

**» EAST
WORTH THE EFFORT
ALLEGHENY (KINZUA)
RESERVOIR, NEW YORK/
PENNSYLVANIA**

Finding the fish is more than half the battle on this scenic impoundment, which covers more than 12,000 acres at normal summer pool. Walleyes can be virtually anywhere, at depths from 14 feet to more than 70 on the main basin (when current washes away the thermocline). Baitfish are generally a good clue. Although the 16-pound 7-ounce New York and 17-pound 9-ounce Pennsylvania state-record walleyes came from here, it's more of a numbers game for fish in the 15- to 18-inch range, along with a steady supply of 'eyes in the low 20s.

Contact: Allegheny Guide Service, 814/723-5912, alleghenyguideservice.com; Onoville Marina, 716/354-2615, onoville.org; Allegany State Park, 716/354-9121, nysparks.state.ny.us.

**» MIDWEST
RESERVOIR HOGS
LAKE SHELBYVILLE,
ILLINOIS**

One of the best bets for big walleyes in Lincoln land, this 11,000-acre Kaskaskia River reservoir has yielded monsters in fishery egg-taking operations that are big enough to topple the current state record of 14-0 from the Kankakee River. Trophies aside, it's flush with fish from strong year-classes in 2006 and '07, which are just now starting to reach legal size (14 inches). Top summer strategies include casting cranks to 'eyes chasing shad along mudlines on flats as shallow as 3 feet, as well as trolling deeper structure.

Contact: Illinois Department of Natural Resources (Charleston), 217/345-2420, dnr.state.il.us/fish/index.htm; guide Steve Welch, 217/762-7257, lakeshelbyvilleguide.com; Marv and Kathy's Bait and Tackle (Sullivan), 217/728-4044.



**» GREAT LAKES
UNSUNG HERO
BIG BAY DE NOC,
MICHIGAN**

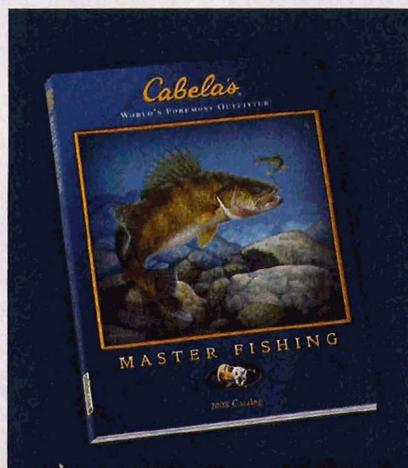
Though this northern Lake Michigan bay doesn't get the press its little brother garner, the walleye fishing's just as newsworthy. Big fish roam Big Bay, with 12-plus pounders in the mix. Ply rocky breaks in the inner bay and the many reefs of the outer bay. Look for baitfish in depths to 20 feet when it's windy and 35-plus feet in calm conditions.

Contact: Bay Shore Resort Bait & Tackle, 906/428-9687, bay-shore-resort.com; Sall-Mar Resort, 906/474-6918, sallmarresort.com; Captain Kenneth Lee, Bay De Noc Charters, 906/474-6918, baydenoccharters.com.

**» CANADA
GREENBACK
BONANZA
LAKE WINNIPEG,
MANITOBA**

Winnipeg's South Basin, including Traverse Bay, is seeing its best walleye fishery in 30 years, due in part to an explosion in the emerald shiner population. Depths of 12 to 15 feet are typically productive in this shallow waterway this time of year. From mid-August into September, the fall run picks up in the Winnipeg River; last fall saw mind-numbing numbers of 21- to 23-inch "greenbacks."

Contact: Guide Dan Kiazzyk, Cat Eye Outfitter, 888/228-3933, catyeoutfitter.com; Clark's Corner Bait and Tackle, 204/367-2238. ■



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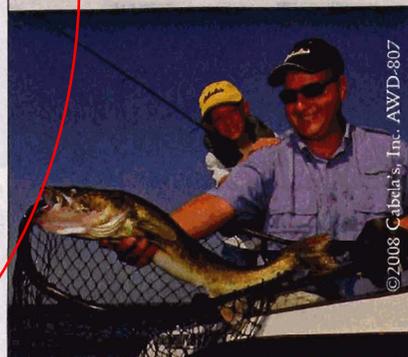
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