Interstate 79 north. This is the furthest point upstream the Fish and Boat Commission stocks brown trout, and it is a very popular hole on opening day. The PF&BC also occasionally places spawned-out steelhead in this pool.

All other locations on Upper Elk Creek are on private property. Stream access is still allowed in some areas. Please ask for permission to fish if you are unsure of access rights.