

# the finest fishing in GREEN BAY



Wisconsin waters are exceptional for year-round fishing. Local rivers and lakes lure anglers from across the country to cast their lines and troll the waters in search of the season's finest fish.

Whether you hope to hook a trophy fish or to catch your daily limit, there are plenty of varieties prowling the Green Bay area waters.

## LAKE MICHIGAN

Trout fill the waters of Lake Michigan with the largest populations of rainbow trout, brown trout and lake trout.

In April and May, anglers have the most success snagging the brown trout that linger along the shorelines. Rainbow trout lurk in the lake and are common catches in the spring and summer. Their average size is 8-10 pounds; 26 pounds is the state record size for a rainbow trout pulled from Lake Michigan. By October, anglers are mainly trolling for lake trout.

Algoma is one of the prime ports on Lake Michigan for salmon fishing. Thousands of king salmon are removed from the waters each year – most weigh 15-20 pounds although some lucky anglers have brought home salmon weighing as much as 30 pounds. Charter fishing pros find spoons and flasher/fly combinations are the best for enticing the salmon to bite.

The king salmon season peaks in June, July and August with anglers catching their limit of five per day.



Rainbow Trout



Brown Trout



Lake Trout



King Salmon

## BAY OF GREEN BAY

The abundant walleye population in the Bay of Green Bay attracts anglers year-round but several months the waters draw fishermen searching for perch, bass and musky.

Those dreaming of luring a prize walleye from the Bay can fish all four seasons. Winter tip-ups and jigging sticks are replaced by long fishing rods in the spring. In the warm summer months, determined anglers troll the Bay's deeper waters for walleye.

Ice fishing on the lower Bay is an outstanding time to catch yellow perch. The whitefish population has also exploded in recent years and draws anglers from far and wide to pull them from the cold waters.

Smallmouth bass fill the Bay; the prime time for bass is in May and June.

Musky fishing is a tremendous thrill for those consumed by the sport. Found in the Bay just over 20 years ago, regulations established a 50-inch minimum length limit to allow the musky population to thrive



Walleye



Perch



Smallmouth Bass



Muskellunge (Musky)



while tempting anglers in search of a trophy-size fish. The big musky run on the Bay is from September through November.

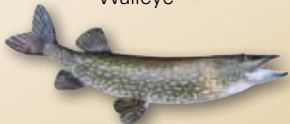


## FOX RIVER

Walleye are among the biggest draw on the Fox River. A village of shanties sprinkles the frozen river a few months out of the year although the spring run is one of the best times to catch daily limits of walleye. The Fox River is one of the first bodies of water in the state to open up; experienced anglers are ready to snag the walleye, positioned near the dam in De Pere, come March.



Walleye



Northern Pike



Smallmouth Bass



Crappie

The Fox River has limits on the number of walleye caught. From February 15 through the first Saturday in May, anglers may only keep one walleye that is 28-inches or longer. After the first Saturday in May, up to five walleye may be removed from the river as long as they are at least 15-inches long.

Northern pike are also pulled from the Fox River. Similar to the walleye, they are found in the icy waters but peak in March and April. Shortly after the spring thaw, northern pike are an easy catch as they migrate upstream seeking areas to spawn. In the summer, northern pike sink to deeper, cooler waters so fishermen troll with large spoons and crank bait.

In May and June, anglers on the Fox River are looking for smallmouth bass. Artificial lures are the most effective bass bait.



Musky season hits the Fox River in September and stays strong through November. It is a little known secret that crappies also run strong on the Fox River each fall.