

Tall Tails Sports & Spirits

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We're located across the street from WI River Outings. We are a DNR license facility, full service liquor store, bait shop and sporting goods store. A one stop shop to get you out on the river.

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Our BEST Fishing Tips!

- Use monofilament line, which provides some give - 8 lb test is more than enough.
- Hunting catfish? Use heavy sinkers for bottom fishing, 3-4 oz
- Crank baits - best colors black/chrome, blue/chrome, fire tiger, perch or orange
- Spinner baits - Mepps #3-5 blades
- Plastic worms - best colors blue, purple and black recommended
- Key to success is fishing near any kind of structure, look for rocks, wood, sand bars, humps and islands. These structures allow fish to wait and conserve energy from the current.
- We don't recommend trolling, you tend to get "hung up"
- Care for your gear! Keep your reel out of the sand - it will do a number on it.
- Be sure to have a DNR fishing rule book handy.
- [Remember no glass out on the river.](#) This rule is strictly enforced by the WI DNR and subject upto a \$739.00 fine. They will ask to check your coolers.

Fish Species

[Crappie fishing](#) - Best in spring, summer and fall becomes more difficult. Light tackle is preferred. In summer try deep holes. Best bait is crappie minnows can also use with a light jig or worms. Artificial lures such as spinners or spoons.

[BlueGill](#) - Best luck in summer in six to 15 feet of water. Best bait worms are most common or small bait like wax worms, red worms. Light tackle and small hooks.

[Perch](#) - Primarily found near bottom, use a sensitive pole/rod. Small fine wire hook with live bait and a small bobber. Perch prefer cooler water and travel in schools.

[Smallmouth bass](#) - Best early May to late June then early Sept. to mid Oct. water temp from 55-75. Smallmouth bass call structure home. If casting along shore look for cattails or patches of vegetation. Best bait is live, Spinner or Crank.

[Walleye](#) - Primarily feed on minnows, can use leeches, night crawlers. Stay in deep water during the day, move into shallows at night.

[Catfish](#) - Summer is prime time. Fish for Channel cats during the day. Best bait is stink bait, dip worm or crawlers.