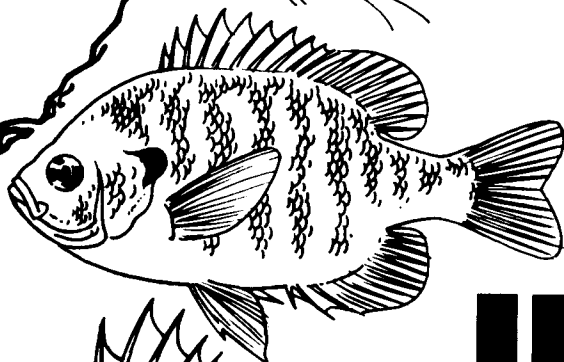
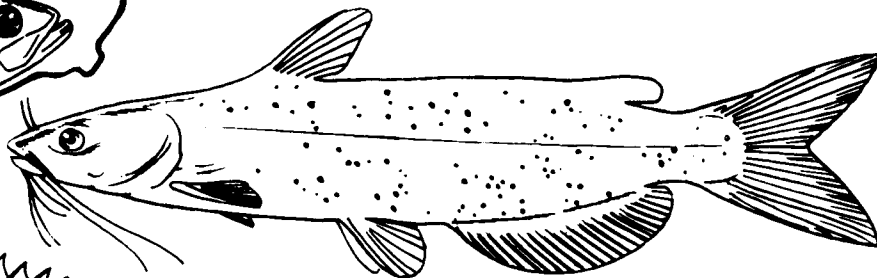
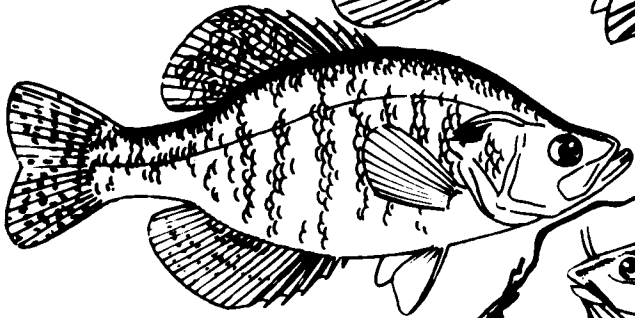
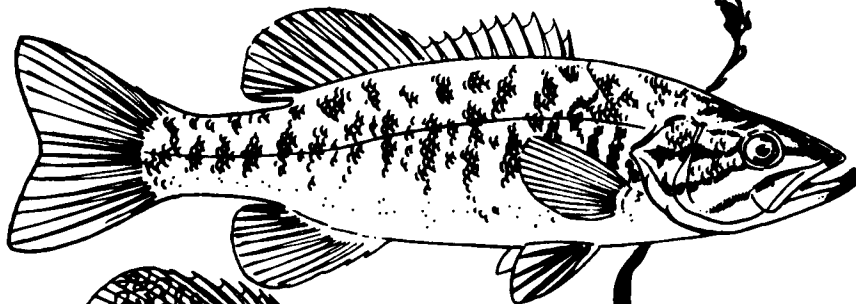
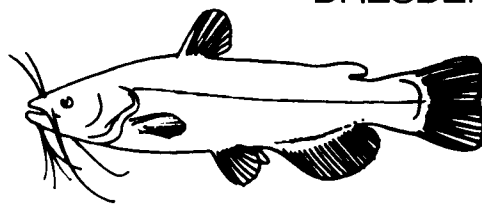
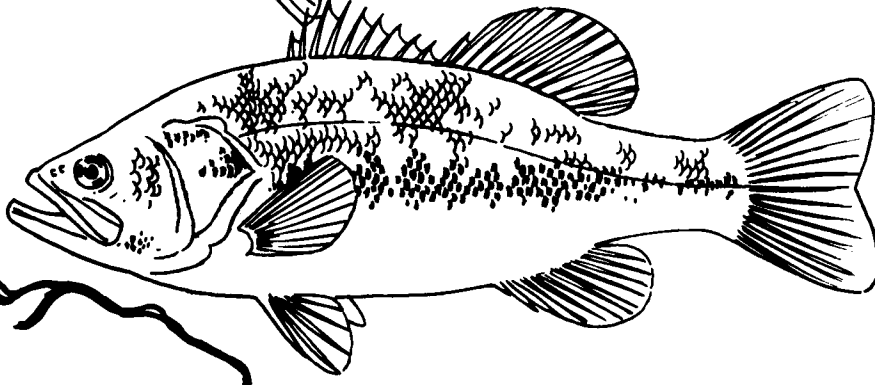


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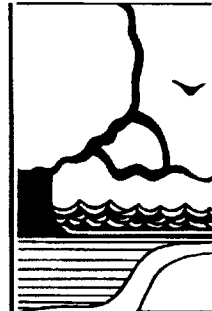


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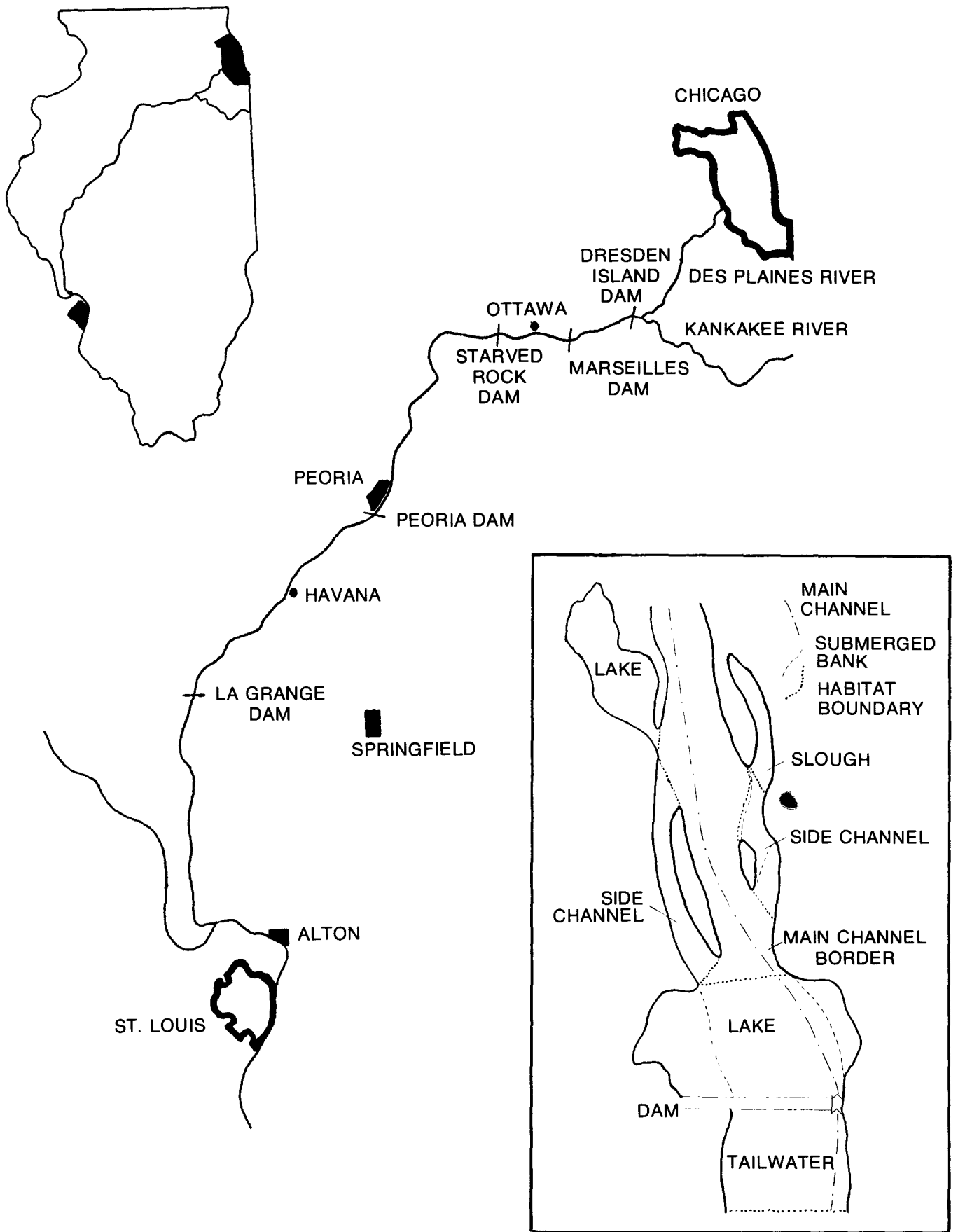


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SAFETY ON THE RIVER

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 the side channels or main channel where he may encounter strong current, wakes from tows, or whitecap waves, a stable boat is needed. A wise person would use nothing smaller than a 14' jon boat or a 12' V bottom boat with a 5 or 6 horsepower motor to navigate the open 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 tows and large pleasure craft
3. watch for ripples on the water surface indicating underwater obstruction
4. wear life vests, at least while travelling to and from the place you fish
5. avoid the areas immediately below and above navigation dams — the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ask that you stay at least 100 yards downstream and 200 yards upstream of the 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 S. 2nd St., Springfield, Illinois 62701-1787.

FISHING REGULATIONS

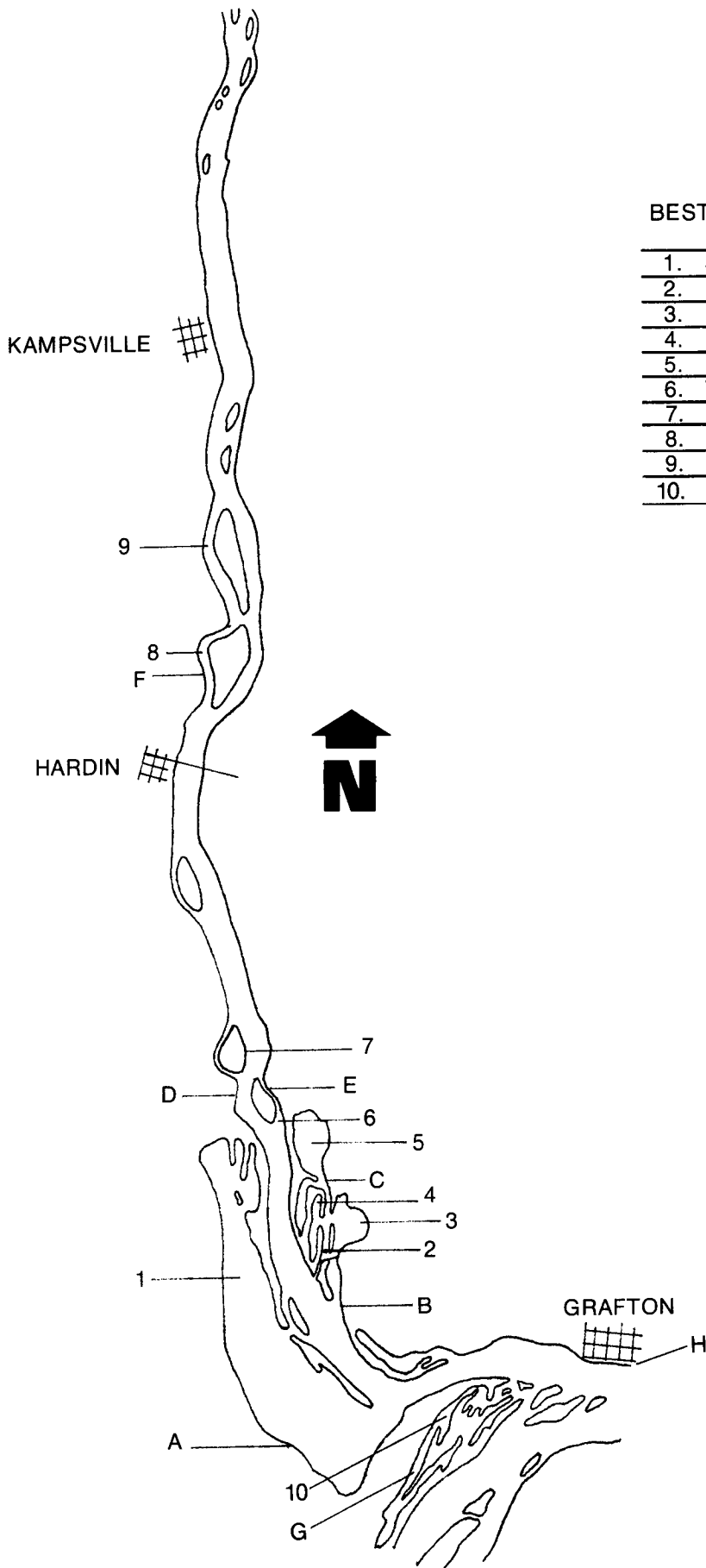
Copies of the current sport fishing regulations for the Illinois River may be obtained at local sporting goods dealers or by writing to: Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries, Lincoln Tower Plaza, 524 S. 2nd St., Springfield, Illinois 62701-1787.

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 will be updated. Access sites available to the public 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.

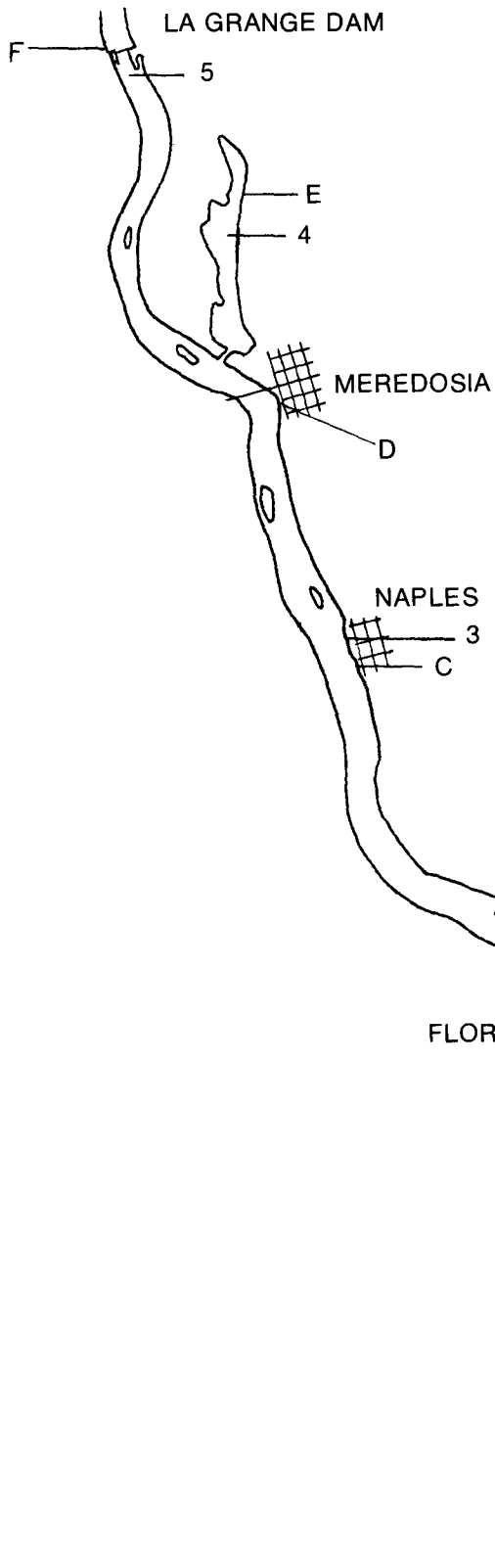


BEST FISHING AREAS

	Largemouth Bass	Bluegill	Crappie	White Bass	Catfish	Bullheads	Drum	Warmouth
1. Swan Lake		X	X					
2. Long Lake	X	X	X			X	X	X
3. Stump Lake	X	X						
4. Flat Lake	X	X	X			X		X
5. Fowler Lake		X				X	X	
6. Twelve Mi. Is.	X	X	X	X	X		X	
7. Hembold Is.			X		X		X	
8. Dark Chute	X	X	X		X			
9. Hurricane Is.	X	X	X		X			
10. Pohlman Slough	X	X		X				

ACCESS AREAS

	Ramp	Table	Toilet	Camp
A. Swan Lake	X			
B. Pere Marquette	X	X	X	X
C. Long Lake	X	X	X	
D. Hadley Ldg.	X	X	X	X
E. Glades	X	X	X	X
F. Godar-Diamond	X	X	X	X
G. Pohlman Slough	X	X	X	
H. Grafton	X		X	

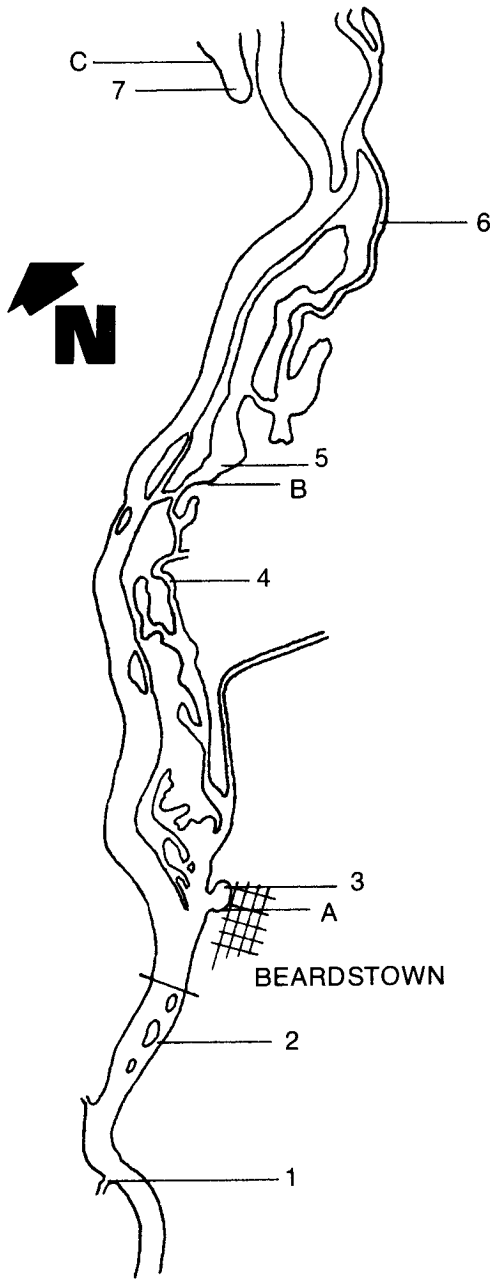


BEST FISHING AREAS

	Largemouth Bass	Bluegill	Crappie	White Bass	Catfish	Drum	Warmouth	Smallmouth Bass
1. East Pearl	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
2. Big Blue Is.	X	X		X	X	X		
3. Naples		X			X			
4. Meredosia Lake	X	X	X			X	X	
5. LaGrange Dam	X	X	X	X		X		

ACCESS AREAS

	Ramp	Table	Toilet	Camp
A. Pearl	X		X	
B. Florence	X			
C. Naples	X		X	
D. Meredosia	X		X	
E. Meredosia Lake	X			
F. LaGrange Dam	X	X	X	X

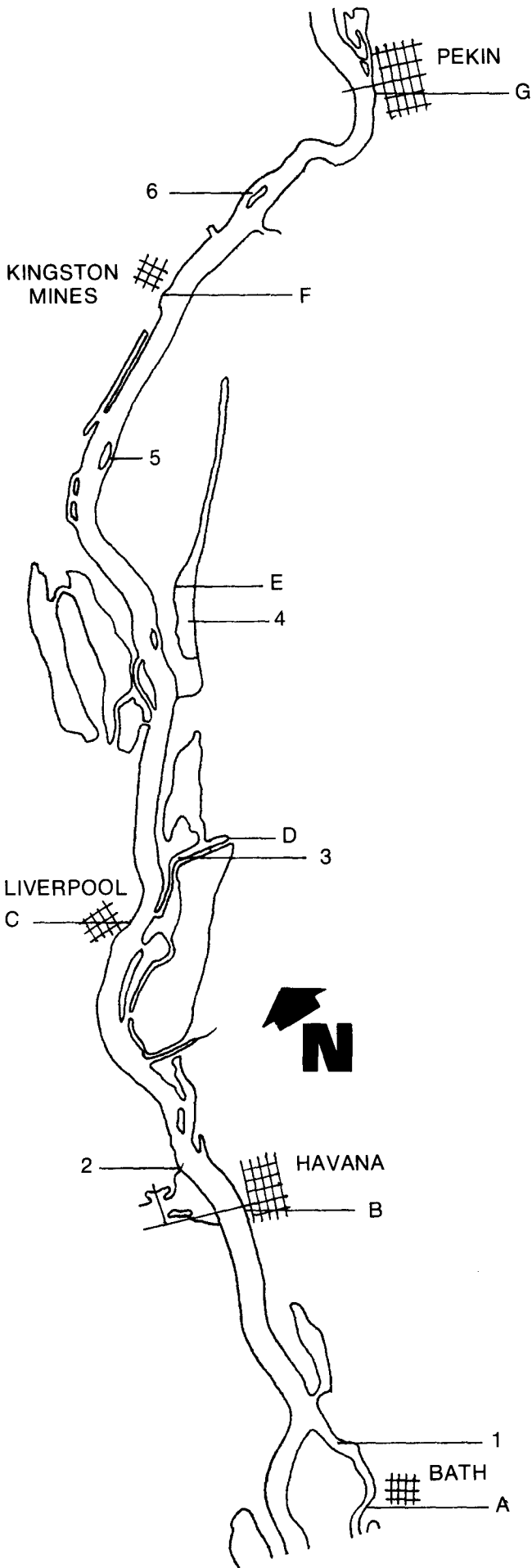


BEST FISHING AREAS

	Largemouth Bass	Bluegill	Crappie	White Bass	Catfish	Bullheads	Drum	Warmouth
1. LaMoine River		X	X	X	X		X	
2. Bar-Grape Is.				X	X			
3. Meyers Bay	X	X	X				X	X
4. Bach Slough		X	X			X		
5. Chain Lake	X	X	X					
6. Snicarte Slough	X	X	X					
7. Anderson Lake		X	X		X	X		

ACCESS AREAS

	Ramp	Table	Toilet	Camp
A. Beardstown	X	X	X	
B. Sanganois	X			
C. Anderson Lake	X	X	X	X

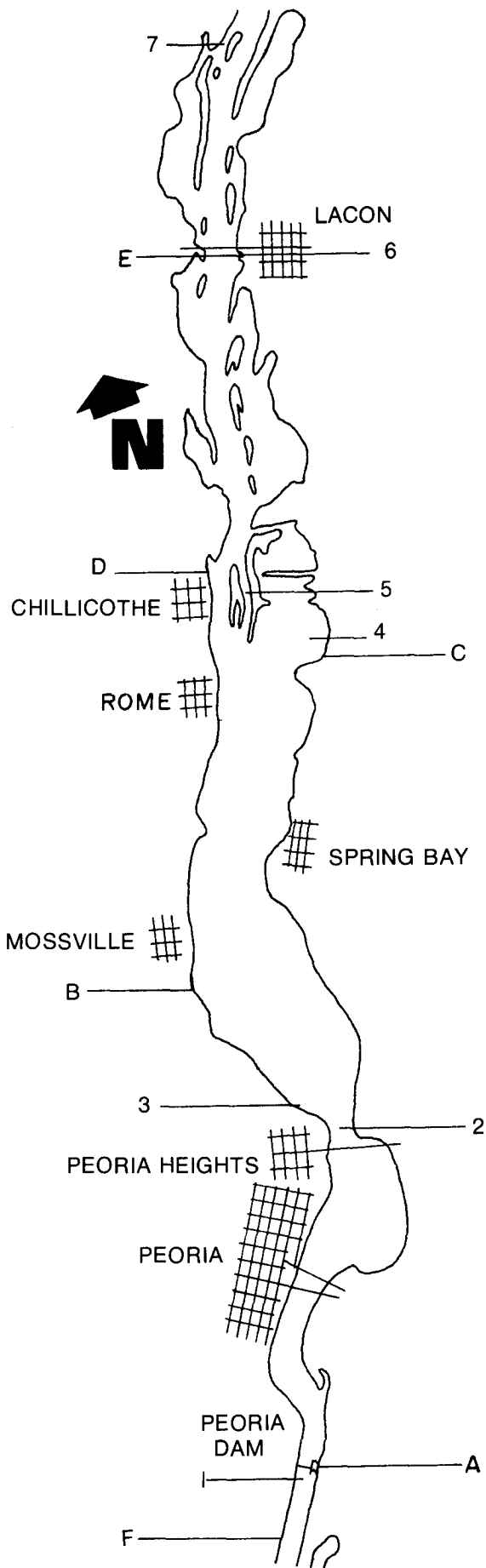


BEST FISHING AREAS

	Largemouth Bass	Bluegill	Crappie	Catfish	Drum
1. Bath Chute		X	X	X	X
2. Spoon River	X	X	X	X	
3. Meyer's Ditch	X	X	X		X
4. Spring Lake	X	X	X		X
5. Coon Hollow Is.		X		X	
6. Turkey Is.	X	X	X		

ACCESS AREAS

	Ramp	Table	Toilet	Camp
A. Bath	X			
B. Havana	X	X	X	
C. Liverpool	X	X		
D. Goofy Ridge				
E. Spring Lake	X	X	X	X
F. Kingston Ldg.	X			
G. Pekin	X			

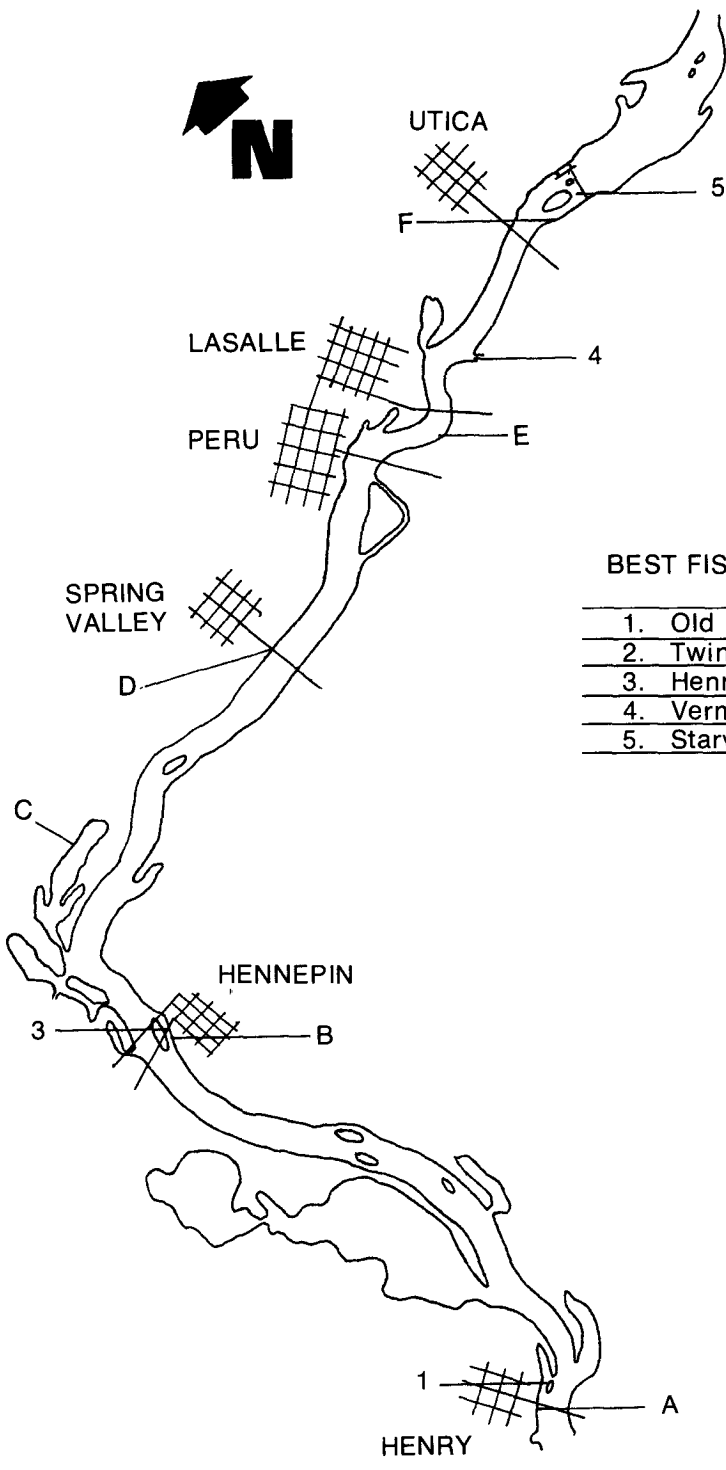


BEST FISHING AREAS

	Largemouth Bass	Bluegill	Crappie	White Bass	Catfish	Green Sunfish	Smallmouth Bass	Walleye - Sauger
1. Peoria Dam		X	X	X			X	X
2. Peoria Narrows	X			X	X	X		
3. Peoria Lake	X		X		X	X		X
4. Woodford Conserv.	X	X	X			X		
5. East River	X	X	X		X	X		
6. Lacon Harbor	X	X	X			X		
7. Henry Is.	X		X					

ACCESS AREAS

	Ramp	Table	Toilet	Camp
A. Peoria Lock	X	X		
B. Detweiler Park	X		X	
C. Woodford	X	X	X	X
D. Chillicothe	X	X		
E. Lacon	X		X	
F. Bartonville	X			



BEST FISHING AREAS

	Largemouth Bass	Bluegill	Crappie	White Bass	Catfish	Drum	Green Sunfish	Smallmouth Bass	Walleye - Sauger
1. Old Henry Lock	X						X	X	
2. Twin Sisters Is.			X	X					
3. Hennepin	X		X			X			
4. Vermilion River			X	X					
5. Starved Rock Dam	X			X	X	X		X	X

ACCESS AREAS

	Ramp	Table	Toilet	Camp
A. Henry	X	X	X	
B. Hennepin	X	X	X	X
C. DePue	X	X		
D. Spring Valley	X	X	X	
E. Peru	X		X	
F. Starved Rock	X	X	X	X

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BEST FISHING AREAS

Largemouth Bass
 Crappie
 White Bass
 Catfish
 Bullheads
 Green Sunfish
 Yellow Bass
 Smallmouth Bass
 Walleye

1. Sheehan Is.		X	X		X		
2. Covel Creek				X	X		
3. Fox River			X			X	X
4. Marseilles Dam			X	X		X	X
5. Ballard Is.				X	X		
6. Dresden Dam	X		X			X	

ACCESS AREAS

	Ramp	Table	Toilet	Camp
A. Allen Park	X	X	X	
B. Illini	X	X	X	X
C. Wm. G. Stratton	X	X	X	
D. Dresden Dam				