

# Janesville and Rock County Fishing

A fishing license is required and can be obtained at the DNR Service Center (2514 Morse St) and many stores such as Blain's Farm & Fleet, Dick's Sporting Goods, and WalMart.

## Janesville Fishing

The Janesville Parks Division operates six boat launches on the Rock River, Kiwanis Pond and Lions Pond. These launches are generally open from April 20th through October 15th based on weather and water level conditions. Please read the descriptions below to find the appropriate site to fit your needs. There are no fees for boat launch use in the City of Janesville.

### **Afton Road Launch in the Rock River Parkway**

Located just south of the intersection of Afton Rd and Rockport Rd, this is for small boats, such as canoes, small powered flat-boats and row boats. There is limited parking for vehicles with trailers and fairly strong current. The river in this area is quite flat and may be shallow during periods of low water. There is a small mowed section of lawn with benches and picnic tables. Restrooms and water are not available.

### **Kiwanis Pond**

This site is located at the end of the Kiwanis Pond road next to the Kiwanis fishing pier. Kiwanis Pond 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, but additional parking is a short walk to the west. Restrooms and water are not provided.

### **Lions Pond**

This launch is located on the west side of Lions Pond, next to the new Water Utility well. The launch is steep and the pond is only open to non-motorized craft. The beach area is always off limits to fisherman due to lost hooks and lures. The water depth just beyond the ramp rapidly reaches 18 ft. so use caution when launching boats. During the swimming season restrooms are available at the Lions Beach Bathhouse. Benches, picnic tables and water are available at the beach as well.

### **Riverside Park**

The boat launch is in the middle of Riverside Park and provides two boat 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**

Convenient 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. The central launch is located at the north end of the main park, used by the Rock Aqua Jays for river access for their shows and practices. There is ample parking for several vehicles and trailers. There is good access to picnic tables and Veterans Plaza. Restrooms are a short walk to the south in the center of the park. This launch can accommodate large river boats.

The north launch includes vehicle and trailer parking, piers for short-term boat mooring, restrooms, two picnic pavilions, additional picnic tables and other site amenities. This launch can accommodate larger river boats. The launch is accessed on Sherman Avenue and the river, just north of the Veterans Memorial Bridge.



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## **Rock County Fishing**

### **Gibbs Lake Park**

At 299 acres this park is Rock County's largest park, offering fishing and boating on Gibbs Lake, hiking and horseback riding. From Evansville, take Hwy 14 east to North Eagle Road. Go north to West Gibbs Lake Road. Picnic tables, toilets, hiking, cross-country skiing.

### **Happy Hollow Park**

This park provides fishing and boating access to the Rock River. The park's 206 acres are largely undeveloped, except for a hiking trail and picnic tables. From Janesville, go south on Hwy 51 to Happy Hollow Road. Go west 3/4 mile to the park. Picnic tables, outhouses, hiking, boat landing.

### **Indianford Park**

Located on a dam in the Rock River, this park is a good fishing spot. From Janesville take Hwy 51 north to County Road F. Follow F to its intersection with County Road M. Picnic tables, toilets.

### **Koshkongong Lake Access**

Access for boating and fishing on Koshkongong Lake. Take hwy. 59 east of Edgerton to its intersection with Mallwood Road. Follow Mallwood Road to Hillside Drive; go north to Bayview Drive, then turn left at lakeside Drive. Boat access (no formal landing)

### **Murwin Park**

The shoreline of the Yahara River meanders along Murwin Park, providing a launch spot for canoeists who want to meet up with the connecting Rock River just downstream. Take Hwy 184 to Fulton. Picnic tables, outhouses, canoe landing.

### **Royce-Dallman Park**

This three-acre Park serves primarily as an access to Lake Koshkongong for small fishing boats, but a picnic area is also provided. From Milton, go North on Hwy. 26 to County Road N. Take County Hwy N east to Charley Bluff Road and go north to park. Picnic tables, toilets, boat landing.

### **Schollmeyer Park**

Visitors can fish and launch their canoes on Turtle Creek on this half-acre site. From Beloit, take County Road S north just past its intersection with Hart Road. Canoe landing.

### **Sugar River Park**

This heavily wooded, swampy park on the Sugar River provides a launch and take-out point for canoeists and boaters. Anglers will find an abundance of catfish and bullheads. From Beloit, take Hwy 81 west to South Nelson Road. Go south to the park. Picnic tables, boat landing.

### **Sweet-Allyn Park**

Located on Turtle Creek southeast of Janesville, this park offers a place to picnic play softball and fish. The picnic area includes a shelter, tables, grills and electricity. From Janesville, take Hwy 51 south to Hwy 351. Go east to County Road J. Follow J to the park at Shopiere. Picnic tables, picnic shelter, toilets, baseball, playground.



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