

50 places to fish from shore within 60 minutes of downtown Milwaukee

KEY	Fishing location	Distance & Time from Downtown Milwaukee	Dominant fish species
	Access type & Directions	Accessible	
	1. Lakeshore State Park, Milwaukee - 1.2 mi., 4 min. ( <i>Brown trout, salmon, largemouth bass</i> ) Shore access. Extensive shore fishing throughout all of Lake Shore State Park. Take I-794 east to lakefront. &		
	2. McKinley Marina, Milwaukee - 2.1 mi., 5 min. ( <i>Salmon, steelhead, brown trout</i> ) Pier and Ramp access. Eight public boat launching lanes to access Milwaukee Outer Harbor and Lake Michigan. Take I-794 east to lakefront, north on Lincoln Memorial Drive. Pier - &		
	3. Jones Island, Milwaukee - 3.7 mi., 7 min. ( <i>Brown trout, salmon, steelhead</i> ) Shore access. Fishing access and gravel parking lot. Located south of the Port of Milwaukee on South Shore Drive. &		
	4. Veteran's Park, Milwaukee - 3.5 mi., 11 min. ( <i>Salmon, brown trout, steelhead</i> ) Shore access. Fishing access and parking lots in the park and on Lincoln Memorial Drive. Take I-794 east to lakefront, north on Lincoln Memorial Drive. &		
	5. Milwaukee Inner Harbor, Milwaukee - 1.5 mi., 6 min. ( <i>Brown trout, salmon, steelhead</i> ) Shore and Ramp access. Three public boat launching lanes to access the Milwaukee River and inner harbor. Take I-94 to National Avenue exit, follow signs to National Ave, east on National to harbor (Riverfront Ramp).		
	6. Lake Express Ferry Dock, Milwaukee - 3.5 miles, 7 min. ( <i>Salmon, brown trout, steelhead</i> ) Shore access. Shore fishing along ferry parking lot. Take I794 east to Port of Milwaukee over the Hoan Bridge, follow signs to ferry dock. &		
	7. Cupertino Pier, Milwaukee - 4 mi., 8 min. ( <i>Salmon, brown trout, steelhead</i> ) Shore access. Located in Cupertino Park, just north of South Shore Yacht Club. Take I-794 east to Port of Milwaukee over the Hoan Bridge, get off at Port of Milwaukee exit, then go east to Cupertino Park. &		
	8. South Shore Park, Milwaukee - 4.4 mi., 9 min. ( <i>Brown trout, salmon, steelhead</i> ) Shore and ramp access. Six public boat launching lanes to access Lake Michigan. Wooden fishing pier and parking lot in park located in Bay View off Lake Drive and Nock Street. Take I-794 east to Port of Milwaukee over the Hoan Bridge, get off at Port of Milwaukee exit, then go south on Superior Street, east on Nock Street. &		
	9. Oak Creek in Grant Park, S. Milwaukee - 10.8 mi., 20 min. ( <i>Salmon, steelhead, brown trout</i> ) Stream access. Fishing access in Grant Park off Lake Drive. Park on the road. Take I-94 to Rawson Avenue exit. Go east to Oak Creek Parkway. &		
	10. Grant Park Pier, S. Milwaukee - 11.5 mi., 22 min. ( <i>Salmon, steelhead, brown trout</i> ) Pier access. Parking access in Grant Park beach parking lot. Take I-94 to Rawson Avenue exit. Go east to Oak Creek Parkway. &		
	11. Bender Park, Oak Creek - 14 mi., 27 min. ( <i>Brown trout, salmon, steelhead</i> ) Ramp access. Six public boat launching lanes to access Lake Michigan. Take I-94 to Ryan Road. Go east to end of Ryan Road then north on Hwy 32 for 1 block and turn east on E. Ryan Road.		

12. South Metro Pier, Oak Creek - 13.4 mi., 26 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Pier access. Fishing access and parking lot located in Oak Creek off 5th Avenue. Take I-94 to Ryan Road. Go east to end of Ryan Road then north on Hwy 32 for 1 block and turn east on E. Ryan Road. Veer north onto 5th Avenue.

13. Milwaukee River at Caesar's Park, Milwaukee - 2.2 mi., 7 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Stream access. Fishing access to Milwaukee River downstream of North Avenue. Take I-43 to North Avenue exit. Go east on North Avenue to N. Cambridge Avenue. Go south on Cambridge to park.

14. Milwaukee River at Kern Park, Milwaukee - 3.9 mi., 10 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Stream access. Extensive fishing access to Milwaukee River. This part of the river is wadable. Take I43 to Locust Street exit. Go east on Locust to Humboldt Avenue. Turn left on Humboldt to Kern Park.

15. Milwaukee River at Estabrook Park, Milwaukee - 5.2 mi., 11 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, smallmouth bass*) Stream access. Extensive fishing access to Milwaukee River. This part of the river is wadable. Take I-43 to Capital Drive exit. Go east on Capital to Estabrook Parkway. Go north into park.

16. Milwaukee River at Kletzsch Park, Milwaukee - 7.7 mi., 14 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, smallmouth bass*) Stream access. Extensive fishing access to Milwaukee River. This part of the river is wadable. Take I-43 to Silver Spring exit. Go west on Silver Spring to N. Milwaukee River Parkway. Go north into park.

17. MMSD on Menomonee River, Milwaukee - 0.9 mi., 3 min. (*Brown trout, salmon, steelhead*) Stream access. Fishing access to Menomonee River. Take I-94 to National Avenue exit. Follow signs and go east to National Ave, then turn north onto 2nd Street to W. Seeboth St. &

18. Menomonee River Canals, Milwaukee - 1.6 mi., 4 min. (*Steelhead, salmon, walleye*) Stream access. Fishing from shore into both the South and Burnam Canals. Take I-94 to National Avenue exit. Go east to National Ave. Turn north onto 6th St. Stay on 6th to Bruce St. then turn west on Bruce to 11th Street.

19. Hank Aaron State Trail, Milwaukee - 4.9 mi., 9 min. (*Steelhead, salmon, walleye*) Stream access. Extensive fishing access to the Menomonee River around Miller Park. Take I-94 to Miller Park Way south. Exit at Miller Park and go east on Miller Park Way.

NORTH OF MILWAUKEE

20. Port Washington Marina, Port Washington - 27.9 mi., 35 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Ramp access. Six public boat launching lanes to access Lake Michigan. Take I-43 to Hwy 33. Go east to harbor. &

21. Port Washington Power Plant, Port Washington - 27.7 mi., 34 min. (*Brown trout, salmon, steelhead*) Shore access. Fishing platform at outflow of Port Washington Power Plant located off Wisconsin Street. Take I-43 to Hwy 33. Go east to harbor.

22. Port Washington Breakwalls, Port Washington - 27.7 mi., 34 min. (*Brown trout, salmon, steelhead*) Pier and shore access. Access Lake Michigan and Port Washington Harbor using piers and breakwalls. Take I-43 to Hwy 33. Go east to harbor. Entrance to pier is on the north side of the harbor.

23. Sauk Creek, Port Washington - 27.6 mi., 34 min. (*Steelhead, Chinook and coho salmon*) Stream access. Fishing access off Wisconsin Street near the Power Plant. Take I43 to Hwy 33. Go east to Wisconsin Avenue then go south for 1 block

24. Sauk Creek at Port Washington High School, Port Washington - 27.3 mi., 34 min. (*Steelhead, Chinook and coho salmon*) Stream access. Fishing from shore or wadable areas near the high school. Take I-43 to Hwy 33. Go east to Moore Road, then turn north to Pierre. High school is on the right.

25. Sheboygan Deland Park, Sheboygan - 57.2 mi., 1 hour (*Salmon, brown trout, steelhead*) Ramp access. Eight public boat launching lanes to access Lake Michigan. Take I-43 to Hwy 23 exit. Go east on Hwy 23 to 5th Street. Go south for 1 block and turn east on Ontario to Broughton Drive.

26. Sheboygan South Pier, Sheboygan - 55 mi., 1 hour (*Salmon, brown trout, steelhead*) Pier access. Access and parking near Blue Harbor Resort. Take I-43 to Hwy 23 exit. Go east on Hwy 23 to Hwy 42. Turn right on Hwy 42 to Indiana Avenue. Take Indiana Ave. east to Water St. Follow road to base of south pier. &

27. Sheboygan North Pier, Sheboygan - 57.3 mi., 1 hour (*Salmon, brown trout, steelhead*) Pier access. Pier access and parking in Deland Park. Take I43 to Hwy 23 exit. Go east on Hwy 23 to 5th Street. Go south for 1 block and turn east on Ontario to Broughton Drive.

28. Sheboygan River at Kiwanis Park, Sheboygan - 55.9 mi., 1 hour (*Salmon, brown trout, steelhead*). Stream access. Extensive shore access throughout the park. Take I-43 to Hwy 23 exit. Go east on Hwy 23 to Hwy 42. Turn right and then take the first right to Kiwanis Park.

29. Sheboygan River at Eslingens, Sheboygan - 54.2 mi., 1 hour (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Stream access. Extensive wadable access up and downstream from this park on the Sheboygan River. Take I-43 to Hwy 23 exit. Go east on Hwy 23 to Taylor Drive. Turn right on Taylor until Hwy. PP. Take right to the park.

30. Sheboygan River at Kohler, Kohler - 54.7 mi., 1 hour (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Stream access. Wadable access located at Village of Kohler water utility. Take I-43 to Hwy 23 exit. Go west on Hwy 23 to Taylor Dr. Turn right.

SOUTH OF MILWAUKEE

31. Racine Marina, Racine - 25.1 mi., 49 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Ramp access. Six public boat launching lanes to access Lake Michigan. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 20 exit. Go east on Hwy 20 to the lake.

32. Pershing Park, Racine - 25.3 mi., 50 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Shore access. Extensive access to Lake Michigan via rock breakwall or wooden floating dock. Travel on I94 to Hwy 20 exit. Go east on Hwy 20 to the lake. &

33. Racine South Pier, Racine - 25.1 mi., 49 min. (*Salmon, brown trout, steelhead*) Pier access. Off 4th Street and Christopher Columbus Causeway. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 20 exit. Go east on Hwy 20 to Hwy 32. Go north on Hwy 32 to 4th Street. Go east on 4th Street to the lake. &

34. Racine North Pier, Racine - 24.5 mi., 48 min. (*Salmon, brown trout, steelhead*) Pier access. Located in North Beach Park off Michigan Blvd and Barker Street. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 20 exit. Go east on Hwy 20 to Hwy 32. Go north on Hwy 32 to Barker Street. Go east on Barker Street to the lake. &

35. Root River at 6th Street, Racine - 24.9 mi., 45 min. (*Salmon, brown trout, steelhead*) Stream access. Shore fishing up and down stream on the Root River. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 20 exit. Go east on Hwy 20 to Memorial Drive. Go north on Memorial Drive to 6th Street. Go east on 6th Street to the river.

36. Root River at Washington Park, Racine - 31 mi., 47 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Stream access. Mostly shore fishing with some wadable sections. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 20 exit. Go east on Hwy 20 to 12th Street. Go east on 12th Street to park.

37. Root River at Island Park, Racine - 24.7 mi., 48 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Stream access. Located on Horlick Drive with mostly shore fishing access areas. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 20 exit. Go east on Hwy 20 to 12th Street. Go east on 12th Street to Horlick Park Drive. Continue into Island Park.

38. Root River at Lincoln Park, Racine - 24.4 mi., 48 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Stream access. Located on Domanik Street with extensive wadable access on the Root River. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 20 exit. Go east on Hwy 20 to Hwy 31. Go north on Hwy 31 to Spring Street. Take Spring Street east to Domanik Drive (into park).

39. Root River at Colonial Park, Racine - 24.4 mi., 47 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Stream access. Located on High Street and contains multiple wadable areas. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 20 exit. Go east on Hwy 20 to Hwy 31. Go north on Hwy 31 to Spring Street. Take Spring Street east to Hwy 38. Go north on Hwy 38 to High Street. Go west on High Street to river.

40. Root River at Quarry Lake Park, Racine - 22.8 mi., 44 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Stream access. Located off of Hwy 38/Northwestern Avenue with wadable areas. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 20 exit. Go east on Hwy 20 to Hwy 31. Go north on Hwy 31 to Spring Street. Take Spring Street east to Hwy 38. Go north on Hwy 38 to Quarry Lake Park.

41. Root River at Horlick Dam, Racine - 22.6 mi., 44 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Stream access. Located off Hwy 38 with parking behind River Run Restaurant. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 20 exit. Go east on Hwy 20 to Hwy 31. Go north on Hwy 31 to Spring Street. Take Spring Street east to Hwy 38. Go north on Hwy 38 to Horlick Dam.

42. Kenosha Harbor, Kenosha - 38.6 mi., 56 min. (*Brown trout, salmon, steelhead*) Ramp access. Four public boat launching lanes to access Lake Michigan. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 50 exit and go east to the lake. Take Hwy 32 north to 50th Street. Go east into the marina.

43. Simmons Island Marina, Kenosha - 38.7 mi., 56 min. (*Brown trout, salmon, steelhead*) Shore access. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 50 exit and go east to lake. Take Hwy 32 north to 50th Street. Go east into the marina. &

44. Navy Memorial Park, Kenosha - 38.9 mi., 56 min. (*Brown trout, salmon, steelhead*) Shore access. Located near the intersection of 52nd street and 6th Avenue. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 50 exit and go east to the lake. Take Hwy 32 north to 52nd Street. Go east to 6th Avenue and into the park. &

45. Kenosha North Pier, Kenosha - 39.1 mi., 57 min. (*Salmon, brown trout, steelhead*) Pier access. Near Simmons Island Park off of 51st Place. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 50 exit and go east to the lake. Take Hwy 32 north to 50th Street. Go east into the park to access the north pier.

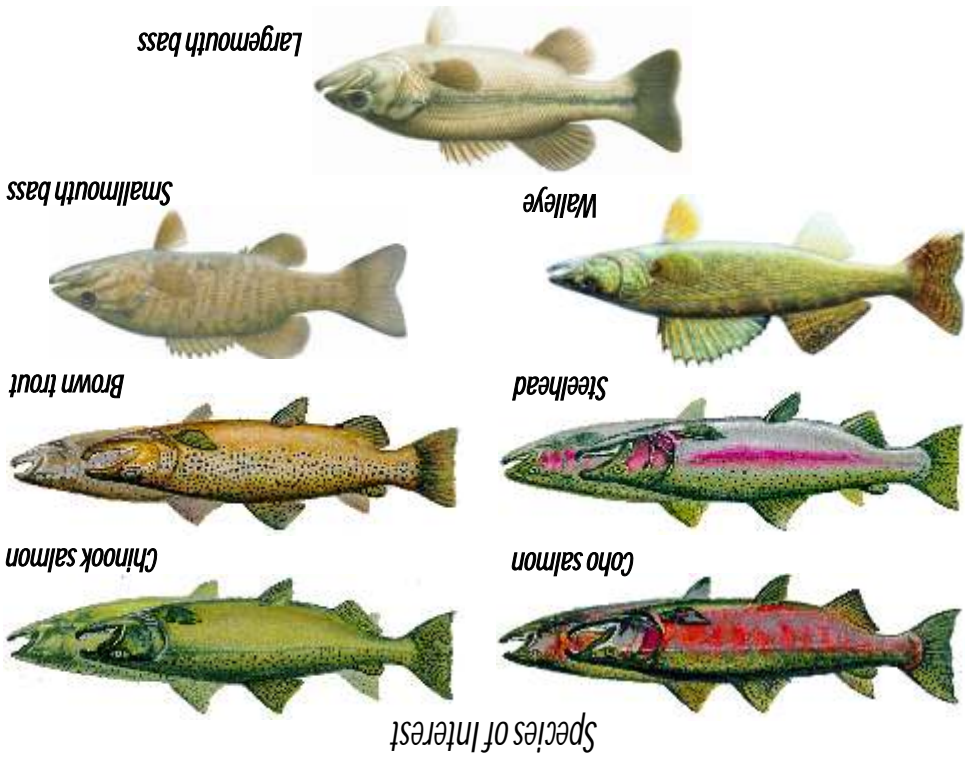
46. Kenosha South Pier, Kenosha - 39.5 mi., 58 min. (*Salmon, brown trout, steelhead*) Pier access. Fishing access and lot of 57th street. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 50 exit and go east to lake. Take Hwy 32 north to 54th Street. Go east to access the south pier.

47. Southport Marina, Kenosha - 39.4 mi., 1 hour (*Brown trout, salmon, steelhead*) Shore access. Lake Michigan access from Wolfen Buttel Park. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 50 exit and go east to the lake. Take Hwy 32 north to 57th Street. Go east to the lake.

48. Pike River, Kenosha - 38.5 mi., 55 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Shore and stream access. Anglers fish both the mouth of the river and along the beach. Travel on I-94 to Hwy 142 exit and go east to lake. Take Hwy 32 north to 35th Street. Go east to the park.

49. Pike River at Hwy A, Kenosha - 36.7 mi., 54 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Stream access. Extensive wadable access up and downstream from the intersection of Hwy. A and 13th Avenue. Travel on I-94 to Hwy. KR (exit 337) and go east to 13th Avenue. Turn right on 13th Ave to Hwy. A (Berryville Road).

50. Pike River at Petrifying Springs Park, Kenosha - 34.5 mi., 48 min. (*Salmon, steelhead, brown trout*) Stream access. Extensive wadable access up and downstream from the park. Travel on I-94 to Hwy. KR (exit 337) and go east to 13th Avenue. Turn right on 13th Ave to Hwy A (Berryville Road).



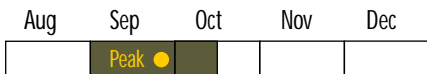
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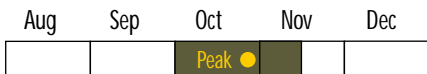
### Go Online for Lake Michigan Fishing Resources

- Google Map with detailed directions and photos
- Fishing regulations
- Buy a fishing license
- Weekly fishing reports and forecasts
- Charter fishing opportunities
- Lake Michigan fish species and identification
- Fish consumption advisories
- Lake Michigan record fish

Timing is everything. Now you know where. Here's when...



Chinook salmon



Coho salmon



Steelhead



Brown trout

**FISHING WISCONSIN**

Close to Home

**FALL SHORE FISHING**

Milwaukee area

You don't think you have enough time to go fishing?

Think again - if you live in the Milwaukee area, there are at least 50 places you can get to in an hour or less.

Grab your gear and read on...

#### What you need

- A fishing license and a Great Lakes Trout and Salmon Stamp (or a 2-day sports fishing license) if you are older than 15
- A fishing rod, tackle, and bait
- The Guide to Wisconsin Hook and Line Fishing Regulations (Note: it is illegal to fish at night in the Lake Michigan tributaries from September 15 until the season opener the following May)
- Licenses and regulations are available online, at DNR service centers, or from license agents

There's always time to fish.



#### Gear you might want to use

- Rod:** 8 to 11 feet long, medium to heavy action
- Reel:** medium-sized spinning reel with good drag system
- Line:** 8- to 10- pound monofilament
- Lure and tackle:** Heavy-duty, ball-bearing snap swivels for use with spoons like crocodiles, cleos, castmasters, and daredevils will work great off piers and breakwalls.
- Bait fishing:** Small hooks in sizes 4 - 6 with slip bobbers, split shot, three-way swivels, and bell sinkers for use with spawn, minnows, and waxworms.
- Miscellaneous gear:** Long-handled landing net for fish up to 20 pounds, heavy-duty stringer, needle-nose pliers, extra spools of line, garbage bags, and warm clothes (weather conditions can change quickly on Lake Michigan).



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