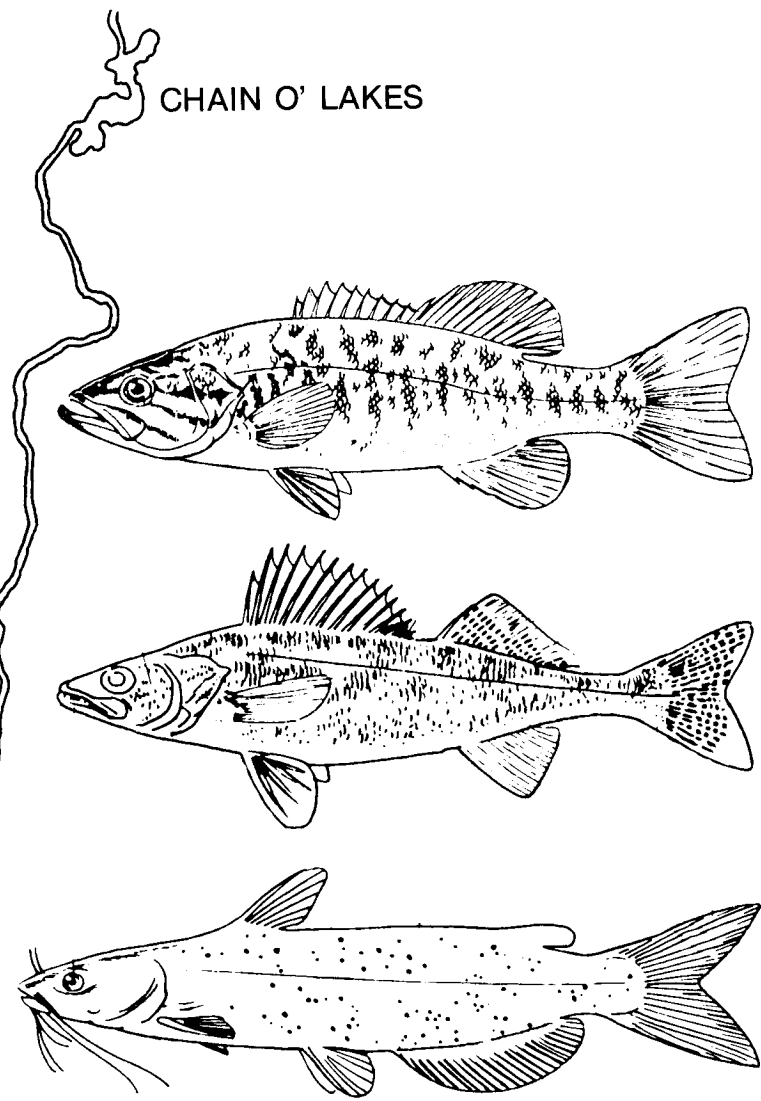
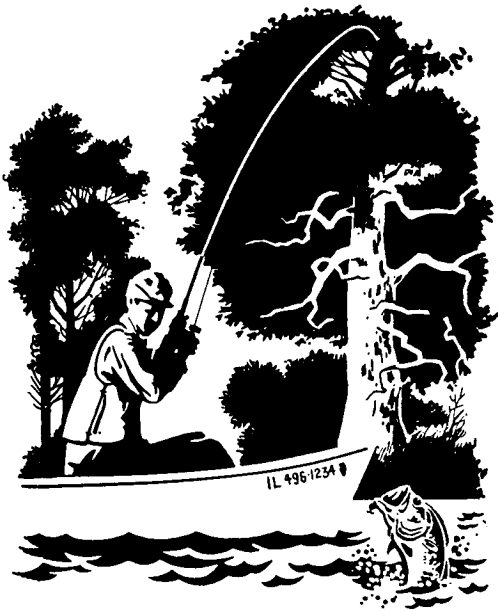


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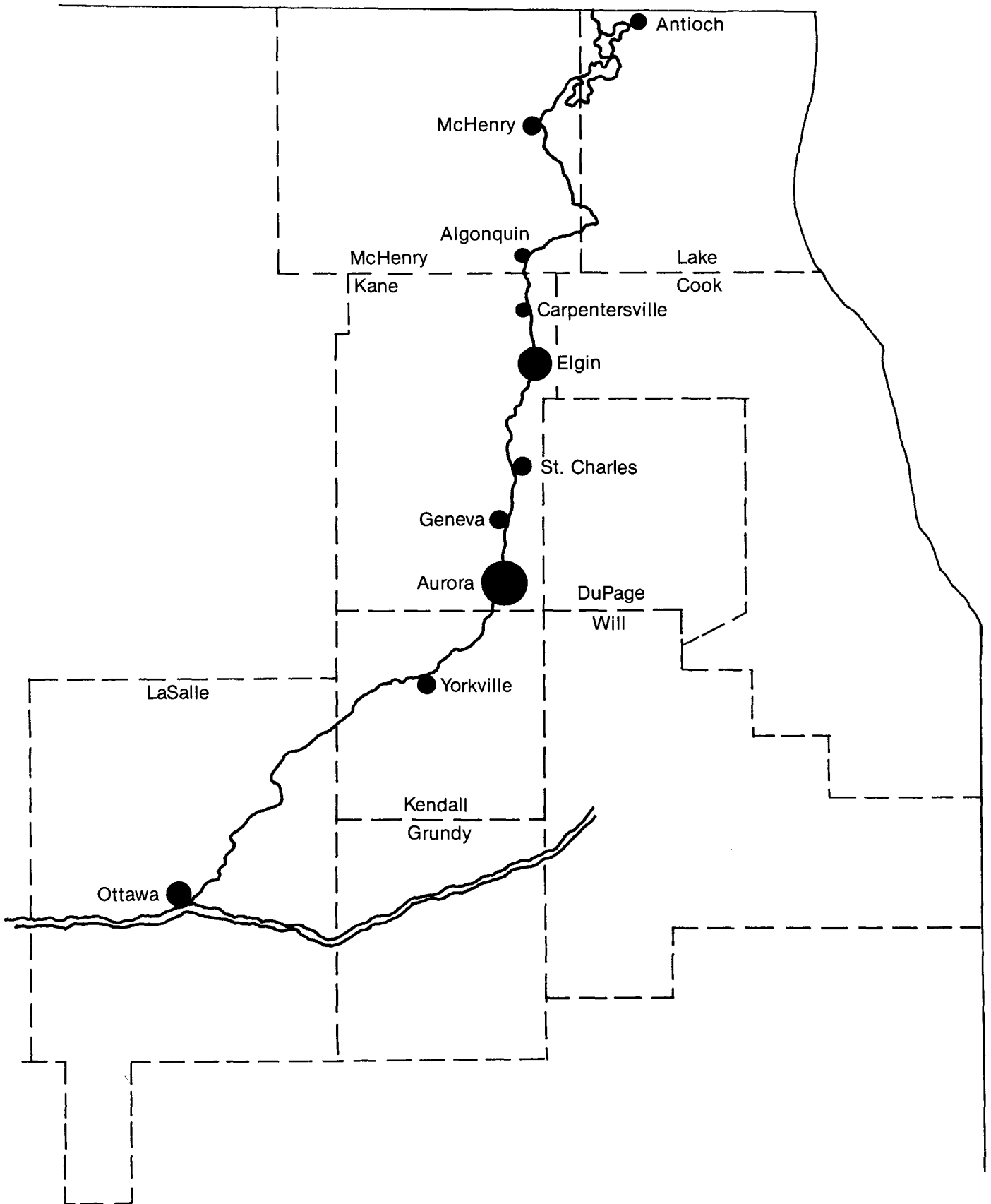
CHAIN O' LAKES

ILLINOIS RIVER



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# LOCATION OF THE FOX RIVER IN NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS



**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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**FOX RIVER  
ACCESS AREAS  
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**INTRODUCTION**

Originating northwest of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Fox River enters Illinois near Antioch and flows generally in a southerly direction for 115.2 miles through populous northeastern Illinois emptying into the Illinois River at Ottawa. This major tributary to the Illinois provides considerable recreational opportunity and is within easy access of the more than 7 million people living in the greater Chicago metropolitan area. Sport fishing is one of the major recreational activities engaged in along its course, particularly in the tailwater areas below 15 major dams, which impound the river into pools of varying length. The majority (11) of these dams are found in the Elgin-Aurora area, more specifically located at Carpentersville, Elgin, South Elgin, St.

Charles, Geneva, Batavia (2), North Aurora, Aurora (2), and Montgomery. Other dams are located at McHenry, Algonquin, Yorkville, and Dayton. The Dayton Dam is the only one on the river used to generate electrical power.

The McHenry Dam, reconstructed by the State of Illinois in 1939, became the only dam on the river to provide boat lockage and created the 6,500 acres of water forming the Fox Chain O'Lakes. Boaters can go through the lock at McHenry and proceed upstream into the Fox Chain O'Lakes, one of the most popular recreational areas in Illinois. A separate publication, FOX CHAIN O'LAKES ACCESS AREAS AND FISHING GUIDE, is also available through the Division of Fisheries.

## REGULATIONS

When fishing the Fox River, anglers should consult State fishing regulations regarding current size and creel limits — particularly, largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye\*, and northern pike. All State boating and hunting regulations are also applicable and enforced.

Copies of these regulations can be obtained where fishing licenses are sold or by writing to:

Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Fisheries  
Lincoln Tower Plaza  
524 South Second Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

\* A special regulation became effective April 1, 1992: An 18-inch minimum length limit and 3 fish daily creel limit was imposed upon all walleye harvested from the Fox Chain O'Lakes proper and that portion of the Fox River from the Illinois-Wisconsin State Line south to the McHenry Dam.

## POLLUTION

Pollution problems have stemmed from enrichment — particularly, in the form of nitrates and inorganic phosphates introduced from agricultural drainage, sewage effluents, and other sources. The enrichment triggers tremendous blooms of planktonic algae, which can give the river a bright green appearance during the warm summer months.

Water quality has improved due to good environmental management practices. Legislation has been enacted for floodplain protection, especially in the upper areas of the river and Chain O'Lakes region. Construction of housing, which displaced wetlands and marshes essential as biological filters and as fish spawning and rearing areas, has ceased because of recent legislation. In addition, governmental agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have assisted in controlling pollutants which are introduced into the Fox River Basin.

## SAFETY

Whether boating or wading, safety is an important concern on the river. Avoid the areas immediately above and below dams. The boil area below the dam can be extremely hazardous, especially during high water periods. A certain amount of respect for the river is only good judgment.

## SPECIFIC AREAS TO FISH

The most popular fishing areas have been at the following dams: Dayton, Yorkville, Montgomery, North Aurora, St. Charles, and McHenry. Spring and fall are the best times to catch most species of fish found in the Fox River. Limits of walleyes are not uncommon at these times, especially in April and September, with many smallmouth bass taken right along with the walleye.

The farthest downstream dam at Dayton is located approximately 5.5 miles up from the confluence with the Illinois River. In addition to the tailwater area below the dam, another exceptional fishing spot is located here. Immediately below the hydroelectric power plant on the west side of the river just down from the dam has been a hot spot for walleye, white bass, crappie, and channel catfish.

Proceeding upstream, in addition to the fine tailwater fishery below the various dams, there are several well-known channel areas that provide fine angling opportunities. Channels and backwaters, in addition to spring and fall, can be exceptionally productive during the ice fishing season and at times of high water. Bluegill, crappie, and yellow bass are most commonly caught at these locations. The east channel just above Montgomery Dam has been noted as probably the best. This channel, at one time, was dug for the purpose of boat lockage; but the project was never completed and has provided a very popular place to catch fish and enjoy the outdoor setting.

Another good channel is an area known as Depot Pond. Located on the west side of the river, at the upper Batavia Dam, it also produces fine catches of panfish, especially crappie.

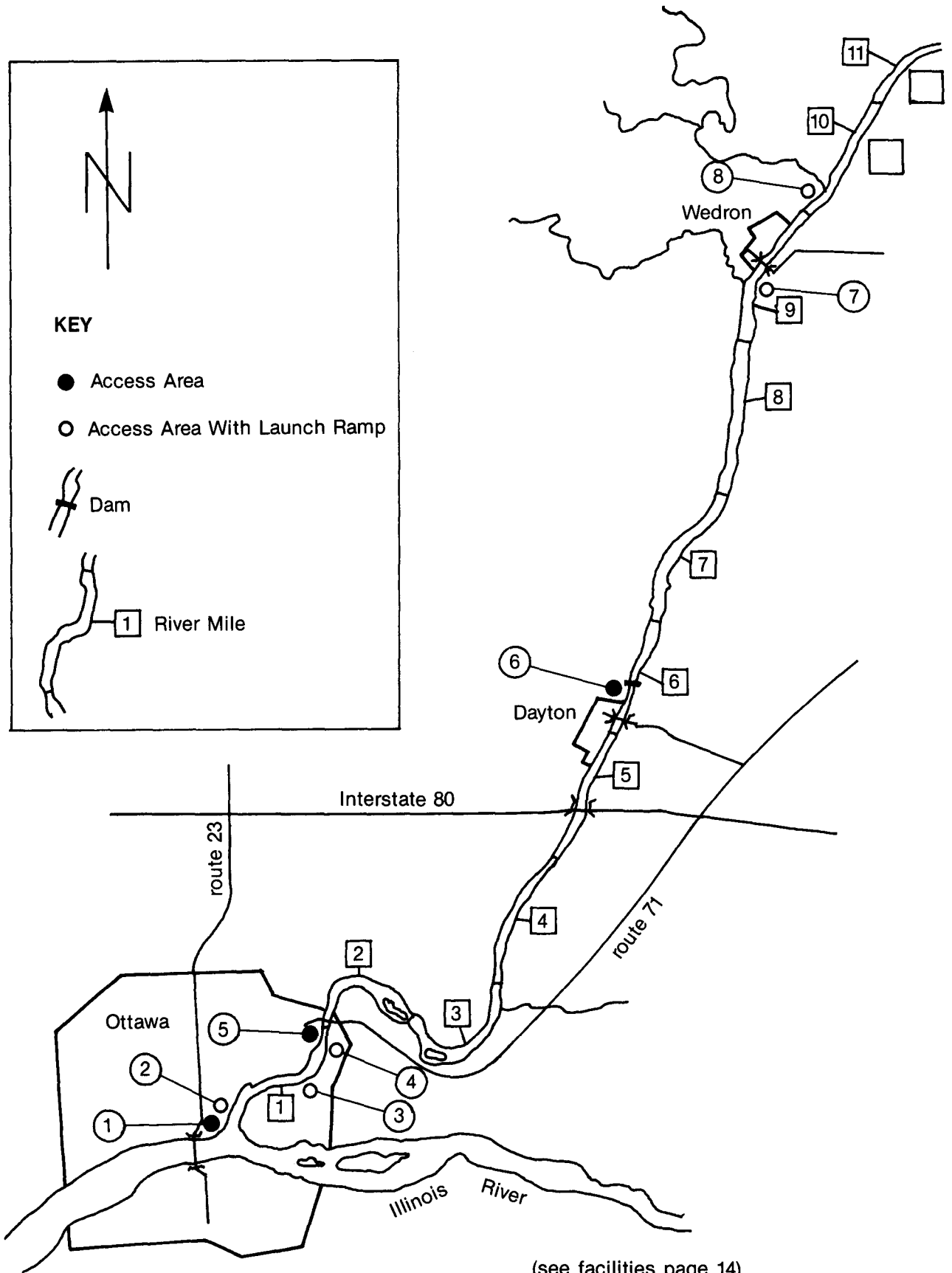
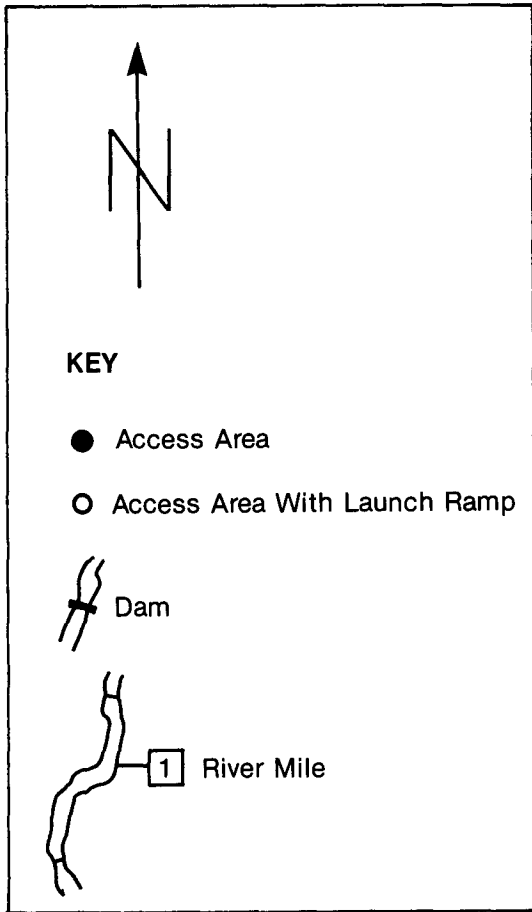
To the north, the farthest upstream dam is located 2.5 miles south of McHenry. Providing a tailwater fishery of the Fox Chain O'Lakes, this area provides more walleye than any spot on the river and is a prime area for channel catfish, white and yellow bass, and crappie. Flathead catfish have been caught below most Fox River dams, including McHenry Dam, where 20 to 30 pound fish are not uncommon. Northern pike are also taken, especially in April.

In order to be a successful fisherman, one must expend some time and effort to learn and understand the behavior and habits of the various fish; the types of bait and tackle to use, and when, where, and how to fish for them. As the old saying goes, "Ten percent of the fishermen catch ninety percent of the fish." Hence, all fishermen must learn to be patient if they expect to consistently catch fish.

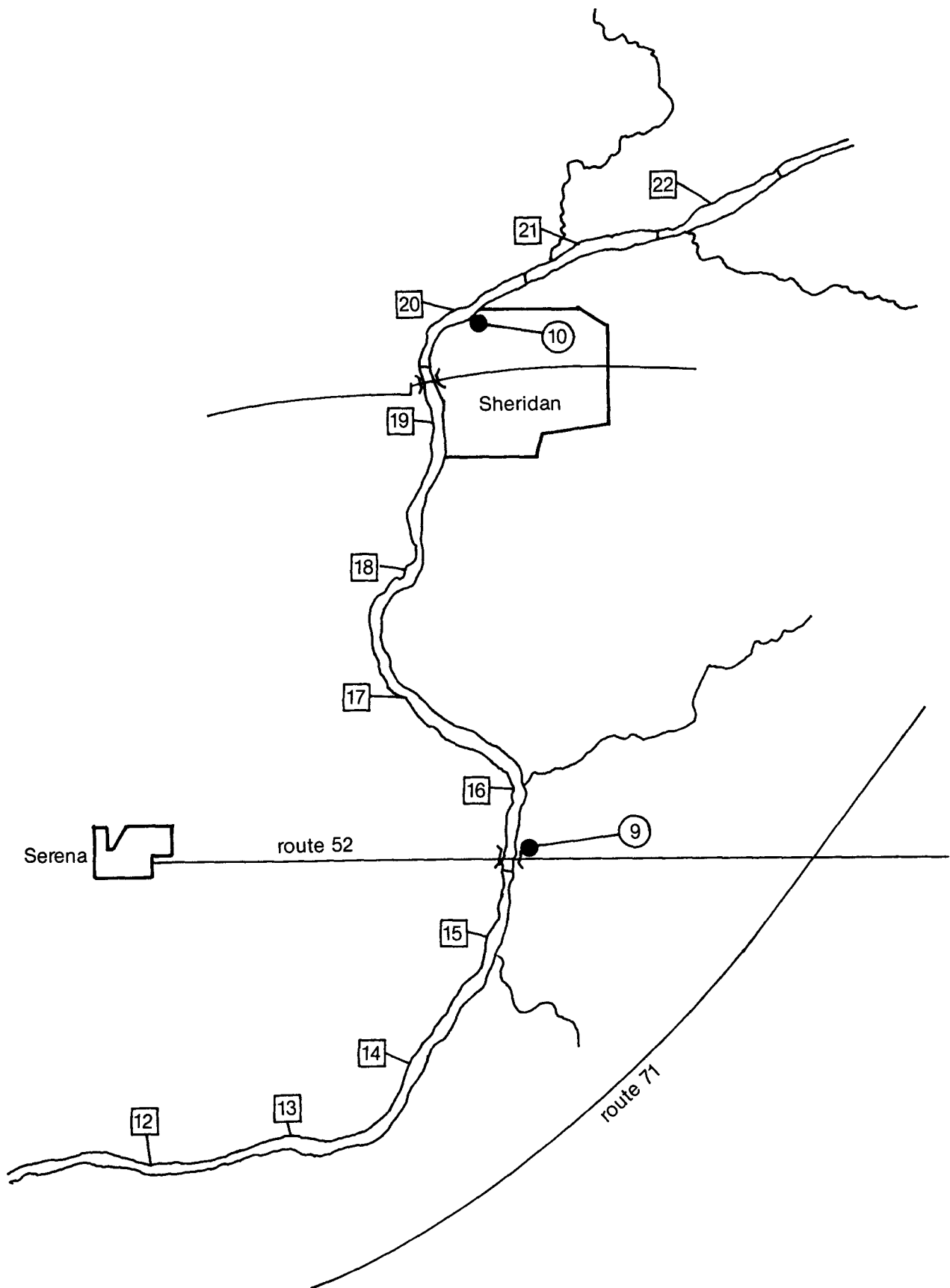
## ACCESS AREAS

The following pages contain information relative to the public and private access areas along the Fox River. Sites are numbered and listed in tabular form showing facilities available. Maps show access numbers and river miles beginning at the junction with the Illinois River at Ottawa upstream to the Illinois-Wisconsin State Line near Antioch. Access areas along the section of river, which becomes part of the Chain O'Lakes, have been listed in a separate report, FOX CHAIN O'LAKES ACCESS AREAS AND FISHING GUIDE.

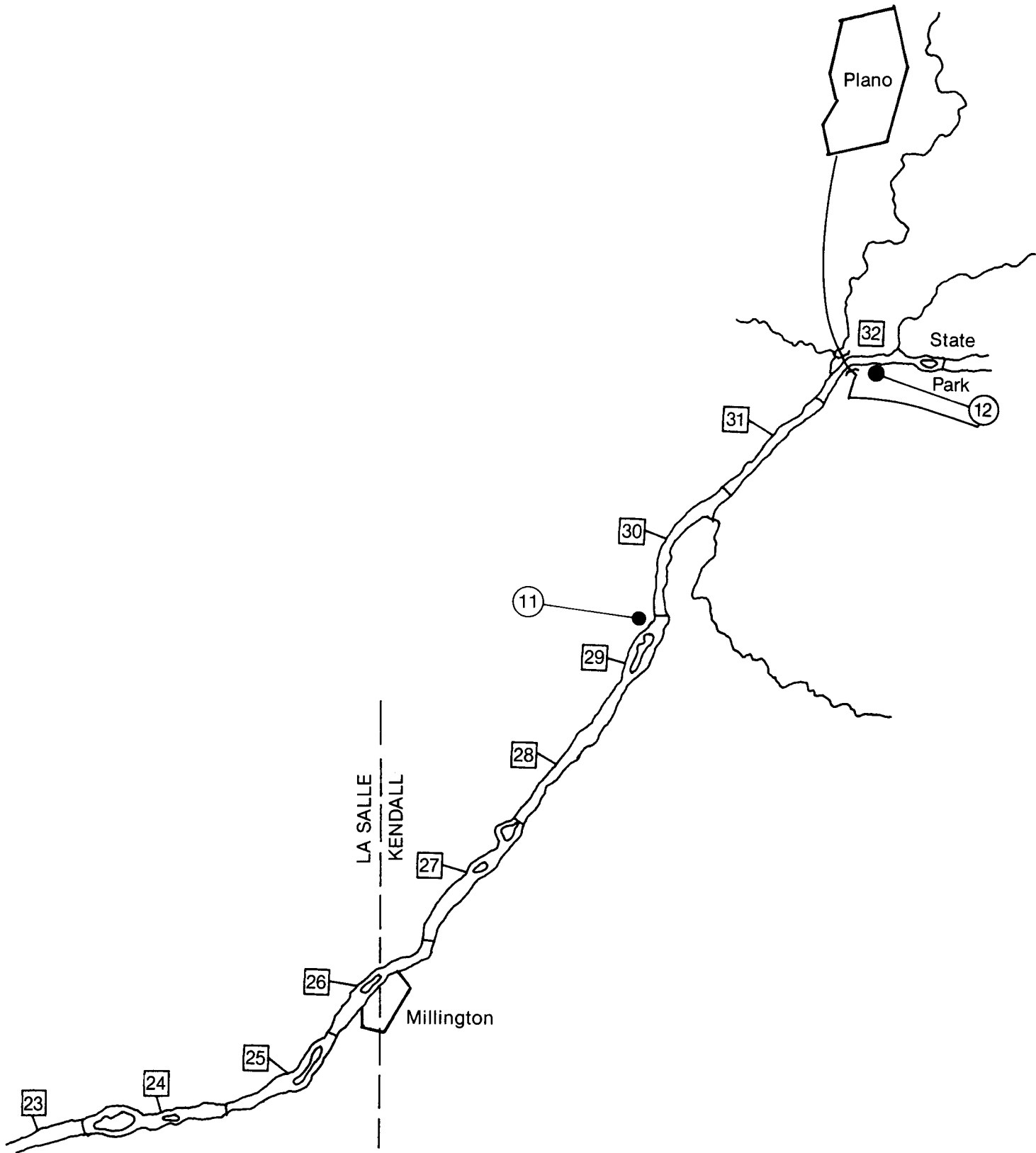
A few major named highways have been shown but a State highway map would be useful in finding exact locations of access areas.



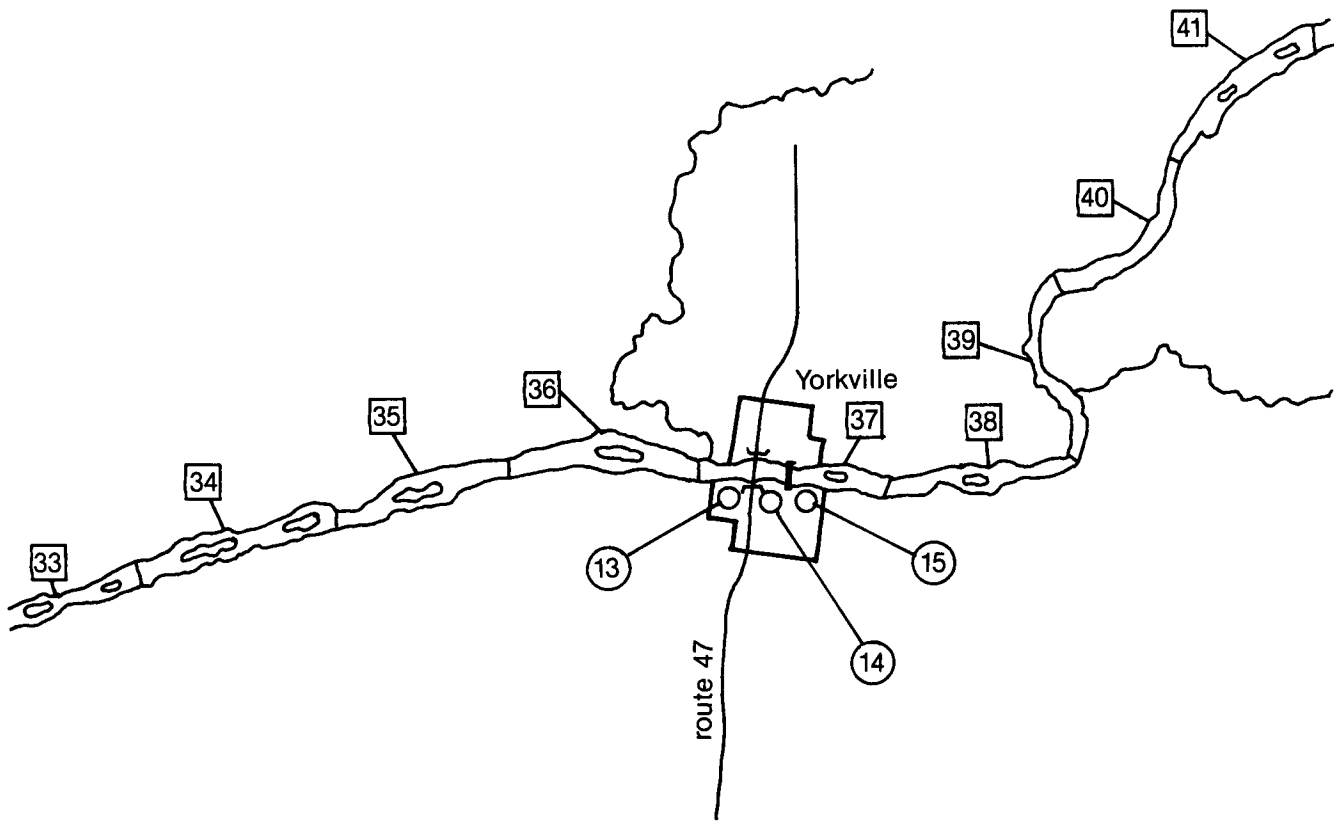
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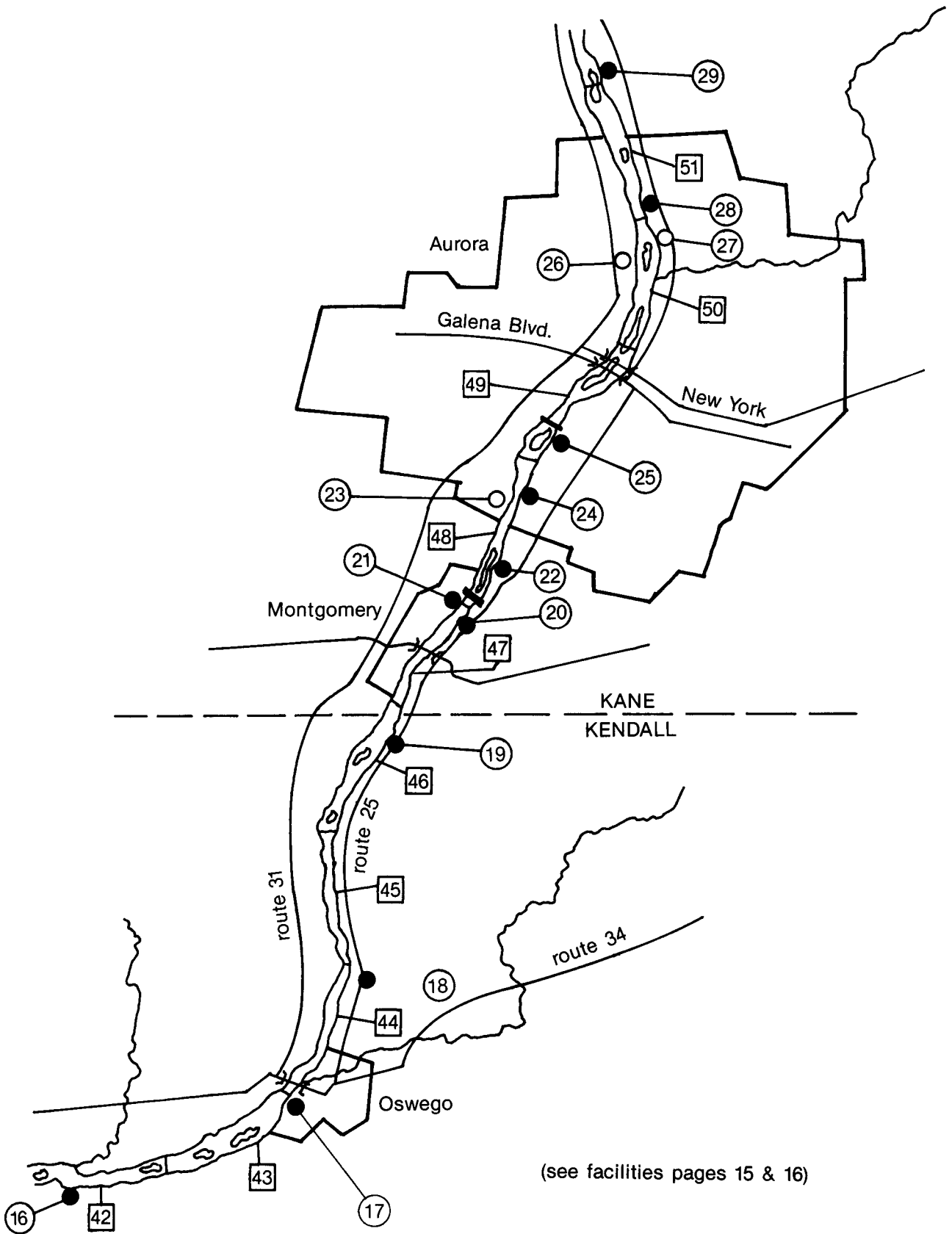


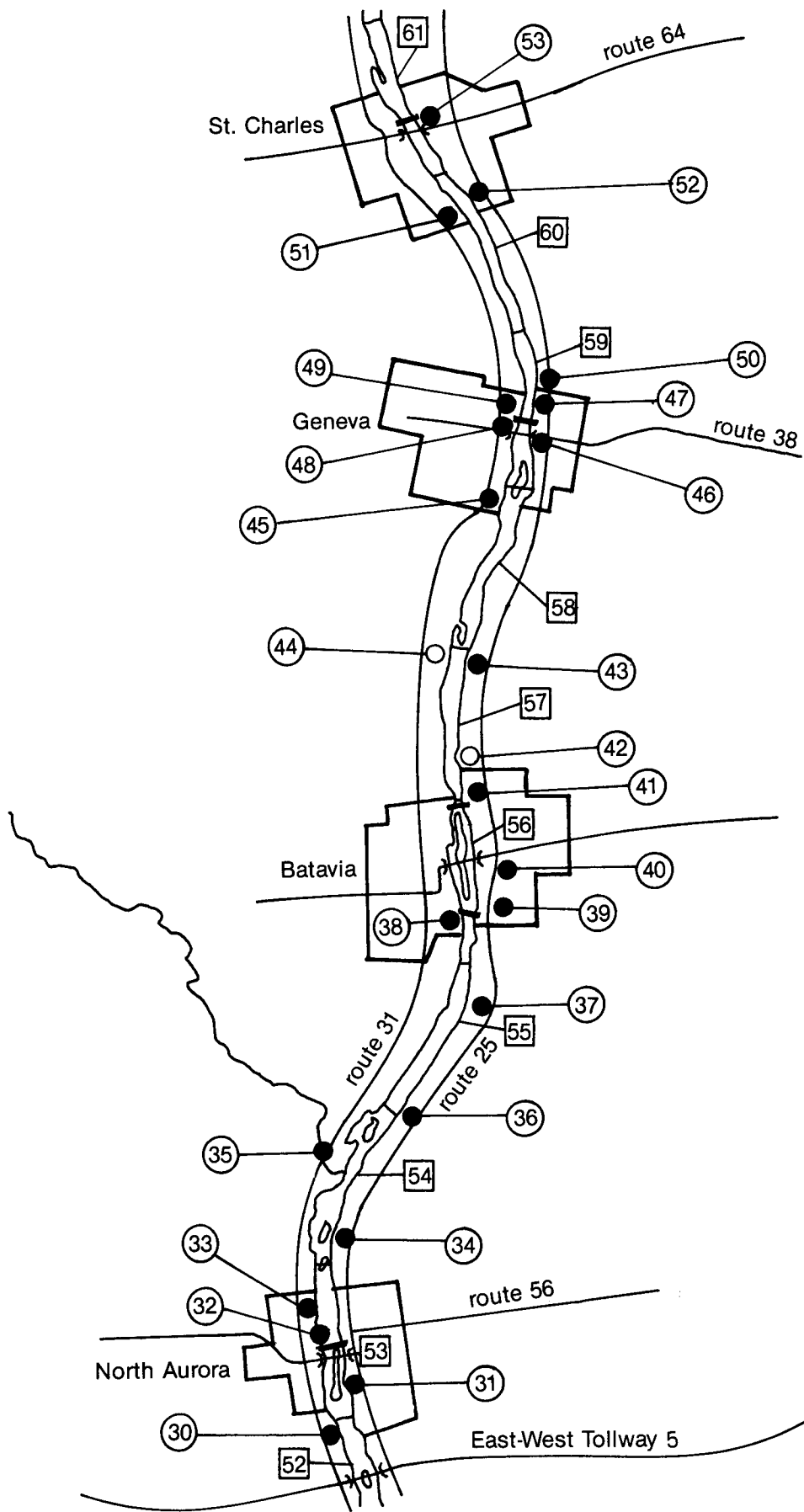
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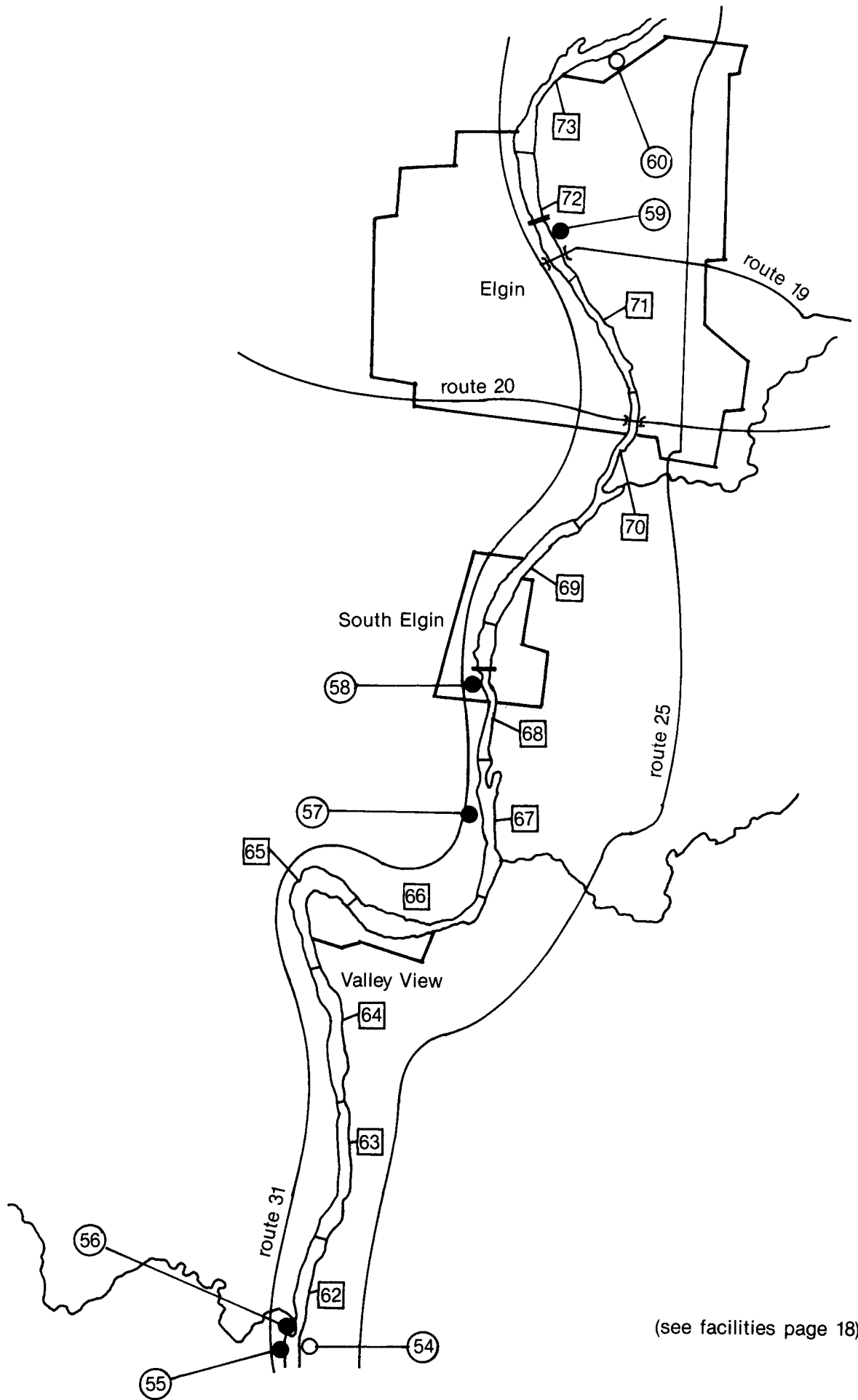
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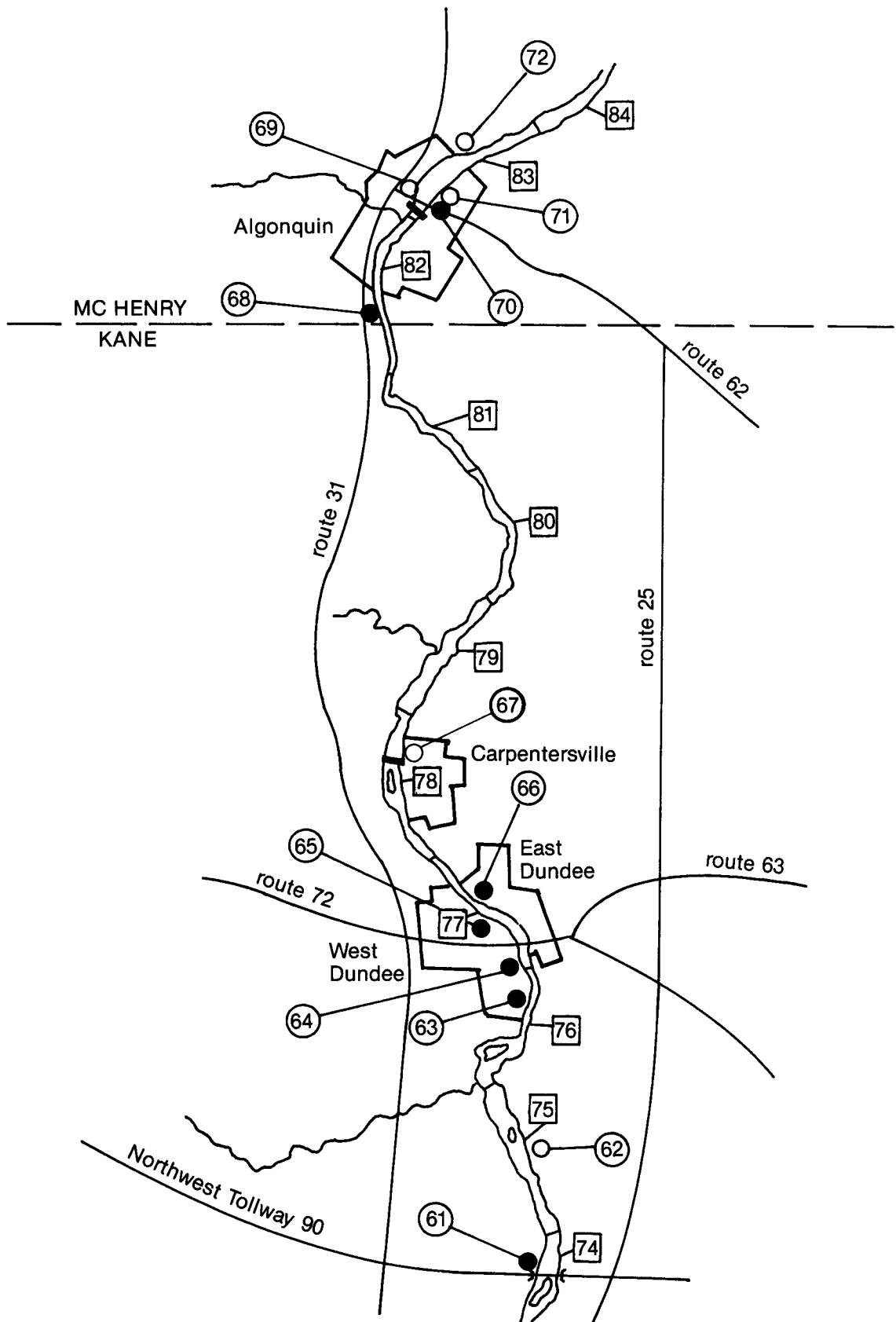




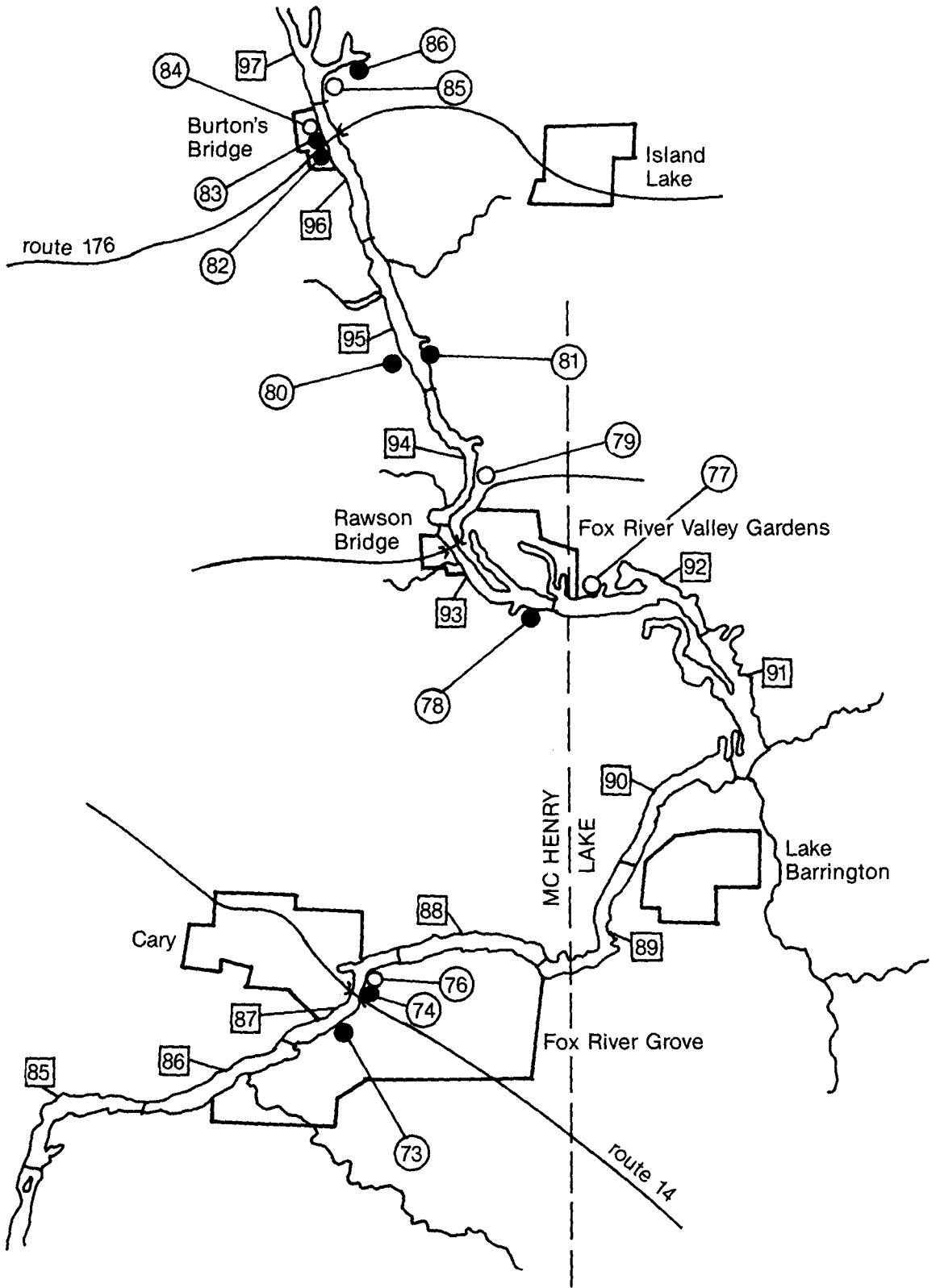
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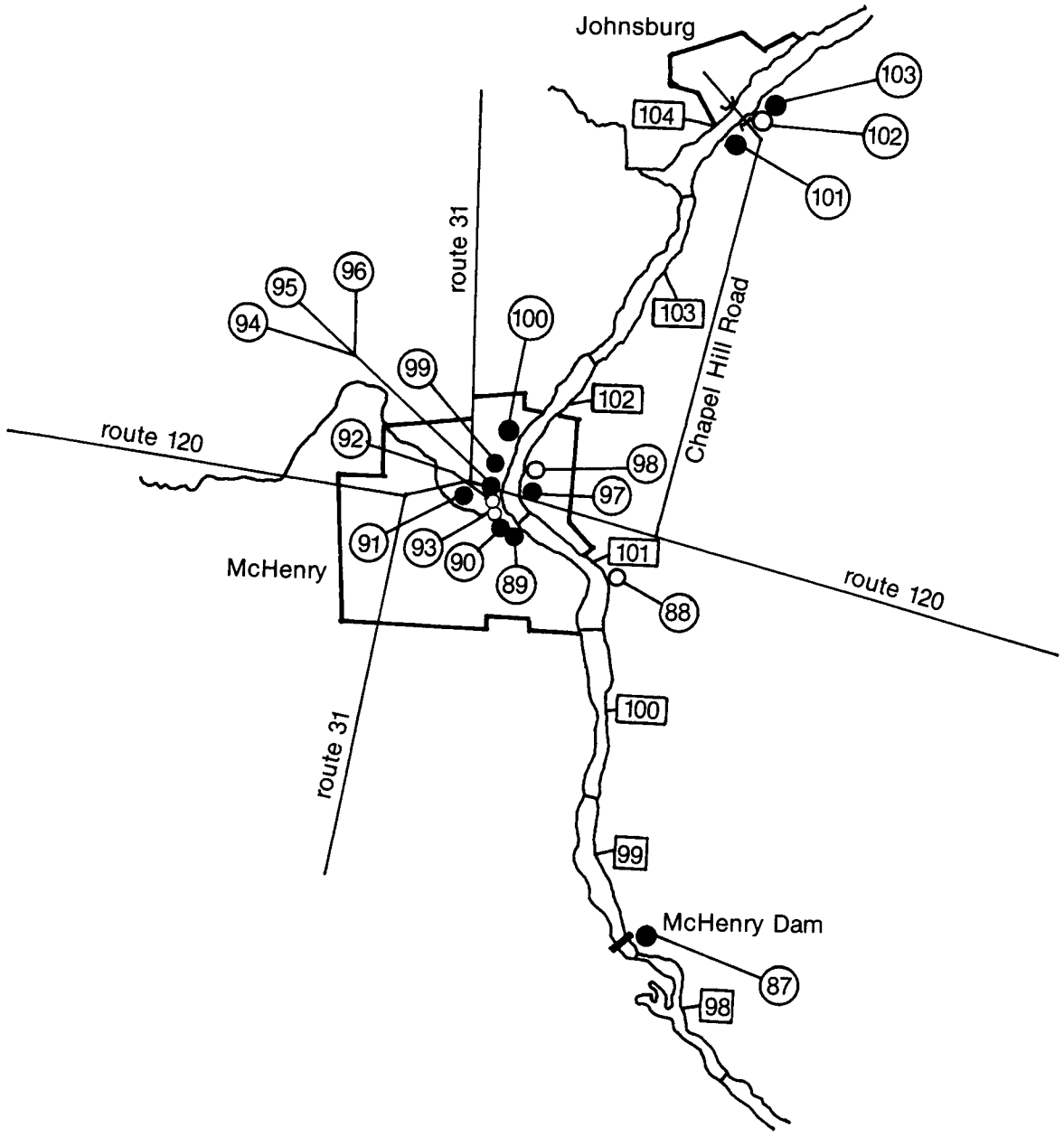
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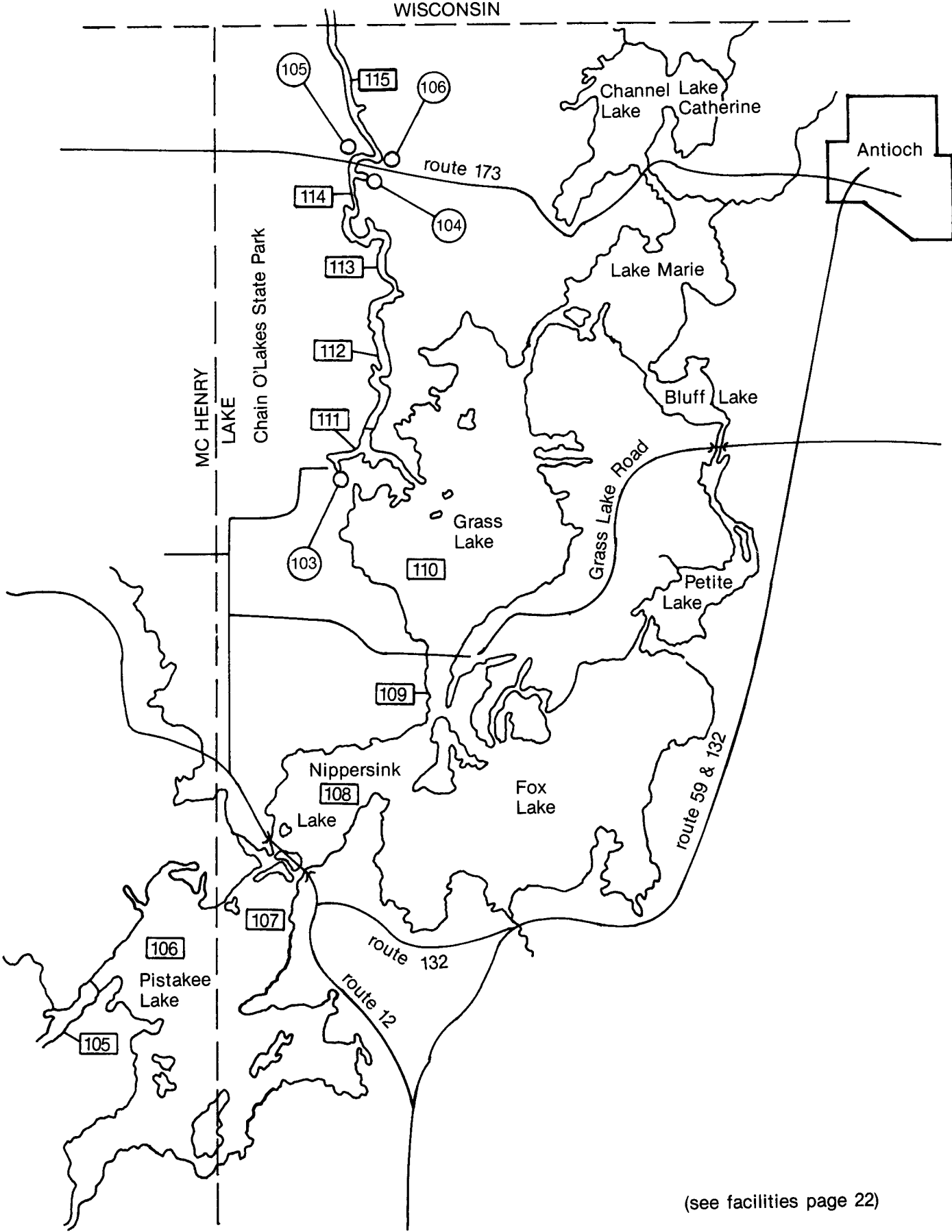
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| Access No. | Access Area   | River Mile | Legal Location            | Bank Fishing | Launching Ramp                         | Boat, Canoe, or Motor Rental | Dockage or Slips | Gasoline and Oil | Repair Service | Marine Supplies | Winter Storage | Bait | Camping | Picnic Areas | Refreshment Stand | Restaurant | Liquor | Other Services and Facilities  |
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| 1          | Ottawa Marine Service<br>Ottawa                             | 0          | T33N<br>R3E<br>S11<br>SE¼ |              | 1 concrete<br>for rescue<br>squad only |                              | 4                | X                | X              | X               |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        | Diving Service                 |
| 2          | Starved Rock Yacht Club<br>Ottawa                           | 0          | T33N<br>R3E<br>S11<br>NE¼ |              | Ramp &<br>hoist for<br>members<br>only |                              | 150              |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            | X      |                                |
| 3          | Shoreline Boat Club<br>Ottawa                               | 1          | T33N<br>R3E<br>S12<br>NW¼ |              | 1 concrete<br>fee                      |                              | 75               |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            | X      |                                |
| 4          | Fox River Marina<br>Ottawa                                  | 2          | T33N<br>R3E<br>S11<br>NE¼ | X            | 1 concrete<br>fee                      |                              | 40               | X                | X              | X               | X              |      |         | X            | X                 |            |        | Store                          |
| 5          | Montes Riverside Inn<br>Ottawa                              | 2          | T33N<br>R3E<br>S1<br>SW¼  |              |  |                              | 3                |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   | X          | X      |                                |
| 6          | Dayton Dam<br>Dayton  | 6          | T34N<br>R4E<br>S29<br>SE¼ | X            |  |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        | Electrical Power<br>Generation |
| 7          | Fox River Tavern<br>Wedron                                  | 9          | T34N<br>R4E<br>S9<br>SE¼  |              | 1 dirt<br>local use<br>free            |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            | X      |                                |
| 8          | Ayers Landing<br>Wedron                                     | 10         | T34N<br>R4E<br>S3<br>SW¼  |              | 1 concrete<br>fee                      | canoes                       | 6                |                  |                |                 |                |      | X       | X            | X                 | X          |        | Drivers available<br>(fee)     |
| 9          | Route 52 Bridge<br>Sheridan                                 | 16         | T35N<br>R5E<br>S20<br>SE¼ | X            |  |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        | Canoe float drop<br>off site   |
| 10         | Sheridan Bait Shop<br>Sheridan                              | 20         | T35N<br>R5E<br>S5<br>NW¼  |              |  | canoes                       |                  |                  | X              |                 | X              |      |         |              |                   |            |        | Canoe float drop<br>off site   |
| 11         | Millbrook Bridge  | 29         | T36N<br>R6E<br>S9<br>SW¼  | X            |  |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |                                |
| 12         | Silver Springs State<br>Fish and Wildlife Area<br>Yorkville | 32         | T37N<br>R6E<br>S34<br>SE¼ | X            |  | canoes                       |                  |                  |                |                 |                | X    | X       | X            | X                 |            |        |                                |



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| 13         | City Boat Launch Below Dam Yorkville      | 37         | T37N R7E S32 NE¼            | X            | 1 gravel        |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |                                   |
| 14         | Freemans Sport Shop Yorkville             | 37         | T37N R7E S33 NW¼            |              |                 | canoes                       |                  | X                | X              | X               |                | X    |         |              |                   |            |        |                                   |
| 15         | Yorkville Dam Yorkville                   | 37         | T37N R7E S33 NW¼            | X            | dirt/gravel     |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |                                   |
| 16         | Saw-wee-kee Park Oswegoland Park District | 41         | T37N R7E S23 NE¼            | X            | 1 concrete free |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |                                   |
| 17         | Violet Patch Park Oswego                  | 44         | T37N R8 <sup>3</sup> S8 SW¼ | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |                                   |
| 18         | Unnamed Oswego                            | 46         | T37N R8E S5 NW¼             | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |                                   |
| 19         | Unnamed Montgomery-Public Access          | 47         | T38N R8E S33 SW¼            | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |                                   |
| 20         | South Island Park Montgomery              | 47         | T38N R8E S33 NE¼            | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |                                   |
| 21         | Montgomery Dam Montgomery                 | 47         | T38N R8E S33 NE¼            | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Playground on both sides of river |
| 22         | South Island Park Aurora                  | 48         | T38N R8E S33 NE¼            | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |                                   |
| 23         | Park & Park District Office Aurora        | 48         | T38N R8E S28 SE¼            | X            | 1 concrete free |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |                                   |
| 24         | South Broadway Park Aurora                | 48         | T38N R8E S28 SE¼            | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |                                   |

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| 25         | Hurd Island Park<br>North Avenue Dam<br>Aurora            | 49         | T38N<br>R8E<br>S21<br>SE¼ | X            |                    |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Playground<br>Bathrooms                     |
| 26         | Illinois Avenue Island Park<br>Below Bridge<br>Aurora     | 50         | T38N<br>R8E<br>S15<br>SE¼ | X            | 1 concrete<br>free |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |   |
| 27         | Illinois Avenue Park<br>Above Bridge<br>Aurora            | 50         | T38N<br>R8E<br>S15<br>SE¼ | X            | 2 concrete<br>free |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        | Both sides<br>of river                      |
| 28         | Unnamed<br>Aurora   | 51         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S27<br>SW¼ | X            |                    |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |   |
| 29         | QW. Gregory Park<br>Indian Trail Bridge<br>Aurora         | 52         | T38N<br>R8E<br>S10<br>SW¼ | X            |                    |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |   |
| 30         | Unnamed<br>Aurora   | 52         | T38N<br>R8E<br>S4<br>SE¼  | X            |                    |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |   |
| 31         | North Aurora Island Park<br>North Aurora                  | 53         | T38N<br>R8E<br>S4<br>NE¼  | X            |                    |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Playground<br>Pavilion                      |
| 32         | North Aurora Dam<br>North Aurora                          | 53         | T38N<br>R8E<br>S4<br>NE¼  | X            |                    |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |   |
| 33         | Unnamed<br>North Aurora                                   | 53         | T38N<br>R8E<br>S4<br>NE¼  | X            |                    |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |   |
| 34         | Red Oak Nature Center<br>North Aurora                     | 54         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S33<br>NE¼ | X            |                    |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Museum<br>Aviary<br>Hiking Trails           |
| 35         | Leslie C. Arends<br>Forest Preserve District<br>Moosehart | 54         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S33<br>NE¼ | X            |                    |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |   |
| 36         | John A. Lippold<br>Outdoor Recreation Center<br>Batavia   | 55         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S27<br>SW¼ | X            |                    |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      | X       | X            |                   |            |        | Archery Range<br>Playground<br>Snowmobiling |

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| 37         | Kane County Forest Preserve<br>Glenwood Park<br>Batavia                  | 55         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S27<br>NE¼ | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Hiking and Snowmobiling Trails<br>Bathroom |
| 38         | Quarry Park<br>Batavia   | 55         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S22<br>SW¼ | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      | X       | X            |                   |            |        | Pool<br>Playground<br>Tennis<br>Bike Trail |
| 39         | Lower Batavia Dam<br>Access via Island<br>Batavia                        | 56         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S22<br>SE¼ | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Bike Trail                                 |
| 40         | Island Park<br>Batavia   | 56         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S22<br>SE¼ | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Baseball Fields                            |
| 41         | Upper Batavia Dam<br>Batavia   | 57         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S22<br>NW¼ | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |  |
| 42         | Batavia Boat Club<br>Batavia   | 57         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S15<br>SE¼ | X            | 1 concrete free |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |  |
| 43         | Kane County Forest Preserve District<br>Fabyan Forest Preserve<br>Geneva | 57         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S10<br>SE¼ | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Bike Trail<br>Windmill (restored)          |
| 44         | Kane County Forest Preserve District<br>Fabyan Forest Preserve<br>Geneva | 57         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S10<br>SE¼ | X            | 1 concrete free |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Museum                                     |
| 45         | Gunnar Anderson Forest Preserve<br>Geneva                                | 58         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S10<br>NE¼ | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Baseball and Soccer Fields                 |
| 46         | Island Park (Geneva Dam)<br>Geneva                                       | 58         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S2<br>SE¼  | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |  |
| 47         | Old Mill Park (Geneva Dam)<br>Geneva                                     | 58         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S2<br>SE¼  | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |  |
| 48         | Geneva Garden Club (Geneva Dam)<br>Geneva                                | 58         | R8E<br>S3<br>SE¼          | X            |                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |  |

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| 49         | City of Geneva<br>Boat Launch<br>Geneva                         | 58         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S3<br>SW¼             | X            | 1 asphalt      |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |   |  |
| 50         | Bennet Park<br>Geneva   | 58         | T39N<br>R8E<br>S2<br>NE¼             | X            |                |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |   |  |
| 51         | Riverside Park<br>St. Charles                                   | 60         | T40N<br>R8E<br>S34<br>SE¼            | X            |                |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Hiking Trails<br>Bike Trails<br>X-Country Skiing                                  |  |
| 52         | Mt. St. Mary Park<br>St. Charles                                | 60         | T40N<br>R8E<br>S34<br>SE¼            | X            |                |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Hiking Trails   |  |
| 53         | St. Charles Dam<br>St. Charles                                  | 61         | T40N<br>R8E<br>S27<br>SW¼            | X            |                |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |   |  |
| 54         | Pottawatomie Park<br>St. Charles                                | 62         | T40N<br>R8E<br>S27<br>NW¼            |              |                |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            | X                 |            |        | Softball Field<br>Tennis, Golf,<br>Playground, Pool,<br>Paddlewheel<br>Boat Rides |  |
| 55         | Boy Scout Island Park<br>St. Charles                            | 62         | T40N<br>R8E<br>S27<br>NW¼            | X            |                |                              | 4                |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |   |  |
| 56         | Ferson Creek Park<br>Kane Co. Forest Preserve                   | 62         | T40N<br>R8E<br>S22<br>SW¼            |              |                |                              | 4                |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   | X          |        |   |  |
| 57         | Kane County Forest<br>Preserve<br>Blackhawk Park<br>South Elgin | 67         | T40N<br>R8E<br>S2<br>NW¼             | X            | 1 concrete     |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |   |  |
| 58         | Panton Mill Park<br>South Elgin Dam<br>South Elgin              | 68         | T41N<br>R8E<br>S35<br>NE¼            | X            |                |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |   |  |
| 59         | Walton Island<br>Elgin Dam<br>Elgin                             | 72         | T41N<br>R8E<br>S11<br>NE¼            | X            |                |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |   |  |
| 60         | Slade Avenue Boat Ramp<br>Elgin                                 | 74         | T41N<br>R8 <sup>3</sup><br>S1<br>SW¼ |              | 1 asphalt      |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |   |  |

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| 61         | Kane County Forest Preserve<br>Voyageur Landing<br>Elgin                  | 74         | T42N<br>R8E<br>S35<br>NW¼ | X            | 1 concrete<br>1 asphalt         |                              | 3                |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |  |
| 62         | Hunts Marine<br>East Dundee   | 75         | T42N<br>R8E<br>S35<br>NW¼ |              | 1 concrete<br>1 asphalt<br>fee  |                              |                  | X                | X              | X               | X              |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |  |
| 63         | Dundee Township<br>Park District<br>South End Park<br>West Dundee         | 76         | T42N<br>R8E<br>S26<br>NW¼ | X            |                                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Baseball Field<br>Basketball Court<br>Playground   |
| 64         | Dundee Township<br>Park District<br>William Aldis Sr. Park<br>West Dundee | 77         | T42N<br>R8E<br>S26<br>NW¼ | X            |                                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Tennis Court<br>Playground                         |
| 65         | West Dundee<br>Riverside Park<br>West Dundee                              | 77         | T42N<br>R8E<br>S26<br>NW¼ | X            |                                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |  |
| 66         | East Dundee<br>Riverside Park<br>East Dundee                              | 77         | T42N<br>R8E<br>S22<br>SE¼ | X            |                                 |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |  |
| 67         | Fox River Shores<br>Kane Co. Forest Preserve<br>Carpentersville           | 78         | T42N<br>R8E<br>S15<br>SW¼ | X            | 1 concrete<br>rubber<br>raft    |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        | Private Dam —<br>Fishing by daily<br>or annual fee |
| 68         | Buffalo Park<br>Algonquin   | 82         | T42N<br>R8E<br>S3<br>NW¼  | X            |                                 | canoe                        |                  |                  |                |                 | X              | X    | X       | X            | X                 |            |        | Snowmobile<br>Rental<br>Swimming Pool              |
| 69         | Port Edward<br>Above Algonquin Dam<br>Algonquin                           | 83         | T43N<br>R8E<br>S34<br>NW¼ |              |                                 |                              | 50               |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              | X                 | X          |        |  |
| 70         | Dam Marina<br>Algonquin   | 83         | T43N<br>R8E<br>S34<br>SE¼ |              |                                 |                              |                  | X                |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |  |
| 71         | Boat House Marina<br>Algonquin  | 83         | T43N<br>R8E<br>S34<br>SE¼ |              | 1 concrete<br>fee               |                              | 32               | X                |                | X               | X              |      |         |              |                   |            |        | Sanitary Pump                                      |
| 72         | Treadwell Marine<br>Algonquin   | 83         | T43N<br>R8E<br>S27<br>SE¼ |              | 2 gravel/<br>steel grate<br>fee |                              | 150              | X                | X              | X               | X              |      |         |              |                   |            |        |  |

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| 73                                   | Fox River Grove Park<br>Fox River Grove  | 87         | T43N<br>R9E<br>S18<br>SE¼ | X            |  |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        | Playground   |
| 74                                   | Johnsons Dead End<br>Fox River Grove   | 87         | T43N<br>R9E<br>S18<br>SE¼ |              |  |                              | 4                |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            | X      |  |
| Public Access<br>No Longer Available |  |            |                           |              |  |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |  |
| 76                                   | Varky's Marine Service<br>Fox River Grove  | 87         | T43N<br>R9E<br>S18<br>SE¼ |              | 2 hoists<br>for repair<br>service<br>only<br>1 concrete<br>fee |                              | 25               | X                | X              | X               | X              |      |         |              |                   |            |        |  |
| 77                                   | Kaximours Marina<br>Lake Barrington  | 92         | T43N<br>R9E<br>S4<br>NW¼  |              | 1 concrete<br>fee  |                              | 100              | X                | X              | X               | X              |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |  |
| 78                                   | McHenry County<br>Conservation District<br>Hickory Grove<br>Fox River Valley Gardens | 93         | T43N<br>R9E<br>S5<br>NE¼  | X            |  |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | Nature Trails<br>Horseback<br>Riding, Trails               |
| 79                                   | Broken Oar<br>Fox River Falley Gardens   | 94         | T44N<br>R9E<br>S32<br>NW¼ |              | 1 concrete<br>fee  |                              | 30               | X                |                | X               |                |      |         |              |                   |            | X      |  |
| 80                                   | Fox Valley Campground<br>Burton's Bridge   | 95         | T44N<br>R9E<br>S29<br>SE¼ | X            |  |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        | *For Campers<br>Only                                       |
| 81                                   | Harbor Lights<br>Burton's Bridge   | 95         | T44N<br>R9E<br>S29<br>SW¼ |              |  |                              | 10               |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            | X      |  |
| 82                                   | Turnkey Classics<br>Burton's Bridge  | 96         | T44N<br>R9E<br>S19<br>NE¼ |              | 1 concrete<br>fee  |                              | 12               | X                |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        | * Inboard<br>Engines Only<br>Antique Boat<br>and Car Sales |
| 83                                   | Kief's Reef<br>Burton's Bridge   | 96         | T44N<br>R9E<br>S19<br>NE¼ |              |  |                              | 2                |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            | X      |  |
| 84                                   | Dercole Launch<br>Burton's Bridge  | 96         | T44N<br>R9E<br>S19<br>NE¼ |              | 1 concrete<br>fee  |                              | 2                |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |  |

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| 85         | De Mar Marine<br>Burton's Bridge                          | 97         | T44N<br>R9E<br>S19<br>NE¼ |              | 1 concrete<br>1 asphalt<br>1 hoist<br>fee |                              | 50               | X                | X              | X               | X              |      |         |              |                   |            |        |   |
| 86         | Edgewater Beach Hotel<br>Burton's Bridge                  | 97         | T44N<br>R9E<br>S19<br>NE¼ | X            |   |                              | 10               |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   | X          | X      |   |
| 87         | Moraine Hills State Park<br>McHenry Lock & Dam<br>McHenry | 99         | T44N<br>R8E<br>S12<br>NW¼ | X            |   | rowboat                      |                  |                  |                |                 |                | X    |         | X            | X                 |            |        | Playground<br>Handicap Fishing<br>Piers, Bike/Hiking<br>Trails, Boat<br>Lockage |
| 88         | Snug Harbor<br>McHenry                                    | 101        | T45N<br>R8E<br>S36<br>NW¼ |              | 1 concrete<br>fee                         |                              | 25               |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   | X          | X      |   |
| 89         | Riviera Yacht Basin<br>McHenry                            | 102        | T45N<br>R8E<br>S35<br>NE¼ |              | 3 hoists<br>for repair<br>service<br>only |                              | 75               | X                | X              | X               | X              |      |         |              |                   |            |        | Sanitary Pump   |
| 90         | Bruce Marine<br>McHenry                                   | 102        | T45N<br>R8E<br>S35<br>NE¼ |              | 3 hoists<br>for repair<br>service<br>only |                              | 40               | X                | X              | X               | X              |      |         |              | X                 |            |        |   |
| 91         | Walsh Park<br>City of McHenry<br>McHenry                  | 102        | T45N<br>R8E<br>S35<br>NE¼ |              |   |                              | 2                |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        | Rest Benches  |
| 92         | Dobyns House<br>McHenry                                   | 102        | T45N<br>R8E<br>S26<br>SW¼ |              |   |                              | X                |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   | X          |        | Lunch/Dinner<br>Cruises<br>Excursion Boats                                      |
| 93         | Millers Dream Marine<br>McHenry                           | 102        | T45N<br>R8E<br>S26<br>SE¼ |              | 1 concrete<br>fee                         |                              | 20               | X                | X              | X               | X              |      |         |              |                   |            |        |   |
| 94         | Fox River Valley<br>Boat Company<br>McHenry               | 102        | T45N<br>R8E<br>S26<br>SE¼ |              |   |                              | 16               | X                | X              | X               | X              |      |         |              |                   |            |        | Boat Refinishing  |
| 95         | Bimbo's<br>McHenry  | 102        | T45N<br>R8E<br>S26<br>SE¼ |              |   |                              | 6                |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   | X          | X      |   |
| 96         | Old Bridge Tavern<br>McHenry                              | 102        | T45N<br>R8E<br>S26<br>SE¼ |              |   |                              | 4                |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            | X      |   |

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| 97         | Vickie's Place  | 102        | T45N<br>R8E<br>S26<br>SE¼ |              |                    |                              | 44               |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   | X          | X      |  |
| 98         | Water Tower Marine<br>McHenry                           | 102        | T45N<br>R8E<br>S26<br>SE¼ |              | 1 concrete<br>fee  |                              | 100              | X                | X              | X               | X              |      |         |              |                   |            |        | Boat Wash  |
| 99         | After the Fox Ltd.<br>McHenry                           | 102        | T45N<br>R8E<br>S26<br>SE¼ |              |                    |                              | 10               |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   | X          | X      | * Sandwiches   |
| 100        | Weber's Park<br>City of McHenry<br>McHenry              | 102        | T45N<br>R8E<br>S26<br>SE¼ | X            |                    |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        | Playground<br>Rest Benches   |
| 101        | Paradise Cove<br>Johnsburg                              | 104        | T45N<br>R9E<br>S18<br>SW¼ |              | 1<br>Fee<br>Ramp   |                              | 20               |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   | X          | X      | Motel and<br>Banquet<br>Facilities   |
| 102        | Raymonds/Peer Inn<br>Johnsburg                          | 104        | T45N<br>R9E<br>S18<br>SW¼ |              | 1 asphalt<br>fee   |                              | 20               |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   | X          | X      | Bowling  |
| 103        | Maple Grove<br>Chain O'Lakes State Park<br>Spring Grove | 111        | T46N<br>R9E<br>S21<br>SE¼ | X            | 4 asphalt<br>free  | rowboat                      | 20               |                  |                |                 |                | X    | X       | X            | X                 |            |        | Playground<br>* Camping<br>Hiking and<br>Horseback<br>Riding Trails in<br>other areas<br>of park |
| 104        | Oak Point<br>Chain O'Lakes State Park<br>Spring Grove   | 114        | T46N<br>R9E<br>S10<br>SW¼ | X            | 3 concrete<br>free |                              | 25               |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   |            |        |  |
| 105        | Bridge-Port Inn<br>Antioch                              | 114        | T46N<br>R9E<br>S10<br>SW¼ |              |                    |                              | 16               |                  |                |                 |                |      |         | X            |                   | X          | X      |  |
| 106        | Fox River Recreation<br>Antioch                         | 114        | T46N<br>R9E<br>S10<br>SW¼ | X            | 1 concrete<br>fee  |                              | 4                | X                |                |                 | X              | X    | X       | X            | X                 |            |        | Fireplace Wood   |
|            | Illinois - Wisconsin<br>State Line                      | 115.2      |                           |              |                    |                              |                  |                  |                |                 |                |      |         |              |                   |            |        |  |



# MAJOR SPECIES OF FISH KNOWN PRESENT IN THE FOX RIVER

## ACCEPTED NAME

## LOCAL NAMES

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Largemouth bass .....       | Largemouth, bass, black bass, bigmouth bass, line side, green bass, green trout, Oswego bass, slough bass, lake bass.                                     |
| Smallmouth bass .....       | Smallmouth black bass, black bass, smallmouth, Oswego bass, bronzeback, redeye bass.  |
| Northern pike .....         | Common pike, pickerel, great northern pike, northern, jack fish.  |
| Grass pickerel .....        | Pickerel, grass pike, mud pickerel, little pickerel, slough pike.   |
| Walleye .....               | Pike-perch, walleyed pike, pike, jack salmon, jack.   |
| White bass .....            | Striped bass, streaker, silver bass, silver fish.   |
| Yellow bass .....           | Streaker, striped bass, barfish, black-striped bass, gold bass.   |
| Black crappie .....         | Calico bass, strawberry bass, crappie, speckled crappie.  |
| White crappie .....         | Crappie, silver crappie, bachelor, newlight.  |
| Yellow perch .....          | Perch, ringed perch, ringtail perch, lake perch.  |
| Rock bass .....             | Redeye bass, goggle-eye, rock sunfish, redeye.  |
| Bluegill .....              | Bream, brim, sunfish, sun perch, gill.  |
| Green sunfish .....         | Green perch, sunfish, perch, black perch, creek perch, rock bass.   |
| Orangespotted sunfish ..... | Redspotted sunfish, pumpkinseed, dwarf sunfish, pigmy sunfish.  |
| Pumpkinseed .....           | Common sunfish, round sunfish.  |
| Channel catfish .....       | Fiddler, spotted cat, channel cat, catfish.   |
| Flathead catfish .....      | Shovelhead cat, mud cat, yellow cat, Hoosier, goujon, shovelnose cat, Johnny cat, Morgan cat, flat belly.   |
| Black bullhead .....        | Bullhead, common bullhead, yellow-belly cat, catfish, horned pout.  |
| Brown bullhead .....        | Speckled bullhead, speckled cat, bullhead.  |
| Yellow bullhead .....       | Yellow-bellied cat, greaser, catfish, white-whiskered bullhead, bullhead.   |
| Longnose gar .....          | Billy gar, garpike, billfish.   |
| Bowfin .....                | Dogfish, grindle, mudfish, cypress trout.   |
| Carp .....                  | German carp, European carp, mirror carp, scaleless carp.  |
| Goldfish .....              | Carp, goldfish.   |
| Quillback .....             | Silver carp, carsucker, white carp.   |
| Hog sucker .....            | Sucker, hognose sucker.   |
| White sucker .....          | Common sucker, fine-scaled sucker, sucker, mullet, whitehorse, slender sucker, black sucker.  |
| Muskellunge .....           | Great Lakes muskellunge, muskie (musky), lunge, maskinonge.   |
| Freshwater drum .....       | Sheepshead, drum, white perch, perch, croaker, grunting perch, gaspergou.   |
| *River redhorse .....       | The River Redhorse is a threatened species in Illinois therefore; possession of this fish is illegal. If caught, the fish should be released immediately. |

Plus various minnows, darters and redhorse suckers.