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Stevens Point Area Guide Services

Official Fishing Guide & Map



Trout Fishing

The Little Wolf River

The Wolf River is part of Portage County's inventory of trout streams. Just barely crossing the northwestern corner of Portage County, the Little Wolf River provides refuge for brook and brown trout.

Spring Creek

Spring Creek flows through the hills of southeastern Portage County and is a small ground water fed stream, which flows into the Tomorrow River. Brook trout would be the main fish to expect at the end of your line, but since Spring Creek is connected to the Tomorrow River, expect the possibility of hooking a brown trout.

The Tomorrow River

The Tomorrow River is Portage County's main trout stream. Therefore, it gets a fair amount of fishing pressure, as do many of the other streams in the county. The Tomorrow River is located in eastern Portage County and flows through Nelsonville and Amherst. Brook and brown trout are the species of trout found in the Tomorrow River.

Trout Fishing Ditches

(Highlighted in yellow on map)

Ditch 1 through 6 were left behind many years ago when the farming boom hit southern Portage County. Vast areas of wetlands were drained for their fertile soils. Left behind, were 6 ditches that flow in a parallel fashion east to west. These ditches are fed by cool ground water and now-a-days provides a home for stocked Brook Trout. The ditches are not your typical trout streams but they do provide some fishing action.

Please consider proper release

Practice these CPR steps to give the fish you release their best chance of survival.

1. Don't play fish to exhaustion. Instead, use a landing net to bring fish under control before they're played out.
2. Handle fish in the net. Grasp them across the back and head for a firm but gentle control.
3. Turn fish belly up while removing hooks. This disorients fish momentarily, for easier, quicker handling.
4. Don't remove swallowed hooks. Cut the line next to the fish's mouth.
5. Don't keep fish out of the water more than 10-15 seconds. Fragile gills are damaged after that, especially in cold weather.

This brochure does not represent all fishing areas in Portage County



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Portage County Lakes

Adams Lake

Nestled in the rolling hills near Amherst lies Adams lake. This lake is somewhat developed with homes and cabins spread out around its shoreline. On the east end of the lake, the clear water is shallow and weeds emerge from the lake bottom providing refuge for largemouth bass and pan fish. However, the rest of the lake is deep and reaches a maximum depth of 51 feet. Trout roam the open water which chase schools of small bait fish. The boat landing is small and there is only parking along the road. No shoreline fishing is available except by the landing.

Collins Lake

Collins Lake offers dark stained water that is not typical of lakes in eastern Portage County. Most of the shoreline is undeveloped with abundant aquatic vegetation providing habitat for northern pike, walleye, bass and pan fish. Collins County Park exists on the northern shoreline, offering camping, bathroom facilities, a playground area, and a public swimming beach. A boat landing is directly adjacent to the campground entrance featuring a cement landing and dock with parking for 4-5 trucks with trailers.

Lake Emily

Lake Emily is one of Portage County's largest lakes providing a multitude of recreational activities besides fishing. Lake Emily County Park provides its visitors with camping, swimming, hiking, trails, picnic areas, a playground area and of course, fishing. Shore fishing is possible on all of the eastern half of the lake. On the very eastern tip of the lake, Portage County maintains a nice boat landing large enough for everything from pontoon boats to bass boats with ample parking. Fishermen can expect to find northern pike, bass walleye and pan fish swimming the waters.

Jordan Pond

Jordan Pond is a small man-made lake, which was made by damming the Plover River. It contains large mouth bass, small mouth bass, northern and pan fish. The lake is located approximately two miles east of Stevens Point on Highway 66. There is a small boat landing and camping available. Shore fishing is allowed. It's a great place to bring your family.

McDill Pond

McDill Pond, an impoundment of the Plover River, is located within the Stevens Point city limits. This 260 acre lake is especially popular with local residents. A well maintained boat launch and handicapped accessible fishing dock are located at the southern end of the lake, near Highway HH and Business 51. Along the side you can find the Godfrey & Maybelle Erickson Audubon Park.

Sunset Lake

Sunset Lake is one of the most popular swimming beaches in Portage County, on a warm day it attracts beach goers looking for a place to cool off. Adjacent to the popular swimming beach lies a well-maintained boat landing with parking available for approximately 3-6 trucks with trailers. Some shore fishing is

Photo by Corbin Mack

Campgrounds & Cabins

Private

Lake DuBay Shores Campground

1713 DuBay Drive, Mosinee. Boating, fishing, swimming, canoe, paddling boats and trailer rental, playground, horseshoes, volleyball, rec hall and game room, hay rides, nature trails, EWS, hookups, 3 sanitary dump stations, country store and boat launch. 715-457-2484

Ridgewood on the River

4800 River Ridge Road, Plover. Secluded private campground on the Wisconsin River. Wooded, grassy sites with river access leased yearly. Private boat landing and private boat slips. Keep your unit here year-round at no extra cost. 715-344-8750.

Rivers Edge Campground

3266 Campsite Drive, Stevens Point. Heated pool, recreation hall, playground, volleyball court, grill and bar, showers, boat landing and pier on Wisconsin River. 715-344-8058

Vista Royale Campground, LTD

8025 Isherwood Drive, Bancroft. Exit 143 off Hwy. 51/1-39. Full hookups, fishing, swimming, mini golf, rec hall, store and scheduled activities. Excellent ratings nationwide. 715-335-6860

Wild West Campground & Corral

9495 Highway 54, Amherst. Horseshoes, basketball, volleyball, badminton, playground, game room, campground store and hiking trails. Horseback riding, hayrides, hot showers and flush toilets. Rustic and electric/water sites available. Dump station. 715-824-5112

County Park Campgrounds

Collins Park, Town of Alban

Covers 21 acres, has 27 campsites, an enclosed lodge and fishing, swimming and sailboating access.

DuBay Park, Town of Eau Plaine

31 campsites and lodge right off Lake DuBay highlight the 51 acre park with, water-skiing, fishing and sailboating access.

Jordan Park, Town of Hull

Spanning 271 acres with 25 campsites and an enclosed lodge a swimming, rowboating, canoeing and sailboat areas are available. Perfect for pan fishing, the park is nestled along Jordan Pond.

Lake Emily Park, Town of Amherst

This 143 acre park and campground has 66 campsites and an enclosed lodge. Nature trails, as well as opportunities for fishing, swimming, boating, water-skiing and sailboating.

*The Portage County Parks System accepts reservations for campsites in person, online or by mail. Call 715-346-1433, or visit www.co.portage.wi.us/parks

State Park Campground

Hartman Creek State Park

20 miles east of Stevens Point, near Waupaca. 101 wooded campsites available, winter camping available, seasonal showers and dump station. 715-258-2372



Photo by Jason Fikus

Cabins

Amherst River Dance Cabin

5051 Keener Road, Amherst. A year-round rustic log cabin on the beautiful Tomorrow River which features a salvaged, reused barn roof, 3 bedrooms, loft, shower, whirlpool, 3 outdoor porches, solar and LP heat. 715-572-5635

Lakeview Log Cabin Resort

1095 Wambold Drive, Mosinee. Five log cabins and 1 duplex (six units) provide the amenities of home with 375 feet of shoreline on scenic Lake DuBay. Offering fishing/hunting license sales, boat launching/docking and an outdoor fish cleaning station. Available year-round. 715-693-2595

Ruston Guest Cottages

1610 Lake Drive, Rosholt. Charming lakefront cabin with two bedrooms on Big Bass Lake, twenty minutes northeast of Stevens Point. Cabin includes kayaks, canoe, pedal boat and pontoon with gas. 715-446-2508

Witt's Linger Longer Cabin

8631 County Trk. W, Wisconsin Rapids. On 60 Acres. Recreate on one of 5 lakes in the area or the Wisconsin River. Weber grill, open fire ring, Full-sized appliances incl. washer & dryer. Now offering primitive camping on-site, & room to pitch tents for large groups using cabin. 715-459-5779

Visit stevenspointarea.com for more area lodging.

The Wisconsin River

The Wisconsin River takes on many different shapes and forms as it flows through Portage County giving the fisherman a variety of angling opportunities. Dams on the Wisconsin River create large flowages like Lake DuBay and the Stevens Point Flowage. Below some of the dams are narrow rocky sections. There are also large expanses of backwater and slough areas, which provide prime waterfowl habitat. Speaking of habitat, the Wisconsin River in Portage County is home to many species of wildlife. Examples of what one could see along the shores of the river include: eagles, osprey, deer, wild turkeys, blue herons and a wide variety of water fowl. Also, many different plant species can be seen that are unique to the Wisconsin River bottoms.

The Biron Flowage

Characteristics

This Wisconsin River impoundment covers 2,078 acres and is located between Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids. Flowage depth averages 8-10 feet with the deepest areas running about 26 feet. The bottom is mostly sand and gravel with some rock piles and lots of shoreline wood and flooded stump fields. Vegetation is limited but there are some areas with milfoil, pondweed or lily pad beds in very shallow water.

Fishery

The Biron is a quality musky fishery, with 40-inchers fairly common and catches of 50-inchers documented! The smallmouth bass population is excellent with a chance to catch and release a 20-inch. Walleyes are numerous. Fishing for channel catfish seems to get better every year. Emerald shiners are the most abundant forage, along with crayfish, which provides food for the smallmouth bass, walleyes and catfish. Redhorse, white sucker and carp keep the muskies well fed.

Hot Spots

At the upper end of the flowage, the stretch from the spillway down to the Blue Heron boat landing has riverine characteristics and can be productive for all species year round. At mid flowage, the Mill Creek/Love Creek area is a good spot for all species of fish.

Boat Landings

There are three good public boat landings on the Biron Flowage. At the upper end, a good landing is located at the end of Blue Heron Lane, which is right off West River Drive. The best landing is located in Plover at Galecke Park. This landing has two ramps, and plenty of parking. There is a good landing at the lower end of the flowage, in the Town of Biron, off Biron Drive.

Lake DuBay

Characteristics

Lake DuBay is a 6,830-acre impoundment of the Wisconsin River. It was formed in 1942 and is located about 10 miles north of Stevens Point just west of Hwy 51. The lake has a mostly sand bottom along with shoreline timber, sunken wood and many stump fields. Unfortunately, as DuBay ages, it is losing a lot of flooded timber due to nature deterioration processes. Several inlet streams combined with large backwater areas, shallow bays and several islands provide diversified habitat for fish. The flowage has very little vegetation except in the shallow backwater areas.

Fishery

Lake DuBay is one of the area's top fishing destinations. It is a scenic body of water that provides many challenges and some trophy fish in several species. Walleyes are by far the most popular species. Every year, particularly in spring and fall, some 10-pound walleyes are caught by boaters and shore anglers. The smallmouth bass fishery is good and there are some big muskies roaming throughout Lake DuBay. Northern pike fishing is stable and angling for catfish can be productive.

Hot Spots

In early spring, walleyes make a major spawning migration to the upper end of the reservoir. Deep channel bends on the upper end of the impoundment will hold prespawning walleyes. There is also an excellent walleye spawning run below the Big Eau Pleine Dam that dumps into Lake DuBay on the West Side at mid-flowage. Ice fishing for walleyes and northern pike is popular on many of the shallow bays.

Boat Landings

There are several excellent boat landings scattered all along Lake DuBay. One of the best is located on the southeast side of the lake just off Hwy DB on Park Road. This landing has a concrete slab, a dock and parking for at least 40 trucks with trailers. Another popular landing is located at Lake DuBay County Campground.

The River In-Between

This is a short stretch of the Wisconsin River nestled between the Stevens Point and Whiting paper mill dams. Locals call this section the River In-Between. This stretch of river, which is paralleled by West River Drive, is probably the most scenic part of the Wisconsin River that flows through Portage County. Smallmouth bass, musky and walleye are the main species of fish sought after in this stretch of river. The River In-Between is extremely rocky with granite outcrops lining the shoreline. Special care must be taken when navigating this section of river

for rock outcrops seem to appear out of nowhere, and numerous shallow areas are strewn with granite boulders. The abundance of rock and river current though provides prime habitat for smallmouth bass. A small boat landing can be accessed off West River Drive just south of the County Road HH bridge.

The Stevens Point Flowage

Characteristics

The Stevens Point Flowage is located between Lake DuBay and the city of Stevens Point. This Wisconsin River reservoir provides 3,900 acres of prime fishing water. The flowage contains a sand/gravel bottom with a rather extensive backwater area, which provides suitable habitat for several species of fish. Shoreline wood and large stump fields also provide good cover. Vegetation is rather sparse but the shallow backwaters do contain some sections of milfoil and pondweed.

Fishery

Even though 50-inch muskies are extremely rare on even the best musky waters, you have a realistic chance of catching some on this flowage. Muskies of this size along with some 28-30 inch walleyes have turned up in UWSP fyke net studies sponsored by the 12 Apostles Musky Club. The musky club has been stocking this flowage with yearling muskies since 1978. The Point Flowage supports an excellent smallmouth bass population with fish ranging up to 22 inches. It's not widely known but this body of water holds a fairly good population of 12-14 inch crappies with a few legitimate 15-inchers caught every year! The abundant forage and diverse habitat also supports a fine fishery for channel catfish, northern pike, and bluegills.



Photo by Pete Kerpelring

Hot Spots

The Wisconsin River directly below the Lake DuBay dam is noted for the spring walleye run. There is an excellent boat landing here but anglers can also find success by fishing from shore. The riprap area along Bukolt Park can also be productive for prespawning walleyes. Other good spots for shore fishing are north of the Clark Street Bridge in downtown Stevens Point. Anglers with boats will find exploring the extensive backwater areas to be scenic, interesting and challenging.

Boat Landings

The best landing is located at Bukolt Park. This landing has a large dock area and ample parking. A smaller landing is located just downstream from Bukolt at Piffner Pioneer Park but this landing only has parking for a few vehicles. At mid flowage, there is another landing on Highway HH West about 5.5 miles outside of Stevens Point. This has a handicap accessible dock and plenty of parking.

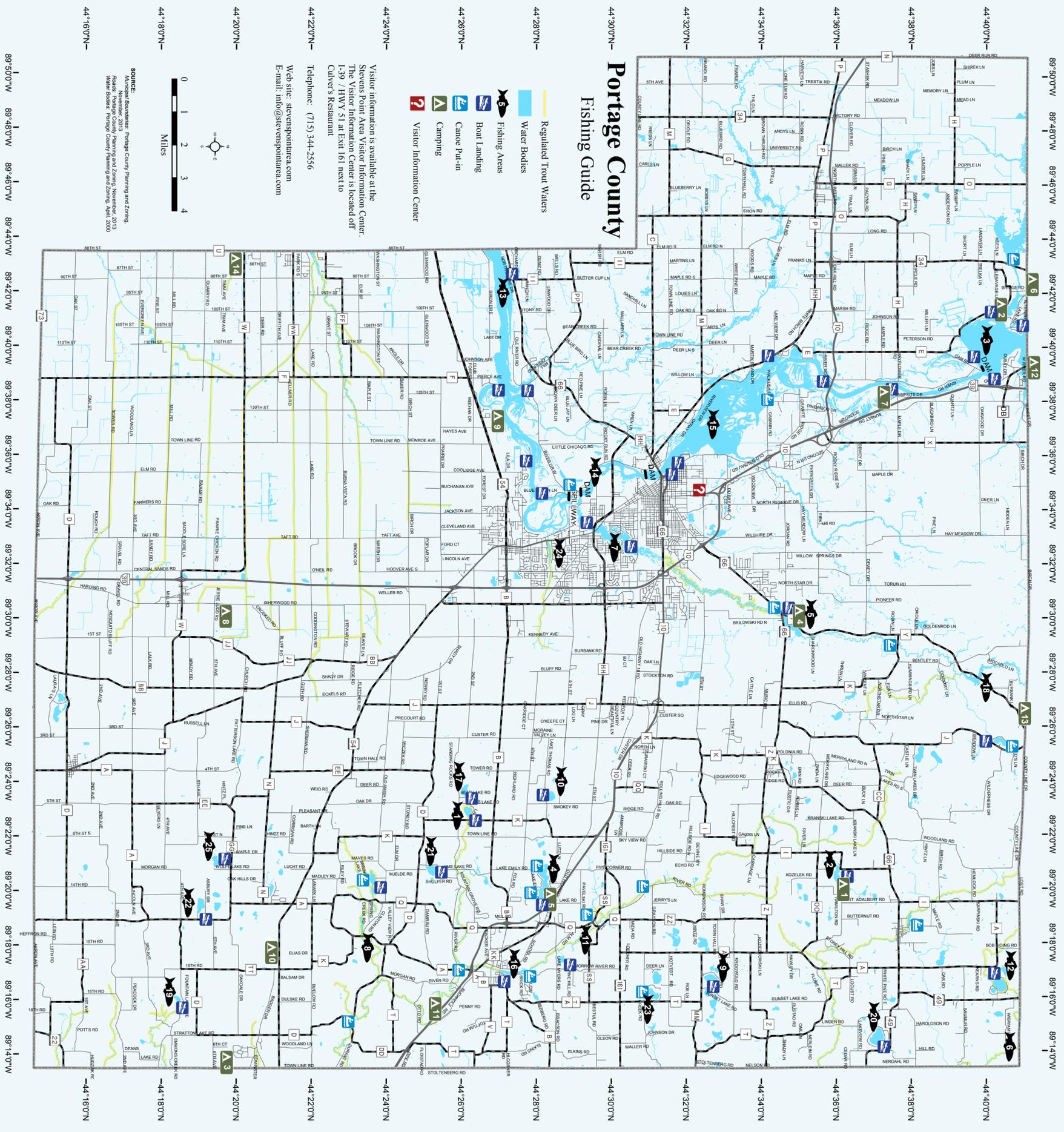
*Wisconsin River Fishing Tips

During the summer months on the Wisconsin River Flowages, most species of fish are scattered throughout the reservoir relating to various bottom structures. In order for anglers to be successful, they must cover lots of water searching for active fish. Rather than anchoring and restricting yourself to one spot, it is much more efficient to drift, slip or troll to find small pods of feeding fish. Productive areas include: rocky/gravel flats, stump fields adjacent to the channel, subtle eddies, shoreline wood and deeper holes in the 8-15 foot range. When fish are actively feeding, they are usually quite shallow and can be caught with live bait or artificial lures.

*Water levels on the Wisconsin River can fluctuate quickly, resulting in changing and dangerous conditions. Call 800-775-6404 for water conditions. Please use extreme caution.



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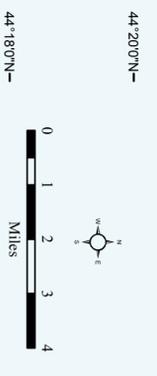
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Visitor information is available at the Stevens Point Area Visitor Information Center. The Visitor Information Center is located off I-39 / HWY 51 at Exit 161 next to Culver's Restaurant.

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Local Businesses & Shops

- Tackle & Bait Shop**
 - Fishing Licenses Available**
 - Bobbler Down Live Bait & Tackle**
 - Central Wisconsin Fish Farm**
 - Cyran's Pit Stop**
 - Glen's Live Bait**
 - Gollon Brothers Wholesale Live Bait, LLC**
 - Kmart**
 - BP Post Road**
 - Mills Fleet Farm**
- Northern Bait and Tackle**
- OK Hardware and Rental**
- Portage County Clerks Office**
- Risley's Guns**
- Rosholt Hardware Hank**
- The Store N Go Footmart**
- Wal-Mart**

Portage County Waterways

Waterway	Acreage	Max Depth	Motor Restrictions	Boat Landings	Shoreline Fishing	Camping Facilities	Swimming Area	Handicap Accessible Pier	Species					
Adams Lake	28	44	CSNW	U					N Pike	Muskie	Walleye	Bass	Panfish	Trout
Amherst Pond	48	7	CSNW	U	X									
Beal Lake	29	28	CSNW	U										
Bentley Pond	77	8	RSNW	U										
Collins Lake	42	56	CSNW	U	X	X	X	X						
Collins Lake	6,830	90	WSR	U	X	X	X	X						
Lake Emily	96	35	RSNW	U	X	X	X	X						
Fountain Lake	46	23	CSNW	U										
Lake Helen	87	20	RSNW	U										
Jordan Pond	85	7	CSNW	U		X								
Line Lake	72	29	RSNW	U										
McDill Pond	262	39	WSR	U	X			X						
Pickett Lake	52	12	RSNW	U	X									
Rinkhart Lake	43	27	CSNW	U										
Spring Creek	38	42	CSNW	U										
Springville Pond	20	10	CSNW	U	X									
Sunset Lake	63	55	CSNW	U	X									
Lake Thomas	42	33	CSNW	U										
Tree Lake	74	32	RSNW	U	X									
Wolf Lake	36	18	CSNW	U			X							
Little Wolf River				U										
Tomorrow River				U										
Biron Flowage	2,078	26	WSR	I	X	X								
River-in-Between Flowage	220	25	CSNW	I	X									
Stevens Point Flowage	3,900	25	WSR	I	X	X		X						

CSNW: Lakes with restrictions during winter months
 WSR: Lakes with restrictions during winter months
 RSNW: Lakes with restrictions during winter months
 WWS: Lakes and rivers without special restrictions
 U: Unimproved boat landing
 I: Improved boat landing



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