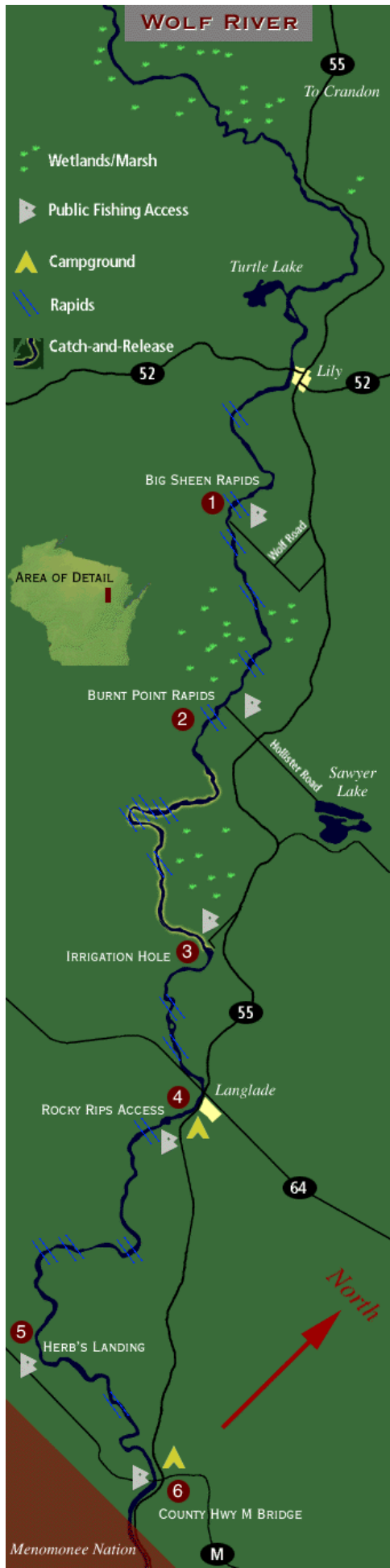


## Wolf River Map with access points <http://www.flyfisherman.com/midwest/jgwolf/>

The trout water section of the Wolf parallels Highway 55 from the Menomonee Reservation to Lily. Except as noted, access sites are on the east bank of the river, off Highway 55. Posted land is rare along the river itself, but if in doubt, Wisconsin law allows free wading of all navigable waters. So you'd only be trespassing when walking on shore.



### Big Sheen Rapids

Take Highway 55 south from Lily and turn south (right) on Wolf Road. Access is at the Wolf River Landing. There are couple of nice runs upstream, a terrific hole within casting distance of the parking lot, and fun pocket water downstream. This site provides easy access to some very good fishing, and is a very good choice for days when there's a lot of boat traffic on the river.

### Burnt Point Rapids

Take Hollister Road west from Highway 55. This is one spot I will fish every year, and almost every trip. Wonderful pocket water, productive runs, and terrific riffle sections make this my favorite place to bring fly-fishing friends. Two of my biggest Wolf River fish came from this section of water, and it fishes well all the way downstream to the next access. A lot of people make the mistake of fishing the slack water upstream on the east side of the river, which has a good supply of splashy chubs, but the trout are usually concentrated in the pocket water here.

### Irrigation Hole

The Irrigation Hole access is on the west side of Highway 55, three miles north of Langlade. This is the end of the catch-and-release section. There's so much great water around this access that it would be impossible to pick my favorite part. The Irrigation Hole itself features some deep water, and big trout that are easier to spot than catch. Hemlock Rapids is about a 45 minute hike upstream, and gets very little pressure. The flats above and below the Irrigation Hole are almost uncharted territory for fishing, but there are some deep holes waiting for the angler with the patience to learn them. Downstream, the Sherry Rapids area is all but unfished, and has always been productive for me.

### Rocky Rips Access

There are two Department of Natural Resources (DNR) accesses on Rocky Rips Road, which is south of Highway 64 and west of Highway 55 in Langlade. I enjoy wading this section any time the water is at a reasonable level. The dry-fly fishing can be unbelievable, even though this section gets more pressure from the locals than some of the other water on the river. Bob Talesak's Wolf River Fly Shop is on this stretch of rapids. The entire stretch is productive, with enough pocket water to fill days of fishing.

### Herb's Landing

This access is two miles west of Highway 55 on County Highway M. Look for the access sign. This is a launch point for some of the raft trips, but is also available as a fishing access. Upstream is the latest Trout Unlimited berm, which fixes the worst "heat sink" on the river. The fish are just starting to repopulate this section, but it should continue to improve. Fishing is good through Garfield Rapids downstream, and upstream to Spring Creek.

### County Highway M Bridge

This access is at the bridge 1/4 mile west of Highway 55 on County Highway M. This is a major take-out point for rafters, so it gets mobbed between 1 P.M. and 6 P.M. on most weekends. This is a great spot for beginners, and very easy to get to. The area right at the bridge gets a lot of pressure from bait fishermen so you'll do better if you walk upstream or downstream a ways before you begin to fish.

Mike's Mobile at the corner of Hwy 64 and Hwy 55 sells flies, rods, reels, and some other supplies, and can provide limited river information.

Bob Talesak runs a weekend-only fly shop, located on Rocky Rips Road in Langlade.

Before you go, check the U.S Geological Survey flow gauge on-line.

Wayne Anderson and Gary LaFontaine's *Fly Fishing the Wolf River* cassette tape (part of the River Rap Series, #A111. \$13.95. 1-406-443-1888) is the single best source of information about the Wolf River. It also contains a pattern list, hatch chart, commentary, and a map.