

# OSWEGOLAND FISHIN' FOOLS



**FISHIN' LINE**

**July/August  
2021**

The Oswegoland Fishin' Fools is a multi-species fishing club. We meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Oswego Police Department located at 3355 Woolley Road in Oswego. The Community Room.

Visit us on the Web at: <http://www.fishinfools.org>

## NOW THAT IS A CATFISH!!



Nobody knows who slipped the first Wels catfish into the calm rivers of southern Spain.

Some say it was a fanatical German angler, others that locals illegally introduced the beasts over a decade ago in the hope of luring sports fishermen to the region.

What all agree on is that the result has been catastrophe.

Environmentalists and industry groups are now begging authorities to step in before the invasive species reaches the

region's pristine ecosystem that sustains the fishing industry of Cadiz.

Last month a 220lb monster was spotted just a few miles away from Iznájar, a quiet riverside town near the Doñana national park, a vital wetland nature reserve.

The Wels Catfish is by some margin the largest true freshwater fish in Europe. Native to the continent's central and Eastern river basins.

Many adults grow as long as 7ft and can weigh up to 143lb, lunging out of the water to catch their prey. The female produces up to 30,000 eggs per kilogram of body weight, and the spread of the species is crowding out rival fish.

We changed the date of our next meeting to July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Oswego Police Department. Our speakers will be Mark Lutz, Mark Corah, Brian Murphy and a Special Surprise Speaker.



FISH OF THE  
MONTH

APRIL

**Mark Lutz**



Caught on the Fox River



FISH OF THE  
MONTH

MAY

**Eugene Walkling**



12" Black Crappie Caught: Clinton Lake

Bait: Minnow & Slip Bobber Date: 5/5/2021

If you have a favorite place to fish,  
please share your spot and write a little  
synopsis of what makes it special.  
Send it to [jjnieland@gmail.com](mailto:jjnieland@gmail.com)

**CANADA is CLOSED.  
So go to Minnesota  
instead.**

## **MINNESOTA Side Trip**

Brian Murphy is planning a week-long trip from **Aug 28- Sept 4, 2021(Labor Day weekend)** at Minne Teepee Resort on Woman lake in Hackensack MN. This is approximately 30 mins south of LEECH LAKE. Drive time is 9-10 hours. I currently have 6 people going on the trip and have room for 4 more. I have placed a \$600 deposit down TODAY to hold cabin 8. I will need a \$200 NON REFUNDABLE deposit per twosome by DEC 31st.

If you cancel it is your responsibility to get a replacement, sorry but I am fronting all the money. If interested CALL or EMAIL me [briancpamv@aol.com](mailto:briancpamv@aol.com), as this is a first come first serve deal. These places fill FAST and next yr there may be a greater demand.

The resort website and cabin pictures are below:

Here is the link: <http://minneteepee.com> and general cabin info.

\*\*\*Cabin 8 is a large lake home. It has **4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms**. The country style kitchen is very large. This cabin has a very large living room. The TV has built in DVD. Our cabins are all furnished with professionally cleaned bed linens but you need to provide your own towels. There is a large sunroom and full decks across the lake side of the house and the driveway side of the house. Outside you will find your own campfire pit. There is a nice swim beach in front of this cabin. **Cabin # 8 is 8 twins, 1 queen.** The estimated cost for the week will be, 6 people \$1600, 8 people \$1900, 10 people \$2205 plus tax. Food is NOT included.



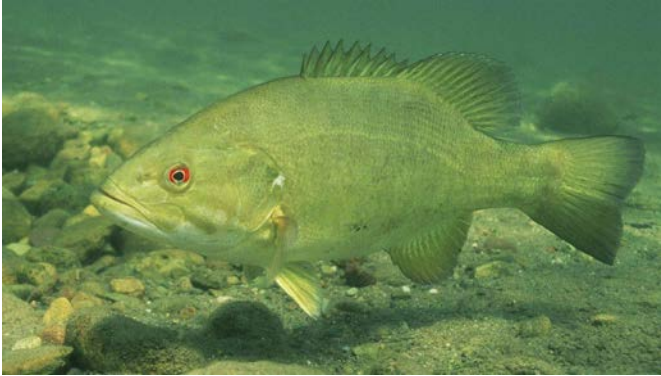
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## Upper Mississippi River Fishing Guide: Tips and Tricks.

The Upper Mississippi River, that flows through western Illinois and Wisconsin, is home to over 100 different fish species. Some species include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger, channel catfish, bluegill, and crappies. If you want to learn more about upper Mississippi River fishing this is the perfect article for you.



## 1. How to catch bass in the upper Mississippi River.



Largemouth and smallmouth bass are both very abundant within the upper Mississippi River but sometimes they can be tricky to find. Largemouth bass tend to stay under forage and lush plant life, therefore, the best places to catch them are in backwaters and other small bays connected to the main river. Especially on hot summer days, largemouth love to hide and seek shade under trees or bridges.

For catching largemouth I recommend using a 1/4 OZ [bass Jig](#) for its versatility in many different conditions. A smallmouth, on the other hand, enjoys deeper water. Look for smallmouth bass in deep holes close to current. Another great hotspot for smallmouth includes any sort of dam. In my opinion, the best bait for catching smallmouth in the Mississippi River is a [Strike King coffee tube](#). Pair this with a [tube jig head](#) and your golden.

## 2. Walleye



This bottom feeder tends to stay deeper than most bass. Walleye scatter the floor of the Mississippi in schools searching for deep-dwelling baitfish. Because of this, a jighead is the most commonly used bait when fishing for walleye

. Pair your jighead with a live worm, leach, or minnow and you are well on your way to catching a monster walleye. Check out [this Jighead on amazon](#) if you are interested in catching these walleye for yourself. I would recommend getting a size 1/4 OZ for Walleye.

## 3. Northern Pike



Northern pikes are one of the largest predators in the Mississippi River. Known for their aggression, pike love to hang around shallower grassy or weedy water where many baitfish dwell.

Just like largemouth bass their primary hotspots within the Mississippi is in backwaters and bays with very lush vegetation. Pike love to hit moving baits with brighter colors and flairs. Therefore, the best baits for pikes are [spinnerbaits](#) or when they are in cover [soft plastic Jerkshads](#) work perfectly.

## 4. Catfish



Blue, channel, and flathead catfish all can be found within the depths of the upper Mississippi. All of these catfish have different tendencies, therefore, targeting a specific one is easy. Channel catfish prefer areas with slow currents such as side channels. On the other hand, blue catfish prefer areas with stronger flows such as the main channel. Flathead catfish prefer dense and shady areas such as drift piles or vegetation. They also tend to stay closer to shore. Catfish love many different kinds of baits but in my lifetime I have had the most success with chicken livers. Slap a chicken liver on any of [these rigs](#) and you are ready to go catch some trophy catfish



## 5. Panfish



Panfish may not be the most targeted fish in the Mississippi but that does not mean they are not fun to catch. Bluegill and crappie tend to stay close to shore at depths no deeper than 5 feet. When searching for bluegill find areas with vegetation near shore. Make sure to keep your distance and use light tackle because these fish can get spooked extremely easy. I prefer using live bait such as worms, or grasshoppers to catch these little things. Also, use no hook larger than a [size 6](#) and set your hook to about 1 to 4 feet under your bobber for the best chance at catching a panfish.

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