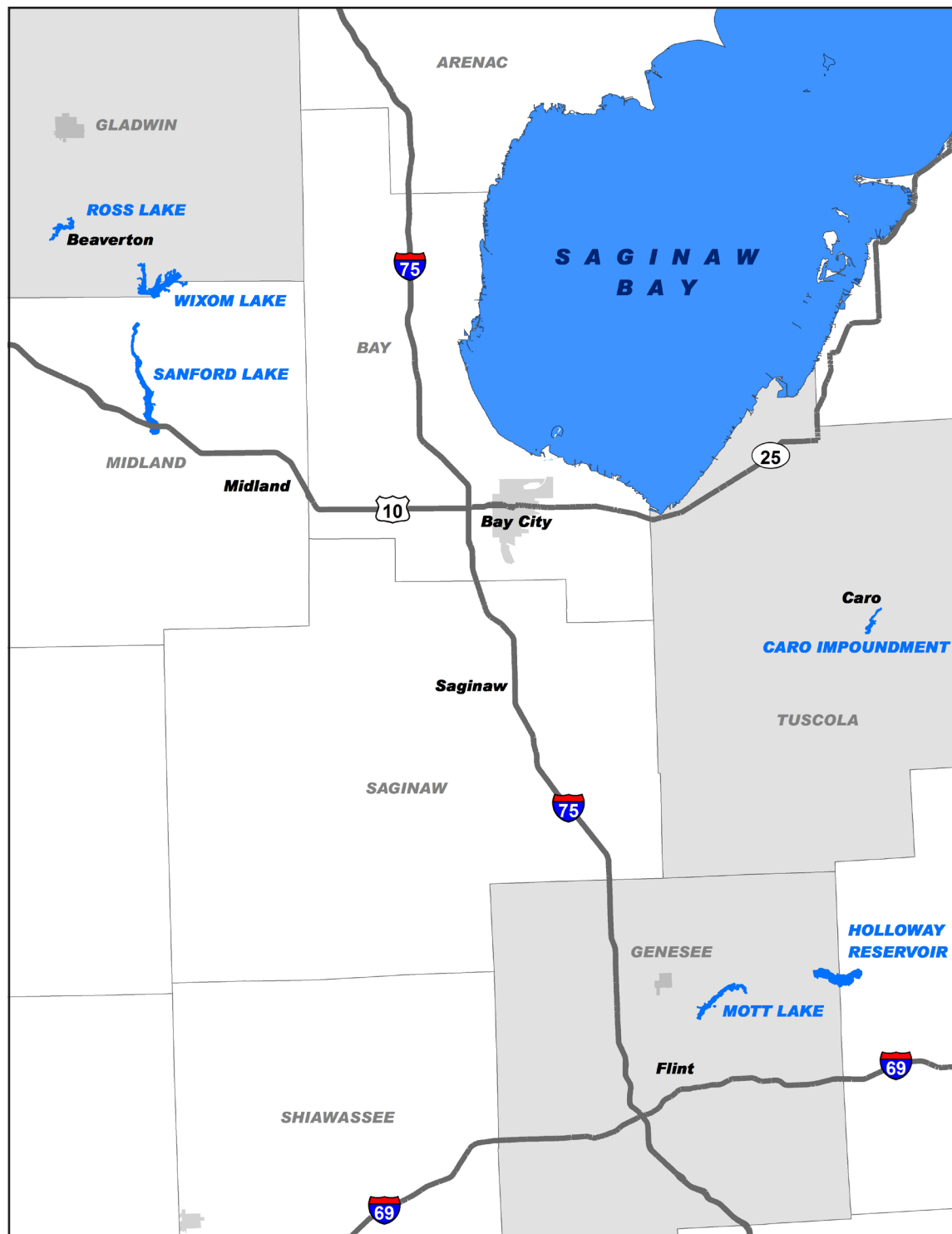


Best Fishing Locations for Catfish in the Saginaw Bay Area



Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recognizes that many people living around the Saginaw Bay and Saginaw and Tittabawassee Rivers enjoy eating catfish. Because these waters are polluted with harmful chemicals that make them unsafe for anyone to eat, MDHHS is providing a list of possible local alternative places to catch catfish that are safe to eat.

All fish in the Saginaw Bay Area are under a Public Health Advisory due to dioxin and PCBs. For details, call MDHHS at **1-800-648-6942** or visit www.michigan.gov/eatsafefish.

Alternate fishing locations in the Saginaw Bay Area for channel catfish that are safer to eat:

The following are places you can fish for channel catfish, crappies and other species that have fewer chemicals than the fish in Saginaw Bay and Saginaw and Tittabawassee Rivers.

You can use the *Eat Safe Fish Guide* to find catfish that are safer to eat from the Saginaw Bay Area.

1. Caro Impoundment, Tuscola County

Access: Chippewa Landing Community Park, west side of M-24, 1 mile south of M-81 in the City of Caro. Boat launch available. Impoundment is shallow with numerous stumps.

Additional Information: Excellent opportunities for crappie, channel catfish, walleye, northern pike, and largemouth bass.

2. Mott Lake and Holloway Reservoir, Genesee County

Access: Just north of Flint at Genesee County Parks and Recreation, Stanley Road. Modern boat launches and extensive shoreline fishing available.

Additional Information: Great opportunities for channel catfish, crappie, bluegill, and walleye.

3. Ross Lake, Gladwin County

Access: Public access site located in the City of Beaverton on the west side of M-18, just north of the bridge over the western part of the lake. Shore line fishing is limited. Suitable for small boat fishing.

Additional Information: Excellent fishing opportunities for channel catfish, crappie, bluegill, northern pike, perch, walleye and largemouth bass.

4. Wixom Lake, Gladwin County

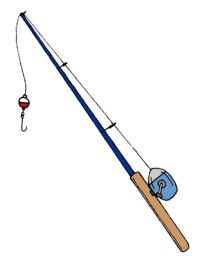
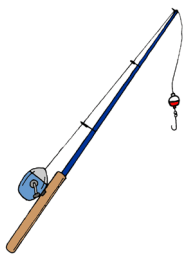
Access: State operated public access site just off M-30, near the south end of the lake, located just north of Edenville, near Gladwin State Park. Boat launch and some shore fishing.

Additional Information: Excellent fishing opportunities for channel catfish, crappie, bluegill, northern pike, perch, walleye, smallmouth bass and largemouth bass.

5. Sanford Lake, Midland County

Access: Located just north of Midland at Sanford Lake County Park. Boat launch available on the southwest side of the lake.

Additional Information: Excellent fishing opportunities for channel catfish, crappie, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, northern pike, walleye, and a variety of panfish.



For more information about fishing locations in the Saginaw Bay Area, call the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Bay City Operations Service Center at 1-989-684-9141.



For more information about choosing and eating safe fish or a free copy of the *Eat Safe Fish Guide*, call MDHHS at **1-800-648-6942** or visit us online at www.michigan.gov/eatsafefish.

