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LAKE CITY
Minnesota's South Shore

FISHING GUIDE
For Lake Pepin Along the Mississippi River



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Superb Fishing All Year Round

Lake Pepin & Pool #4 Fishing Grid "Open Water"

Species	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Walleye /Sauger	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great
Pike	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great
Bass	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great
Crappie /Pan	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great
Catfish	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great
White Bass	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great	Great

Key = Great Fishing Good Fishing

The out-wash of Wisconsin's Chippewa River basin into the Great Mississippi River forms 20 mile-long Lake Pepin. Over 85 species of game fish can be angled year round in these boundary waters. Lake City has nearly 7 miles of shoreline along Lake Pepin offering many opportunities for shore fishing as well as 2 designated trout streams, Gilbert and Miller Creeks. From boat or shore – whether you like bobber fishing, jigging, trolling, or casting, trophy-size lunkers are possible rewards.



Lake Pepin—the largest lake on the Mississippi River.

Lake Pepin is 21 miles long, averages 1.7 miles wide and covers 29,295 acres. It has a maximum depth of 60 feet and an average depth of 21 feet.¹ Since 1991, 89 species have been identified by the Lake City Long Term Resource Monitoring Program. It is part of Pool 4 which extends from Lock and Dam (LD) 3 near Red Wing, MN to LD 4 downstream at Alma, WI.

Source:
¹ <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/areas/fisheries/lakecity/pepin.html>



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Bass Fishing

Lake Pepin offers fantastic Small Mouth Bass fishing in all seasons. Fish the many rip rap areas and points with plastics, crankbaits and spinners. Please practice catch and release on these fish. The lakes true potential can only be realized with voluntary release of these fish.

Pike Fishing

Fish the many shoreline weed beds in all seasons. During the summer target the mouths of the many cold water tributaries that enter the lake. Trophy pike often lay in the cooler waters that these streams provide.

White Bass Fishing

Fish the many points of the lake for whites. Watch for feeding gulls as an indicator for surface feeding white bass.

Lake City Area Public Landings

- 1 Florence Township Public Landing:**
Old Frontenac, MN
Concrete slab landing with limited parking.
- 2 Hok-Si-La Park Landing:**
Lake City, MN
Concrete slab landing, docks, and picnic area with ample parking.
- 3 Roschen Park Landing:**
Lake City, MN
Concrete slab landing, docks, fish cleaning facility and picnic area with ample parking.

Lake City also offers a full service marina, fee landing and docking for small and large boats with daily and overnight rates.

Walleye/Sauger Fishing

- 1 Bay City Flats**
Look for this area to hold numbers of post-spawn walleyes/saugers in the spring. Fish use this area to recover from the rigors of spawning.
- 2 Head of the Lake**
This area can hold fish throughout the entire season. Pay close attention to the bouy line where the river meets the lake as the fish tend to congregate in this area.
- 3 Point-No-Point**
The sharp drop and rock bottom make this a good area to vertical jig the entire season.
- 4 Rush River Delta and Flats**
The cold water from the Rush River can concentrate fish in this area. Work the expanse of the Flat, the off-shore drop-off and also the deeper off-shore water as walleye/sauger will sometimes suspend in this location.
- 5 Pine Creek Flats**
Fish the Pine Creek Delta and adjacent drop-off all summer.
- 6 Long Point**
Fish the 10 to 15 ft breaks in this area from early summer through winter.
- 7 Maiden Rock**
Fish the area from above the daymark to the point below. This area offers many deep water breaks that can hold fish.
- 8 Hok-Si-La**
Fish the 10-12 ft breaks in this area. This area is very accessible by the public landing nearby.
- 9 Lake City**
Fish the entire area above and below Lake City in all seasons. One of the best areas is the deep water drop-off located a stones throw from the Roschen Park landing.
- 10 2nd Creek**
Fish the area above and below the point and delta formed by 2nd Creek. Also, during periods of high water, cast jigs into flooded willows on the point.
- 11 Deer Island**
Fish the area from Bogus Point to below Deer Lake in the summer and fall. Pay close attention to the underwater sand point that extends out into the lake in this area. It generally holds fish.
- 12 Maple Springs**
Fish the area above King's Point to below Maple Springs. You can fish the pier as you would a wing dam, troll the flats at Maple Springs and rig or jig the deep water drop.
- 13 The Willows**
This area has the ability to produce fish all season. Work the sand flat adjacent tot he willows on the WI side, the mid-channel drop and the rip rap on the MN side.

Recent Angling Showcases

**2021 Cabela's MWC
World Walleye Championship**

**2024 Minnesota Governor's
Fishing Opener**