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Wisconsin Walleye

The focus of many fishermen's attention is the *Wisconsin walleye*. The walleye is one of the most prized game [fish](#) in this state. They are very abundant throughout the state. A well-known hotspot is around the [Great Lakes](#) area. The best time to fish for walleye has been during the periods of dawn and dusk when they are feeding. They will sometimes bite onto artificial baits, but the most achievable are live baits. They like to have something fresh to bite into.

[Wisconsin walleyes](#) are the largest species of the perch family and probably the most popular. Good Luck!

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Name: Walleye

Scientific Name: Stizostedion vitreum

Family: Percidae

General Description: golden color, average length: 37in, average weight: 25lbs, big eyes, white tip on tail fin

Habitat: clear water lakes and big rivers,

Spawning/Sexual Maturity: Mid April to Early May, 50 degree water temp., no parental care, sexually mature between 2 and 5 years of age, up to 495,000 eggs

Diet: mainly smaller [fish](#), young eat plankton

Life Expectancy: up to 15 years of age

Predators: humans, bigger fish, or large birds

Known Hotspots: [Lake Michigan](#), Mississippi River, [Lake Superior](#)

Popular Baits: minnows, leeches, small bullhead, worms, small plugs

Fishing Tournaments:

State Record: 18lbs, High Lake, September 16, 1933

World Record: 25lbs, Old Hickory Lake, TN, August 2, 1960

Extra Facts: largest member of perch family, most highly prized game fish in state, feed during dawn and dusk, are able to see during nighttime.

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Walleye in WI

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