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Red River to host King Kat Tournament Trail in 2026

Fargo-Moorhead will welcome anglers from across the country this summer as the King Kat Tournament Trail comes to the Red River on August 21–22, 2026, bringing one of the nation’s premier competitive catfishing events to the region.

The King Kat Tournament Trail is the most recognized competitive catfish angling series in the United States, hosting tournaments throughout the country and culminating in its annual championship event, the King Kat Classic. Anglers travel from multiple states to compete for cash prizes and bragging rights while showcasing their skills targeting blue, flathead, and channel catfish.

“We’re always excited to welcome new national events to Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo and being the northernmost stop on the tournament trail this year makes this one especially unique. We’re proud to host and hopeful this is the start of a long and successful partnership.” said Stephonie Broughton, Director of Sports at Visit Fargo-Moorhead.

In addition to the competition on the water, King Kat tournaments often create an exciting atmosphere for spectators during weigh-ins as anglers bring in their biggest catches of the day. The events regularly draw traveling teams, including multi-generational family competitors who follow the tournament trail across the country.

“Sports Tourism is an economic driver to the Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo community, with nearly \$70 million in direct visitor spending in 2025,” said Shirley Hughes, President/CEO of Visit Fargo-Moorhead. “As we look to the future, events like this will help to diversify and grow this impact for years to come.”

More details about registration, schedules, and spectator opportunities will be announced closer to the event. Anglers interested in competing can learn more at KingKatUSA.com.

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