

# TOUR: FISHING HOT SPOTS EAST INTERLAKE



## CATCHING THE “BIG ONE” IN THE INTERLAKE...

The Interlake, a prime fishing destination in Manitoba, no Fly in required, features great spots up and down the Red River, on Lake Manitoba & Lake Winnipeg, but don't forget some amazing catches you'll make on our smaller lakes.

So no matter the season, no matter your equipment there is a PLACE for YOU to drop a line!

Inland oceans surround this region in the centre of the province. Bordered by Lake Winnipeg to the east and Lakes Winnipegosis and Manitoba to the west, excellent year round, drive-to fishing is literally all around you in the Interlake.

Signature Species: Channel Catfish, Greenback Walleye, Yellow Perch, Common Carp, Sauger, Goldeye, Freshwater Drum

### **Manitoba licensing**

You can purchase a PRINTABLE angling licence online at [manitobaelicensing](http://manitobaelicensing.com), at a participating retailer or over the telephone by calling the Help Desk at 1-877-880-1203.

# TOUR STOP 1: LOCKPORT DAM

As the proclaimed “Channel Catfish Capital of the World”, Manitoba has set the bar for the unparalleled channel catfish destination. Native to numerous fisheries within the province, the channel cat is an abundant species that willingly offers anglers an honest opportunity to be caught, both in size and in numbers. Pound for pound, the channel catfish is an adversary with few comparisons, they are held in the highest regard by many of their angling fans and consistently present a mind blowing angling encounter that will keep you coming back for more.

Commonly caught at various well know Manitoba destinations, the water body that stands out above the rest is the mighty “Red River”. The section of the Red River situated north of the Lockport Dam, in Manitoba’s Interlake Region, is the undisputed champion of channel catfish locations and world famous for its congregation of trophy sized kitties.

Year after year, this section of the Red River produces hundreds of giant channel cats that beat the 34 inch mark with many exceeding 40 inches plus! Angling opportunities for channel catfish are popular from May to August with the majority of river locations offering excellent fishing from the shore.

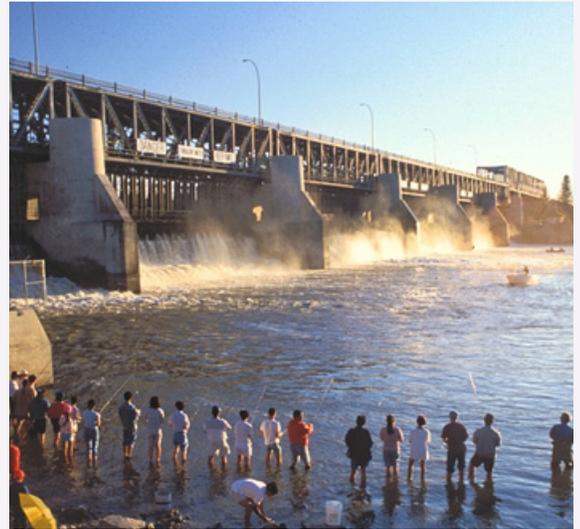
Very popular community location – Near the locks  
Open water Fishing: Channel Catfish, Goldeye, Carp, Walleye, Sauger, Northern Pike, Freshwater Drum, Bullhead

- Shore Fishing
- Boat Launch
- Outfitters: Blackwater Cats, City Cats, Cats on the Red

Ice Fishing

- Walleye, Sauger, Northern Pike
- Get the all-time records information from our [Master Angler records](#).

~Article provided by [Travel Manitoba](#)



# TOUR STOP 2: WAVEY/NETLEY CREEK - PETERSFIELD

If you want to fish in the Interlake, you need to try out Netley Creek.

This spot is a popular fishing destination for any angler out there. With numerous spots to try out all along the creek, you can move from west to east all the way down to Wavery Creek. Netley Creek is just off Hwy 9, you'll spot the ginat Mallard Duck Statue on your left!

The most popular species caught here are Walleye, Yellow Bullhead, and Channel Catfish.

Season opener from May to about late June is walleye primetime just about anywhere on the creek that's free of ice. Netley Creek has been producing some of the hottest bites for numbers and big fish combined in recent seasons.

Make a weekend out of your fishing trip by booking a cabin with Chesley's Resort!

Very popular community location - Near the Bridge on Highway 8

Open water Fishing: Channel Catfish, Goldeye, Carp, Walleye, Sauger, Northern Pike, freshwater drum, bullhead

- Shore Fishing
- Boat Launch

Ice Fishing

- Walleye, Northern Pike

Accommodations

- [Chesley's Resort & Campground](#)



## TOUR STOP 3: MATLOCK - WARNER ROAD

If you want to fish in Manitoba, get to Matlock. Lake Winnipeg is a massive body of water and is such a popular fishing destination for any angler out there, Matlock offers a peaceful experience.

Open water fishing and shore fishing opportunities.

- Walleye, Freshwater Drum, Northern Pike, Channel Cat

Ice Fishing: One of the most popular access points on Lake Winnipeg for Ice Fishing

- Walleye, Northern Pike, Burbot, Perch

Outfitters: Blackwater cats, Bruin Outfitting, Icebound Excursions, City Cats, Harvester Outdoors



## TOUR STOP 4: TUNGELA CREEK - VILLAGE OF DUNNOTTAR - LAKE WINNIPEG

With Spring just around the corner, here's no better way to "break up the ice" than a trip to Lake Winnipeg.

On the southwest side Lake Winnipeg, an easy drive from Winnipeg (only a 55 min), you'll find some excellent shore fishing at this beautiful destination. The springtime being especially productive. Tungela Creek is a stream in that runs into Lake Winnipeg with the most popular species caught are Walleye, Northern pike, and Channel catfish.

You can fish in the creek or move to the Lake off of the Village of Dunnottar Public Pier!

Very popular community location - Near the locks  
Open water Fishing: Walleye, Channel Cat, Freshwater Drum, Northern Pike, Perch, White Bass

- Shore Fishing: Dunnottar Public Pier



## TOUR STOP 5: WILLOW CREEK/ WILLOW ISLAND- SOUTH OF GIMLI

Willow Creek is a stream just 8km south of Gimli, Manitoba. Willow Island is one of Gimli's most appealing fishing spot. Willow Creek is a great location to put in a kayak or canoe and make your way along the winding creek right out to the island. There is a small dock to launch as well as adequate parking and rustic washroom.

Open Water Fishing: Walleye, Channel Cat, Freshwater Drum, Northern Pike, Perch, White Bass

- Shore fishing
- Boat Launch

Ice Fishing

- Walleye, Northern Pike, Perch, Burbot

Accommodations:

- [Lakeview Gimli Resort](#)

## TOUR STOP 6: GIMLI HARBOUR – LAKE WINNIPEG

Anglers looking for a nice spot to drop a line in Lake Winnipeg need look no further than the Gimli Main Dock in the Harbour.

Located in the heart of this bustling tourist town, the dock is actually a long break-wall that protects the large marina. Shore fishing can be done along most of the wall all the way down to the rocky point at the end.

Open water Fishing: Walleye, Sauger, Goldeye, Yellow Perch, Bullhead, and Freshwater Drum.

- Boat launch
- Fishing off pier

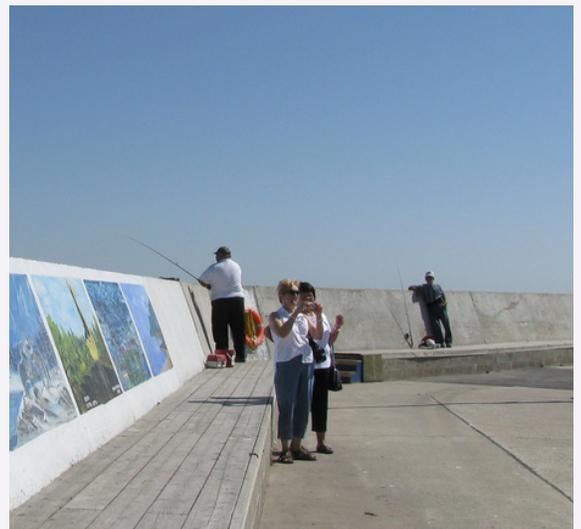
Ice Fishing

- Ice Road, easy access

Accommodations: [Lakeview Gimli Resort](#) or [Autumnwood Motel & RV Resort](#)

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## TOUR STOP 7: MELEB DRAIN - CAMP MORTON

Meleb Drain is located at the south end of Camp Morton Campground. [Book a site](#) to enjoy a weekend of shore fishing!

With plenty of sand and surf in one of the Interlake's most beautiful fishing hotspots, it's also excellent fishing on Lake Winnipeg.

Open water fishing: Walleye, Channel Cat, Freshwater Drum, Northern Pike, Perch, White bass

Accommodations: [Camp Morton Campground](#), [Camp Morton Provincial Park](#)



## TOUR STOP 8: RIVERTON - SANDY BAR

Riverton is all about fishing and having a good time. Sandy Bar and the Icelandic River, a stream just northeast out of Riverton, is a great place to fish for people of all ages.

Open Water and Lake Winnipeg shore fishing opportunities: Walleye, Channel Cat, freshwater drum, Northern Pike, Perch, White bass

- Boat launch into the Icelandic River

Ice Fishing

- Ice road onto Lake Winnipeg – easy access :  
Walleye, Northern Pike

Accommodations: [Arborg Hotel](#) and [Lakeview Hecla](#)



## TOUR STOP 9: HECLA ISLAND – GULL HARBOUR

Just a two hour excursion from Winnipeg, you'll get excited the minute you arrive on Hecla Island.

A relaxing day on the beach with great fishing and quality accommodations. Take a rejuvenating fishing trip with some incredible views.

Open Water Fishing and Shore Fishing: Popular for trophy spring Walleye, Northern Pike Freshwater Drum, Perch

- Boat Launch
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Outfitters: Blackwater Cats, Bruin Outfitting

Ice Fishing: Walleye, Northern Pike, Perch

Accommodations: [Lakeview Hecla Resort](#)

A provincial park pass is required prior to arrival on Hecla Island. [Purchase online!](#)

## TOUR STOP 10: WASHOW BAY & WASHOW BAY CREEK

Washow Bay (Lake Winnipeg) & Washow Bay Creek

Open Water fishing: White Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike, Perch, Carp, Freshwater Drum

- Boat Launch
- Shore fishing

Camping: [Beaver Creek Provincial Park](#)

The small rustic campground is self-registry and has up to 10 basic service campsites. Facilities in the campground include a day-use area, boat launch, small beach, picnic shelter and non-modern washroom.

