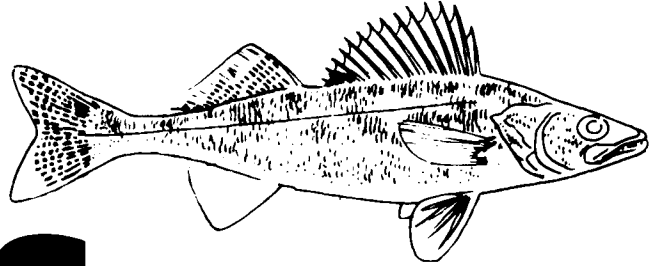
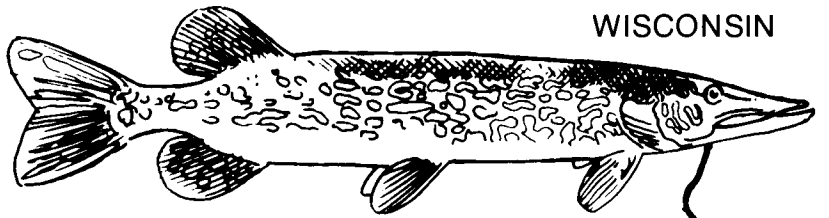
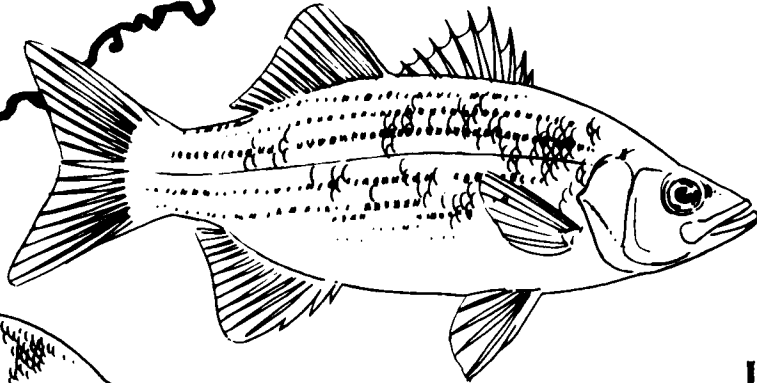
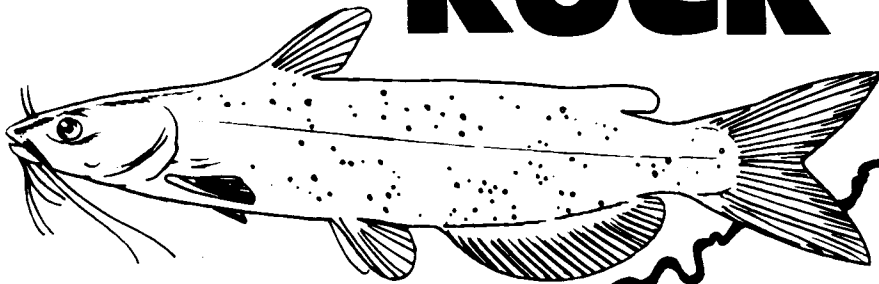


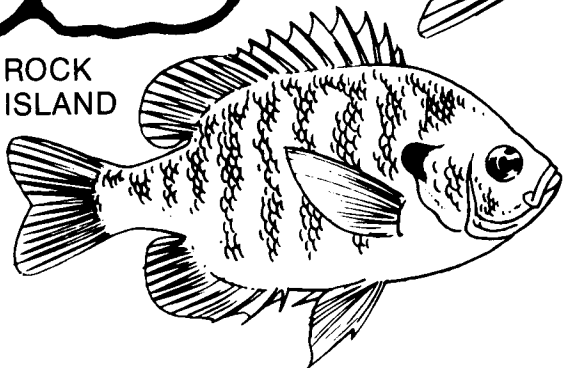
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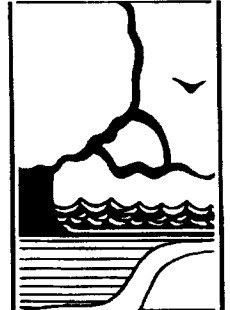
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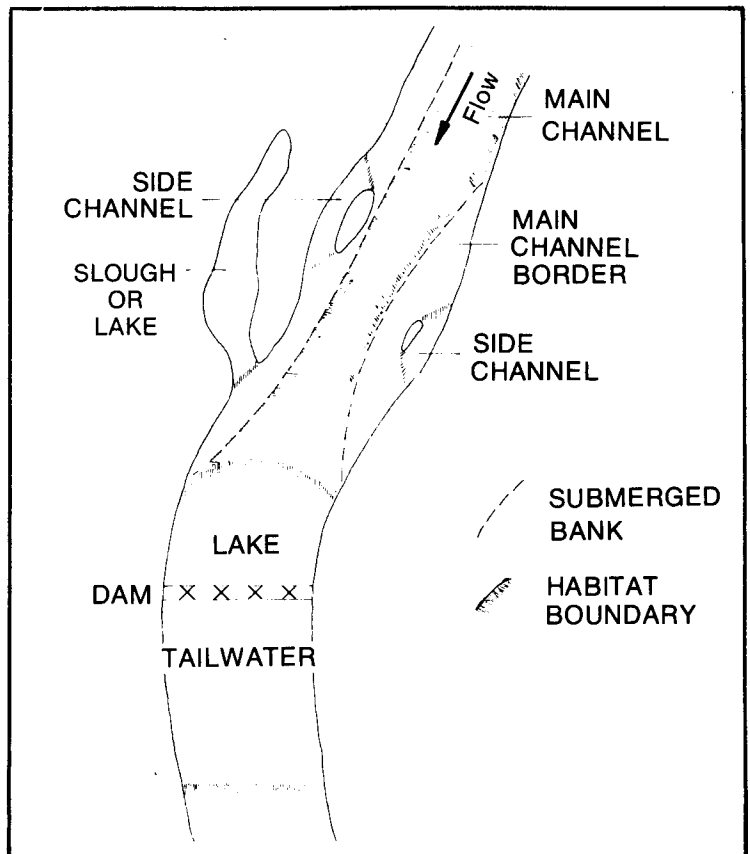
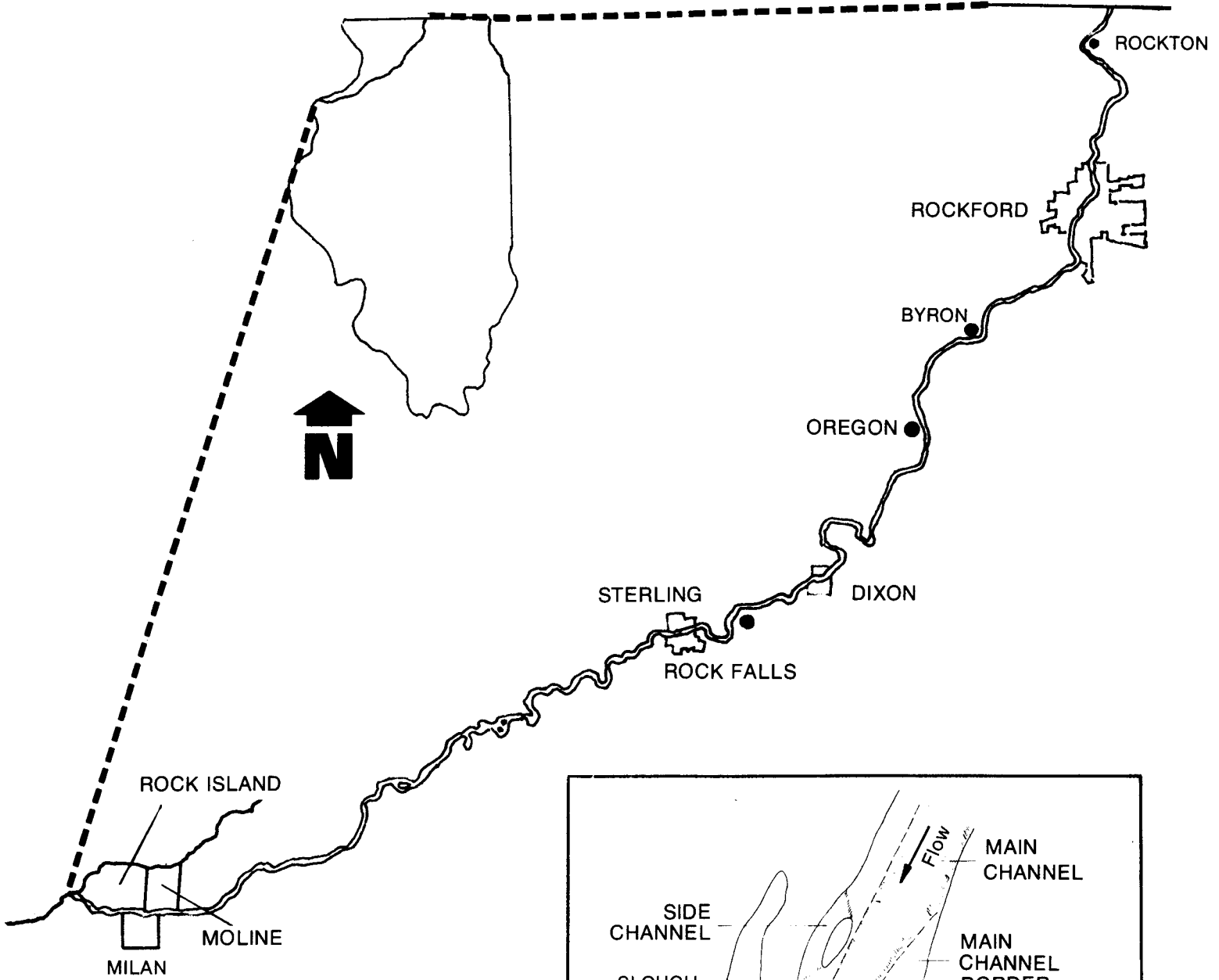
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SAFETY ON THE RIVER

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 encounter strong current, white-cap 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
3. watch for riffles on the water surface indicating underwater obstructions
4. wear life vests, at least while travelling to and from the place you fish
5. 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

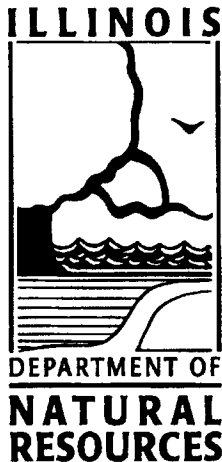
Copies of the current sport fishing regulations for the Rock River may be obtained at local sporting goods dealers or by writing to: Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries, Lincoln Tower Plaza, 524 South 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701-1787.

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.



Equal opportunity to participate in programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and those funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies is available to all individuals regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion or other non-merit factors. If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact the funding source's civil rights office and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, IDNR, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271; 217/785-0067; TTY 217/782-9175.

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

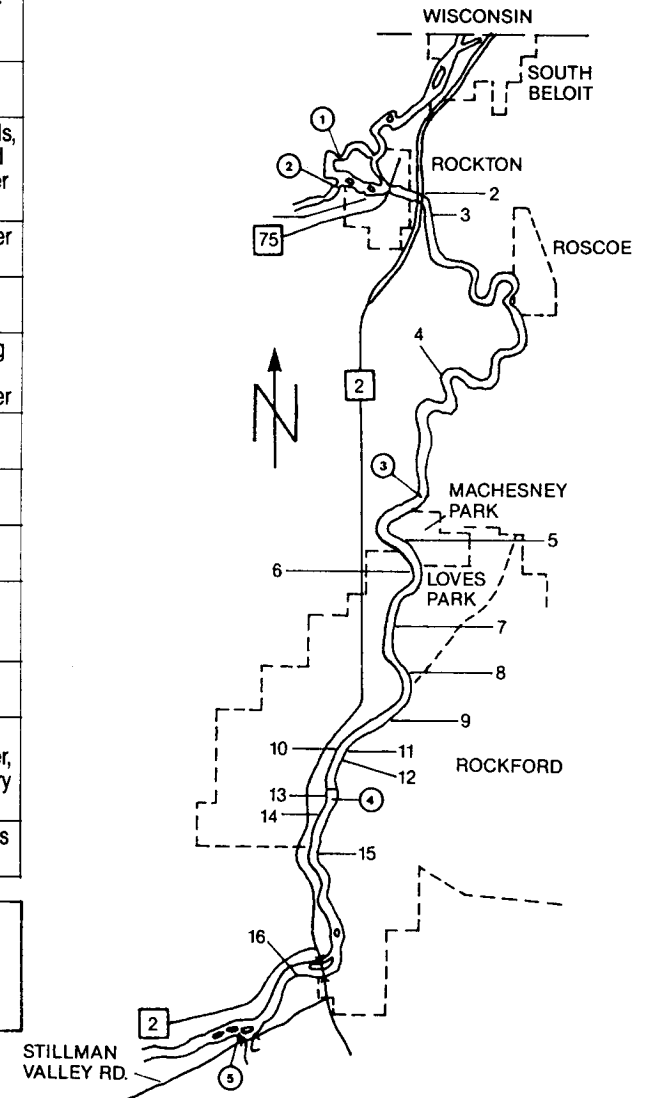
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				Boat Ramp	Fee	Boat or Motor Rental	Bait	Camping	Picnic		
1	Macktown Forest Preserve	Winnebago Co. Forest Preserve District	1 mi. SW. of Rockton	1-concrete	No	No	No	No	60 tables	golf course, picnic shelter	
2	Rockton Boatramp	Village of Rockton	0.6 mi. E. of Rockton	2-concrete	No	No	No	No	No		
3	Hononegah Forest Preserve	Winnebago Co. Forest Preserve District	1.5 mi. E. of Rockton	1-concrete	No	No	No	62 sites	60 tables	picnic shelter	
4	Atwood Forest Preserve	Winnebago Co. Forest Preserve District	4 mi. S. of Rockton	2-concrete	No	No	No	No	50 tables	golf course	
5	Harlem Road Access	Winnebago Co.	In Machesney Park	1-gravel	No	No	No	No	No	limited parking	
6	Veterans Memorial Park/Sportscore	Rockford Park District	N. edge of Rockford	6-concrete	No	No	No	No	40 tables	ball diamonds, soccer field, lots of trailer parking	
7	Martin Park	Rockford Park District	In Loves Park	1-double concrete	No	No	No	No	30 tables	picnic shelter	
8	Shorewood Park	Rockford Park District	In Loves Park	No	No	No	No	No	20 tables		
9	Sinnissippi Park & Recreation Path	Rockford Park District	In Rockford	No	No	No	No	No	100 tables	bike/jogging path, picnic shelter	
10	Beattie Park	Rockford Park District	In Rockford	No	No	No	No	No	2 tables		
11	Municipal Ramp	City of Rockford	In Rockford	1-double concrete	No	No	No	No	No		
12	Rever's Marina	Private	In Rockford	No	No	No	No	No	No	fuel, repair, storage	
13	Fordham Dam Access	E. side private W. side Rockford	In Rockford	No	No	No	No	No	No	tailwater fishery	
14	Kent Creek	Private	In Rockford	No	No	No	No	No	No		
15	Blackhawk Park	Rockford Park District	S. edge of Rockford	1-blacktop	No	No	No	No	50 tables	ball field, picnic shelter, ramp has very little slope	
16	Ace of Diamonds Lounge	Private	S. edge of Rockford	1-concrete	No	No	No	No	No	food & drinks in lounge	

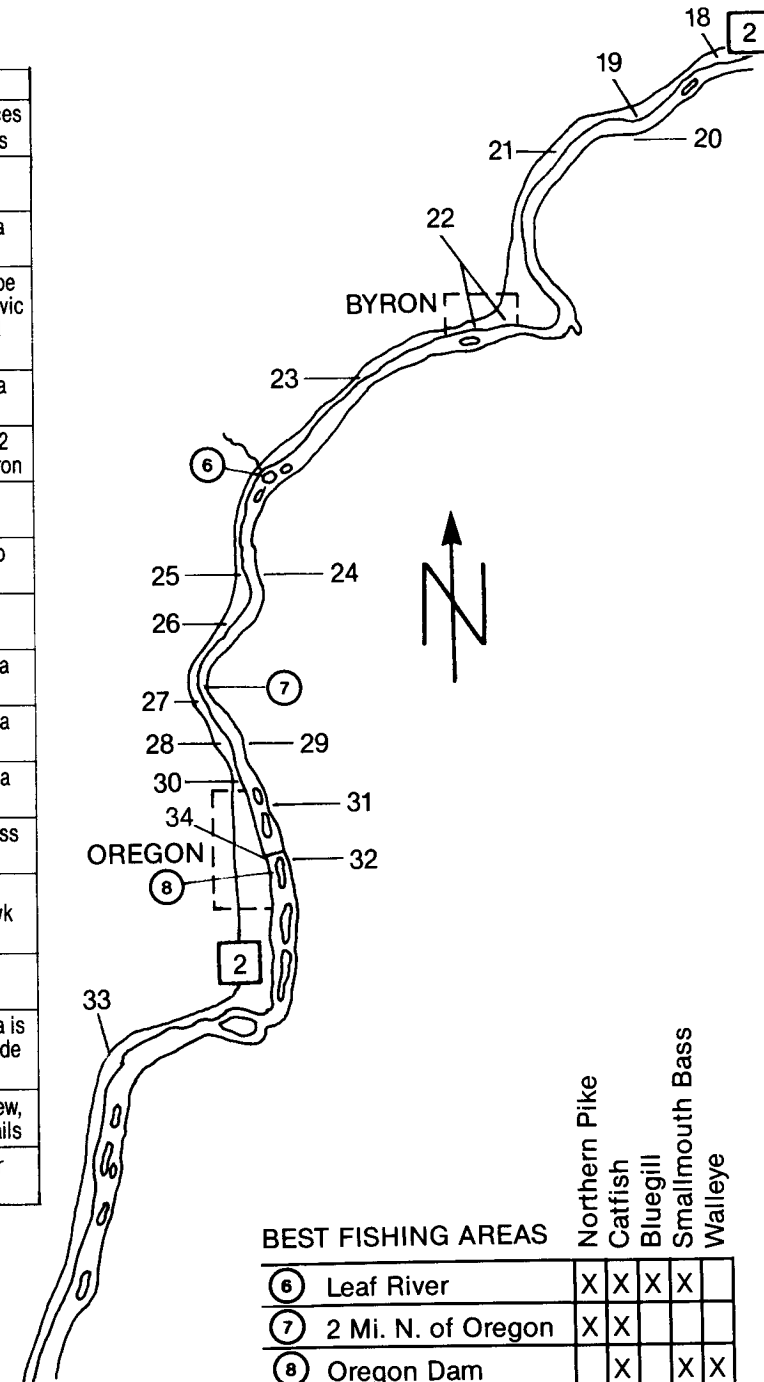
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	Northern Pike	Walleye	Drum	Largemouth Bass	Bluegill	Smallmouth Bass	Catfish	Crappie
① Rockton Dam	X	X	X			X	X	
② Pecatonica	X	X	X			X	X	
③ Willow Creek				X	X	X		
④ Rockford Dam	X	X	X				X	X
⑤ Kishwaukee	X					X	X	X



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18	Roadside Park	State of Illinois	5.5 mi. N.E. of Byron	No	No	No	No	No	3 tables		
19	Roadside Park	State of Illinois	4.5 mi. N.E. of Byron	No	No	No	No	No	No	small area	
20	Camp McCormick	Rock River Valley Girl Scout Council	4.0 mi. N.E. of Byron	No	*	No	No	Yes*	Yes*	*area can be rented by civic or school groups	
21	Roadside Park	State of Illinois	3.0 mi. N.E. of Byron	No	No	No	No	No	No	small area	
22	Byron Boat Ramps	City of Byron	In Byron	3-concrete	No	No	No	No	No	ramps at 2 sites in Byron	
23	Indian Village	Private	2 mi. SW. of Byron	No	No	No	No	No	No	food	
24	River Road Camping & Marina	Private	5 mi. N. of Oregon	1-concrete	Yes	canoes & rowboats	Yes	250 sites	250 tables	R.V. dump station	
25	Roadside Park	State of Illinois	5 mi. N. of Oregon	No	No	No	No	No	2 tables		
26	Roadside Park	State of Illinois	3.5 mi. N. of Oregon	No	No	No	No	No	No	small area	
27	Roadside Park	State of Illinois	2.0 mi. N. of Oregon	No	No	No	No	No	No	small area	
28	Roadside Park	State of Illinois	1.0 mi. N. of Oregon	No	No	No	No	No	No	small area	
29	Lowden State Historical Site	State of Illinois	1.0 mi. N. of Oregon	No	No	No	No	137 sites	270 tables	poor access to river	
30	Roadside Park	State of Illinois	N. edge of Oregon	No	No	No	No	No	No	view of Blackhawk Statue	
31	Lowden Access Area	State of Illinois	N.E. edge of Oregon	2-concrete	No	No	No	No	No		
32	Oregon Dam Tailwater Access	Oregon Park District	In Oregon	No	No	No	No	No	7 tables	picnic area is on east side of river	
33	Castle Rock State Park	State of Illinois	2.5 mi. S. of Oregon	1-concrete	No	No	No	No	Yes	scenic view, nature trails	
34	Moe's Bait	Private	In Oregon	1-concrete	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Tailwater Access	



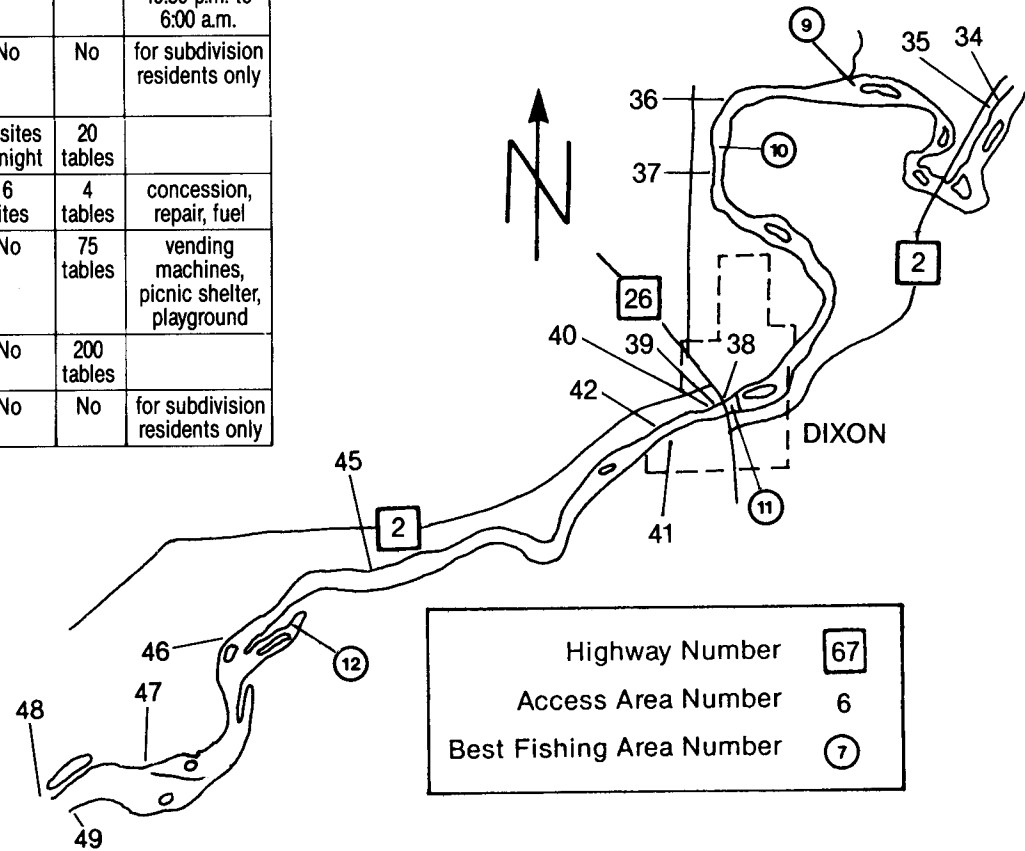
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34	Roadside Park	State of Illinois	1.0 mi. N. of Grand Detour	No	No	No	No	No	3 tables	historical marker	
35	Rock River Recreation	Private	0.9 mi. N. of Grand Detour	4-rock & dirt	\$5	No	No	200 sites	10 tables	minimum \$5 user fee	
36	Dixon Elks Page Park	Private	4.0 mi. N. of Dixon	No	No	No	No	8 sites with elect.	6 tables	free tent camping donation for electricity R.V. dump station	
37	Lowell Park	Dixon Park District	2.0 mi. N. of Dixon	1-double concrete	No	No	No	No	150 tables	marine fuel, nature center	
38	Howell Park	Dixon Park District	In Dixon	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	bank access to Dixon Dam Area	
39	President's Park	Dixon Park District	In Dixon	No	No	No	No	No	3 tables	bank access to Dixon Dam Area	
40	Page Park	Dixon Park District	In Dixon	2-concrete	No	No	No	No	75 tables		
41	Municipal Ramp	Dixon Park District	In Dixon	1-concrete	No	No	No	No	No	closed from 10:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.	
42	Riverview Subdivision Boat Ramp	Private	0.5 mi. W. of Dixon	1-concrete and gravel	No	No	No	No	No	for subdivision residents only	
45	Moore Park	Private	5.0 mi. SW. of Dixon	1-double concrete	\$2	No	No	30 sites \$8/night	20 tables		
46	Moonlight Bay	Private	3.0 mi. E. of Sterling	1-concrete	\$2	No	No	6 sites	4 tables	concession, repair, fuel	
47	Oppold Marina	Sterling Park District	2.0 mi. E. of Sterling	1-double concrete	No	paddleboats	Yes	No	75 tables	vending machines, picnic shelter, playground	
48	Sinnissippi Park	Sterling Park District	E. edge of Sterling	No	No	No	No	No	200 tables		
49	Holland Creek Ramp	Private	2.0 mi. E. of Rock Falls	1-gravel	No	No	No	No	No	for subdivision residents only	

ACCESS AREAS

BEST FISHING AREAS

		Catfish	Bluegill	Smallmouth Bass	Largemouth Bass	Walleye
9	Pine Ck.	X		X		
10	Grand Detour	X		X		
11	Dixon Dam	X				X
12	Fluck's Slough	X	X	X		



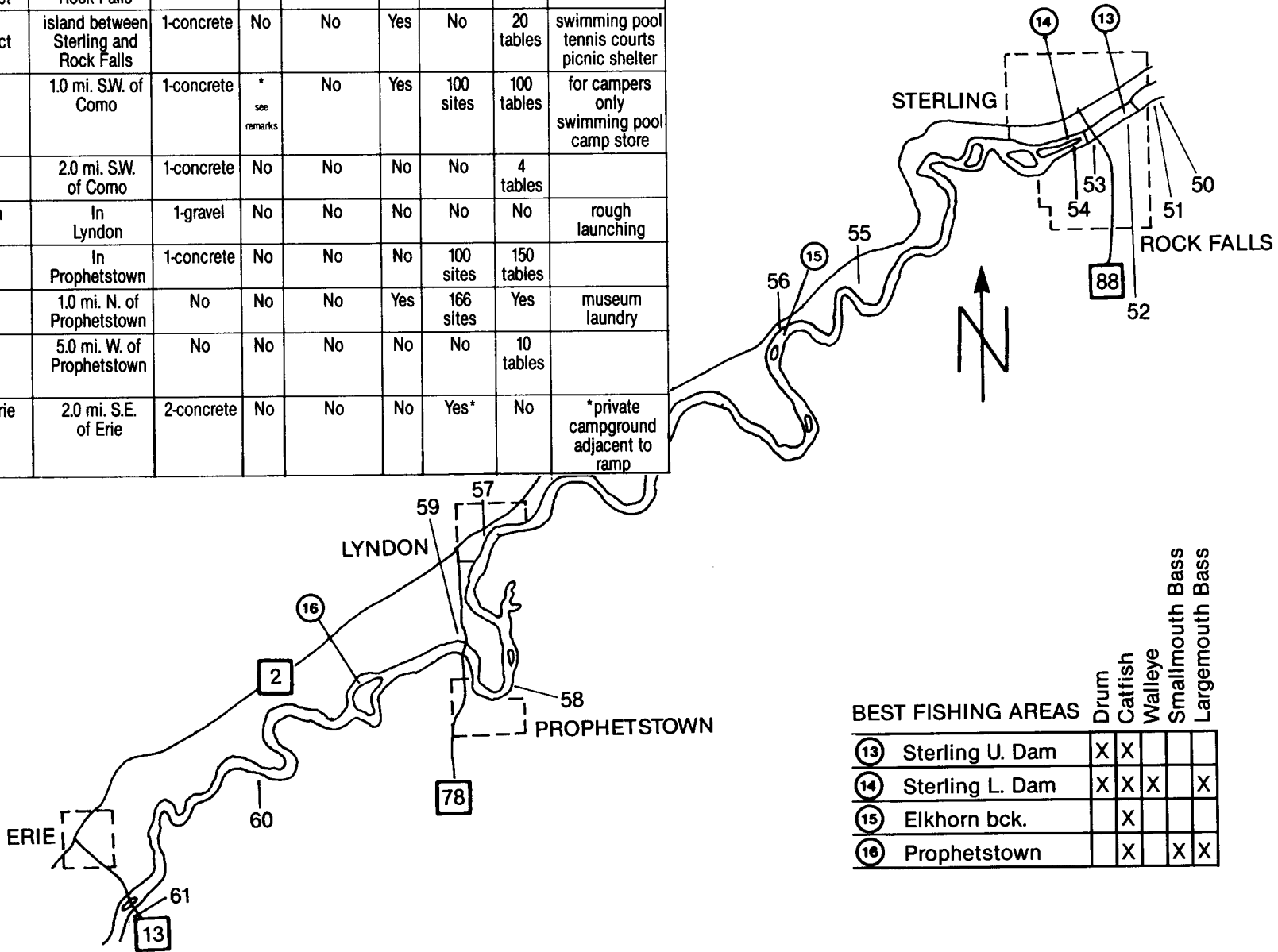
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50	Inland Marine	Private	0.5 mi. E. of Rock Falls	1-concrete	\$2.50	No	No	No	No	No	boat storage, repair & fuel
51	Martin Road Access	disputed - see remarks	0.5 mi. E. of Rock Falls	2-concrete	No	No	No	No	No	No	short ramp tears up trailers - no one wants to repair
52	Sewards Riverside Park	Coloma Park District	In Rock Falls	1-gravel	No	No	No	No	No	No	
53	Lower Dam Park	Coloma Park District	In Rock Falls	1-concrete	No	No	No	No	No	No	
54	Lawrence Park	Sterling Park District	island between Sterling and Rock Falls	1-concrete	No	No	Yes	No	20 tables		swimming pool tennis courts picnic shelter
55	Crow Valley Campground	Private	1.0 mi. SW. of Como	1-concrete	*	No	Yes	100 sites	100 tables		for campers only swimming pool camp store
56	Roadside Park	State of Illinois	2.0 mi. SW. of Como	1-concrete	No	No	No	No	4 tables		
57	Lyndon Access Area	Unknown	In Lyndon	1-gravel	No	No	No	No	No	No	rough launching
58	Prophetstown State Park	State of Illinois	In Prophetstown	1-concrete	No	No	No	100 sites	150 tables		
59	Land's End Campground	Private	1.0 mi. N. of Prophetstown	No	No	No	Yes	166 sites	Yes		museum laundry
60	Big Bend Conservation Area	State of Illinois	5.0 mi. W. of Prophetstown	No	No	No	No	No	10 tables		
61	Erie Boat Ramp	Town of Erie	2.0 mi. S.E. of Erie	2-concrete	No	No	No	Yes*	No		*private campground adjacent to ramp

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62	Lundeen's Landing	Private	5 mi. E. of Silvis	1-concrete	\$2	No	Yes	50 sites	Yes	grocery store & game room	
63	Lock 29 - Hennepin Canal	State of Illinois	2.0 mi. W. of Green Rock	1-concrete	No	No	No	No	10 tables		
64	Green Valley Park	Moline Park District	S.E. edge of Moline	1-Rock	No	No	No	No	Yes	ball diamonds	
65	G.E. Cook Marine	Private	1.0 mi. N.E. of Quad City Airport	1-gravel	see remarks	No	No	No	No	ramp for customers only - boat repair & storage	
66	North Shore Inn	Private	In Moline	1-concrete	No	No	No	No	No	food	
67	Lock 30 - Hennepin Canal (Steel Dam)	State of Illinois	1.0 mi. N.E. of Milan	No	No	No	No	No	No		
68	Blackhawk State Park	State of Illinois	In Rock Island	No	No	No	No	No	6 tables	Indian Museum	
69	Old Power House Access	City of Rock Island	In Rock Island	No	No	No	No	No	No		
70	Lock 32 - Hennepin Canal (Big Island)	State of Illinois	4.0 mi. W. of Milan	No	No	No	No	No	No		
71	Sunset Park	Rock Island Park District	In Rock Island	5-concrete	No	No	No	No	Yes	provides boat access to Rock River mouth	

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