



Official Fishing Guide & Map

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Many people are unaware of the diverse fishing that the Stevens Point Area has to offer. From the trout streams to the sloughs and backwaters of the Wisconsin River that are ripe with abundant species of fish and wildlife, the area offers some of Wisconsin's premier angling. Venture out on one of the many waterways in the Stevens Point Area. More than 40 lakes and an array of rivers, streams, and flowages offer an opportunity to fish for musky, trout, channel catfish, northern pike and pan fish.

LOOKING TO RENT A BOAT, KAYAK OR OTHER OUTDOOR GEAR IN THE STEVENS POINT AREA? VISIT bit.ly/OutdoorRentals FOR LOCAL OPTIONS.

(Please note the link is case sensitive.)

Trout Fishing

1 LITTLE WOLF RIVER

10597 Ness Road, Iola

The Wolf River is part of Portage County's inventory of trout streams. Just barely crossing the northwest corner of Portage County, the Little Wolf River provides refuge for Brook and Brown Trout.

2 SPRING CREEK

44°23'21.4"N 89°18'11.3"W

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.

3 TOMORROW RIVER

9410 County Road SS, Nelsonville

The Tomorrow River is Portage County's main trout stream and therefore, it gets a fair amount of fishing pressure. Located in eastern Portage County, it flows through the communities of Nelsonville (home to Ruby Coffee) and Amherst (home to Central Waters Brewing Co.). Brook and Brown Trout are the main trout species found here.



Portage County Lakes

4 ADAMS LAKE

8117 Lake Rd., Stockton

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.

5 COLLINS LAKE

2711 County Rd. I, Rosholt

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.

6 LAKE EMILY

3968 Park Dr., Amherst Junction

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, Walleye, Bass, and pan fish swimming the waters.

TROUT FISHING DITCHES

(Highlighted in yellow on the 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 provide a home for stocked Brook Trout. The ditches are not your typical trout streams but they do provide some fishing action.

TROUT FISHING DITCHES

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.

7 JORDAN POND

8500 Jordan Rd., Stevens Point

Jordan Pond is a small man-made lake, which was made by damming the Plover River. It contains Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike 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. Shoreline fishing is allowed.

8 MCDILL POND

1902 Post Rd., Stevens Point

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 docks are located at the southern end of the pond.

9 SUNSET LAKE

1092 Sunset Lake Rd., Amherst Junction

Sunset Lake is one of the most popular swimming beaches in Portage County. 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 available at the county park however small fishing boats and canoes are the best way to fish this lake. Bass, pan fish and trout also make their home in the clear waters.

10 THOMAS LAKE

7924 Lake Thomas Rd., Stevens Point

This 42 acre lake lies at the bottom of a glacial depression in the landscape just off Lake Thomas Road. The landing of Lake Thomas Road is steep and consists of gravel. It is recommended that four wheel drive vehicles be used to land larger boats because the gravel is soft in spots. Small boats and canoes, though, would not be a problem for two wheel drive cars and trucks. Lily pads surround a good portion of the lake providing a summer home for Largemouth Bass and pan fish. Rainbow Trout also roam the open waters of Thomas Lake. This lake is surrounded by private property- therefore, there is only shorefishing at the boat landing.



Private Campgrounds

1 LAKE DUBAY SHORES CAMPGROUND

203040 DuBay Dr., Mosinee
715-457-2484 | DubayShores.com

2 RIVERS EDGE CAMPGROUND

3266 Campsite Dr., Stevens Point
715-344-8058 | RiversEdgeWisconsin.com

3 WILD WEST CAMPGROUND & CORRAL

9495 Hwy. 54, Amherst
715-824-5112 | WildWestCampground.com

4 VISTA ROYALLE CAMPGROUND

8025 Isherwood Dr., Bancroft
715-335-6860 | VistaRoyalle.com

County & State Park Campgrounds

Call 715-346-1433 or visit co.portage.wi.us/parks for Portage County Park reservations.

4 COLLINS PARK, ALBAN

2711 County Rd. I, Rosholt,

5 DUBAY PARK, EAU PLAINE

4501 County Rd. E, Junction City

6 JORDAN PARK, HULL

1903 County Highway Y, Stevens Point

7 LAKE EMILY PARK, AMHERST

3961 Park Dr., Amherst Junction

8 HARTMAN CREEK STATE PARK

N2480 Hartman Creek Rd., Waupaca
(715) 258-2372

Cabins

9 AMHERST RIVER DANCE CABIN

5051 Keener Rd., Amherst, WI 54406
715-824-7151 | AmherstRiverDance.com

10 LAKEVIEW LOG CABIN RESORT

151795 Wambold Dr., Mosinee
715-693-2595 | LakeviewLogCabin.com

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The Wisconsin River

The Wisconsin River takes on many different shapes and forms as it flows through Portage County giving fisherman a variety of angling opportunities, known as a trophy fishery for Smallmouth Bass and Musky.

11 THE BIRON FLOWAGE

2863 N Biron Dr., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

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-incher. 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 suckers and a 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 the 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.

12 LAKE DUBAY

4491 County Rd. E, Junction City, WI 54443

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 I-39/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 process. Several inlet streams combined with large backwater areas, shallow bays and sever 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 Dubai. 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 prespawm 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 and 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.

13 THE STEVENS POINT FLOWAGE

2148 W River Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54481

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 the 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.

HOT SPOTS

The Wisconsin River directly below the Lake Dubai 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 prespawm 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 Pfiffner 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.

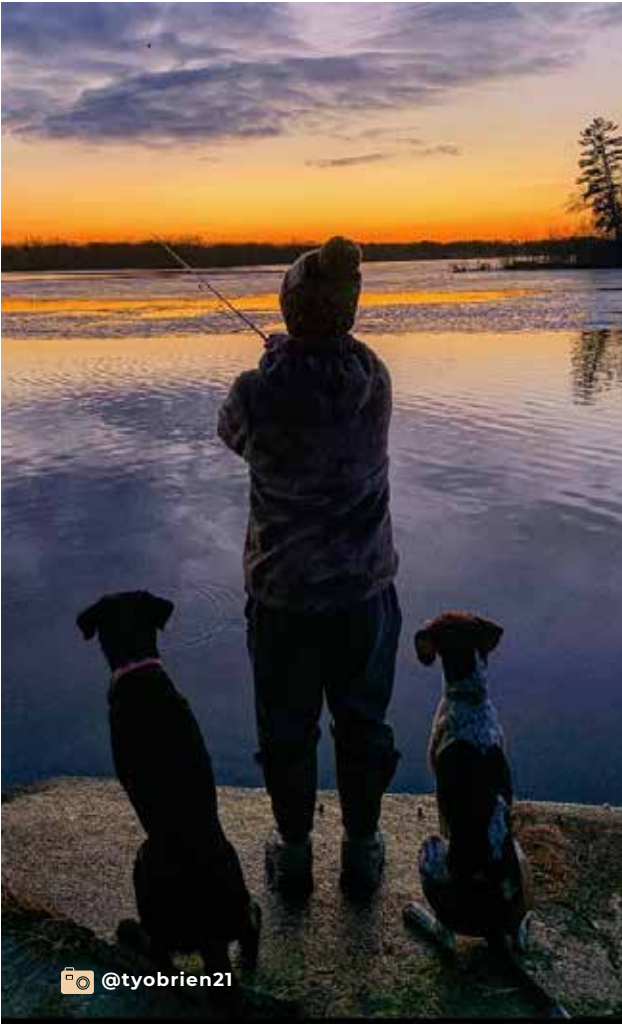
14 THE RIVER IN-BETWEEN

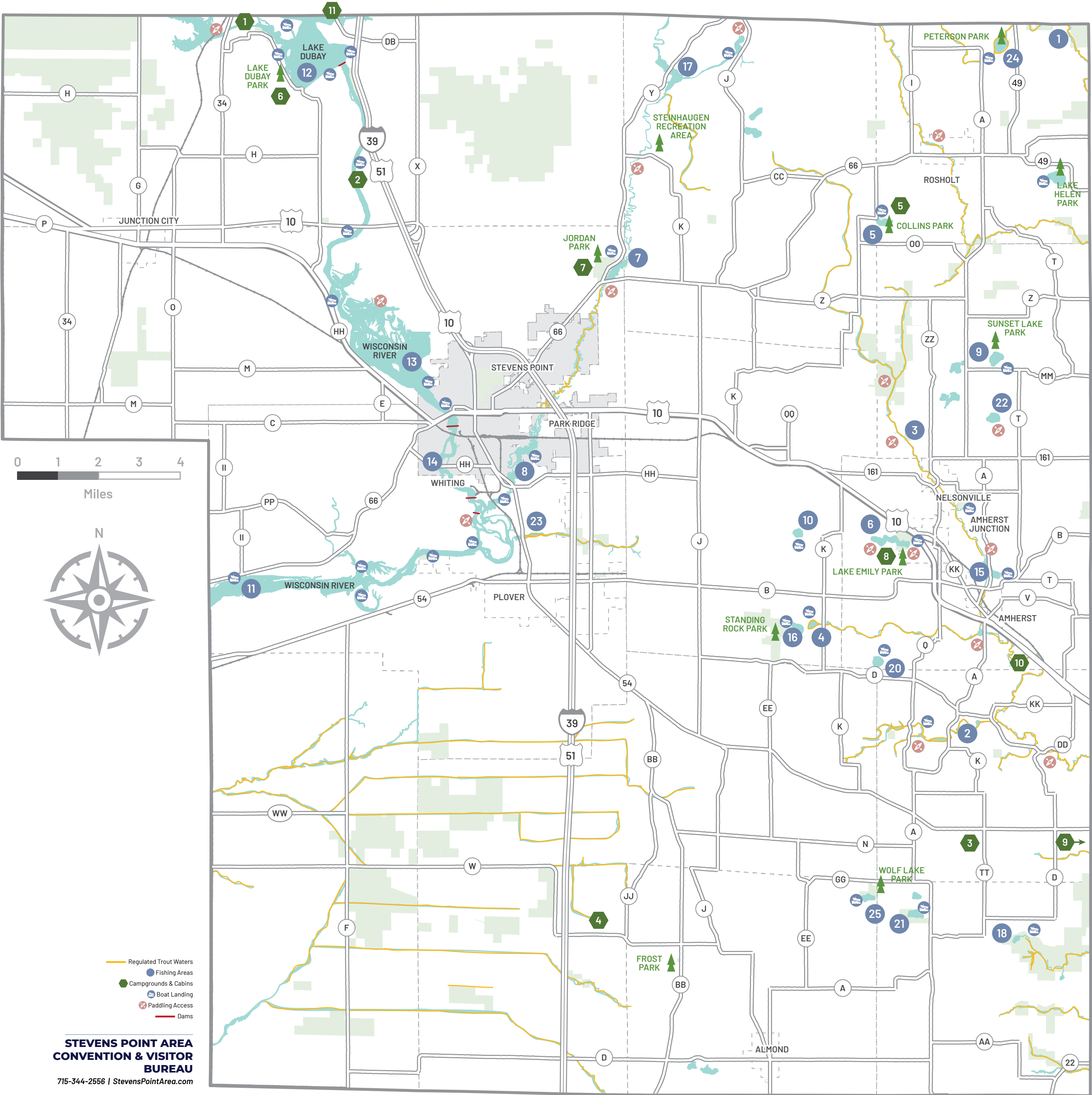
This is a short stretch of the Wisconsin River nestled between the Stevens Point and Whiting paper mill dams. Locals call this section the River In-Between. This stretch of river, which is paralleled by West River Drive, is probably the most scenic part of the Wisconsin River that flows through Portage County. Smallmouth Bass, Musky and Walleye are the main species of fish sought after in this stretch of the 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.

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, sump 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.





Portage Co. Waterways	Acres	Max Depth	Motor Restrictions	Boat Landing	Amenities	Fish Species
1 Little Wolf River				U		T
2 Spring Creek	38	42	CSNW	U		B, P, T
3 Tomorrow River				U		T
4 Adams Lake	28	44	CSNW	U		B, P, T
5 Collins Lake	42	56	CSNW	U	☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞	NP, W, B, P, T
6 Lake Emily	96	35	RSNW	I	☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞	NP, W, B, P
7 Jordan Pond	85	7	CSNW	I	☞ ☞ ☞	NP, B, P
8 McDill Pond	262	19	WSR	I	☞ ☞ ☞	NP, W, B, P
9 Sunset Lake	63	55	CSNW	U	☞ ☞	B, P, T
10 Thomas Lake	42	33	CSNW	U		B, P, T
11 The Biron Flowage	2,078	26	WSR	I	☞ ☞ ☞	NP, M, W, B, P, C
12 Lake DuBay	6,830	30	WSR	I	☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞	NP, M, W, B, P, C
13 The Stevens Point Flowage	3,900	25	WSR	I	☞ ☞ ☞	NP, M, W, B, P, C
14 The River In-Between	220	25	CSNW	I		NP, M, W, B, P, C
15 Amherst Pond	48	7	CSNW	U	☞	NP, B, P
16 Bear Lake	29	28	CSNW	U		B, P
17 Bentley Pond	77	8	RSNW	U		NP, B, P
18 Fountain Lake	16	23	CSNW	U		B, P
19 Lake Helen	87	20	RSNW	U	☞	NP, W, B, P
20 Lime Lake	72	29	RSNW	U		NP, B, P
21 Pickerel Lake	52	12	RSNW	U	☞	NP, W, B, P
22 Rinehart Lake	43	27	CSNW	U		NP, B, P
23 Springville Pond	20	10	CSNW	U	☞	B, P, T
24 Tree Lake	74	32	RSNW	I	☞ ☞ ☞	NP, W, B, P, T
25 Wolf Lake	36	18	CSNW	I	☞ ☞ ☞	W, B, P

👣 Shoreline Fishing

⛶ Camping Facilities

🏊 Swimming Area

♿ Handicap Accessible Pier

CSNW Continuous Slow No Wake Restrictions

RSNW Restricted Slow No Wake Hours

WSR Without Special Restrictions

U Unimproved Boat Landing

I Improved Boat Landing

NP Northern Pike

M Musky

W Walleye

B Bass

P Panfish

T Trout

C Catfish

Local Tackle & Bait Shops

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1200 Post Rd., Plover | 715-344-1156

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1621 Hwy DB, Mosinee | 715-693-2444

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143 S. Main St., Amherst | 715-824-5614

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300 E. Grand Ave., Rosholt | 715-677-4616

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100 Main St., Junction City | 715-677-4616
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THE BOTTLE STOP**
35 Park Ridge Dr., Stevens Point | 715-341-7400

Fishing Licenses

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3296 Church St., Stevens Point | 715-341-2825

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