

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 provide you with information on many fishing sites and times of the year when great opportunities exist.

Please note this is not an exhaustive list.

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



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



Is it your first time fishing Lake Michigan? Or perhaps you're a seasoned pro who's ready for more of a challenge? Either way, you can use this map to help you discover the next Lake Michigan port you might want to visit, what time of year you'll want to go, and what species you could target!

This roadmap just scratches the surface of all the fishing opportunities that are available on Lake Michigan. Enjoy your trip!

Explore Michigan's world-class fisheries!

Don't forget to purchase your Michigan fishing license before heading out.

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