

GREAT LAKES-BIG RIVERS REGION

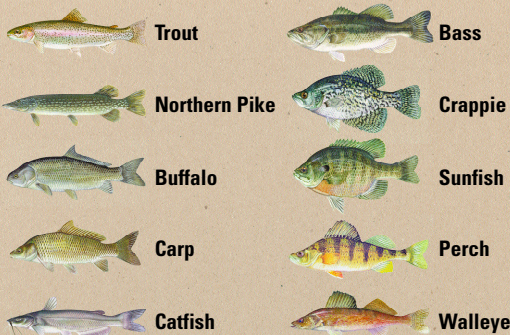
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin

This is the nation's heartland—the great Midwest—where the Mississippi River, Father of Waters, rises and flows south, to be joined by the mighty Missouri and the great Ohio rivers. It is also the land of the Great Lakes, the largest inland freshwater seas on earth. Here, you will find great fishing. Refuge visitors will find northern pike, walleye, largemouth and smallmouth bass, sunfish and crappie. The north country and uplands also provide brown, rainbow and native brook trout, while the big rivers yield blue, channel and flathead catfish, some of which reach astonishing size.



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Popular Fish of the Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region



ILLINOIS

Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge
Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge
Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge
Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge
Great River National Wildlife Refuge
Meredosia National Wildlife Refuge
Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge
Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge
Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Savanna District

INDIANA

Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge
Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge
Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Management Area

IOWA

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge
Iowa Wetland Management District
Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge
Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge
Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, McGregor District

MICHIGAN

Michigan Wetland Management District
Seney National Wildlife Refuge
Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge

MINNESOTA

Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge
Big Stone Wetland Management District
Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District
Fergus Falls Wetland Management District
Litchfield Wetland Management District
Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
Minnesota Valley Wetlands Management District
Morris Wetland Management District
Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge
Rydell National Wildlife Refuge

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge
Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge
Tamarac Wetland Management District
Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Winona District
Windom Wetland Management District

MISSOURI

Big Muddy National Wildlife Refuge
Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Great River National Wildlife Refuge
Mingo National Wildlife Refuge
Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge
Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge

OHIO

Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge

WISCONSIN

Horicon National Wildlife Refuge
Leopold Wetland Management District
Necedah National Wildlife Refuge
St. Croix Wetland Management District
Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge
Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, LaCrosse District
Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge

Lake of the Woods



Color Key

- Places with fishing opportunities
- Places without fishing opportunities