

Fishing Areas

The park is open 24hr/day for fishing purposes. State of Wisconsin licensing and regulations apply. Some species found in Lake Michigan require an additional permit. For more information or to obtain a license, please see the DNR's fishing information at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/>

Wheelchair-Accessible Fishing Locations

- South Entrance-Paved trail and railing area to fish right off the Milwaukee Harbor, and the south end of the lagoon.
- North Entrance-Paved trail and railing at the 'bump out' south of Discovery World.
- Fishing Dock-Located along the western path about half-way through the park

Other Fishing Locations

- Lakeshore's shoreline
- Rock Blocks-Located at the south entrance and north of the fishing dock
- Below the Park's pedestrian bridge

Please stay on the paved and cut paths when getting to your fishing location.

Eating Your Catch

Safe eating guidelines can be found in the DNR's biannual publication 'Choose Wisely' and can be picked up at the Park's brochure holders. Alternatively, these can be found online at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/consumption/index.html>

Monofilament Fishing Line

Located at the fishing dock and along the south entrance railing, you will see plastic PVC tubes with a sticker requesting your disposal of used fishing line. The monofilament line can be recycled and proper placement into these bins prevents the line from endangering the bird species at the park. Please do your part and place any excess/used fishing line into these for proper disposal.

Contact Us

If you have any questions/concerns about your visit or if you would like to share your experience or photos with us, please feel free to contact us or visit our Facebook page.

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The Friends of Lakeshore State Park partners with the WDNR and the community to establish LSP as Milwaukee's premier urban oasis. The Friends is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the park and its partners by raising funds for educational programming, events and infrastructure, as well as providing volunteers to enhance park services. To donate to this organization, please see the Friends website at FriendsLSP.org



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Fishing at Lakeshore State Park



The basin at Lakeshore State Park is directly connected to Lake Michigan. This provides accessible fishing opportunities for many of the Great Lakes fish. The shallow habitat attracts multiple fish species looking to spawn, and the ample aquatic vegetation provides protection and food source for many smaller fish species. It is a highly popular spot both for warm weather and ice fishing. What will you catch today?



Invasive Species

Most lakes and streams in Wisconsin have invasive species. Lake Michigan is home to invasive species such as the Round Goby, Zebra/Quagga Mussels and Rusty Crayfish. The invasive species rule (Wis. Adm. Code ch. NR 40) makes it illegal to possess, transport, transfer, or introduce certain invasive species in Wisconsin without a permit. If an invasive is inadvertently caught while fishing, please dispose of it on land rather than putting it back into the water. In any case, do not keep it for any purposes, especially for use as bait! To help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS), the DNR recommends several Best Management Practices including:

- Inspecting and cleaning all equipment immediately after it's removed from the water
- Remove all attached aquatic plants on-site to prevent spread to another water body
- Do not use prohibited invasive fish or crayfish as bait
- Do not introduce any non-native aquatic plant, algae or cyanobacteria into any water body
- Drain all water from any vehicle before entering and immediately after leaving a water body.

These practices are also consistent with the Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) prevention guidelines. For more information on VHS, go to <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/vhs/>

Common Lake Michigan Fish

▲ = Invasive

△ = Introduced

Acipenseridae Family

Lake Sturgeon



Centrarchidae Family

Largemouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass



Rock Bass



Bluegill



Pumpkinseed



Black Crappie



Green Sunfish



Clupeidae Family

Alewife ▲



Esocidae Family

Northern Pike



Muskellunge



Ictaluridae Family

Brown Bullhead



Channel Catfish



Flathead Catfish



Moronidae Family

Silver Bass



Yellow Bass



Percidae Family

Yellow Perch



Walleye



Salmonidae Family

Chinook Salmon △



Coho Salmon △



Rainbow Trout △



German Trout △



Brook Trout



Brown Trout △



Lake Trout



Lake Whitefish



Cisco



Gobiidae Family

Round Goby ▲



Cyprinidae

Common Carp ▲



Did you know?

There are over 170 species of fish that live in the Great Lakes! For more information on them, check out <http://www.seagrant.wisc.edu/home/Default.aspx?tabid=604>

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