

Fishing fun below Indianford Dam

By Jeff Brown
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The Indianford Dam blocks the migration of fish from the Rock River into Lake Koshkonong, stacking up schools of walleyes, sauger, northern pike, crappies, white bass, bluegills and attracting big channel cats.

That makes it a perennially popular spot with fishermen, who line the shore, stand along the dam and old brick hydro house, and anchor small boats in the rush of water beneath the dam.

They fish here night and day, at all times of the year, using an array of gear that spans the history of angling: long brown cane poles, slick modern spinning outfits, even the occasional fly rod.

Finding a spot among the crowd of anglers from which to wet your line is the least of your worries, however.

The same current that pulls fish and bait food to the dam can wreak havoc with your tackle, pulling your lure down and snagging it under one of the rocks or on one of the sunken tree limbs that line the river bottom near

the dam. You'll lose less gear by casting downstream, below the dam towards Lake Koshkonong, than you will upstream above the dam.

The ten-mile stretch upstream of the dam that begins at the Centerway Dam in Janesville is less heavily fished than the area below the Indianford Dam and offers anglers opportunities to land good-sized fish as well.

Directions: From Stoughton and Edgerton area, take U.S. Highway 51 south through Edgerton, cross the bridge over the Rock River, then turn west on County Road M and go until you reach Indianford, the dam is on your left. From the Janesville area, take U.S. Highway 51 north towards Edgerton, then turn west on County Road M and go into Indianford.

From the Milton area: Take County Road M west to U.S. Highway 51 and turn north on U.S. Highway 51. Go a short distance, turn west on the continuance of County Road M and go into Indianford.

From the Evansville area: go east on County Road M and take it all the way into Indianford; the dam is on your right.

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working on his book, *Birds of Wisconsin*, with Ned. When he passed away at age 49 on Dec. 4, 1902, Ned Hollister, age 27, completed the book and published it in 1903. A copy of the book was recently donated to the Albion Academy Museum. Ludwig was buried in Milton Cemetery on Business Highway 26 just north of the Milton House.

Ned bought Ludwig's vast collection of 1,500 mounted specimens to add to his own impressive collection. In 1909, he became assistant curator of mammals at the U.S. National Museum. His job was to move, classify and install 70,000 specimens that were in storage. They may have been from former President Teddy Roosevelt's safari to Africa. He accomplished this in 30 days! In 1916 Ned became the Superintendent of the Washington D.C. National Zoo. He had no patience with visitors who tried to torment the animals and was quoted as saying, "The more I see of people, the more I love animals."

In 1924, after emergency gall bladder surgery, Ned Hollister unexpectedly died at the age of 47, leaving a wife, two brothers and a sister to survive him. He was buried in Spring Grove Cemetery in Delavan, Wis. In 1975, Congressman Les Aspin read Ned's biography into the Congressional Record. Thanks to Ludwig Kumlien, a talented young man was encouraged to use his genius to further man's knowledge of the natural world.

The Albion Academy Museum is open on Sundays in June, July and August from 1-4 p.m. in Albion just north of Edgerton. Our second floor has more Kumlien Family information and photographs.

Local non-profits continue running series

Submitted by Sunny Bowditch

Four local non-profit organizations – Edgerton Lions, Edgerton Rotary Club, Chilimania and the Edgerton Hospital Capital Foundation – have again joined forces in order to promote and encourage attendance for each of their major fundraising events, which are run/walks in the Edgerton area.

The fun incentive for participants in any of the Edgerton Running Series races is a chance to win a Trek bicycle, valued at \$800. Runners and walkers will have their name entered upon registration, which allows up to four chances to win. The drawing will take place on Sept. 15 at Edgerton Hospital's Victory Run/Walk and you need not be present to win.

All net proceeds from these events will support local organizations.

The following events are included in the Edgerton Running Series:

- Dash Against Diabetes, which



Participants at a past Edgerton Running Series event. (Photo submitted by Edgerton Hospital)

was held May 5 in Edgerton's Racetrack Park, www.facebook.com/EdgertonLionsClub.

•Rotary Rascal Run, July 21, Edgerton's Racetrack Park, rascalrun.weebly.com/

•Chili Chase, Sept. 8, downtown Edgerton, www.chilimania.com.

•Victory Run/Walk, Sept. 15, Edgerton Hospital, www.edgertonhospital.com/foundation/fundraising-events.

For more information, follow the Edgerton Running Series on Facebook, www.facebook.com/EdgertonRun.

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