

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF FISHERIES

STREAMS PROGRAM

FISHING THE ROCK

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INTRODUCTION

The Rock River is well situated to provide fishing opportunities for a sizable portion of northern Illinois' population. Fortunately the river is up to the task, with populations of channel catfish, walleye, northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, sauger, white bass, bluegill, flathead catfish, drum and bullheads.

DESCRIPTION OF RIVER

The Rock River rises near West Bend, Wisconsin and flows south 130 miles into Illinois where it takes a southwest course for 155 miles past Rockford, Oregon, Dixon, Sterling and Rock Island to empty into the Mississippi. The river provides an aquatic resource of some 12,400 acres. Dams at Rock Island, Milan, Sterling, Dixon, Oregon, Rockford and Rockton cause tailwater and lake habitats in addition to the slough, side channel, main channel, and main channel border habitats naturally occurring.

Tailwater habitat, found below each dam, is fast turbulent water caused by the passage of water over the dams. Tailwaters receive heavy fishing pressure because fish congregate in these rough waters. Walleye, sauger and white bass are most frequently taken from tailwater areas.

Lake and slough habitats have little or no current and may have aquatic vegetation. Lakes have greater average depths than sloughs. Bluegill and other sunfishes, bullheads and largemouth bass like these habitats. Since there is a scarcity of lake and

slough areas on the Rock, these species are not as abundant as other sport fish.

With its good sport fish populations and close accessibility to a large number of Illinoisans, the Rock River is one of our more valuable aquatic resources.

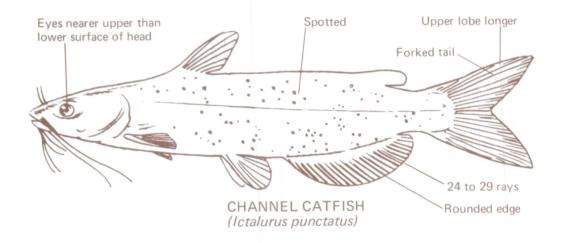
Side channels are departures from the main channel and may be as wide and deep as the main channel or so shallow that they resemble sloughs. All side channels have current in them during normal water stages. Most of the side channels on the Rock are short passages around small islands and differ little from main channel border habitat.

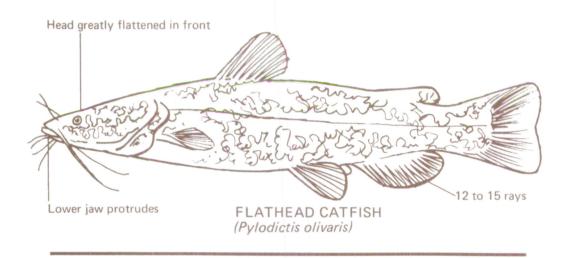
Main channel border habitat is that area adjoining the shoreline and extending outward to include brush, logs, stumps and other debris or structures associated with the shoreline. This area is often shallower with slower current than main channel habitat.

The main channel is that portion of the river between main channel border habitats. It is usually the deepest, swiftest, part of the river with no brush or debris to provide fish cover and is favored by catfish. A relatively large portion of the Rock is main channel habitat which helps explain the high catfish population. Catfish are more abundant than other sport fish and are found virtually everywhere on the Rock.

The boundaries between habitats are usually not clear distinct lines, but are zones of gradual change from one habitat to another.

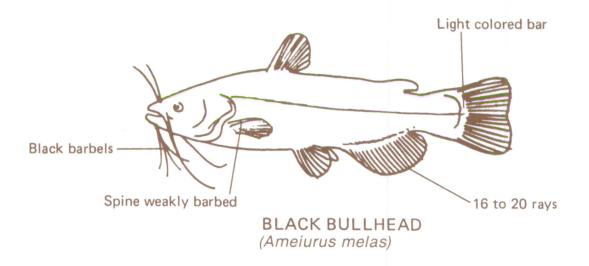
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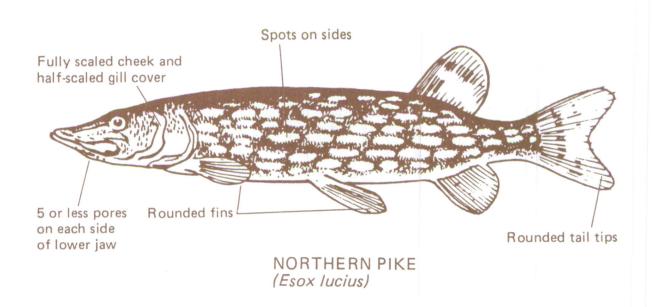
The Rock is a catfish stream — more so than any other large stream in the state. Channels can be taken almost anywhere along its course and are the primary sport fish. Huge flatheads lurk in the deeper holes. "Cats" often hole up underneath old stumps, downstream of fallen trees, around log jams and in washout holes along banks. They can frequently be found on the edge of the main channel border habitat where the bottom drops sharply to deeper water in the main channel. Since these fish rely primarily on their olfactory sense to detect food, prepared baits with a strong odor are most effective. These include blood baits, cheese baits, and various homemade concoctions of an odor most foul. Worms, liver, shrimp and an almost endless variety

of goodies are successful at one time or another for catfish. The more solid prepared baits can be balled around a treble hook and fished on the bottom with a tight line weighted by a sliding sinker. Pieces of sponge rubber are dipped in baits having a thinner consistency and placed on or before a hook. Around trees and log jams a bobber may be necessary to prevent loss of gear. Many catfish are taken on trotlines baited with crayfish or fish. If you're seeking flatheads, use large hooks and big bait such as 6" carp on your trotline. Fishing is best for catfish when it's slacking off for many species during the hot months of summer. Since light for vision is not necessary for feeding catfish, often the best fishing occurs at night.



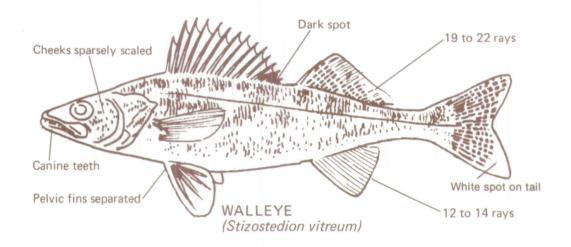
Bullheads may be caught during the warmer months in quiet shallow areas. Most bullheads are

taken by bank fishermen using worms below a bobber or fished on the bottom 10-30' from shore.



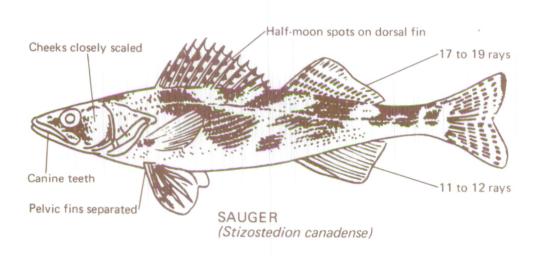
Northern pike are not abundant in any stream of this state, but apparently the largest population is in the Rock River. The best time to fish for them is early spring (March) when they move to spawn. They spawn in shallow slough areas and this type of situation is presented when the Rock floods each spring, spreading out over fields and marshy areas presenting northerns with just what they are seeking. During this spawning activity northerns can be taken

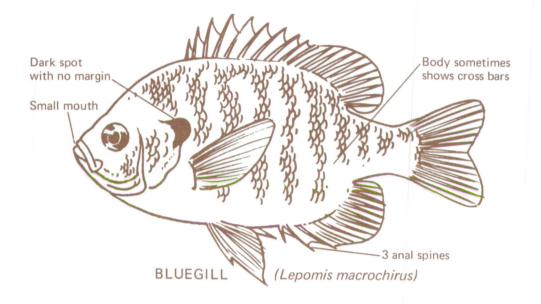
from the flooded lowlands and later during the year out of deep holes where they seek the cold water they prefer. They are not particular what they strike at so long as it's presented close to them and many of the artificial lures are successful. Large minnows are also well received. Once hooked he is a terrific fighter which makes him such a popular sport fish. In addition he's a tasty beast.



Walleye and the less common sauger are taken in the tailwater areas in March and April. These species are excellent sport and table fish and are avidly sought wherever they occur. Although the walleye and sauger differ in appearance and maximum size (state records of 14 lbs. for walleye and 5 lbs. 12 oz.

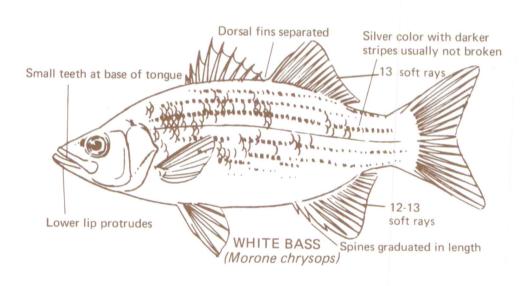
for sauger), they respond to the same bait or lure. A common lure is a jig-minnow combination with the minnow hooked through the head and a weight attached via a three way swivel to fish the jig a foot or so off the bottom. Lead head jigs or minnows by themselves are also popular.





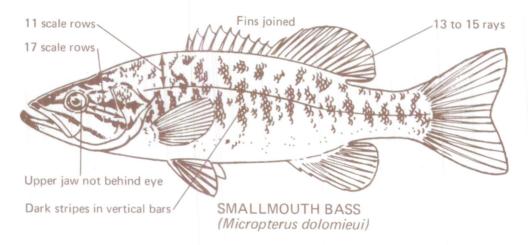
Bluegill can be taken during the summer months on a variety of baits. The most popular is the nightcrawler on a small hook, but crickets and grasshoppers work well. Fish near cover such as brush

piles, stumps or weed beds and drop your bait as close as possible to the cover. Use a small bobber to keep the bait off the bottom. Bluegill fishing is best during the evening, June through September.



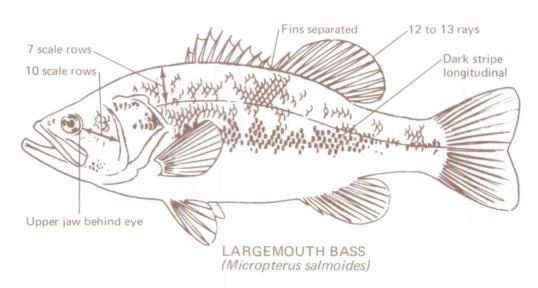
The white bass is often called "striper" which can cause some confusion since the true striper (striped bass) is occasionally taken in southern Illinois. The striped bass is a much larger salt water cousin of the white bass which is being stocked in various fresh water impoundments and has escaped into streams below these lakes. So if you hear of a 30 pound striper taken somewhere, don't believe that it was a white bass. White bass like current and turbulence which is why they favor tailwaters. They are often

taken on jigs by bank or boat fishermen casting into the rough water directly below a dam. Another place to try is the downstream side of a bridge abutment, concrete wall, or some other such obstruction where the water roils after passing around or over the obstruction. Spinners with minnows or artificial lures resembling minnows are effective. Best fishing seems to be in the morning or evening and May and August are usually the best months.



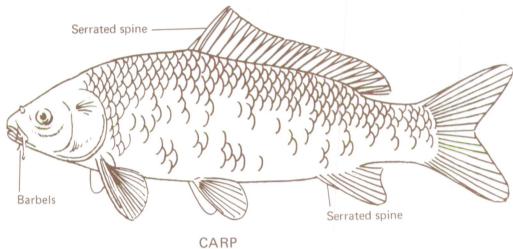
The smallmouth bass does not attain the size of largemouth bass, but it is more of a scrapper and pound-for-pound provides more heart-pounding action than any other stream species in Illinois. Artifi-

cial lures such as plastic worms, jigs, spinners, and spoons are most effective, but live frogs and crayfish are also successful. Fish in early morning or late evening.



Largemouth bass prefer the cover of weed beds, brush, stumps, willows, and fallen trees where they can play hide and seek with their prey. Largemouths are sight feeders attracted by action and not by smell of the bait or lure. They succumb to the temptations of a variety of lures, plugs, and jigs which must each be retrieved in the manner best suited to the lure.

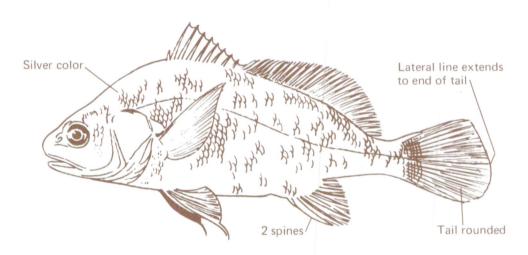
Mepps spinners are commonly used and plastic worms are popular. Minnows hooked below spinners may be more effective on rivers than on impoundments. Still fishing with minnows will seldom take a largemouth. The best fishing is in early morning or evening in May, June and September.



CARP (Cyprinus carpio)

Carp are not considered in the maps section, because they are so common that they can be caught almost anywhere. Their size and fighting strength are increasing their popularity every year. Next to the flathead catfish, carp are the largest fish regularly taken by anglers. Properly prepared, carp are a

match for any fish in palatability. It is not surprising that more fishermen are actively fishing for carp with worms, corn and doughballs among other baits. Fish on the bottom or near the bottom with a bobber in shallow areas from May through October.



FRESHWATER DRUM (Aplodinotus grunniens)

Drum are commonly called white or silver perch, although they are not a member of the perch family. On rivers they are most common in areas where there is good current — tailwater, main channel, and

main channel border habitat. They are commonly taken on worms fished with a tight line, on the bottom, and are occasionally caught on trot-lines.

SAFETY ON THE RIVER

A certain amount of respect for the river is only good judgment. Small boats are fine on quiet backwaters, but if a person intends to travel on the main river where he may encouter strong current, whitecap waves, or wakes from large pleasure craft, a stable boat is needed. A wise man would use nothing smaller than a 12' jon boat or V-bottom boat with a 5 or 6 horsepower motor to navigate the main river. Boats of this size and larger can still be easily swamped if overloaded or handled by an inexperienced or careless person. Here are some additional points to take note of:

- 1. pay full attention to navigation of your boat
- 2. stay well away from large pleasure craft
- watch for riffles on the water surface indicating underwater obstructions
- wear life vests, at least while travelling to and from the place you fish
- avoid the areas immediately above or below dams

Before operating a boat on any water of this state, a person should obtain and read the pamphlet on the boat registration and safety act. These are available from the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Law Enforcement, Lincoln Tower Plaza, 524 South 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701-1787.

FISHING REGULATIONS

Copies of the current sport fishing regulations for the Rock River may be obtained at local sporting goods dealers or by writing to: Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries, Lincoln Tower Plaza, 524 South 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701-1787.

ACCESS

In the following maps section some of the access areas available to the public are noted. Certain public areas and private areas open to the public are available only after paying a fee and such fees are usually posted. Unless an area is known to be public or is posted as a public area, it should be assumed that it is private and permission from the owner is necessary to use that area.

SPECIFIC AREAS TO FISH

On the following maps areas have been marked that are known to have good sport fish populations. For each area marked and *numbered*, the sport fish most likely to be taken are checked in the box on the same page. It is realized that the areas marked represent only a portion of those occurring on the river, and as more fishing spots are discovered this guide may be updated. Access sites are *lettered* and listed in a second box with the basic facilities found at each site checked. No attempt was made to list all access sites, but only those nearest fishing areas marked on the map.



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This information may be provided in an alternative format if required. Contact the DNR Clearinghouse at 217/782-7498 for assistance.

Rod R. Blagojevich Governor

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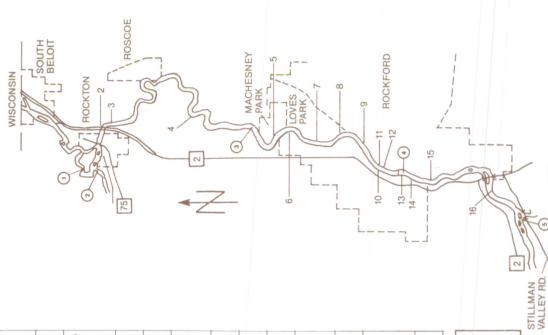
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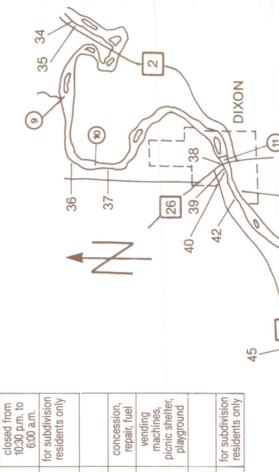
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	Name of Area	Roadside Park	Rock River Recreation	Dixon Elks Page Park	Lowell Park	Howell Park	President's Park	Page Park	Municipal Ramp	Riverview Subdivision Boat Ramp	Moore Park	Moonlight Bay	Oppold Marina	Sinnissippi Park	Holland Creek Ramp
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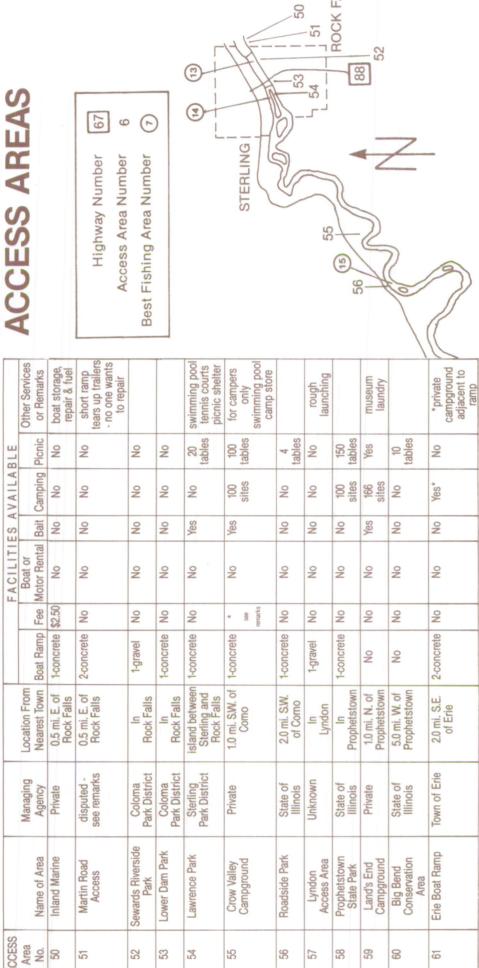


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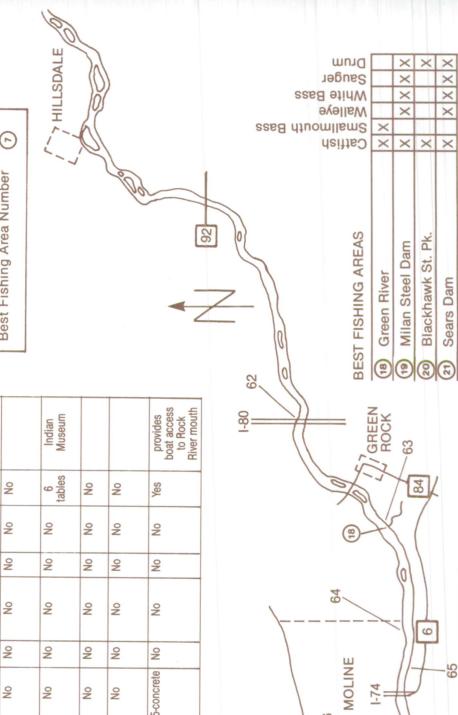
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hat is KIDS FOR CONSERVATION? KIDS FOR CONSERVATION is an exciting Club for Illinois kids five through thirteen who want to learn more about preservation, protection, and wise use of Illinois' natural resources. It's an exciting concept that blends private and public interests and funds.

hy was KIDS FOR CONSERVATION formed? The need for sound conservation practices is often overlooked in Illinois, in spite of a dramatic increase in recreational activities and demand on our resources. Animals, plants and their habitats are matters of natural curiosity to Illinois children. This curiosity opens the door to many educational opportunities.

he Illinois Department of Natural Resources wants to help raise the awareness level of Illinois children and their parents about conservation issues, and at the same time establish a strong communication network with the young

people of Illinois. Specifically, we need to inform others of the need to set aside unique and endangered natural areas; continue to manage and preserve existing resources; understand man's place in nature and our abilities to accommodate one another; take individual responsibility for preserving and protecting nature and leave a legacy of achievement for future generations.

hat are some of the things
I will be learning about?
Every KIDS FOR
CONSERVATION member
household will receive a periodic
magazine full of stories, games
and puzzles. You'll learn
about forests, foxes, ferns
and fish records. You'll find out how to build a
birdhouse, and discover more about Illinois
history through stories and legends.

ow can I become a member? Just fill out the attached registration form and send to the address indicated. And "KIDS," be sure to tell your friends about KIDS FOR CONSERVATION - they'll want to join too!

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