

Roadmap to Fishing Lake Michigan: Meet your Match!

Want to fish Lake Michigan, but aren't sure when or where to go? This roadmap is a starting point to providing information on many fishing sites and times of the year when great opportunities exist.

Please note this is not an exhaustive list.

Port	Jan. - Mar.	April - May	June - Aug.	Sept. - Oct.
Arcadia / Onekama	lake trout, brown trout	lake trout, brown trout	Chinook, lake trout	Chinook
Bays de Noc (Little & Big)	yellow perch, walleye, lake whitefish	yellow perch, sm bass, walleye	walleye, sm bass, carp	sm bass, walleye, yellow perch
Beaver Island			sm bass (June: catch-and-release), carp	
Charlevoix		walleye, lake trout, cisco, suckers, carp	cisco, sm bass, steelhead, Chinook, coho	sm bass, lake trout, Chinook, coho, yellow perch
Fairport			Chinook, coho	
Frankfort	lake trout, brown trout	brown trout, lake trout	lake trout, Chinook	Chinook, steelhead
Grand Traverse Bay	cisco, lake trout, brown trout	steelhead, cisco, lake trout, brown trout, sm bass	sm bass, lake trout, cisco, Chinook, coho, carp, steelhead	Chinook, coho, cisco, steelhead, lake trout, yellow perch
Harbor Springs / Petoskey		steelhead, brown trout, coho, suckers, lake trout, rock bass, bullhead, freshwater drum, sm bass, carp	northern pike, catfish, sm bass, Skamania, Chinook, coho, lake trout	lake trout, Chinook, coho, brown trout, steelhead
Holland / Port Sheldon	brown trout, coho, steelhead (March)	brown trout, coho, steelhead (April)		
Leland / Glen Arbor	lake trout, brown trout		salmon, lake trout, steelhead, brown trout	salmon, lake trout, steelhead, brown trout
Ludington	burbot, brown trout, lake trout	lake trout, brown trout, steelhead, yellow perch, Chinook, coho	lake trout, Chinook, coho, steelhead, brown trout	Chinook, coho, steelhead
Manistee	burbot (Feb. - March), brown trout, lake trout	lake trout, brown trout, steelhead, yellow perch, Chinook, coho	lake trout, Chinook, coho, steelhead, brown trout	Chinook, coho, steelhead, Menominee (Nov.)
Manistique		walleye	steelhead, Chinook, walleye, lake trout	Chinook
Manitou Island			Chinook, lake trout (Aug.)	
Menominee		brown trout, walleye	walleye, sm bass	walleye, sm bass
Muskegon / Grand Haven	brown trout, coho, lake trout, steelhead	brown trout, steelhead, Chinook, coho, yellow perch	steelhead, Chinook, coho, lake trout	Chinook, coho, steelhead, lake trout
New Buffalo	brown trout, coho, lake trout, steelhead	Chinook, coho, brown trout, lake trout, steelhead		
Pentwater	brown trout, lake trout	steelhead, Chinook, coho, brown trout, lake trout, walleye	Chinook, coho, lake trout, steelhead, white perch, freshwater drum, walleye, sm bass	Chinook, coho, steelhead, lake trout, brown trout
Platte Bay		steelhead, brown trout, lake trout	sm bass, lake trout	coho
Saugatuck / South Haven	brown trout, coho, lake trout, steelhead	coho, brown trout, lake trout	yellow perch, lake trout	yellow perch
St. Joseph	brown trout, coho, lake trout, steelhead	coho, brown trout, lake trout	yellow perch	yellow perch, Chinook, coho
Whitehall	brown trout, lake trout	steelhead, Chinook, coho, brown trout, lake trout, walleye	Chinook, coho, lake trout, steelhead, white perch, freshwater drum, walleye, sm bass	Chinook, coho, steelhead, lake trout, brown trout



It doesn't matter what time of year it is, there is always an opportunity to "meet your fishing match" on Lake Michigan!

