

IOWA TROUT FISHING

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NORTHEAST IOWA TROUT FISHING

Along Iowa's many trout streams nestled in the rugged limestone valleys of northeast Iowa, fishermen from all the midwest come to enjoy the fine trout fishing.

Our well-stocked streams with excellent numbers of acclimated fish should tempt even the most pessimistic angler. Iowa has over 100 miles of trout waters and the state stocks eating size trout every few weeks starting in early spring.

The streams of Iowa's "Little Switzerland" without a doubt are some of the state's most beautiful and interesting. The narrow valleys wind sharply and are bounded by adrupt, heavily timbered bluffs.

What more could a person ask than to spend a day along one of Iowa's many fine streams? Whether he is on his first trip or has many years experience, the angler will find a challenge in outwitting the cagey brown, brook, or rainbow, while enjoying some of the most spectacular scenery in the midwest.

In trout territory, the Turkey, Upper Iowa, Yellow and Wapsipinicon rivers and their tributaries reward fishermen with fine smallmouth bass fishing. The Mississippi River, adjacent to trout territory, offers some of the best all-around fishing in the country.

CAMPING

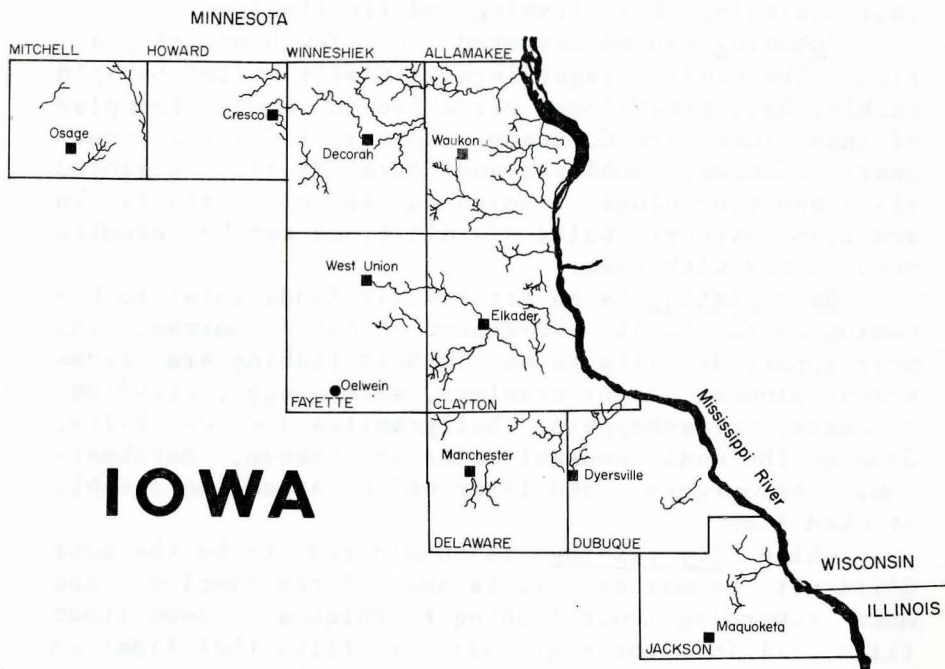
There are a number of timbered camp areas adjacent to the streams.

French Creek-----9 miles northwest of Lansing
Big and Little Paint Creeks-----North of McGregor, off
Highway 13.

Grannis Creek-----6 miles east of Fayette
Richmond Springs---in Backbone State Park, near Strawberry Point.

Dalton Lake-----1½ miles south of Preston
Cold Water Creek-----3 miles northwest of Bluffton
Canoe Creek-----8 miles northeast of Decorah
North Bear Creek-----3 miles east of Highlandville
South Bear Creek-----in the town of Highlandville

TROUT FISHING TERRITORY



T R O U T S T A M P S

All persons who fish for trout in designated trout waters in Iowa and who are required to have a resident or non-resident fishing license, must have a \$3 trout stamp affixed to their license. They may be purchased at all accredited places where fishing licenses are sold in the trout areas of northeast Iowa and vicinity. Proceeds from the sale of these stamps will be used exclusively to improve the trout program.

R E G U L A T I O N S

There is a continuous open season on trout with a daily catch limit of five. The possession limit is 10 and there is no minimum length or weight.

TIPS FOR TROUT FISHING

Angling for trout is divided into three categories: spinning, bait fishing and fly fishing.

Spinning can be mastered in a few hours of practice. The deadly midget lures, ideally suited to spin tackle, have always been effective on trout. Examples of these lures are Colorado spinners, flicker spinners pearl minnows, wobblers and dare devils, weighted flies and tiny plugs. Spinning has other assets in addition--natural baits of all types can be handled very easily with them.

Bait fishing is an art that is fundamental to becoming an excellent all-around trout fisherman. The most important baits to use in bait fishing are garden worms, minnows, night crawlers, salmon eggs, crayfish, crickets, grasshoppers, hellgramites and cut baits. Some of the most unusual baits are cheese, marshmallows, hamburgers, and liver which appeal to freshly stocked fish.

While fly fishing is considered to be the most difficult to master, it is one of the simplest and most rewarding trout fishing techniques. Iowa trout flies fall into these groups: dry flies that float on the surface, and wet flies that sink beneath the surface. Streamer flies and duck tails resemble minnows or crayfish. Nymphs are replicas of bottom dwelling insects. Also, spinner-fly combinations and Colorado spinners can be used with a fly rod.

Wet and dry fly patterns should be in four basic colors; black, brown, gray and tan. The fly should be tied on hooks sized from 8-10-12-14-16-18. The 12-14-16 are the most popular.

Please send me free, detailed maps showing trout streams in each of the nine trout counties available from the State Conservation Commission, Valley Bank Building, 4th and Walnut St., Des Moines, Ia. 50308

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