

Wisconsin

TROUT FISHING

2008-2009

Regulations and Guide



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Dear Trout Anglers,

Thanks for choosing to trout fish in Wisconsin and supporting our programs by purchasing a fishing license and trout stamp. Your investment allows us to improve habitat and conduct management activities so that Wisconsin can continue to offer the best trout fishing in the Midwest.

It has been a year of contrasts in Wisconsin that have affected trout fishing. The good news is that we were able to increase our trout habitat restoration and maintenance program thanks to the fee increase. Maintenance is becoming a larger part of our program as some of our habitat work ages or is affected by the changes of weather and stream flows. Please help us by contacting the local fisheries biologist if you notice habitat that needs maintenance.

Weather played a big role in stream flows in the state in 2007. Parts of central and northern Wisconsin experienced continued low flows due to lack of precipitation, and in some cases, groundwater withdrawals. Groundwater models developed by the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point showed that groundwater pumping plays a large role in reduced stream flows in the Little Plover River, a class 1 trout stream in Portage County. Hopefully, the integrated advisory group that is meeting will come up with solutions that are acceptable to all parties and will maintain healthy stream flows.

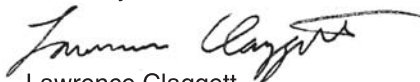
Record rainfalls in August caused flooding in the southwest. The areas where we have recently done stream work showed little damage, because the banks had been tapered to allow high water to overflow and dissipate its energy.

Good news for the driftless area was the acceptance of this area as one of the first National Fish Habitat Action Plan projects. That will mean increased attention and funding for restoration of southwest streams. For more information visit the web site: www.tu.org/driftless.

The VHS virus was found in Lake Michigan and Lake Winnebago in the spring of 2007. This deadly virus has not been detected in other waters at least in part due our aggressive approach to halt its spread. As I hope you know, our rules now apply statewide and require that no one remove water or live fish from any body of water in the state. For more information see our web site: www.fishingwisconsin.org. Although these rules affected our hatchery and wild fish programs, we are working to continue stocking healthy and vibrant trout in waters that need them to provide a fishery.

Thanks for your support of our trout management in Wisconsin and I hope 2008 brings good fishing to all.

Sincerely,



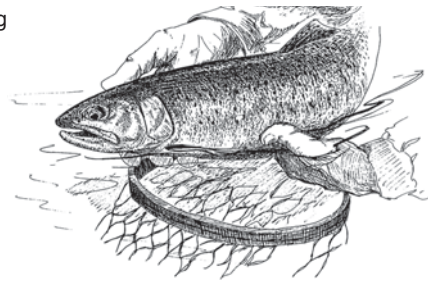
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Practice these CPR steps to give the trout you release their best chance of survival

Consider Proper Release

Survival of Re-
leased Trout is in
Your Hands

1. **Don't play fish to exhaustion.** Instead, use a landing net to bring fish under control before they're played out.
2. **Handle fish in the net.** Grasp them across the back and head for firm but gentle control.
3. **Turn fish belly up while removing hooks.** This disorients fish momentarily for easier, quicker handling.
4. **Don't remove swallowed hooks.** Just cut the line next to the fish's mouth.
5. **Don't keep fish out of the water more than 10-15 seconds.** Fragile gills are damaged after that, especially in cold weather.



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Your Guide to Regulations and Better Trout Fishing

This guide is specific to inland (including streams that flow into the Great Lakes) trout fishing. For general fishing rules, which also apply to trout fishing, refer to the 2008–2009 Guide to Wisconsin Hook and Line Fishing Regulations (Publication FH-301 2008). The regulations in this pamphlet are effective March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. Note: New rules prohibit transporting any live fish or water away from any water of the state. For more information, see the 2008-2009 Guide to Wisconsin Hook and Line Fishing Regulations.

It is illegal

- to fish without a Wisconsin fishing license or stamp as required. You must have an inland trout stamp if you need a fishing license and intend to fish for trout in inland waters, including streams flowing into Lake Superior. You need a Great Lakes trout and salmon stamp to fish for trout and salmon in streams that flow into Green Bay and Lake Michigan from their mouths up to the first dam or lake (including specific waters listed above).
- to fish for any species of fish in trout streams when the trout season is closed except that rough fish may be taken by hand.
- to use or release minnows on rehabilitated trout lakes that are identified with posted signs.
- to possess any live bait or any other baits, hooks or lures other than artificial lures while on the waters, banks or shores of waters where only the use of artificial lures is allowed.
- to remove insect larvae from any trout stream or spring hole tributary to a trout stream for use or sale as bait except that a licensed angler may take insect larvae or nymphs from trout streams by hand during the open trout season for their immediate personal use as bait in the stream from which taken and all such larvae or nymphs must be returned to the stream prior to leaving the stream from which taken. By hand means no use of small seines or nets or other devices.

Seasons and Possession Limits

- The **regular open season** for all waters, including lakes, is May 3 at 5:00 a.m. through September 30 except as listed in the specific waters listed by county.
- While on the water, bank, or shore you may only possess the number and size of fish allowed for that portion of water. You may fish more than one water in a day but may not possess more than the daily bag and size limits for the water you are on. The total number of fish you may have at home or camp from all waters fished is 10 trout, of which only 5 can be a combined total of browns and rainbows, except for streams that flow into the Great Lakes. For streams that flow into Lake Michigan and Lake Superior the possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.
- There is an **early catch and release season** for trout from March 1, 2008 at 5:00 a.m. until April 27 at midnight on the waters listed in 1 through 19 below:
- The daily bag limit and possession limit for trout during this period is 0 (all trout caught shall be immediately released) and only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used while fishing for any species of fish on trout streams during this early season. The early season does not apply to spring ponds, ponds, lakes, Lake Michigan tributaries, major Green Bay tributaries, all other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake, or streams flowing into Lake Superior and their tributaries upstream to the first impassible barrier.

Early Season Streams Open

1. All streams in Adams, Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Dunn, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Ozaukee, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Racine, Richland, Rock, Rusk, St. Croix, Sauk, Sawyer, Sheboygan, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washburn, Washington, Waukesha and Wood Counties.
2. Ashland county—All streams except streams and their tributaries flowing into Lake Superior upstream to the first impassible barrier.
3. Bayfield county—All streams except streams and their tributaries flowing into Lake Superior upstream to the first impassible barrier and the White river and its tributaries upstream from Pike River Road bridge.
4. Douglas county—All streams except streams and their tributaries flowing into Lake Superior upstream to the first impassible barrier.
5. Florence county—Pine river.
6. Forest county—Peshtigo river downstream from U.S. highway 8, Pine river downstream from STH 55, and Rat river downstream from Scattered Rice lake.
7. Iron county—All streams except streams and their tributaries flowing into Lake Superior upstream to the first impassible barrier.
8. Langlade county—Wolf river.
9. Lincoln county—All streams west of STH 51 and Prairie river downstream from CTH J.
10. Marathon county—Black creek (mouth at T27N R7E S4), Black creek (T30N,R3E), Grass creek, McGinnes creek, Fourmile creek, Noisy creek, and Plover river from STH 29 downstream to STH 153.
11. Marinette county—North branch Peme Bon Won river downstream from STH 141, Peshtigo river upstream from CTH C, Pike river between CTH V and CTH K, and Rat river.
12. Marquette county—Chaffee creek downstream from CTH B, Klawitter creek, Lawrence creek, Lunch creek, Mecan river upstream from STH 22, Neenah creek, O'Keefe creek, Wedde creek and Westfield creek.
13. Oconto county—North branch Oconto river downstream from STH 64 and south branch Oconto river downstream from CTH AA.
14. Oneida county—All streams west of STH 51 and Bearskin creek.
15. Portage county—Ditches 1 through 6 downstream from Townline road and Tomorrow river from Amherst downstream to Durant road.
16. Shawano county—Middle branch Embarrass river from Homme dam to STH 29, north branch Embarrass river from Tilleda dam downstream to Leopold dam and Red river downstream from lower Red Lake dam.
17. Vilas county—Mishonagon creek.
18. Waupaca county—North branch Little Wolf river from CTH P to CTH J, south branch Little Wolf river, and Waupaca river from Frost Valley road to STH 54.
19. Waushara county—Carter creek, Leola ditch, Mecan river downstream from 11th Road, Pine river downstream from CTH K to Poy Sippi pond, Roche-a-Cri creek, Willow creek from Blackhawk Road to 29th Lane, and White river from STH 21 to lower White River mill-pond.

Lake Michigan Streams

Except as otherwise specified, all streams flowing into Lake Michigan and Green Bay have the following regulations from their mouths upstream to the first dam or lake; including the Little River from its confluence with the Oconto River upstream to the STH 141 bridge; the entire Kewaunee River and its tributaries except Little Scarboro Creek, Scarboro Creek, Roger Creek and Casco Creek; the Milwaukee River upstream to the Grafton Dam in the village of Grafton and tributaries of the Milwaukee River upstream to the first dam or lake; the Menomonee River upstream to the Lepper Dam in the village of Menomonee Falls and tributaries of the Menomonee River upstream to the first dam or lake; and the Pike River and its tributaries in Kenosha and Racine counties:

Open season: all year on Lake Michigan tributaries and the following stream sections of Green Bay tributaries: Duck Creek (Brown Co.), from the first dam above the Pamperin Park footbridge (Village of Howard) downstream to Green Bay; Suamico River (Brown Co.), from the CTH "HS" bridge downstream to Green Bay; East River (Brown Co.), from the CTH "XX" (Hoffman Road) bridge downstream to the Fox River; Little Suamico River (Oconto Co.), from the CTH "J" bridge downstream to Green Bay; Pensaukee River (Oconto Co.), from the CTH "J" bridge downstream to Green Bay; Oconto River (Oconto Co.), from the Stiles dam downstream to Green Bay; Little River (Oconto Co.), from the Highway 141 bridge downstream to the Oconto River; Little River (Marinette Co.), from the Rader Road bridge downstream to Green Bay; and Peshtigo River (Marinette Co.), from the Peshtigo dam downstream to Green Bay. (**NOTE:** there is no hook and line fishing allowed for any species on all other Green Bay and Fox River tributaries and ditches, including tributaries to the above streams, from their mouth up to the first dam or lake from the first Sunday in March to the first Saturday in May. The open season on other Green Bay tributaries is from the first Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March.

Open season for lake trout: March 1 through October 31 on Lake Michigan tributaries and the following stream sections of Green Bay tributaries: Duck Creek (Brown Co.), from the first dam above the Pamperin Park footbridge (Village of Howard) downstream to Green Bay; Suamico River (Brown Co.), from the CTH "HS" bridge downstream to Green Bay; East River (Brown Co.), from the CTH "XX" (Hoffman Road) bridge downstream to the Fox River; Little Suamico River (Oconto Co.), from the CTH "J" bridge downstream to Green Bay; Pensaukee River (Oconto Co.), from the CTH "J" bridge downstream to Green Bay; Oconto River (Oconto Co.), from the Stiles dam downstream to Green Bay; Little River (Oconto Co.), from the Highway 141 bridge downstream to the Oconto River; Little River (Marinette Co.), from the Rader Road bridge downstream to Green Bay; and Peshtigo River (Marinette Co.), from the Peshtigo dam downstream to Green Bay. The season for lake trout on all other Green Bay tributaries and ditches including tributaries to the sections of above named streams is the first Saturday in May to October 31.

Daily bag limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 may be lake trout
Size limit: 10"

Hours: From September 15 to May 3, hook and line fishing is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise in all tributaries except the Peshtigo River from the mouth upstream to the first railroad bridge and the Oconto River and its tributaries. This restriction does apply to the Little river downstream from Highway 141.

From September 15 to December 31, fishing by any method prohibited from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise on all tributaries and ditches to Green Bay and Lake Michigan including the Peshtigo River upstream from the first railroad bridge to the first dam, and the Little River downstream from Highway 141.

Lake Superior Streams

(all are located in Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas and Iron Counties)

All streams flowing into Lake Superior have the following regulations from their mouths upstream to the first impassable permanent barrier unless listed in specific waters listed by county:

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30

Daily bag limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

Size and Bag Limits

To determine the regulations where you will be fishing, follow these steps:

1. Find the county in which you intend to fish.
2. In the listing for that county, locate the lake or stream you intend to fish (listed alphabetically) to determine the regulation category.
3. If the lake or stream is not listed, refer to the category listed immediately following the county name for "all waters not listed."
4. Refer to the regulation key below to determine size and bag limits for categories 2-4. Read the special regulations if category 5 applies.

Trout Regulations Key

The table below shows you the regulation categories that are listed in the specific waters listed by county. Each number (or color on the map) means a different size and bag limit.

Category Number	Category Color	Minimum Size	Daily Bag
2	Yellow	7 inches	5
3	Green	9 inches	3
4	Blue	Brown and rainbow trout—12 inches; Brook trout—8 inches	3
5	Red	Special regulations—size and bag limits vary by specific water—see specific waters listed by county	

Abbreviations and Explanations:

- STH = state highway CTH = county highway
USH = United States highway
- "Artificial lure" means a spoon, spinner, plug or other fish bait made of hair, feathers, cork, wood, rubber, metal, plastic or other synthetic materials, or combinations of these materials. An "artificial lure" may not include natural or organic food stuffs such as corn, marshmallows, dough, cheese, meat, living or dead organisms or parts thereof, except hair, feathers, cork, wood and rubber.
- Urban waters are lakes and ponds which are intensively and cooperatively managed with a municipality. They are posted with signs and have a large part of the shoreline open for public access. A complete list is available from the Southeast Regional office. Only persons under age 16 or who have certain disabilities may fish in urban waters from March 8 to April 25.
- Some waters have seasons, size and bag limits for trout, but are not designated trout streams.
- Most tribal or federal lands located within Native American reservations are not open for recreational use. Access to streams or lakes on Native American reservations must be with the permission of the landowner or from lands open to the public such as public roads. Entering or fishing from tribal lands could subject you to tribal or federal trespass laws.

Specific Waters Listed By County

ADAMS

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2
BIG ROCHE A CRI CREEK—Big Roche a Cri Lake upstream to CTH W—Category 4
DEEP LAKE—Category 3
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
EAST CASTLE ROCK DITCH—Category 3
FAIRBANKS CREEK—Category 4
FORDHAM CREEK—Category 5
Daily Bag and Size Limit: 5 trout under 8", or 4 trout under 8" & 1 over 12"
JORDAN LAKE—Category 3
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
LITTLE ROCHE A CRI CREEK—Category 5
Daily Bag and Size Limit: 5 trout under 8", or 4 trout under 8" & 1 over 12"
NEENAH CREEK (UPPER)—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout
Size Limit: 14"
Gear Restrictions: Only artificial lures may be used
PARKER LAKE—Category 3
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
WHITE CREEK (CAMPBELL)—CTH Z upstream to Easton dam—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout
Size Limit: 15"
WOLF LAKE—Category 3
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

ASHLAND

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Lake Superior that are not listed see the regulations under Lake Superior Streams on page 2.
BAD RIVER—Downstream from Devil's Gate—Category 5
Open Season: March 29 to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12" & rainbow trout 26"
BEAVER LAKE—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
BRUNSWEILLER RIVER—Downstream from STH 13—Category 5
Open Season: March 29 to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12" & rainbow trout 26"
CAMMERER LAKE—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
DEVIL'S CREEK—Category 3
FRAMES CREEK—Category 3
MARENGO RIVER—Downstream from STH 13—Category 5
Open Season: March 29 to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12" & rainbow trout 26"
POLE LAKE—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
POTATO RIVER—Category 5
Open Season: March 29 to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12" & rainbow trout 26"
SPRING BROOK—Category 3

- WABOO CREEK—Category 3
WHITE RIVER—Downstream from White River dam—Category 5
Open Season: March 29 to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12" & rainbow trout 26"

BARRON

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2
BEAVER DAM LAKE—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout
Size limit: 26"
BRILL RIVER—Category 4
CONNORS CREEK—Category 4
HAY RIVER—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout
Size Limit 15"
LITTLE GRANITE LAKE—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
LITTLE VANCE CREEK—Category 4
SOUTH FORK HAY RIVER—Category 4
SILVER LAKE—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
UPPER PINE CREEK—Downstream from Dallas Flowage—Category 4
VANCE CREEK—Category 4

BAYFIELD

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Lake Superior that are not listed see the regulations under Lake Superior Streams on page 2.
BALSAM POND—Category 2
Open Season: Closed in 2008. Open in odd-numbered years only.
BARK RIVER AND ALL ITS TRIBUTARIES—Category 5
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15", only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout, and all brook trout caught shall be immediately released
Size Limit: brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"
BEAVER LAKE—Category 2
Closed in 2008. Open in odd-numbered years only.
BONO CREEK—Category 5
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"
BOYD CREEK—Category 5
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"
CAP CREEK—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
CRANBERRY RIVER—Downstream from Lenawee Road (S28, T50N, R7W)—Category 5
Open Season: March 29 to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"
FISH CREEK (NORTH FORK)—Downstream from Pine Creek (S13, T47N, R6W)—Category 5
Open Season: March 29 to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

FLAG RIVER—Downstream from East Fork of Flag River—Category 5
 Open Season: March 29 to November 15
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
 Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

IRON RIVER—Downstream from the sea lamprey barrier at the former site of the Orienta Dam—Category 5
 Open Season: March 29 to November 15
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
 Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

IRON RIVER—Upstream from the sea lamprey barrier at the former site of the Orienta Dam—Category 3

IRON RIVER (EAST FORK)—Downstream from Sorenson Road—Category 3

LITTLE SIOUX RIVER—downstream from falls in NE1/4 of the NE1/4, S13, T49N, R5W—Category 5
 Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
 Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

LITTLE STAR LAKE—Category 2
 Open Season: Closed in 2008. Open in odd-numbered years only.

LONG LAKE BRANCH OF WHITE RIVER—Downstream from Taylor Lane—Category 5
 Daily Bag and Size Limit: 3 trout over 9", only 1 brown trout over 15"

NAMEKAGON RIVER—Downstream to Pacawong dam (Sawyer County)—Category 3

NYMPHIA LAKE—Category 2
 Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, 2008. Closed in odd-numbered years.

ONION RIVER—Downstream from Lake Superior district Power Company power line (S6, T49N, R4W)—Category 5
 Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
 Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

OVERBY LAKE (BLAISDELL LAKE)—Category 2
 Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, 2008. Closed in odd-numbered years.

PERCH LAKE—Category 2
 Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

PIKES CREEK—Downstream from the Red Dam—Category 5
 Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
 Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

PINE CREEK—Downstream from junction with Little Pine Creek (S11,T47N,R6W)—Category 5
 Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
 Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

SCHULTZ SPRINGS—Category 5
 Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
 Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

SIOUX RIVER—Downstream from Big Rock Falls (S19, T49N, R4W)—Category 5
 Open Season: March 29 to November 15
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
 Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

SISKIWIWIT RIVER—Downstream from second bridge from mouth (S35, T51N, R6W)—Category 5
 Open Season: March 29 to November 15
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
 Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

SPRING LAKE (S28, T44N, R9W)—Category 2
 Open Season: Closed in 2008. Open in odd-numbered years only.

WANOKA LAKE—Category 2
 Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

WHITE RIVER—Upstream from Pikes Bridge—Category 2
 Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30

WHITE RIVER—Downstream from Pikes Bridge to White River Dam—Category 5
 Daily Bag and Size Limit: 3 trout over 9", only 1 brown trout over 15"

WHITE RIVER (EAST FORK)—Category 2
 Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30

WHITE RIVER (SOUTH FORK & SPRINGS)—Category 2
 Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30

WHITE RIVER (UNNAMED TRIBUTARIES)—Category 2
 Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30

WHITE RIVER (WEST FORK)—Category 2
 Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30

WHITTLESEY CREEK AND ALL ITS TRIBUTARIES—Downstream from Town Hall Road—Category 5
 Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15", only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout, and all brook trout caught shall be immediately released
 Size Limit: brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

BROWN

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Green Bay see regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on page 2.

HALLER CREEK—Category 5
 Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout
 Size Limit: None

BUFFALO

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3

CENTER CREEK—Category 4

GILMANTON POND—Category 2

LITTLE BEAR—Category 4

LITTLE BEAR (NORTH BRANCH)—Category 4

MIRROR LAKE—Category 2
 Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

NEWTON VALLEY CREEK—Category 4

NORWEGIAN VALLEY CREEK—Category 4

OWEN VALLEY CREEK—Category 4

SPRING CREEK—Category 4

TAMARACK (MODENA) CREEK—Upstream from CTH J (S23, T23N, R12W)—Category 3

TRAVERSE VALLEY CREEK—Category 4

UNAMED CREEK 5-9—Category 4

WAUMANDEE CREEK (BIG)—Upstream from CTH U (S25, T22N, R11W)—Category 4

WAUMANDEE CREEK (LITTLE)—Upstream from CTH E at Cream—Category 4

WEISENBECK VALLEY CREEK—Category 4

BURNETT

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

CLAM RIVER (NORTH FORK)—Washburn County line downstream to Clam Lake—Category 5
 Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total
 Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

- CLAM RIVER (SOUTH FORK)—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total
Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"
- CLAM RIVER SPRINGS—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total
Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"
- INDIAN CREEK—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total
Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"
- KRANTZ CREEK—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total
Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"
- SAND CREEK—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total
Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"
- SPENCER CREEK—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total
Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"
- SPRING BROOK—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total
Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

CALUMET

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2
ROUND LAKE—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

CHIPPEWA

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 4
BIG ELK CREEK—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 3
Size Limit: 8"
- BRADLEY LAKE—Category 3
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
- DARK LAKE—Category 3
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
- DUNCAN CREEK—Upstream from Bloomer Dam—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout under 10", or 4 trout under 10" and 1 over 14"
- DUNCAN CREEK—Downstream of Bloomer Dam—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 3
Size Limit: 8"
Open for fishing warmwater fish consistent with warmwater seasons
- ELK CREEK—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout under 10", or 2 under 10" and 1 over 14"
- HAY CREEK (WOODMOHR TOWNSHIP)—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 3
Size Limit: 8"
- HENNEMAN LAKE—Category 3
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
- UNNAMED CREEK 35-12—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout under 10", or 2 under 10" and 1 over 14"
- UNNAMED CREEK 5-16—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 3
Size Limit: 8"
- UNNAMED CREEK 17-11—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 3
Size Limit: 8"
- UNNAMED CREEK 33-15—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 3
Size Limit: 8"

CLARK

- ALL WATERS—Category 2

COLUMBIA

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3

- LODI SPRING CREEK—Lodi sewer plant downstream to first STH 113 bridge—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout
Size Limit: 15"
- ROWLEY CREEK—Category 4

CRAWFORD

- ALL WATERS—Category 3
BOYDTOWN CREEK (S2, T7N, R4W)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- BUCK CREEK (S22, T10N, R6W)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- DUCHARME CREEK (S18, T18N, R6W)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- PICATEE CREEK (S25, T8N, R7W)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- UNNAMED CREEK 1-3 (S1, T7N, R7W)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- UNNAMED CREEK 2-15 (S2, T9N, R6W)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- UNNAMED CREEK 33-8 (S33, T9N, R6W)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

DANE

- ALL STREAMS NOT LISTED—Category 3
ALL LAKES AND PONDS—Category 3—All Dane County lakes and ponds have an open season from January 1 to September 30
- BLACK EARTH CREEK—Park Street immediately east of the village of Black Earth upstream to South Valley Road.—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- MOUNT VERNON CREEK—Posted area between CTH U and STH 92—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

DODGE

- ALL WATERS—Category 3

DOOR

- ALL WATERS—Category 2—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan and Green Bay see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.

DOUGLAS

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Lake Superior that are not listed see the regulations under Lake Superior Streams on page 2.
- AMNICON RIVER—Downstream from Amnicon Falls—Category 5
Open Season: March 29 to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

BRULE RIVER—Downstream from USH 2—Category 5

Fishing hours: fishing prohibited from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise from March 29 to May 3 and from October 1 to November 15, and from 12:01 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. May 3

Open Season: March 29 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

BRULE RIVER—CTH S downstream to CTH B—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 10", brown trout 15", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

BRULE RIVER—Remainder not covered above—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

BLACK RIVER—Downstream from Big Manitou Falls—Category 5

Open Season: March 29 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

EAU CLAIRE RIVER—Category 3

MIDDLE RIVER—Downstream from USH 2—Category 5

Open Season: March 29 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

NEMADJI RIVER—Downstream from Great Northern RR Bridge (S4,T47N,14W)—Category 5

Open Season: March 29 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

POPLAR RIVER—Downstream from USH 2—Category 5

Open Season: March 29 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

ST. LOUIS RIVER—Downstream from Wisconsin-Minnesota state line—Category 5

Open Season: March 29 to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout

Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

DUNN

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 4

BIG ELK CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: 8"

ELK CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag and Size Limit: 3 trout under 10", or 2 trout under 10" and 1 over 14"

KNAPP POND—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: None

PINE CREEK (LOWER AND SOUTH FORK LOWER)—Category 2

UNNAMED CREEK 17-11—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: 8"

EAU CLAIRE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

ADAMS CREEK—Category 3

BEAR GRASS CREEK—Category 4

BIG CREEK—Category 3

BRIDGE CREEK—Including Rodell Millpond—Category 3

CLEAR CREEK—Category 4

COON CREEK—Category 4

DIAMOND VALLEY CREEK—Category 3

ELK CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag and Size Limit: 3 trout under 10", or 2 trout under 10" and 1 over 14"

FALL CREEK—Including Fall Creek Pond—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3

Size Limit: 8"

GRAHAM CREEK—Category 4

LINDSAY CREEK—Category 3

LOWES CREEK—Category 3

OTTER CREEK—Category 3

PEESO (HOYTS) CREEK—Category 3

PINE CREEK (Town of Clear Creek)—Category 3

ROCK CREEK—Category 4

SWAN CREEK—Category 4

THOMPSON VALLEY CREEK—Category 3

FLORENCE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

ANNA LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

BRULE RIVER—Upstream from USH 2—Category 5

Open Season: April 26 to September 30

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: brown trout 12", brook trout 8"

BRULE RIVER—Downstream from USH 2—Category 5

Open Season: April 26 to September 30

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 7"

EDITH LAKE—Category 3

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

FISHER LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

KEYES LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout and only 1 of which may be lake trout

Size Limit: brown trout 12", lake trout 26"

LAMONTAGNE CREEK—Category 4

LOST LAKE—Category 3

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

MONTGOMERY LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

PATTEN LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

PINE RIVER—Downstream from STH 139—Category 4

PINE RIVER FLOWAGE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

SAND LAKE (T39N, R18E, S13)—Category 3

SOUTH RILEY LAKE—Category 3

WISCONSIN CREEK—Category 4

WOODS CREEK—Category 4

FOND DU LAC

ALL WATERS—Category 3

FOREST

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

BRULE CREEK—Downstream from Fishel Road (USFS ROAD #2193)—Category 4

BRULE RIVER—Category 5

Open season: April 26 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: brown trout 12", brook trout 8"

ELVOY CREEK—Downstream from Kaine Road (USFS ROAD #2461)—Category 4

ELVOY SPRINGS (S20, T41N, R13E)—Category 4

LITTLE CUB LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: none

LUCERNE LAKE—Category 5

Open Season: lake trout—May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, other trout—May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009.

Daily Bag Limit—lake trout 1, brown trout 2,

Size Limit: lake trout 26", brown trout 12"

PESHTIGO RIVER—Downstream from STH 8—Category 3

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, the following restrictions apply:

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: 9"

Open season: October 1 through November 15, the following restrictions apply:

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

GRANT

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3

BIG GREEN RIVER—STH 133 upstream to CTH T—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

BIG GREEN RIVER—Upstream from CTH T—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be between 10" and 13"

BIG SPRING BRANCH—Downstream of Pine Tree Road—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout

Size Limit: 12"

BIG SPRING BRANCH—Pine Tree Road upstream to county line—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

BLUE RIVER—Biba Road Upstream to Snow bottom Road—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout

Size Limit: 12"

BLUE RIVER—Snow Bottom Road upstream to county line—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

CASTLE ROCK CREEK—Witek Road upstream to second CTH Q bridge—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

CASTLE ROCK CREEK AND SPRING—Church Road downstream to second CTH Q bridge—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

CROOKED CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be between 10" and 13"

DOC SMITH BRANCH—From Castle Rock Creek upstream to 0.5 mile upstream from Everson Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

GRANT RIVER—CTH A upstream to CTH K—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

LITTLE GRANT RIVER—Govier Road upstream to Milner Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

LITTLE PLATTE RIVER—Waterfall Road upstream to STH 80—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

MILLVILLE CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

SIX MILE BRANCH—Downstream from Pine Tree Road—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

GREEN

ALL WATERS—Category 3

GREEN LAKE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

GREEN LAKE AND ITS TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO FIRST DAM—Category 5

Open Season: lake trout—January 5 to September 30, 2008 (January 3 to September 30, 2009).

Other trout—May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009. It is illegal to fish through the ice using minnows (dead or alive or as cut bait) in water 50 or more feet deep (measured from surface to bottom)

Daily Bag Limit: 2 lake trout, 3 other trout

Size Limit: lake trout 17", other trout 14"

IOWA

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3

BAKER CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

BIG SPRING CREEK—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

BLUE RIVER—County line upstream to 0.5 mile upstream of Blue River Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

CAVE HOLLOW CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

GORDON CREEK—West Moscow Road upstream to Brue Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: None

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

GORDON CREEK—Lowermost Brue Road upstream to Spring Creek Road—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

MILL CREEK—Mill Road downstream to CTH H—Category 5

Gear Restriction: None

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

OTTER CREEK—CTH II Upstream to Plank Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

OTTER CREEK—Upstream from Mt. Hope Road—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

POMPEY PILLAR CREEK—Downstream from CTH I—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

POMPEY PILLAR CREEK—Upstream from CTH I—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

SMOKEY HOLLOW CREEK—Downstream from CTH P—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

TROUT CREEK—Downstream of south line of S30, T7N, R5E—
Category 5
Gear Restriction: None
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

IRON

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Lake Superior that are not listed see the regulations under Lake Superior Streams on page 2.

BOOMER CREEK—Category 3
FLOOD CREEK—Category 3
FOURCHE CREEK—Category 3
GRAVEYARD CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES—Downstream from USH 2—Category 5

Open Season: March 29 to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15", only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout, and none may be brook trout until November 15, 2011.

Size Limit: brook trout 8" on or after November 15, 2011, brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

MONTREAL RIVER—Downstream from Superior Falls—Category 5
Open Season: all year
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon
Size Limit: 10"

MONTREAL RIVER—Upstream from Superior Falls along Michigan boundary—Category 2
Open Season: April 26 to Sept. 30

ORONTO CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES—Category 5
Open Season: March 29 to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

PARKER CREEK—Category 5
Open Season: March 29 to November 15
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout and salmon in total, only 2 of which may be brown trout over 15" and only 1 of which may be a rainbow trout
Size Limit: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", salmon 12", & rainbow trout 26"

PLUNKETT (SUGAR) LAKE—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

WEBER LAKE—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

JACKSON

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

ALLEN CREEK—Category 4
BEAVER CREEK (NORTH FORK)—Category 4
BIG SLOUGH CREEK—Category 3
BUFFALO RIVER (NORTH FORK)—Category 4
BUFFALO RIVER (SOUTH FORK)—Category 4
CLEAR CREEK (SOUTH BRANCH ROBINSON)—Category 3
CURRAN COULEE CREEK—Category 3
DOUGLAS CREEK (SHAKE HOLLOW CREEK)—Upstream from Douglas Pond—Category 4
HALLS CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Category 4
HALLS CREEK (STOCKWELL CREEK)—Upstream from GB&W Railroad Crossing (S22,T23N,R4W)—Category 4
HALLS CREEK (WEST FORK)—Category 4
HOFFMAN POND—Category 2
LAKE LEE—Category 2
LAKE WAZEE—Category 5
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
Daily bag limit: 2 trout
Size limit: 12"

LEVIS CREEK—Downstream from West Line of S14, T21N, R3—Category 4

OXBOW PONDS—Category 2
PIGEON CREEK (MILLSTON)—Category 3
PIGEON CREEK (NORTHFIELD)—Category 3

ROBINSON CREEK—Upstream from STH 27—Category 3
SCHERMERHORN CREEK—Category 3
SHAKE HOLLOW (NORTH BRANCH)(CREEK 30-15)—Category 4
SHAMROCK CREEK—Category 3
SQUAW CREEK—Category 3
STONY CREEK—Category 3
TANK CREEK—Category 4
TREMPEALEAU RIVER—Davis Road upstream to South Lincoln Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total, only 1 may be a brown trout
Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 10"

TREMPEALEAU RIVER—Trempealeau County Line upstream to confluence of West, North, and South branches—Category 4

TREMPEALEAU RIVER (NORTH BRANCH)—Upstream from Cain Road—Category 4

TREMPEALEAU RIVER (NORTH BRANCH)—Downstream from Cain Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total, only 1 may be brown trout
Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 10"

TREMPEALEAU RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—Category 4

VOSSE COULEE CREEK—Category 4
WASHINGTON COULEE CREEK—Category 4

JEFFERSON

All waters not listed—Category 3

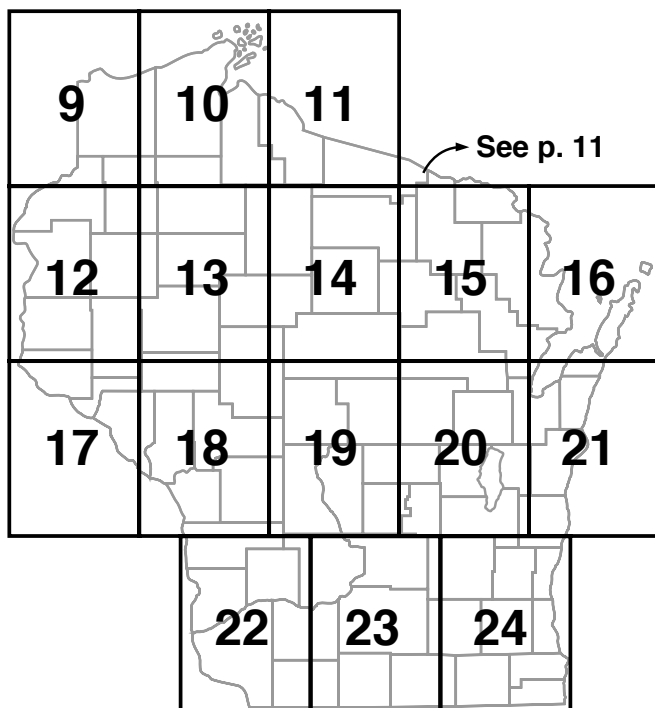
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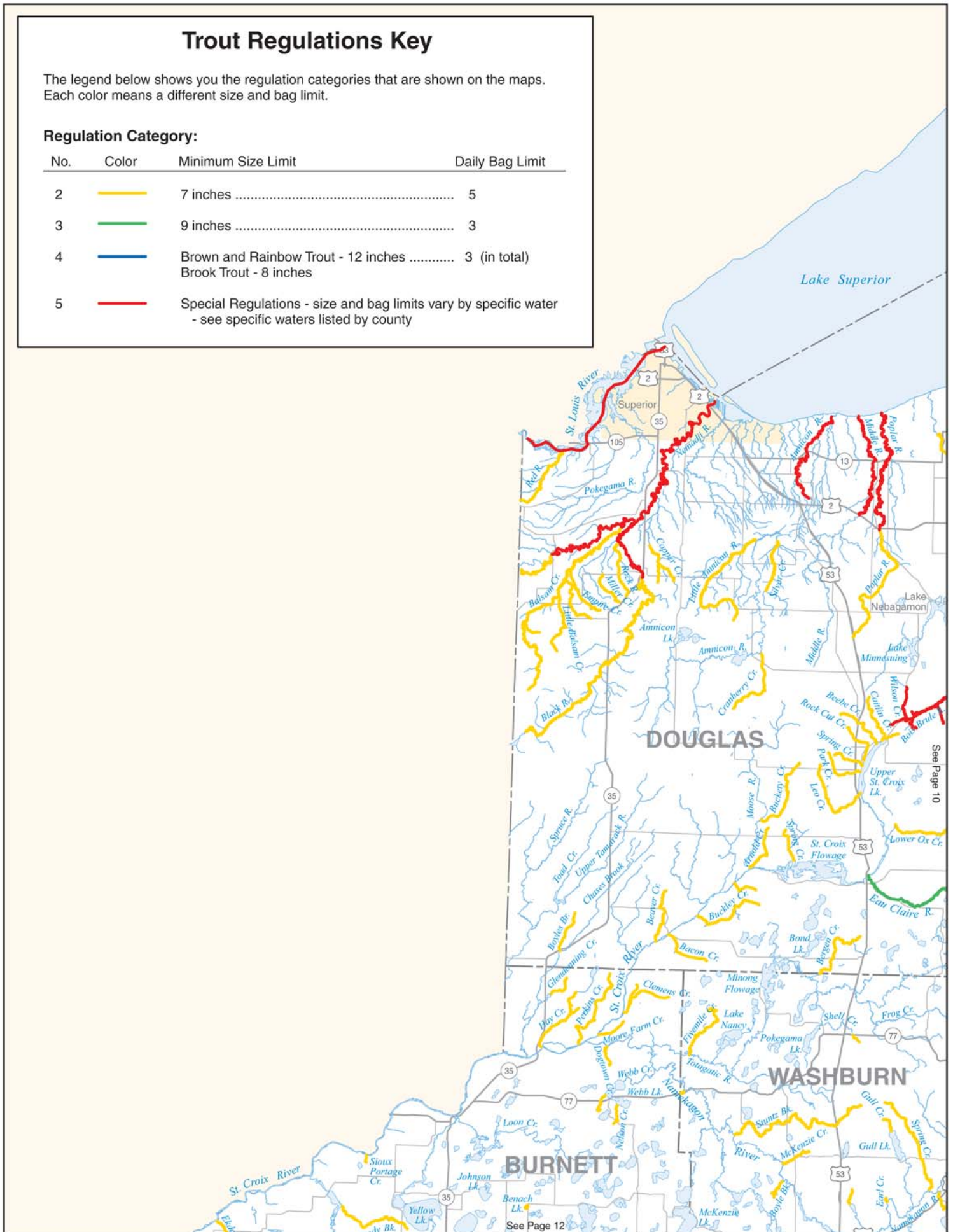


Trout Regulations Key

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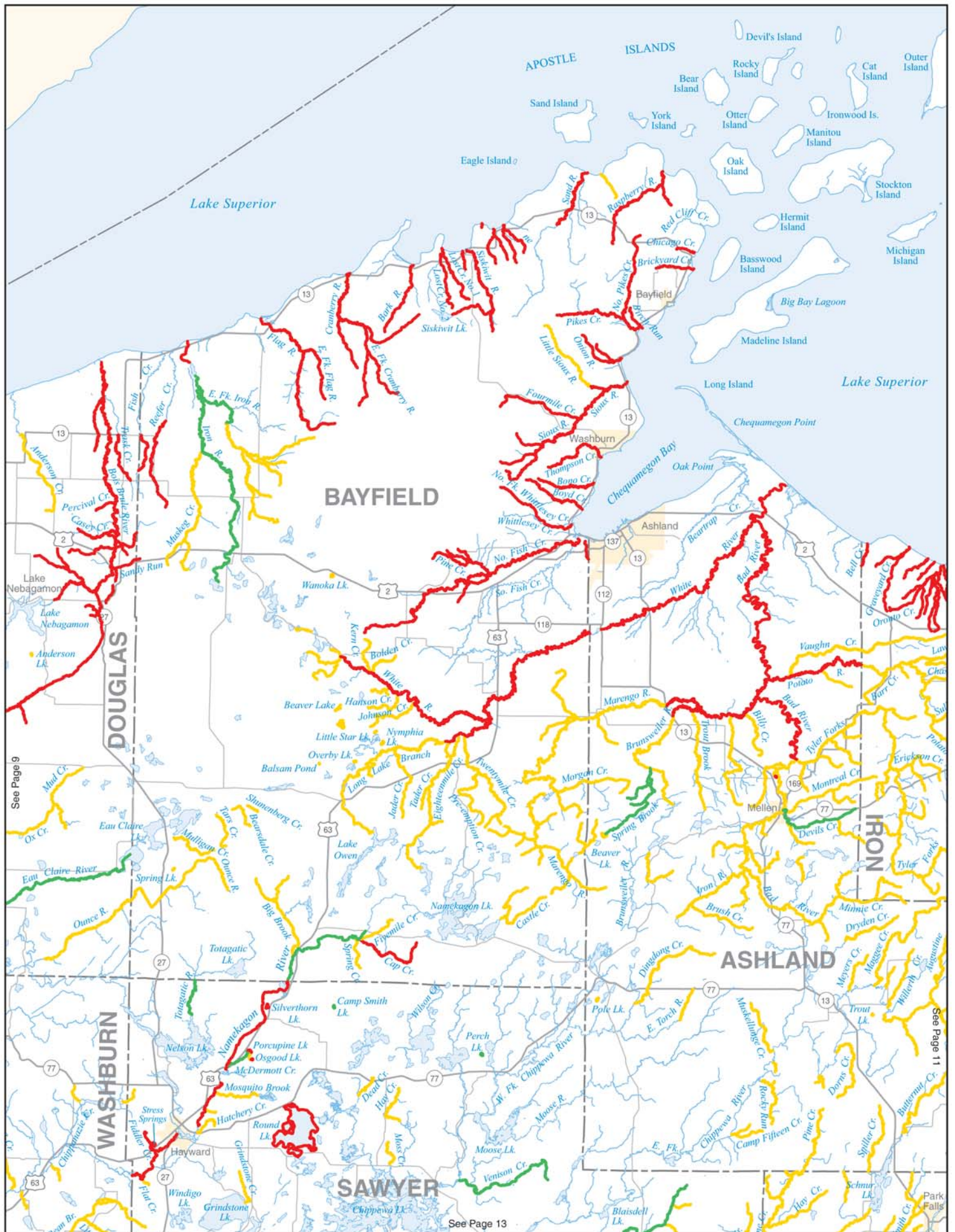
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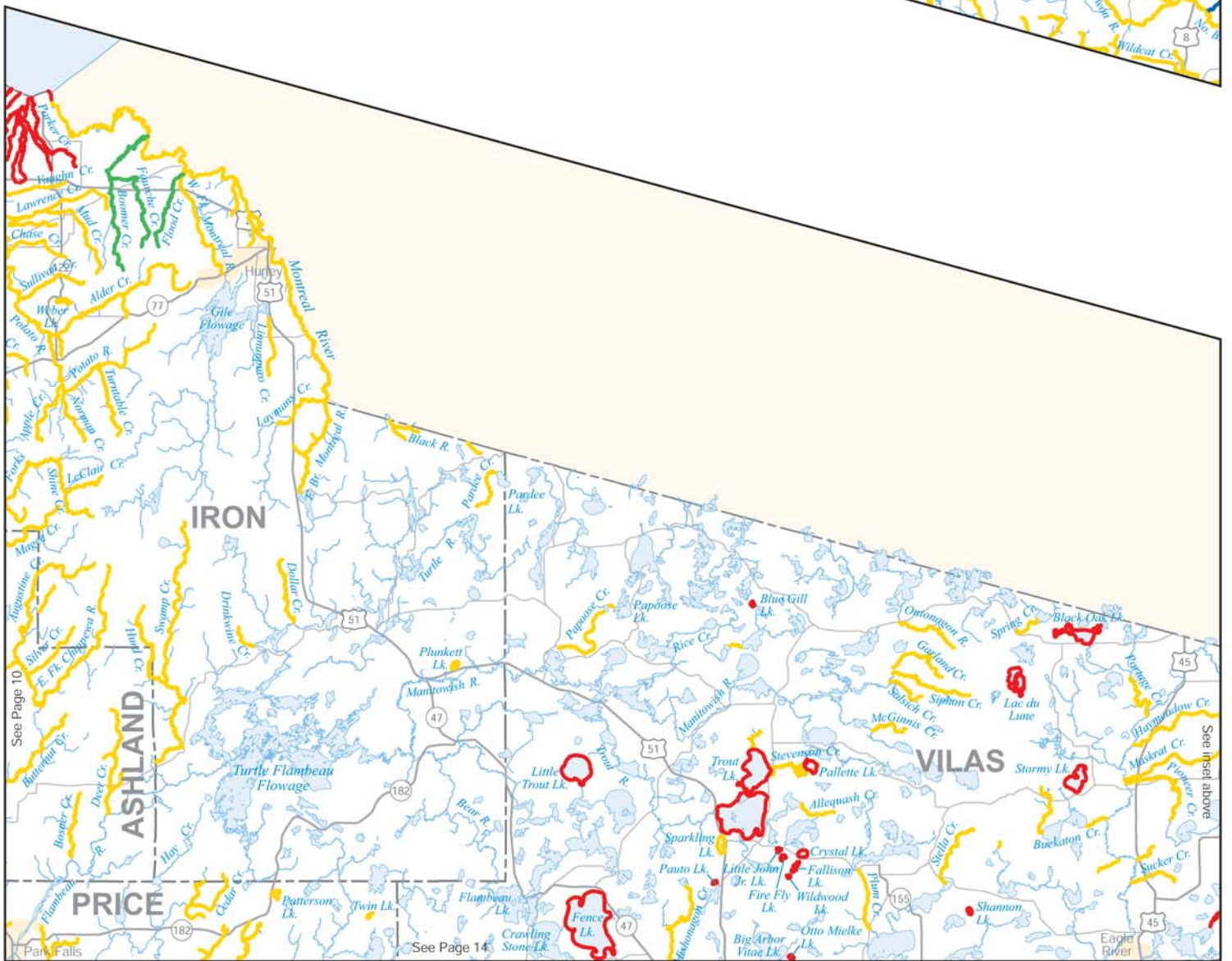
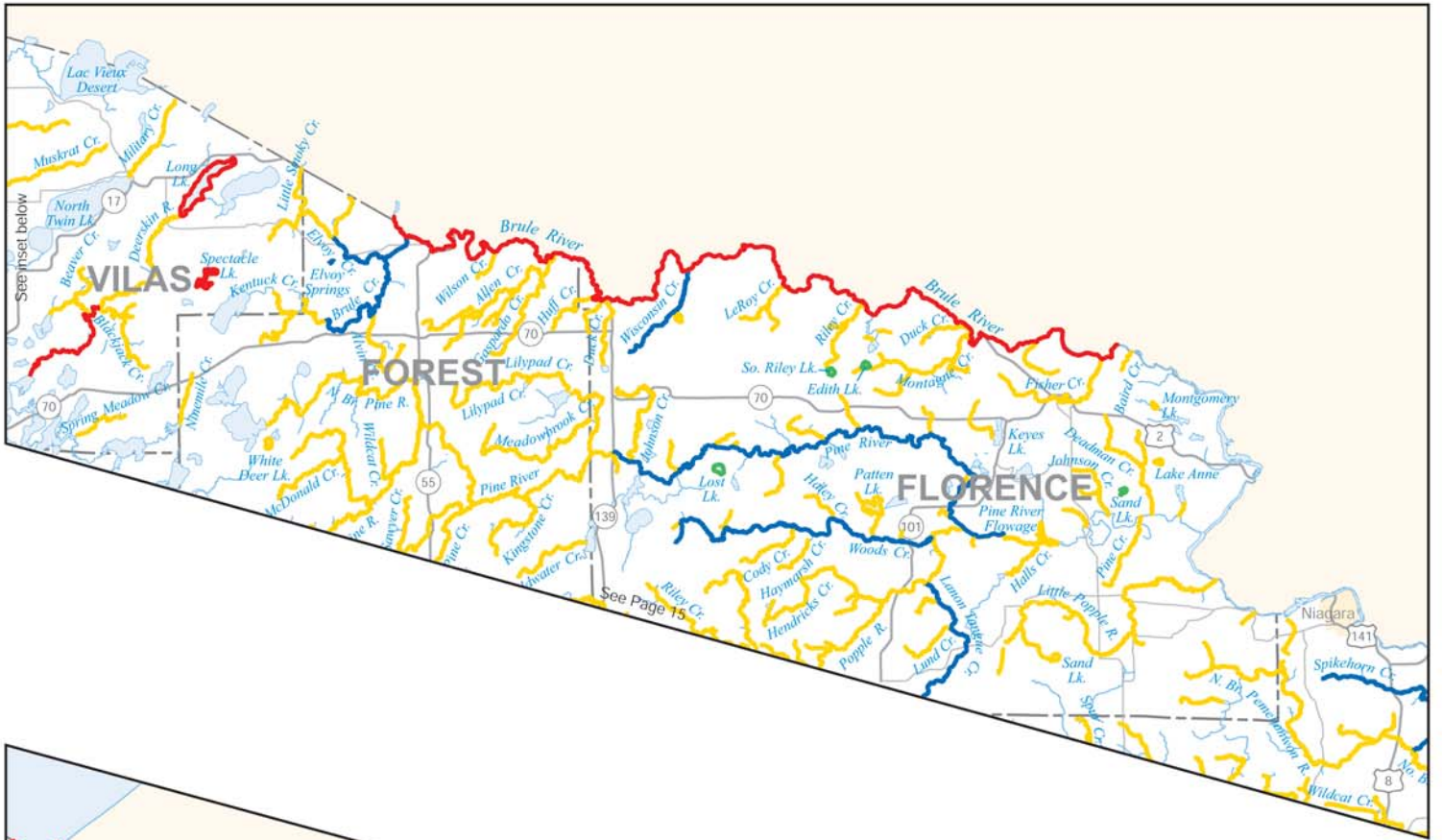
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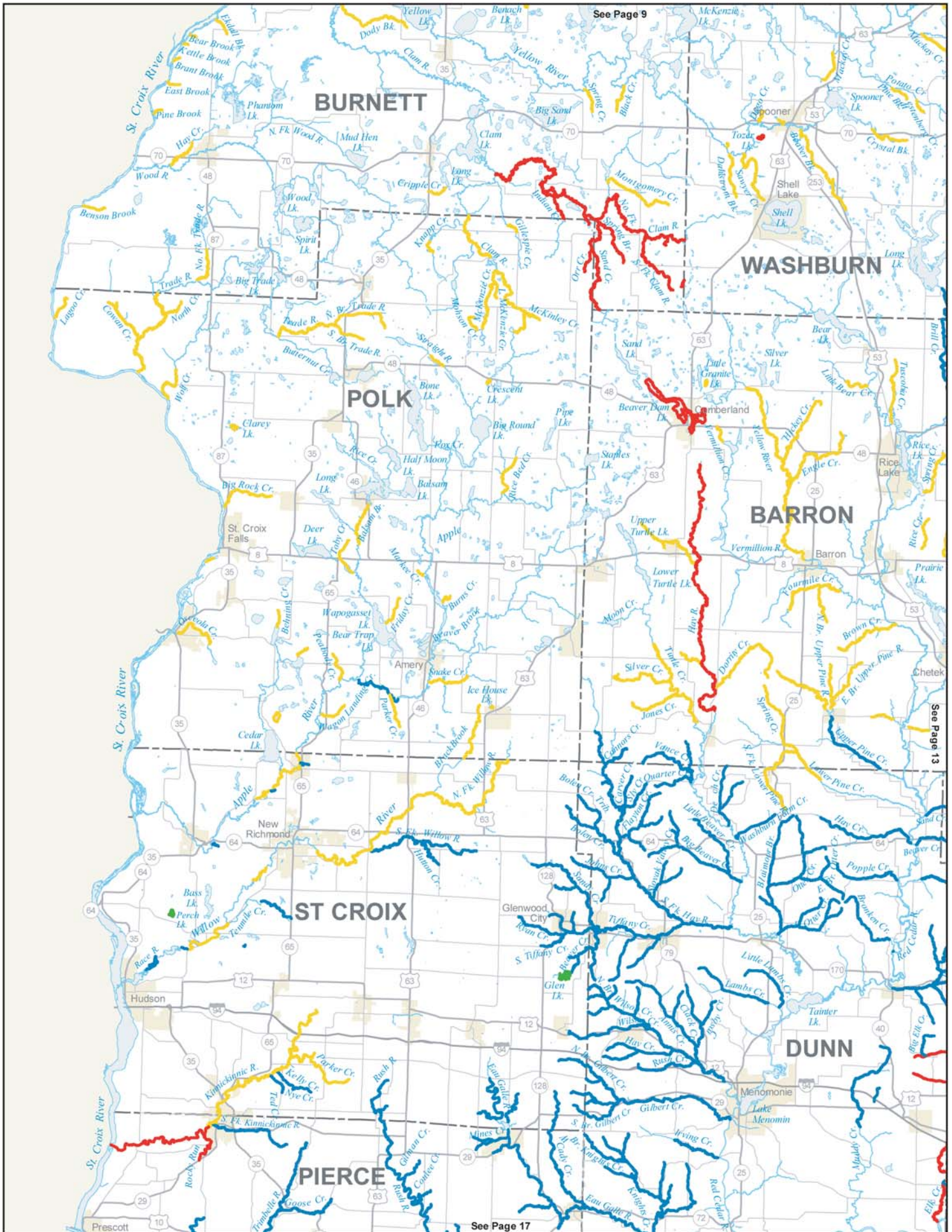


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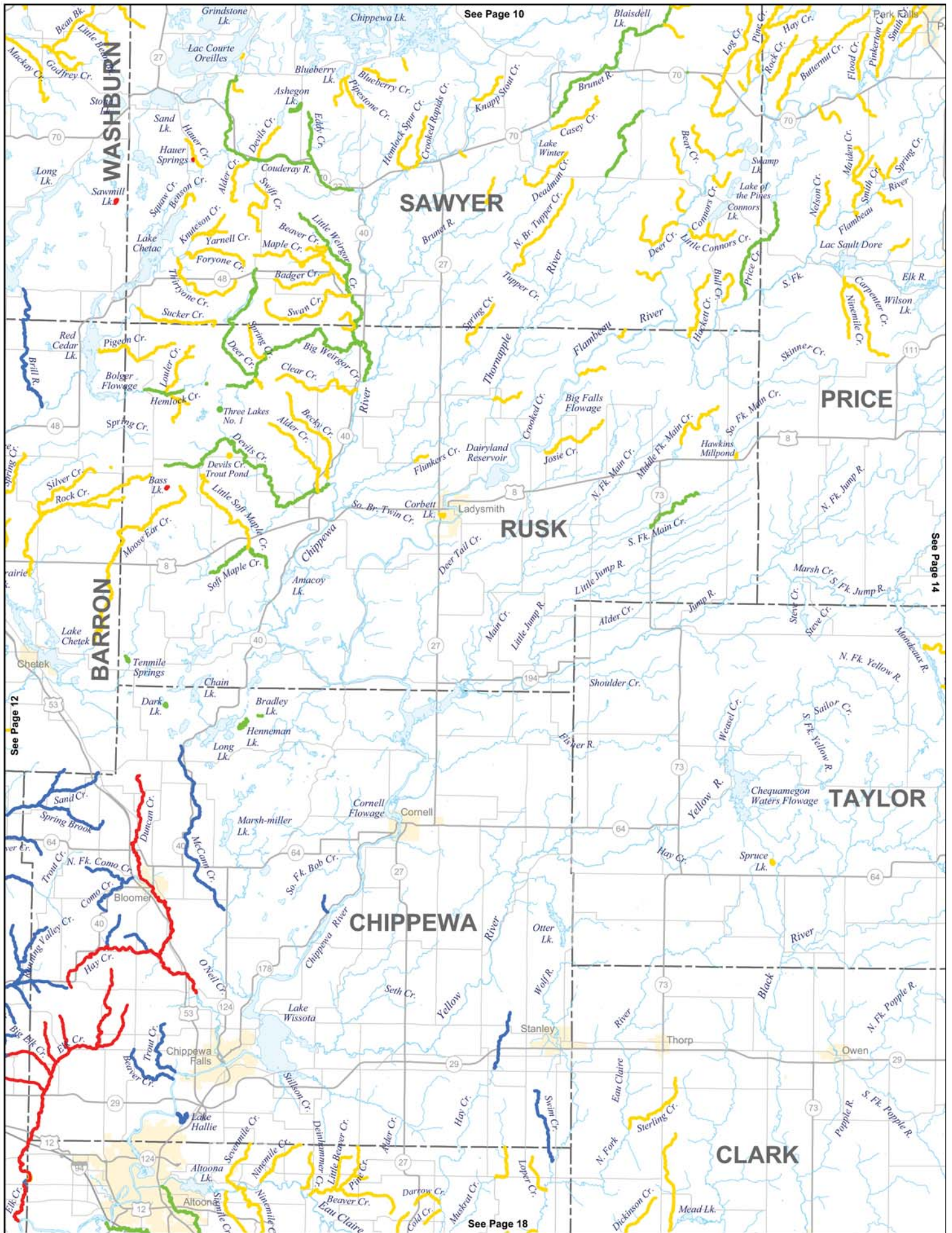


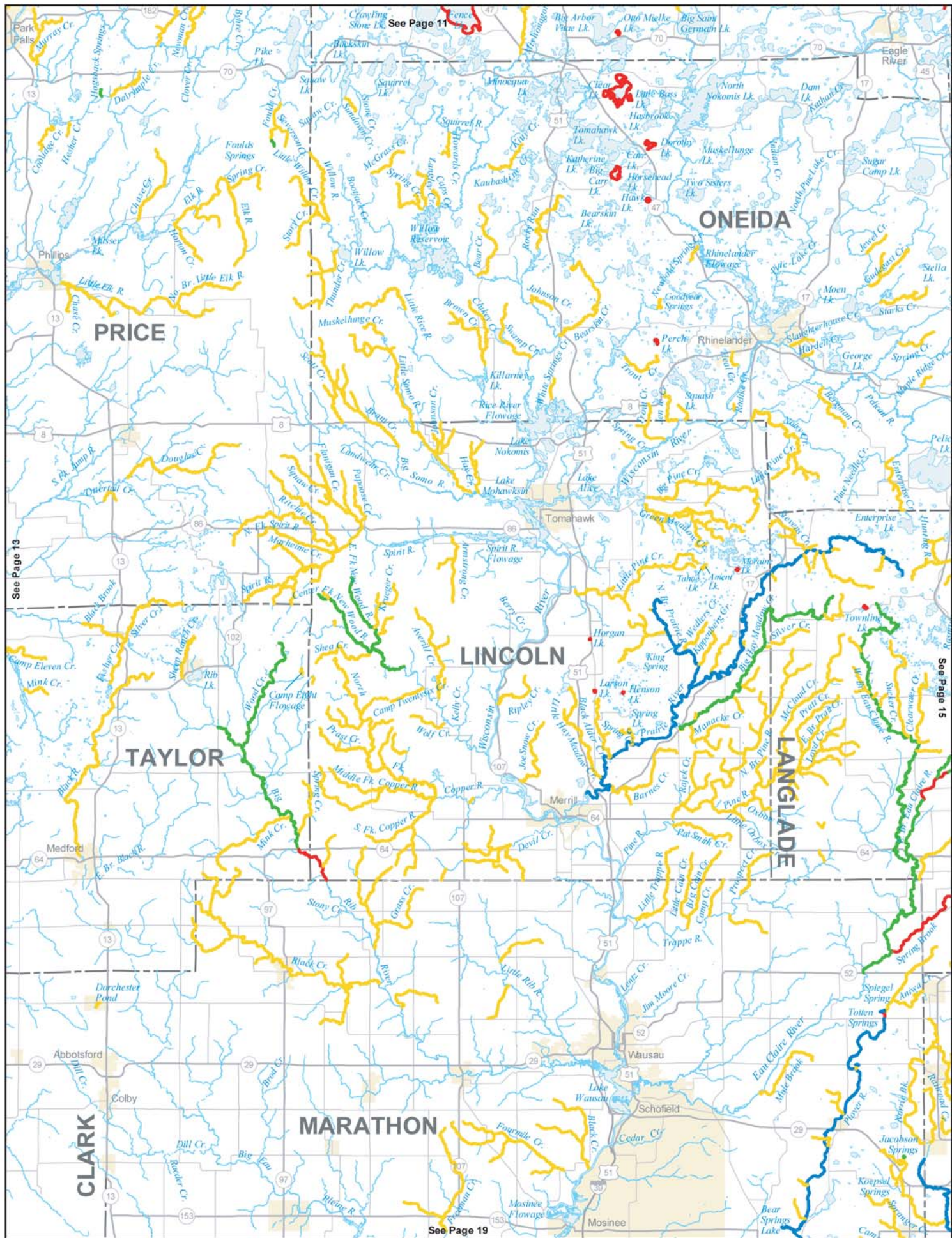


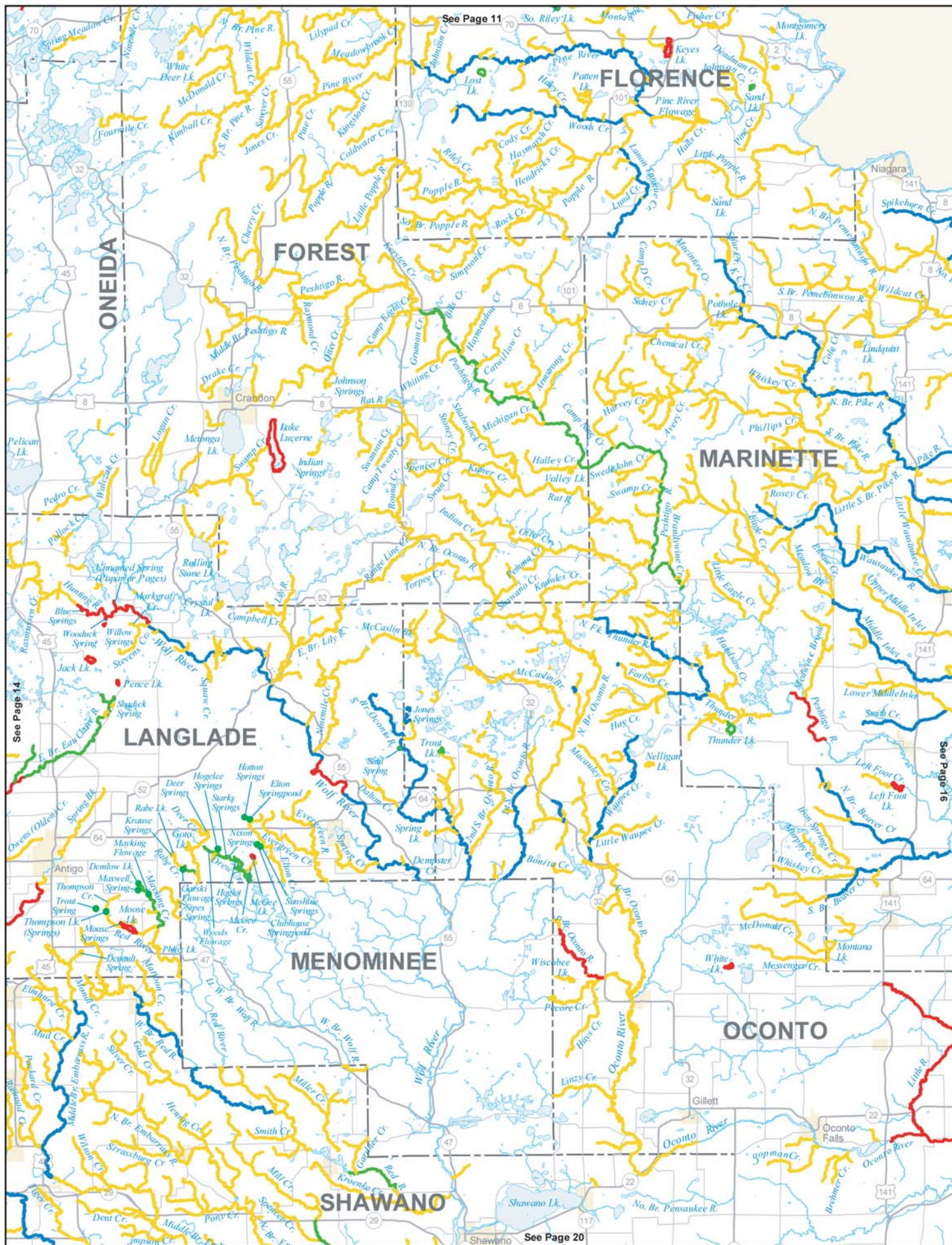
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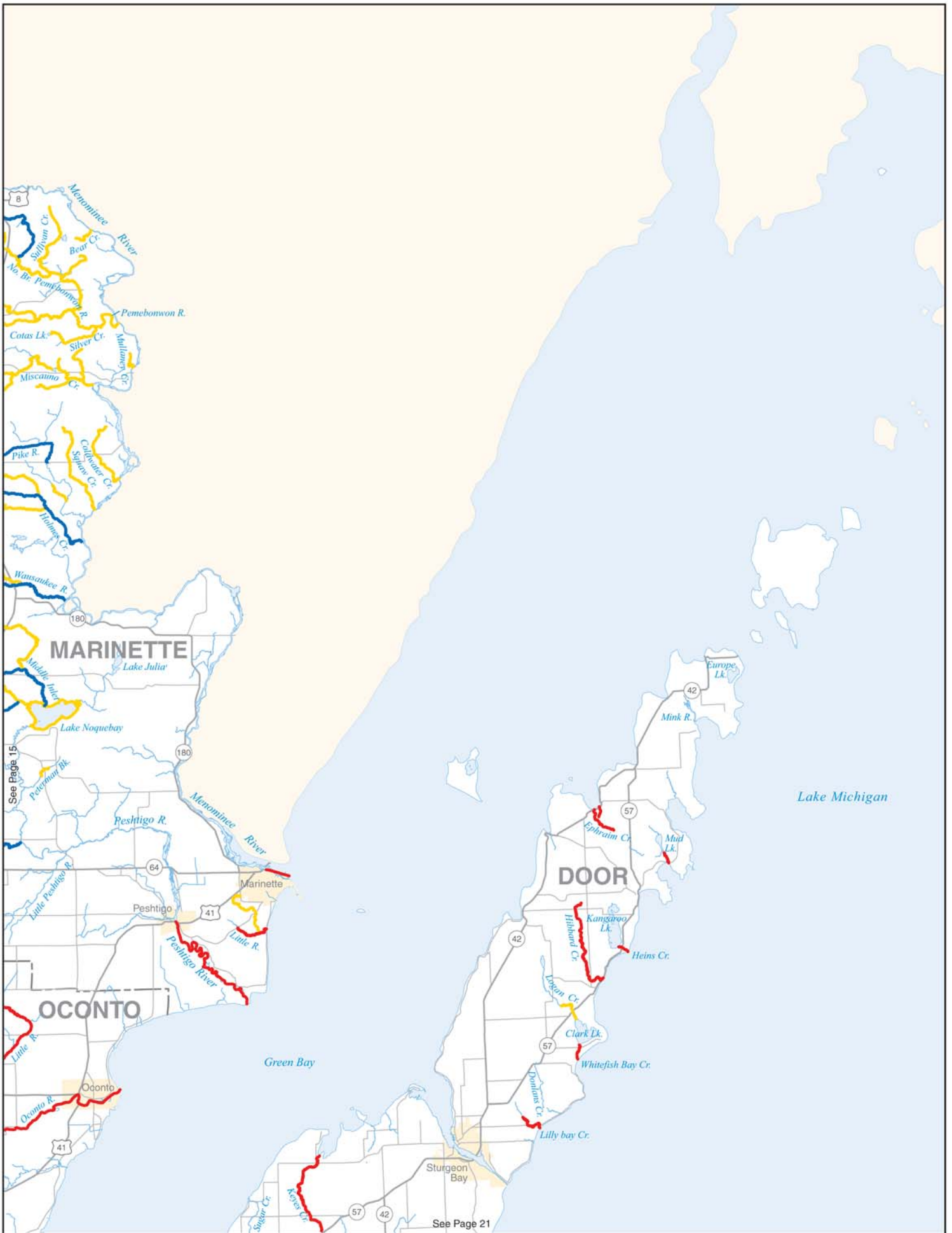
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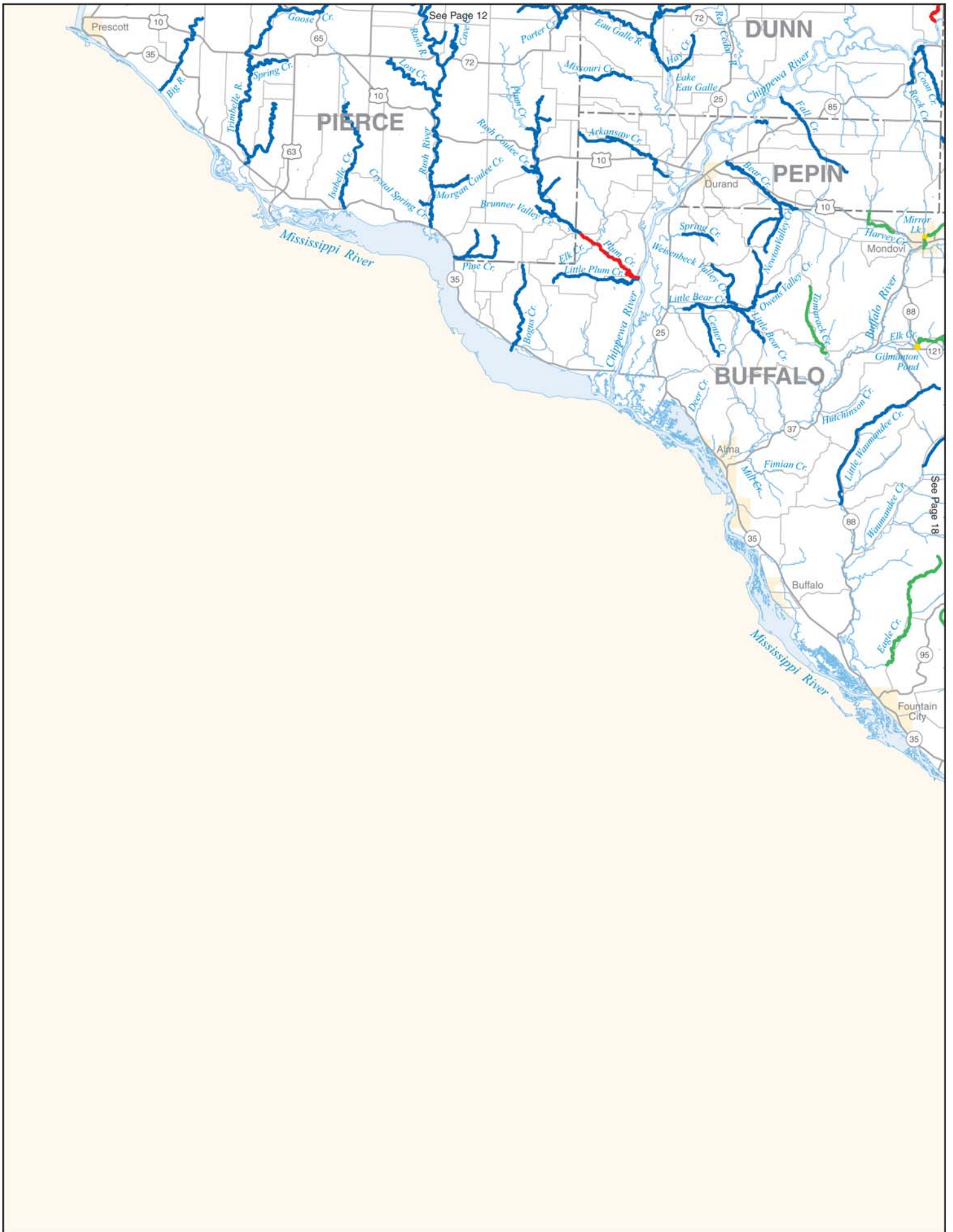


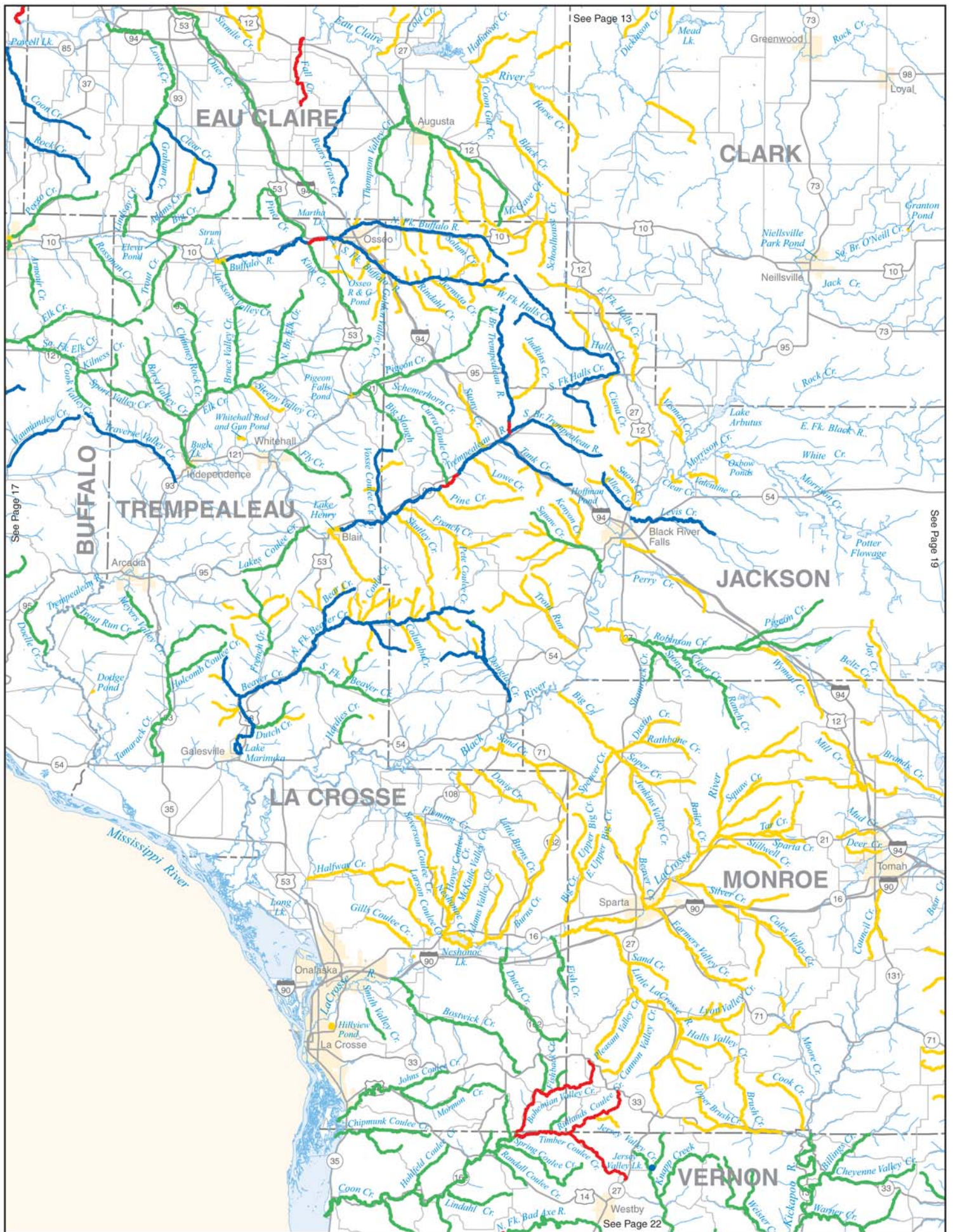


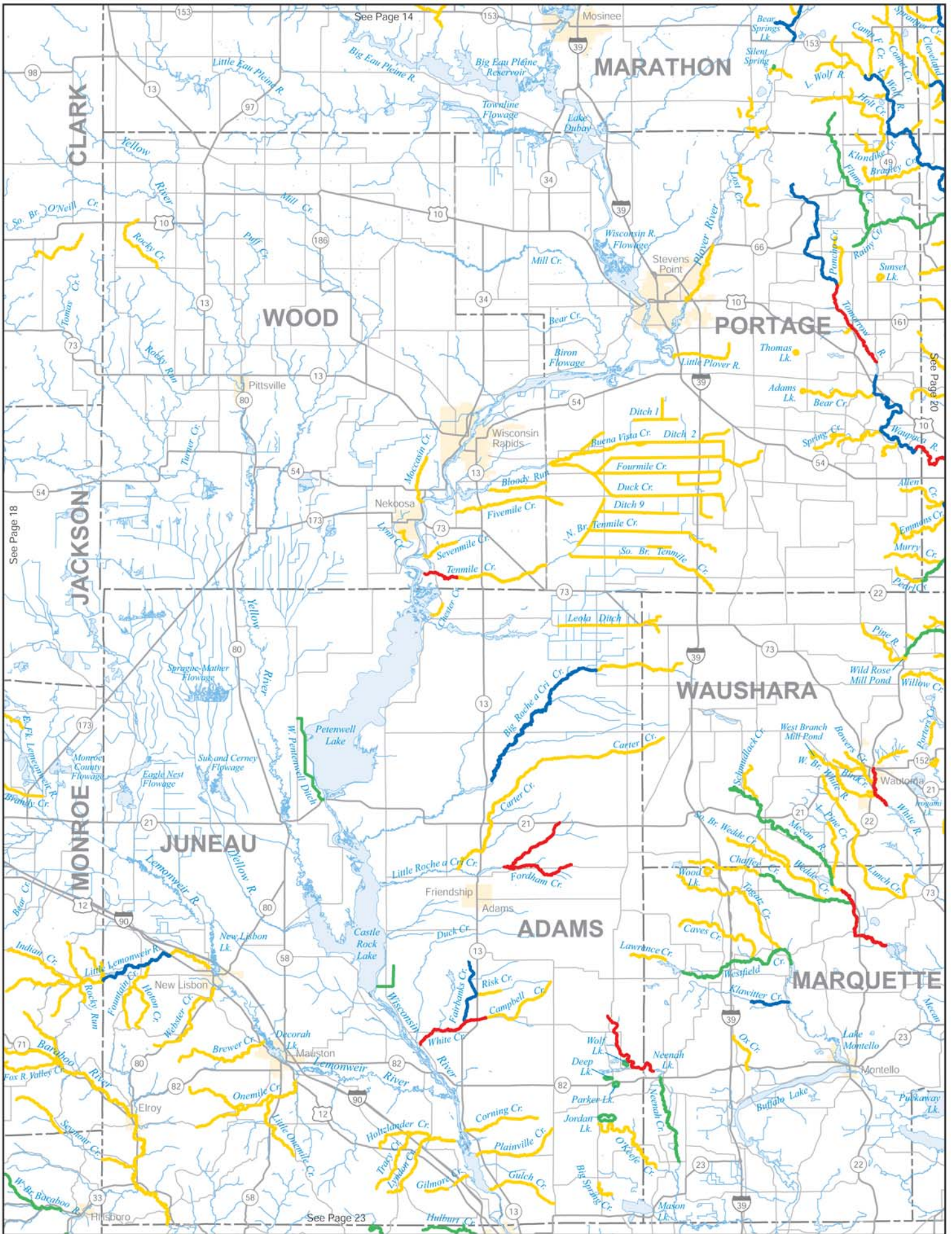


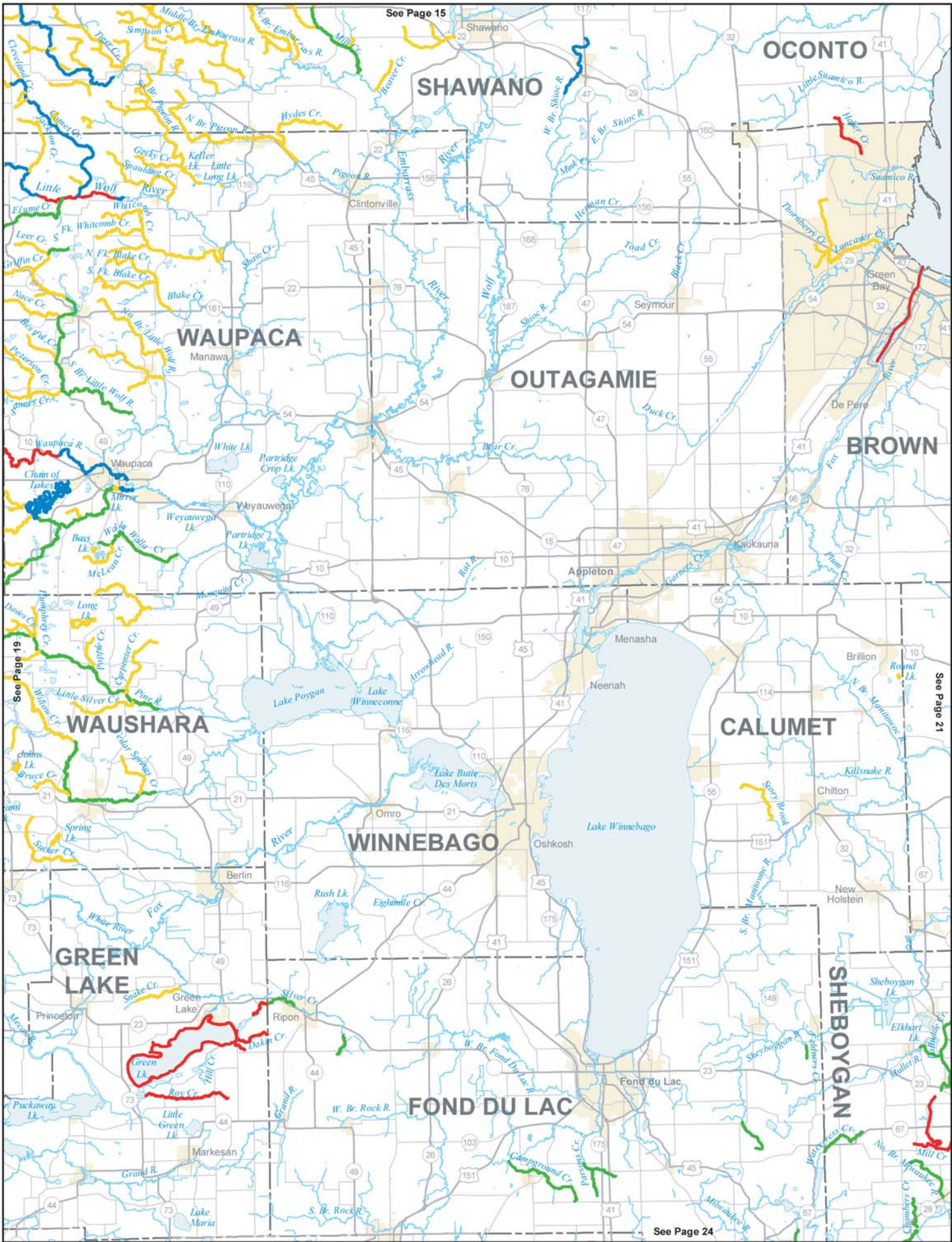


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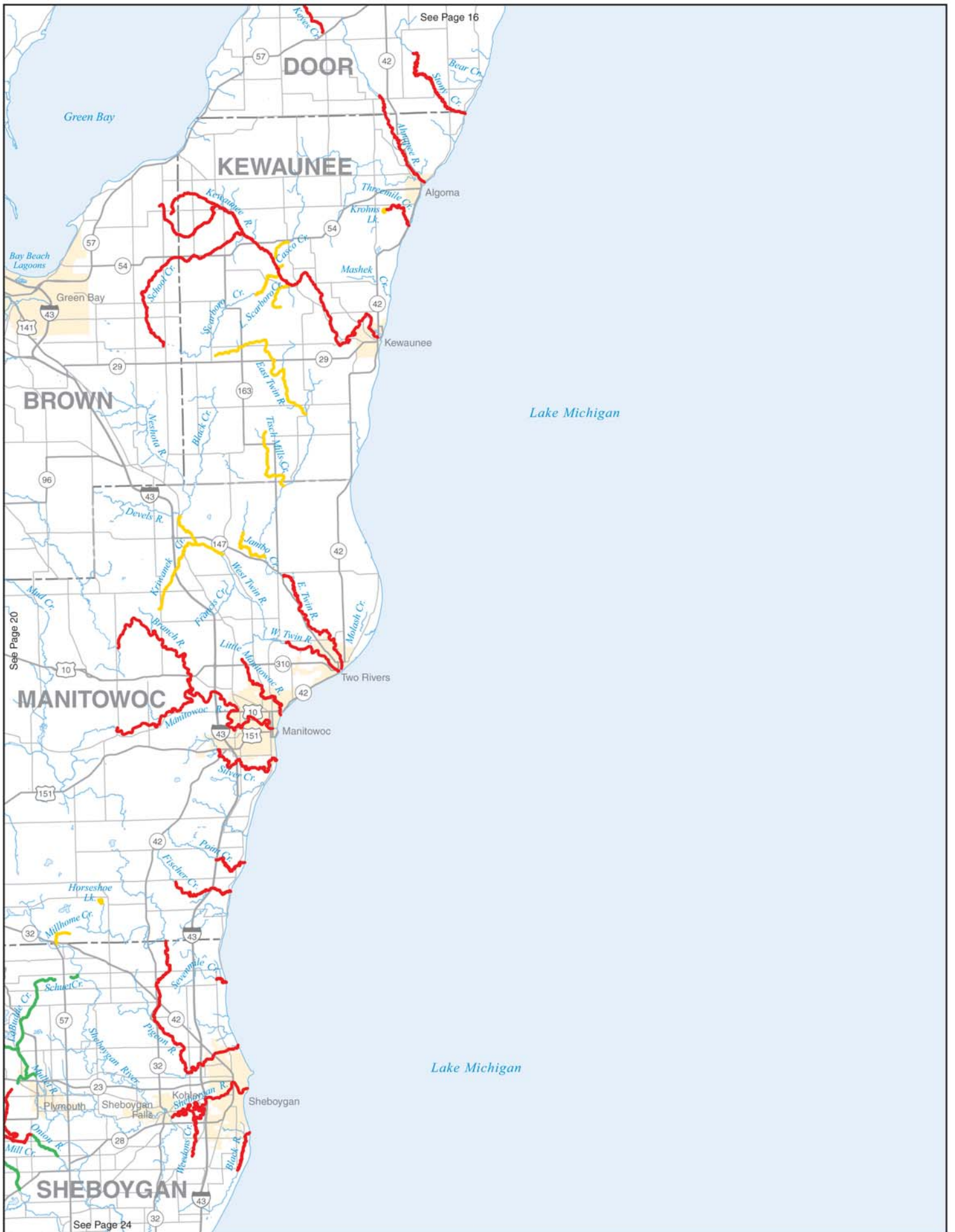


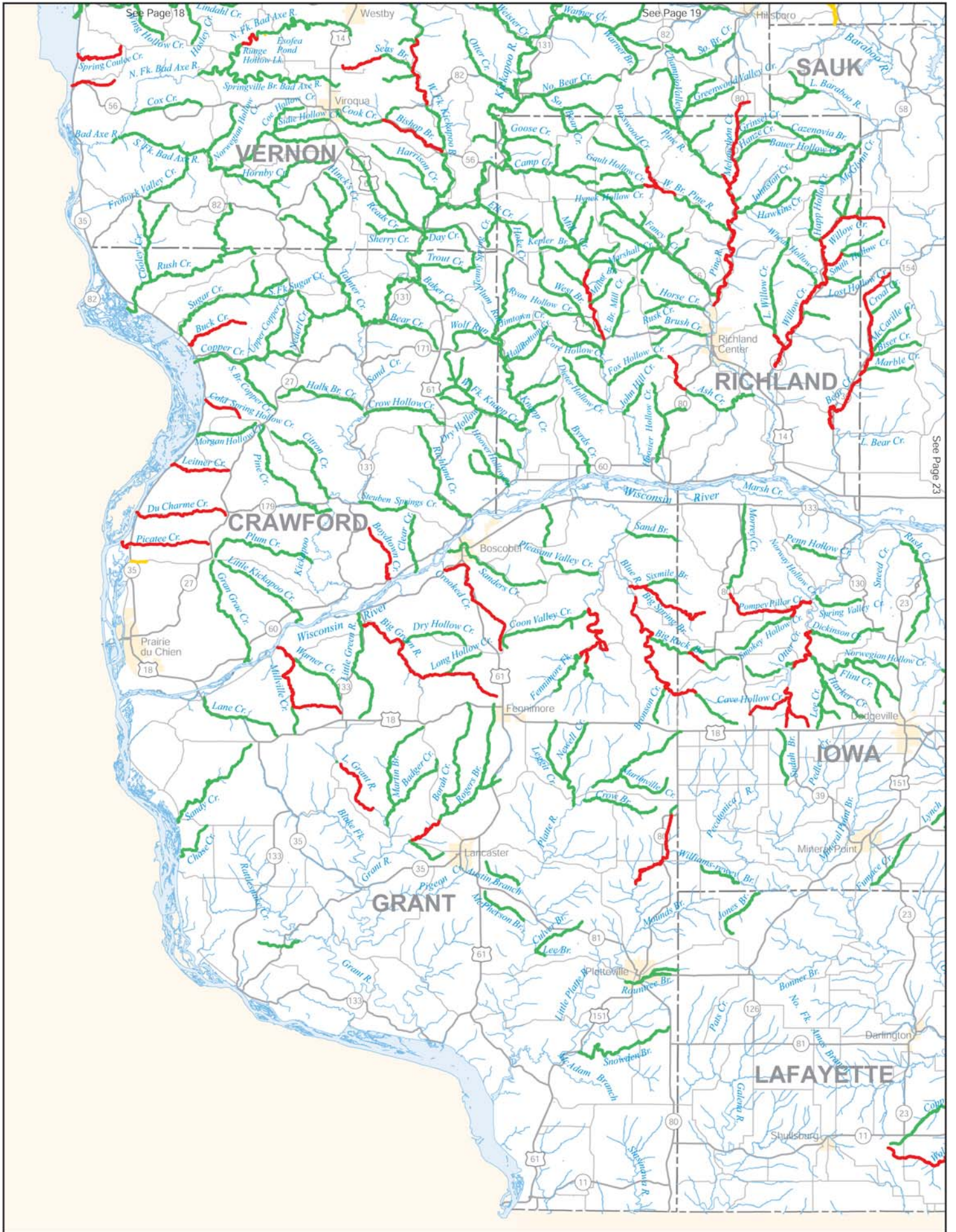
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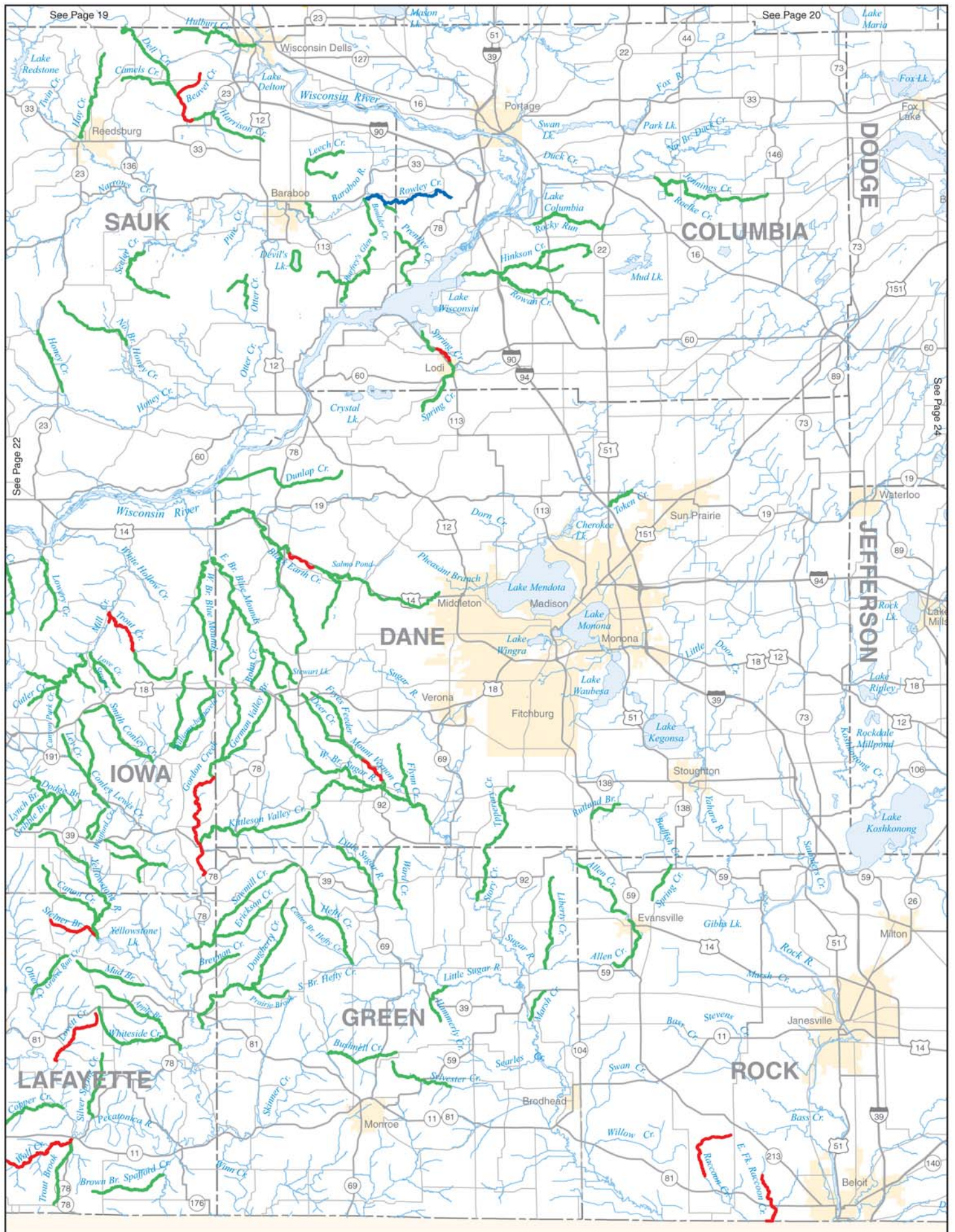
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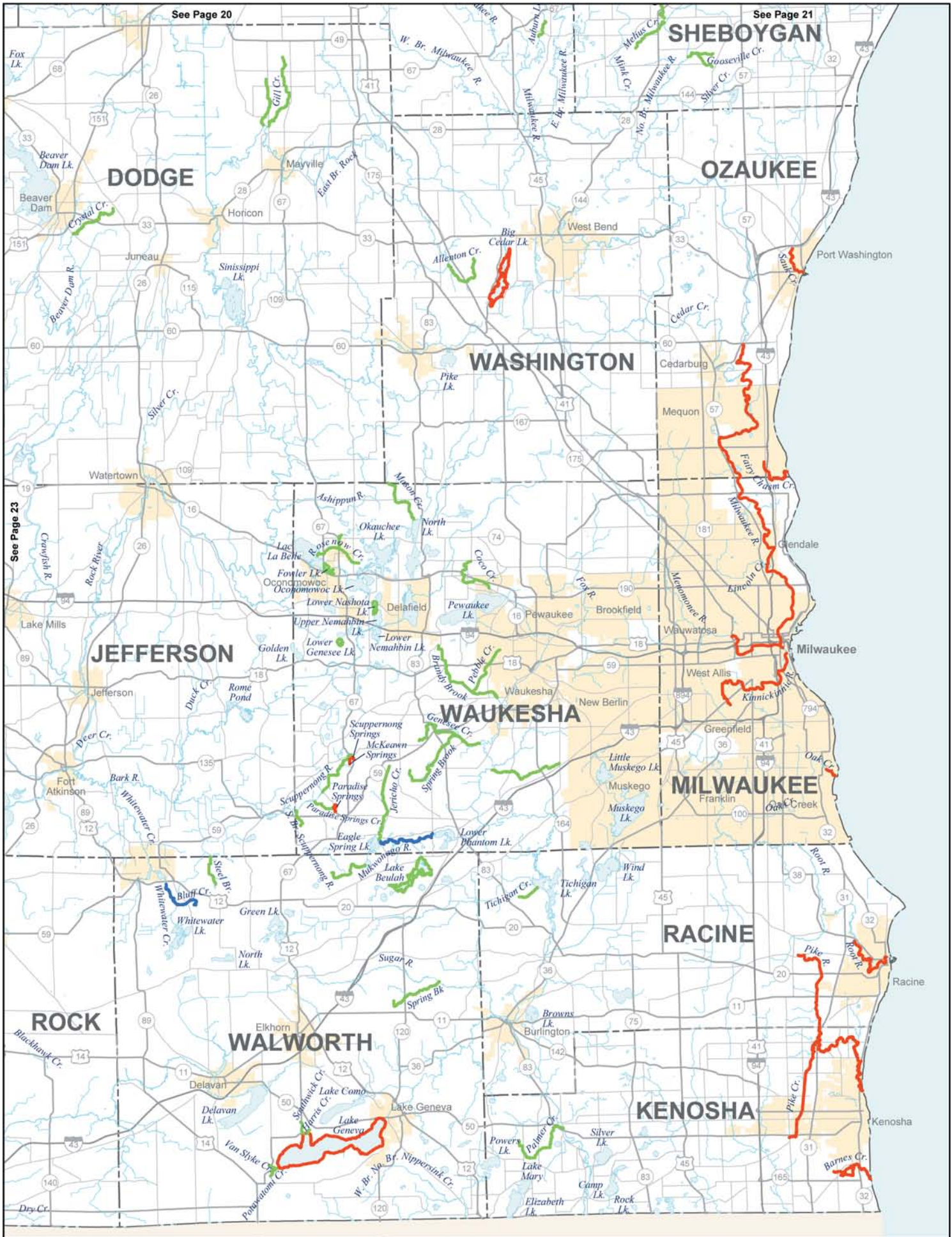
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JUNEAU

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2
LEMONWEIR RIVER (LITTLE)—Upstream from STH 12 & 16—
Category 4
PETENWELL DITCH (WEST)—Category 3

KENOSHA

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.
ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout
Size Limit: none

KEWAUNEE

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.
KROHNS LAKE—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

LA CROSSE

- LA CROSSE RIVER AND ALL WATERS NORTH—Category 2
ALL WATERS SOUTH OF LA CROSSE RIVER—Category 3
BOHEMIAN VALLEY CREEK—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5
Size Limit: All trout kept shall be less than 12"
HILLVIEW POND—Category 2
VETS MEMORIAL PARK POND—Category 2

LAFAYETTE

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3
LOVETT'S CREEK—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
STEINER CREEK—Upstream from CTH F—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
WOLF CREEK—Dunbarton Road upstream to Cub Hollow Road—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
WOLF CREEK—Junction Trout Brook upstream to Dunbarton Road and upstream from Cub Hollow Road—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total
Size Limit: 12"

LANGLADE

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2
BIG HAYMEADOW CREEK—Category 3
BLUE SPRINGS—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"
CLUBHOUSE SPRING POND—Category 3
DEMLOW LAKES (SPRINGS; UPPER & LOWER)—Category 3
DREW CREEK—Category 3
EAU CLAIRE RIVER (MAIN BRANCH)—Including Marathon County downstream to STH 52—Category 3
EAU CLAIRE RIVER (EAST BRANCH)—Excluding Blue Bell Road downstream to River Road—Category 3
EAU CLAIRE RIVER (EAST BRANCH)—Bluebell Road downstream to River Road—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total
Size Limit: 12"

- EAU CLAIRE RIVER (WEST BRANCH)—Category 3
ELTON SPRING POND—Category 3
GARSKI FLOWAGE—Category 3
HATTON SPRINGS—Category 3
HOGELEE SPRINGS (No.1 & 2)—Category 3
HOGLOT SPRINGS—Category 3
HUNTING RIVER—Downstream from Fitzgerald Dam Road—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: brown 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"
JACK LAKE—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5
Size Limit: None
MAXWELL SPRING—Category 3
MAYKING CREEK AND FLOWAGE—Category 3
MCGEE LAKE—Category 5
Closed to trout fishing in 2008 due to ongoing brook trout restoration project
MOOSE LAKE—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 1 brown trout and 3 brook trout
Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook trout 8"
MOOSE SPRINGS—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 1 brown trout and 3 brook trout
Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook trout 8"
NIXON SPRINGS—Category 3
OCONTO RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—Category 4
PENCE LAKE—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5
Size Limit: None
PRAIRIE RIVER—Category 4
SAUL SPRING—Category 3
SPRING BROOK—Downstream from CTH X (including Marathon County)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total
Size Limit: 12"
STARKS SPRINGS—Category 3
SUNSHINE SPRINGS—Category 3
THOMPSON LAKE (SPRINGS)—Category 3
TOWNLIN LAKE (S6, T33N, R10E)—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5
Size Limit: None
TROUT SPRING—Category 3
UNNAMED SPRINGS 2-1(POLAR OR PAGES) (S2, T33N, R11E)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: brown 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"
UNNAMED SPRINGS 2-14 (S2, T33N, R11E)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: brown 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"
UNNAMED SPRINGS 3-7 (WEIX) (S3, T33N, R11E)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: brown 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"
WILLOW SPRINGS—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: brown 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"
WOLF RIVER except below—Category 4
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, the following restrictions apply:
Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout
Size Limit: brown and rainbow trout 12", brook trout 8"
Open season: October 1 to November 15, the following restrictions apply:
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

WOLF RIVER—Soo Line Railroad Bridge downstream to Dierks Irrigation Hole—Category 5
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

WOODUCK SPRINGS—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: brown 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"

WOODS FLOWAGE—Category 3

LINCOLN

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

AMENT LAKE—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, 2008. Closed in odd-numbered years only.

BIG HAYMEADOW CREEK—Category 3

BIG RIB RIVER—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

HENSON LAKE—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5
Size Limit: None

HORGAN LAKE—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5
Size Limit: None

KING SPRING—Category 4

LARSON LAKE—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5
Size Limit: None

MORAINÉ LAKE—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5
Size Limit: None

NEW WOOD RIVER—Upstream from Whiskey Bill road (S19, T33N, R5E)—Category 3

NEW WOOD RIVER (CENTER FORK)—Category 3

NEW WOOD RIVER (EAST FORK)—Category 3

PAYS SPRINGS (ALTA) (S12, T33N, R7E)—Category 4

PRAIRIE RIVER—Category 4

PRAIRIE RIVER (NORTH BRANCH)—Category 4

SPRING LAKE (SPRINGS; S16, T32N, R7E)—Category 4

TAHOE LAKE—Category 2
Open Season: Closed in 2008. Open in even-numbered years.

MANITOWOC

ALL WATERS—Category 2—For stream flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on page 2.

HORSESHOE LAKE—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

MARATHON

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

BEAR SPRINGS—Category 4

CLARK SPRINGS—Category 4

EMBARRASS RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—Downstream from Norrie Road—Category 4

EAU CLAIRE RIVER (MAIN BRANCH)—Upstream of STH 52—Category 3

FLUME CREEK—Category 3

JACOBSON SPRINGS—Category 3

LITTLE WOLF RIVER—Upstream to River Drive—Category 4

PLOVER RIVER—STH 153 upstream to CTH Z—Category 4

PLOVER RIVER—CTH Z upstream to outlet of Totten Springs—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout in total
Size Limit: all trout kept shall be between 10" and 13"

SILENT SPRINGS—Category 3

SPIEGEL SPRINGS—Category 4

SPRING BROOK—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total
Size Limit: 12"

TOTTEN SPRINGS—Category 4

MARINETTE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Green Bay see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on page 2.

BEAVER CREEK (INCLUDING NORTH AND SOUTH BRANCHES)—Category 4

HOLMES CREEK—Category 4

K.C. CREEK—Category 4

LEFT FOOT LAKE—Category 5
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total
Size Limit: 12"

LINDQUIST LAKE—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

MIDDLE INLET CREEK—Category 4

MONTANA LAKE—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

MURPHY LAKE—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

NOQUEBAY LAKE—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

PESHTIGO RIVER—Upstream from CTH C—Category 3
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, the following restrictions apply:
Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout
Size Limit: 9"
Open season: October 1 to November 15, the following restrictions apply:
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

PESHTIGO RIVER—Between Johnson Falls and Spring Rapids—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total
Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 12"

PIKE RIVER—Category 4

PIKE RIVER (NORTH BRANCH)—Mouth upstream to KC Creek—Category 4

POTHOLE LAKE—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

RAT RIVER—Category 2

SAND LAKE—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

SMITH CREEK—Category 4

SPIKEHORN CREEK—Category 4

THUNDER LAKE—Category 3
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

THUNDER RIVER (NORTH FORK)—Category 4

THUNDER RIVER (SOUTH FORK)—Category 4

WAUSAUKEE RIVER—Category 4

MARQUETTE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

CHAFFEE CREEK—CTH B downstream to Mecan River—Category 3

KLAWITTER CREEK—Category 4

MECAN RIVER—Upstream from 14th Ave—Category 3

MECAN RIVER—14th Avenue downstream to Germania marsh barrier—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag and Size Limit: 3 trout, only 1 of which is over 15"
Size Limit: all trout 12"

NEENAH CREEK (UPPER)—Upstream from STH 82—Category 5

Gear Restrictions: Only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 14"

NEENAH CREEK (LOWER)—Downstream from STH 82—Category 3

WESTFIELD CREEK—Downstream from Lawrence Lake—Category 3

WOOD LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

MENOMINEE

ALL WATERS—Category 2—Menominee County is a Native American reservation. Find out about tribal policies at tribal headquarters. State laws apply to non-Native Americans fishing on the Menominee Reservation.

MILWAUKEE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.

ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: none

MONROE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

BOHEMIAN VALLEY CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

CLEAR CREEK—Category 3

RANCH CREEK—Category 3

RULLANDS COULEE CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

OCONTO

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2—For streams flowing into Green Bay see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on page 2

FORBES SPRINGS—Category 4

GRIGNON LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

JONES SPRINGS—Category 4

MARY LAKE—Category 3

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

NELLIGAN LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

OCONTO RIVER (1ST SOUTH BRANCH)—STH 64 downstream to mouth—Category 4

OCONTO RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—CTH AA downstream to STH 32—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total

Size Limit: brook trout and rainbow trout 12", brown trout 18"

OCONTO RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—Upstream from Menominee County—Category 4

SULLIVAN SPRINGS—Category 4

THUNDER RIVER (NORTH FORK)—Category 4

THUNDER RIVER (SOUTH FORK)—Category 4

TOWN SPRINGS and CREEK—Category 4

TROUT LAKE—Category 3

WAUPEE CREEK—Category 4

WHITE LAKE—Category 5

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

WISCOBEE LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

ONEIDA

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

BIG CARR LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout

Size Limit: 30"

CLEAR LAKE (S16, T39N, R7E)—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout

Size Limit: 30"

DOROTHY LAKE—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

HAWK LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5

Size Limit: none

LITTLE BASS LAKE (S15, T39N, R7E)—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

PERCH LAKE (S2, T36N, R7E)—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

OUTAGAMIE

ALL WATERS—Category 2

OZAUKEE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.

ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: none

PEPIN

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 4

PIERCE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 4

KINNICKINNIC RIVER—Downstream from lower pond in River Falls and Rocky branch—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout under 10", or 4 trout under 10" and 1 over 14"

KINNICKINNIC RIVER—Downstream from St. Croix County line including both flowages in River Falls downstream to the lower pond dam—Category 2

POLK

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

APPLE RIVER—Downstream from Black Brook Dam—Category 4

CLAREY LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

CRESCENT LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

ICE HOUSE LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

LOWER PINE LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

ORE CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

SAND CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

SPENCER CREEK—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: all trout kept shall be less than 12"

PORTAGE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

ADAMS LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

FLUME CREEK—Category 3

LITTLE WOLF RIVER—Category 4

RAINY CREEK—Category 3

SPRING LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

SUNSET LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

THOMAS LAKE—Category 2

Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

TOMORROW (WAUPACA) RIVER—Durant Rd. downstream to River Road in Waupaca County—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total

Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook trout and rainbow trout 12"

TOMORROW (WAUPACA) RIVER (LOWER)—Durant Rd. upstream to Amherst dam—Category 4

TOMORROW (WAUPACA) RIVER—Old Railroad Bridge north of Amherst upstream to Poncho Creek—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout in total, only 1 over 20"

Size Limit: 3 trout may be kept between 10" and 13", or 2 trout between 10" and 13" and 1 over 20"

TOMORROW (WAUPACA) RIVER (UPPER)—Upstream from Poncho Creek—Category 4

PRICE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

BUTTERNUT CREEK AND TRIBUTARIES—Category 2

DAVE LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

FOULDS SPRINGS—Category 3

HOGSBACK (SPUR LAKE) SPRINGS—Category 3

PATTERSON LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

PRICE CREEK—Downstream from Lower Price lake—Category 3

TWIN LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

RACINE

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.

ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: none

RICHLAND

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3

ASH CREEK—Upstream from STH 80—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

BEAR CREEK—Upstream from STH 130 bridge in S14, T9N, R2E—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout

Size Limit: 12"

GAULT HOLLOW CREEK—Downstream from CTH H—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

LITTLE WILLOW CREEK—Downstream from Spiral Road—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout

Size Limit: 12"

MELANCTON CREEK—Upstream of STH 80 at north line of NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄, S22, T12N, R1E—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total, only 3 may be brook trout

Size Limit: 7" brown and rainbow trout, brook trout must be between 6"—9"

MELANCTON CREEK—Downstream of STH 80 at north line of NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄, S22, T12N, R1E—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total, only 3 may be brook trout

Size Limit: 7" brown and rainbow trout, brook trout must be between 6"—9"

MILL CREEK—USH 14 upstream to Quarry Hill Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

PINE RIVER—Uppermost STH 80 bridge downstream to CTH AA—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout

Size Limit: 12"

PINE RIVER (WEST BRANCH)—Old County Farm Drive upstream to Spangler Ridge Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

SMITH HOLLOW CREEK—Downstream from Smyth Hollow Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

WILLOW CREEK—STH 58 bridge 2.75 miles south of Ithaca upstream to Lost Hollow Road, and STH 58 bridge 0.25 mile north of Loyd upstream to county line—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout

Size Limit: 12"

WILLOW CREEK—Lost Hollow Road upstream to STH 58 bridge 0.25 mile north of Loyd—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

ROCK

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3—All Rock County lakes and ponds have an open season from January 1 to September 30

RACCOON CREEK AND RACCOON CREEK (EAST BRANCH)—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

RUSK

ALL STREAMS NOT LISTED—Category 2

ALL LAKES AND SPRING PONDS NOT LISTED—Category 3

BASS L (WEYERHAUSER)—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout

Size Limit: 15"

BIG WEIGOR CREEK—Category 3

CORBETT LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

DEER CREEK—Category 3

DEVILS CREEK—Category 3

DEVILS CREEK TROUT POND—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

HAWKINS MILL POND—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

HEMLOCK CREEK—Category 3

LITTLE WEIGOR CREEK—Category 3

MAIN CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Category 3

SOFT MAPLE CREEK—Category 3

THREE LAKES NUMBER ONE—Category 3

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

SAUK

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3
- BEAR CREEK—County line upstream to CTH N and upstream from Croal Hollow Road—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total
Size Limit: 12"
- BEAR CREEK—CTH N upstream to Croal Hollow Road—Category 5
Gear Restriction: None
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- BEAVER CREEK—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- DELL CREEK—Coon Bluff Road upstream to South Avenue—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- DEVIL'S LAKE—Category 3
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
- ROWLEY CREEK—Category 4
- WILLOW CREEK—Upstream from county line—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total
Size Limit: 12"

SAWYER

- ALL STREAMS NOT LISTED—Category 2
- ALL LAKES AND SPRING PONDS NOT LISTED—Category 3
- ASHEGON LAKE—Category 3
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
- BLACK DAN LAKE—Category 5
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout
Size Limit: 15"
- BRUNET RIVER—Category 3
- CAMP SMITH LAKE—Category 3
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
- COUDERAY RIVER—Category 3
- DEER CREEK (METEOR TOWNSHIP)—Category 3
- EDDY CREEK—Category 3
- FIDDLER CREEK—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- HAUER SPRINGS—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: 15"
- LITTLE WEIGOR CREEK—Category 3
- MCDERMOTT BROOK—Category 3
- NAMEKAGON RIVER—STH 63 upstream to Pacawong Dam—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: 15"
- NAMEKAGON RIVER—Hospital Road upstream to Phipps Dam—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- NAMEKAGON RIVER—Downstream from Lake Hayward—Category 5
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30
Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout
Size Limit: 9"
Open Season: October 1 to May 3, the following restrictions apply:
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- OSGOOD LAKE—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: 15"
- PERCH LAKE—Category 3
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

- PORCUPINE LAKE—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: 15"
- PRICE CREEK—Category 3
- ROUND LAKE—Category 5
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout
Size Limit: 18"
- SILVERTHORNE LAKE—Category 5
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout
Size Limit: 15"
- STRESS SPRINGS—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
- THORNAPPLE RIVER—Category 3
- TOTAGATIC RIVER—Category 3
- VENISON CREEK—Category 3

SHAWANO

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2
- BAHR LAKE—See Koth and Bahr Lakes
- COMET CREEK—Downstream from CTH P—Category 4
- EMBARRASS RIVER (MIDDLE BRANCH)—CTH Z downstream to Homme Pond Dam—Category 4
- EMBARRASS RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—Upstream from Tigerton dam—Category 4
- EMBARRASS SPRINGS—Category 4
- HOMME POND—Category 4
- KOTH AND BAHR LAKES—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
- MILL CREEK—Downstream from STH 29—Category 3
- RED RIVER—CTH A at village of Red River upstream to Lower Red Lake dam—Category 3
- RED RIVER (WEST BRANCH)—Downstream from CTH D—Category 4
- SHIOC RIVER (WEST BRANCH)—Upstream from Sunrise Road—Category 4

SHEBOYGAN

- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3—For streams flowing into Lake Michigan see the regulations under Lake Michigan Streams on p. 2.
- ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout
Size limit: none
- BEN NUTT CREEK—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: 15"
- MILL CREEK—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: 15"
- ONION RIVER—Upstream from CTH E—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: 15"

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- ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 4
- APPLE RIVER—Category 2
- GLEN LAKE—Category 3
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
- KINNICKINNIC RIVER—Category 2
- PARKER CREEK—Category 2
- PERCH LAKE—Category 3
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
- WILLOW RIVER—From Willow Falls in Willow River state park upstream to the confluence on the north and south forks—Category 2
- WILLOW RIVER (NORTH FORK)—Category 2

TAYLOR

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2
BIG RIB RIVER—CTH C downstream to STH 64—Category 3
BIG RIB RIVER—Downstream from STH 64—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
CAMP 8 FLOWAGE—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
SPRUCE LAKE—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
WOOD CREEK—Category 3

TREMPEALEAU

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2
ABRAHAM COULEE CREEK—Category 4
ADAMS CREEK—Category 3
ARCTIC SPRINGS GOLF COURSE POND—Category 2
Open season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
BEAR CREEK—Category 4
BEAVER CREEK—Category 4
BEAVER CREEK (NORTH FORK)—Category 4
BEAVER CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Category 3
ROSSMAN CREEK—Category 3
BIG CREEK—Category 3
BORST VALLEY CREEK—Category 3
BRUCE VALLEY CREEK—Category 3
BUFFALO RIVER—CTH OOO downstream to Tracey Valley Road (S8, T24N, R7W)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout, only 1 may be a brown trout
Size Limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 10"
BUFFALO RIVER—Osseo to Strum except above—Category 4
BUFFALO RIVER (NORTH FORK)—Category 4
BUFFALO RIVER (SOUTH FORK)—Category 4
BUGLE LAKE—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
CHIMNEY ROCK CREEK—Category 3
DODGE POND—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
DUTCH CREEK—Category 3
ELEVA POND—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
ELK CREEK—Category 3
ELK CREEK (NORTH BRANCH)—Category 3
ELK CREEK (BENNET)—Category 3
FLY CREEK—Category 3
FRENCH CREEK—Category 3
HARDIES CREEK—Category 3
HOLCOMB COULEE CREEK—Category 3
JOHNSON VALLEY CREEK—Category 3
KILNESS CREEK—Category 3
KING CREEK—Category 3
LAKE HENRY—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
LAKE MARTHA—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
LAKES COULEE CREEK—Category 3
LINDSAY CREEK—Category 3
MEYER VALLEY CREEK—Category 3
OSSEO ROD AND GUN POND—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
PIGEON CREEK—Upstream from Pigeon Falls Pond—Category 3
PIGEON FALLS POND—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
PINE CREEK—Category 3
ROSSMAN CREEK—Category 3
SALZWEDEL COULEE CREEK—Category 3
SCHERMERHORN CREEK—Category 3

SPORT VALLEY CREEK—Category 3
STRUM LAKE—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009
TAMARACK CREEK—Category 3
TRAVERSE VALLEY CREEK—Category 4
TREMPEALEAU RIVER—Category 4
TROUT CREEK—Category 3
TROUT RUN CREEK—Category 3
VOSSE COULEE CREEK—Category 4
WASHINGTON COULEE CREEK—Category 4
WHITEHALL ROD AND GUN POND—Category 2
Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

VERNON

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3
BISHOP BRANCH—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total
Size Limit: all trout kept must be less than 12"
ESOFEA BRANCH—From Rung Hollow Lake upstream to Saxford Road—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
KICKAPOO RIVER (WEST FORK)—STH 82 upstream to CTH S and Bloomingdale road (S6, T13N, R3W)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
MELANCTHON CREEK—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total, only 3 may be brook trout
Size Limit: 7" brown and rainbow trout, brook trout must be between 6"—9"
SEAS BRANCH CREEK—Upstream from junction of stream and impoundment in S14, T13N, R4W—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
TIMBER COULEE CREEK—CTH P upstream to Olstad Road—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
TIMBER COULEE CREEK—Other than above—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total
Size Limit: all trout kept must be less than 12"
UNNAMED CREEK 16-6 (S16, T13N, R7W)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
UNNAMED CREEK 29-4 (S29, T13N, R7W)—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

VILAS

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2
BLACK OAK LAKE—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: 30"
BLUEGILL LAKE—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total
Size Limit: none
CRYSTAL LAKE (S27, T41N, R7E)—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total
Size Limit: 26"
DEERSKIN RIVER—Blackjack Creek downstream to Range Line Road—Category 5
Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used
Daily Bag and Size Limit: 2 brook trout over 12", & 1 brown trout over 18"
DOROTHY LAKE—Category 5
Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total
Size Limit: none

FALLISON LAKE—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 7"

FENCE LAKE—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total, only 3 of which can be brown trout

Size Limit: brook trout 7", brown trout 20"

FIRE FLY LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: none

LAC DU LUNE LAKE—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

LITTLE JOHN JR. LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: none

LITTLE TROUT LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total

Size Limit: 26"

LONG LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total

Size Limit: 30"

OTTO MIELKE LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: none

PALLETTE LAKE—Category 5—Season closed all year. No fishing for lake trout.

PAUTO LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout in total

Size Limit: none

SHANNON LAKE—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

SPECTACLE LAKE—All—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

STORMY LAKE—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

TROUT LAKE—Category 5

Open Season for lake trout: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout in total

Size Limit: 30"

WILDWOOD LAKE—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to November 15

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 5 trout

Size Limit: 12"

WALWORTH

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3

ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size limit: none

BEULAH LAKE—Category 3

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

BLUFF CREEK—Category 4

LAKE GENEVA—Category 5

Open Season for lake trout: January 5 to September 30, 2008 (January 3 to September 30, 2009)

Open Season for other trout: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

Daily Bag and Size Limit: 2 lake trout over 17", & 3 other trout over 9"

WHITEWATER CREEK—Upstream of Willis Ray Road—Category 4

WASHBURN

ALL LANDLOCKED LAKES AND PONDS WITHOUT OUTLET STREAMS, NOT OTHERWISE LISTED—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

ALL STREAMS, SPRING PONDS, AND LAKES WITH OUTLET STREAMS, NOT OTHERWISE LISTED—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to September 30

BRILL RIVER—Category 4

SAWMILL LAKE—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

TOZER LAKE—Category 5

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

Daily Bag Limit: 2 trout in total

Size Limit: 12"

WASHINGTON

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3

ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: none

BIG CEDAR LAKE—Category 5

Open Season for lake trout: January 5 to September 30, 2008 (January 3 to September 30, 2009)

Daily Bag Limit: 2 lake trout

Size Limit: lake trout 17"

WAUKESHA

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 3

ALL URBAN WATERS—Category 5

Daily Bag Limit: 3 trout

Size Limit: none

FOWLER LAKE—Category 3

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

LOWER GENESEE LAKE—Category 3

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

LOWER NASHOTAH LAKE—Category 3

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

MCKEAWN SPRINGS—Category 5

Open Season: January 1 to September 30

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

MUKWONAGO RIVER—Eagle Spring Lake downstream to Lower Phantom Lake—Category 4

PARADISE SPRINGS CREEK—Upstream from CTH N—Category 5

Open Season: January 1 to September 30

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

SCUPPERNONG SPRINGS—Category 5

Open Season: January 1 to September 30

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

WAUPACA

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

BASS LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

CHAIN OF LAKES (ALL LAKES)—Category 4

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

COMET CREEK—Category 4

CRYSTAL RIVER—Category 3

FLUME CREEK—Category 3

LITTLE LONG LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

LITTLE WOLF RIVER—CTH J upstream to Ness Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout

Size Limit: brook trout 14"

LITTLE WOLF RIVER—All except portion described above and south branch—Category 4

LITTLE WOLF RIVER (SOUTH BRANCH)—Category 3

MIRROR LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

RADLEY CREEK—Category 3

WALLA WALLA CREEK—Category 3

WAUPACA (TOMORROW) RIVER—River Road upstream to Durant Road in Portage County—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout

Size Limit: brook trout and rainbow trout 12", brown trout 18"

WAUPACA (TOMORROW) RIVER—All except portion listed above—Category 4

WAUSHARA

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

JOHNS LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

GILBERT LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

MECAN RIVER AND SPRINGS—Category 3

PEARL LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

PINE LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

PINE RIVER (LOWER)—Downstream from Wild Rose millpond—Category 3

PINE RIVER (UPPER)—Upstream from Wild Rose millpond—Category 2

SPRING LAKE—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

WHITE RIVER POND (WEST BRANCH)—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

WHITE RIVER (MAIN BRANCH)—Upstream from Lower White River millpond—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag and Size Limit: 3 trout per day, only 1 brown trout over 15"

Size Limit: 12"

WHITE RIVER—Category 3

WHITE RIVER (WEST BRANCH)—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30

WILD ROSE MILL POND—Category 2

Open Season: May 3 at 5:00 a.m. to March 1, 2009

WILLOW CREEK—Downstream from Blackhawk Road—Category 3

WINNEBAGO

ALL WATERS—Category 2

WOOD

ALL WATERS NOT LISTED—Category 2

TEN MILE CREEK—Upstream for Rangeline Road—Category 2

TEN MILE CREEK—Downstream from Rangeline Road—Category 5

Gear Restriction: only artificial lures may be used

Daily Bag Limit: 1 trout

Size Limit: 15"

Public or Private?

How Do I Know If I'm Trespassing?

- Navigability determines whether a waterway is public or private. Navigable lakes and streams are public waterways.
- A waterway is navigable if it has a bed and banks and it is possible to float a canoe or other small craft at sometime of the year—even if only during spring floods.
- Because they are public, you may use navigable waters for fishing, boating, swimming or other recreational activities, provided public access is available, or you have permission of the land owner to cross their property to reach the waterway. Once on a navigable waterway, **AS LONG AS YOU KEEP YOUR FEET WET, YOU MAY WALK ALONG THE BED OF THE STREAM, FISH, SWIM, OR BOAT IN ANY NAVIGABLE LAKE OR STREAM.**

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Wisconsin Trout Stream Habitat Management

What's At Stake?

Wisconsin has over 2,900 trout streams, the majority exhibiting some degree of natural reproduction. Their protection and improvement are cornerstones of DNR's trout management program. While all the streams require protection, about 30 percent need some form of habitat improvement. Both the resource and the quality of trout fishing are at stake.

Why Manage Trout Stream Habitat?

Habitat management focuses on the stream channel and its banks. The idea is to create conditions favorable for trout by adding something to the stream or modifying what's already present.

Trout need certain environmental conditions, called habitat, to survive and flourish. Cold water, plenty of oxygen, sheltered places to hide and rest, and abundant supplies of insects and forage fish are the most important. For streams supporting wild trout, add gravel beds for spawning, water swift enough to sweep silt from developing eggs, and half a dozen other factors just beginning to be understood.

Leave out one of these conditions and you may still have a trout stream, but it probably won't produce to capacity. Leave out many more and you can forget about the trout. They won't be there.

Trout streams have been shaped by the forces of nature. No amount of management can make one out of a stream that wasn't meant for it. But management can restore damaged streams. Beaver dams, cattle grazing, highway construction, pollution and floods all take their toll on trout habitat. You can measure the damage in higher water temperatures, caved-in stream banks, turbid water, or number of trout lost.

Habitat management can also make good streams better by increasing the number and size of trout. Some streams have all the required conditions but not in large enough doses. Here, management steps in to find out what's limiting trout production and takes up the slack.

More and better fishing opportunities are the final goal.

The Trout Stamp

Money was always a problem in the habitat management program. There was never enough to go around. When Wisconsin's trout stamp came along, the situation made a quick turn for the better. Although talked about for over 30 years, it did not become official until 1977. That year, the State Legislature approved the special stamp, with all proceeds going to improve and maintain habitat on inland trout streams. A limitation is that work must pertain to the stream channel and its immediate surroundings. Habitat protection away from the stream is not included.

Management Beyond The Stream

Streams are where the trout are and where the fishing is, too. But good management requires looking beyond the stream, often miles away, to the land that surrounds it, the watershed. What goes on there can have a profound effect on the stream and its trout population.

Pollution is a major concern, and much of it is a kind that can't be traced to any specific source. This is called non-point pollution. Agricultural chemicals, manure, silt and oil residues are examples, entering streams as runoff from farm fields, feed lots and highways. Trout can be affected directly through their body metabolism or indirectly, through deterioration of their habitat.

Flooding is also a problem, especially in hilly southwest and west central Wisconsin. Being the low point in a watershed, streams receive all rain that isn't trapped on the land. Land denuded of natural vegetation or improperly farmed will send this water gushing to the stream, often with disastrous results.

Too little water poses problems of a different sort. The springs, feeder streams, runoff and groundwater that supply trout streams are critical to their health. Both quantity and temperature of the water are important. Dams that cut off water or heat it up can mean big trouble. So can irrigation.

Although not funded by the trout stamp, watershed management is a high priority within the DNR. It takes several forms. DNR's permit system protects trout streams and their feeders from dams and excessive irrigation. Whenever possible, spring holes are purchased. Non-point pollution and flooding are being addressed through education and cooperation with landowners, with funding provided by the priority watershed program.

Is Your Favorite Stream In Jeopardy?

Any physical altering of a stream requires specific permits and should be carefully supervised.

- Dredging
- Dam building
- Filling
- Pond building
- Irrigating
- Channelizing
- Straightening

These are all carefully controlled activities. If you see any suspicious activities going on in streams, please notify your local DNR office. If you are a land owner, please acquire the proper information prior to altering any streams.

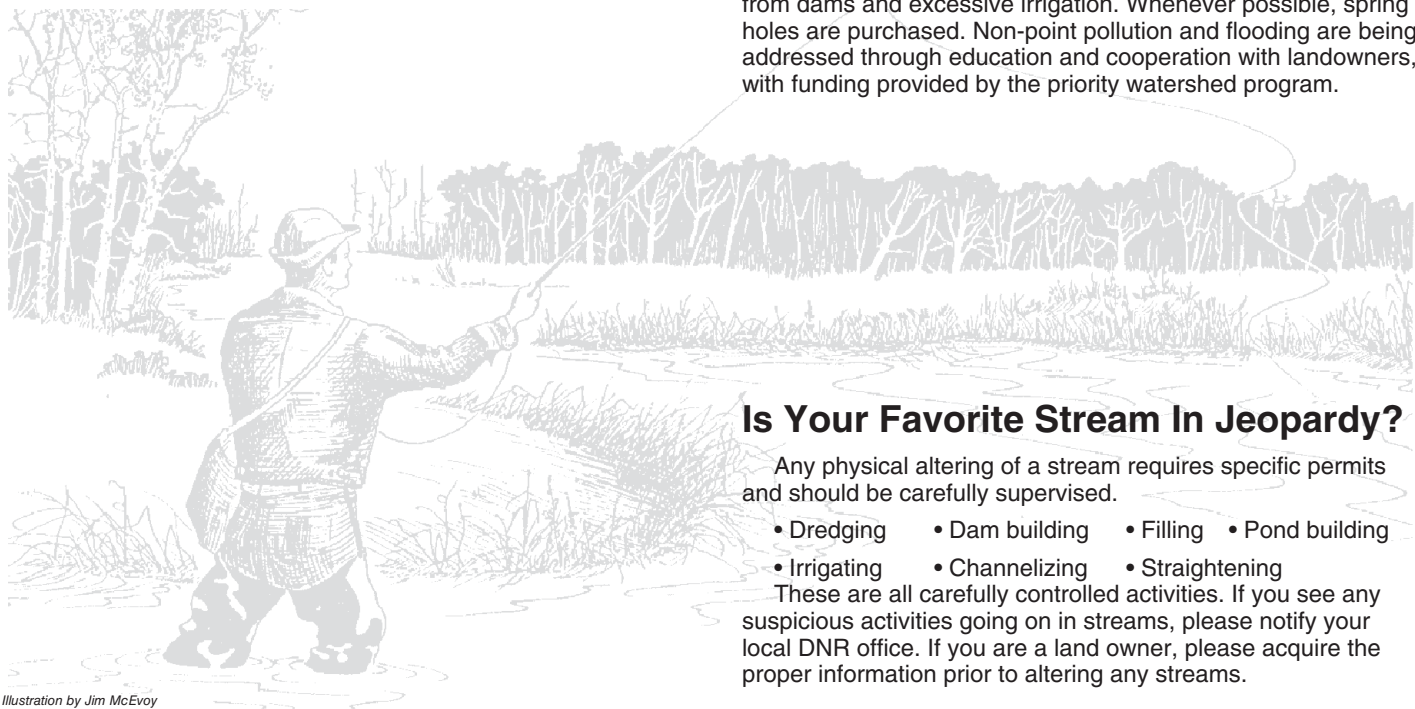


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Identifying Trout and Salmon

Inland Trout

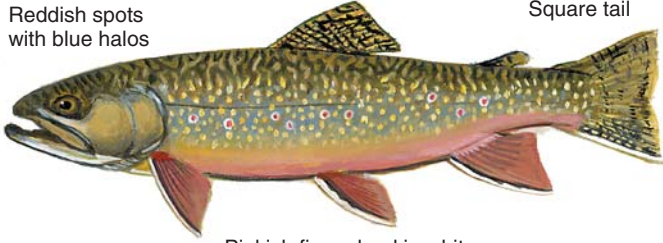
Great Lakes Trout

Brook Trout

Irregular wormlike markings on back and dorsal fin

Reddish spots with blue halos

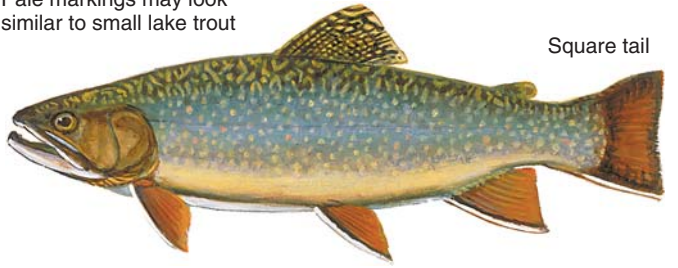
Square tail



Pinkish fins edged in white

Pale markings may look similar to small lake trout

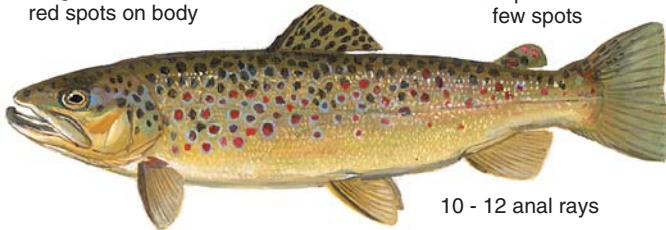
Square tail



Brown Trout

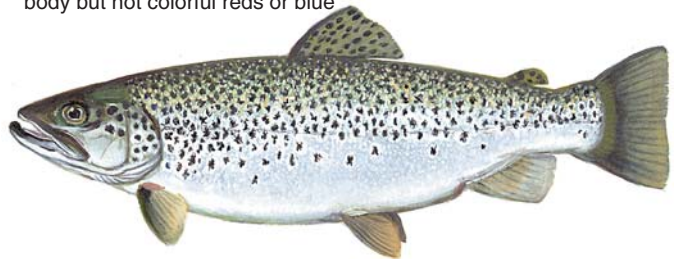
Large black, blue or red spots on body

Square tail with few spots



10 - 12 anal rays

Very silvery in summer. Dark spots on body but not colorful reds or blue



Rainbow Trout

Many small spots on body

Square tail with many spots over entire tail in radiating rows



White mouth and gums

10 - 12 anal rays

Spots all over tail remain, but rest of body is silver.

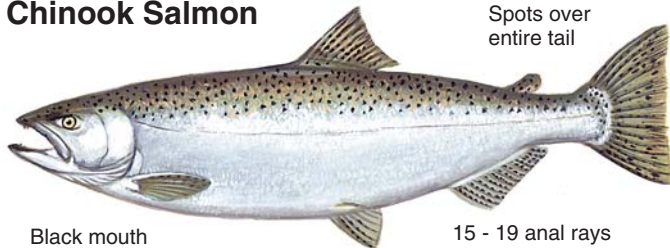


White mouth identifies rainbow (steelhead) from the salmon.

Great Lakes Salmon and Lake Trout

Chinook Salmon

Spots over entire tail

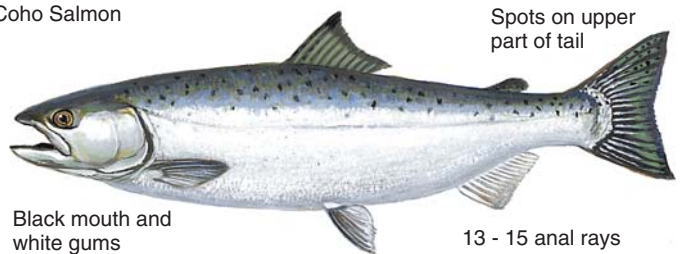


Black mouth and gums

15 - 19 anal rays

Coho Salmon

Spots on upper part of tail



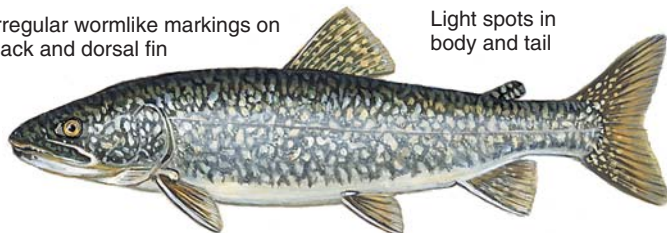
Black mouth and white gums

13 - 15 anal rays

Lake Trout

Irregular wormlike markings on back and dorsal fin

Light spots in body and tail



Deeply forked tail