

Janesville and Rock County Fishing

A fishing license is required and can be obtained at the DNR Service Center (2514 Morse St) and It's a Keeper Bait & Tackle, Hunt N Gear, Blain's Farm & Fleet and WalMart. Shore fishing is allowed along the river throughout Janesville.

Janesville Fishing & Boat Launches

The Janesville Parks Division operates the no-fee boat launches listed below. These launches are open year round from 5 AM to 11 PM except Riverside Park when the gate closes for the season.

Afton Road Launch in the Rock River Parkway

901 S County Rd D, Janesville, WI

Located just south of the intersection of Afton Rd and Rockport Rd, this launch is for small boat, such as canoes, small powered flat-boats and row boats. It has limited parking for vehicles with trailers. Restrooms and water are not available.

Kiwanis Pond

off Sharon Rd near Palmer Dr, Janesville, WI

Located at the end of the Kiwanis Pond road next to the Kiwanis fishing pier, this is a "motor free" pond so only canoes, small row boats and flat bottom boats without gas powered motors may be used. Electric trolling motors are allowed. There is limited parking near the launch with more just to the west. Restrooms and water are not provided.

Lions Pond

51 Palmer Dr, Janesville, WI

Located on the west side of Lions Pond next to the Water Utility well, the launch is steep and the pond is only open to non-motorized craft. The water depth just beyond the ramp rapidly reaches 18 feet so use caution. During the swimming season restrooms are available at the Lions Beach bathhouse. Benches, picnic tables and water are also at the beach.

Riverside Park

2600 Parkside Dr, Janesville, WI

The boat launch is in the middle of Riverside Park and provides two piers as well as a floating mooring dock for boats and jet skis. There is ample parking for vehicles with trailers. The site has picnic tables and trash barrels. Restrooms are a short walk to the north end of the park at Veterans Field. This launch can accommodate larger river boats.

Traxler Park

600 N Main St, Janesville, WI

Restrooms and picnic pavilions are available as well as soda machines and drinking water. Fishing is common both in the Lagoon and on the Rock River. Traxler Park has two launches that can accommodate larger river boats. The central launch is at the north end of the main park, with parking for several vehicles with trailers and access to picnic tables and Veterans Plaza. Restrooms are a short walk in the center of the park. The north launch includes vehicle and trailer parking, piers for short-term boat mooring, restrooms, two picnic pavilions, and picnic tables. The launch is accessed on Sherman Avenue just north of the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Anglers Park

814 S Washington St, Janesville, WI

Located adjacent to the Center Avenue bridge, this small park along the paved trail system has benches, a small shade pavilion with picnic tables and a platform for fishing. Canoes and kayaks may launch here. Restrooms and water are not available. There is parking for several vehicles, and it is adjacent to It's a Keeper Bait & Tackle.

Town Square

65 S River St, Janesville, WI

Located in the center of Downtown along the paved trail system, there are benches, pavilions, picnic tables and a platform where canoes and kayaks may launch. Water is available, and restrooms are at the Janesville Transit Center.

Riverfront Park

525 S River St, Janesville, WI

A small boat launch is accessible from River Street on the south side of this small park along the trail system. There is no parking, restrooms or water. Another launch is a few blocks south at 525 Rockport Rd.



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Beckman Mill County Park

11450 S County Hwy H, Beloit, WI

This 52-acre park includes the restored Beckman-Howe Mill, open for tours on weekends in the summer. Pavilion, picnic tables, water, fishing pier at the mill pond on Raccoon Creek, playground and restrooms.

Gibbs Lake County Park

9103 W Gibbs Lake Rd, Janesville, WI

At 278 acres this park is Rock County's largest park, offering fishing and boating on Gibbs Lake, hiking and horseback riding. Picnic tables, toilets, hiking, cross-country skiing. A Rock County launch pass is required to launch watercraft from April 15 – October 31.

Happy Hollow County Park

1731 W Happy Hollow Rd, Janesville, WI

This park provides fishing and boating access to the Rock River. The park's 185 acres include 7 miles of hiking and equestrian trails. Picnic tables, restrooms, and drinking water. A Rock County launch pass is required to launch watercraft from April 15 – October 31.

Indianford County Park

8901 County Hwy F, Edgerton, WI

Located at a dam on the Rock River, this park is a good fishing spot and canoe launch. Picnic tables, restrooms.

Koshkonong Lake Access

1005 E Lakeside Dr, Edgerton, WI

Access for boating and fishing on Koshkonong Lake. No formal landing.

Murwin County Park

6407 W Caledonia Rd, Edgerton, WI

The shoreline of the Yahara River meanders along Murwin Park, providing popular fishing spot and launch for canoeists who want to meet up with the connecting Rock River just downstream. Picnic tables, restrooms, drinking water, kayak launch, parking.

Royce-Dallman County Park

11500 N Charley Bluff Rd, Milton, WI

This four-acre park serves primarily as an access to Lake Koshkonong for small boats. Pavilion, restrooms, parking. A Rock County launch pass is required to launch watercraft from April 15 – October 31.

Schollmeyer County Park

2767 E Trail Dr, Beloit, WI

Visitors can fish and launch their canoes or kayaks on Turtle Creek on this one-acre undeveloped park.

Sugar River County Park

11317 S Nelson Rd, Brodhead, WI

This heavily wooded, mostly unimproved park has a sandy canoe launch on the Sugar River with limited parking. Anglers will find an abundance of catfish and bullheads.

Sweet-Allyn County Park

7149 S County Hwy J, Beloit, WI

Located on Turtle Creek southeast of Janesville, this park offers a place to picnic, play softball, and fish. The picnic area includes a pavilion, picnic tables, grills, electricity, restrooms, baseball diamond, playground.

Turtle Creek Access at 140

5501 S State Hwy 140, Clinton, WI

This 1-acre park provides parking and kayak/canoe access to Turtle Creek.

Turtle Creek Parkway

6528 S Smith Rd, Clinton, WI

This 4-acre park includes a kayak/canoe launch to Turtle Creek, a rental facility, and the historic Five Arch Tiffany Bridge.



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