The Chemung River, which originates at the confluence of the Cohocton and Tioga Rivers in Corning, offers anglers of all ages challenging and exciting opportunities to catch a wide array of warmwater fish species.

Most noteworthy are smallmouth bass, superb fighters on light tackle, and walleye, first-rate table fare capable of reaching 6-7 pounds. Various panfish, including rock bass, bluegill, pumpkinseed and yellow perch are plentiful.

Occasionally, tiger muskellunge (which have been stocked in recent years), have been caught in the Chemung River, providing a chance at a trophy-sized fish. While not traditionally thought of as an angling target, common carp are abundant, large and aggressive fighters while on the hook.

Quality fishing opportunities in the Chemung River exist primarily in the spring, summer and fall months. The best time to fish for smallmouth bass is during June and July and in the fall.

Light to medium fishing tackle using minnow imitating lures, curly tail jigs, and live bait such as crayfish or minnows are your best choices. Smallmouth bass can be caught all along the Chemung River. Concentrate your efforts in deep pools or at the base of riffle areas.

Most walleye are caught in the deep pools in the Corning area, or downstream of Elmira during late spring or early fall. Spinners baited with worms or minnows will usually attract a walleye, although curly tail jigs or minnow imitation lures will also work. Sunfish can usually be caught throughout the year. Light tackle baited with crickets, worms, or small spinnerbaits or spinners are your best bet. Sunfish can be found in deep pools around cover, usually treetops, boulders, or riprap.

Consult your Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide – Statewide General Regulations, Steuben County Regulations and Chemung County Regulations Sections for creel limits, size limits, seasons and other Cohocton and Chemung River fishing regulations.

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1 - Kinsella Park Site - Off Canada Rd, Corning in Kinsella Park. Car top boat launch. Parking for 8 cars and trailers. Operated by the DEC.

2 - Conchocton Street Site - Off Conchocton Street in Corning. Gravel ramp. Parking for 5 cars and trailers. Operated by the DEC.

3 - River Road Site - Off River Road (County Route 44), 4 miles east of the City of Corning. Car top boat launch. Parking for 6 cars. Operated by the DEC.

4 - Bottcher's Landing Site - On River Road (County Route 10), ½ mile south of Route 352. Concrete ramp. Parking for 6 cars & trailers. Operated by the Town of Big Flats.

5 - Minier's Field Site - On Route 352, 2 ¼ miles southeast of the Steuben County line. Concrete ramp. Parking for 12 cars & trailers. Operated by the Town of Big Flats.

6 - Fitches Bridge Site - At intersection of Routes 352 and 225. Concrete ramp. Parking for 12 cars & trailers. Operated by the Chemung County Federation of Sportsman.

7 - Grove Street Site - At the end of Grove Street, 0.1 miles south of Route 352. The intersection of Grove Street and Route 352 is 0.6 miles west of Route 14. Operated by the DEC.

8 - Dunn Field Site - Near Dunn Field Stadium, at the end of Luce Street, ½ mile east of Maple Ave. Concrete ramp. Parking for 8 cars & trailers. Operated by the DEC.

*Attention*
This boat launch site is still under construction. Anticipated completion date is fall of 2005.

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