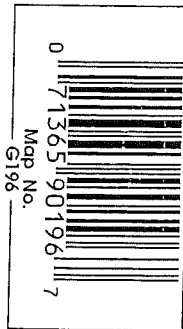


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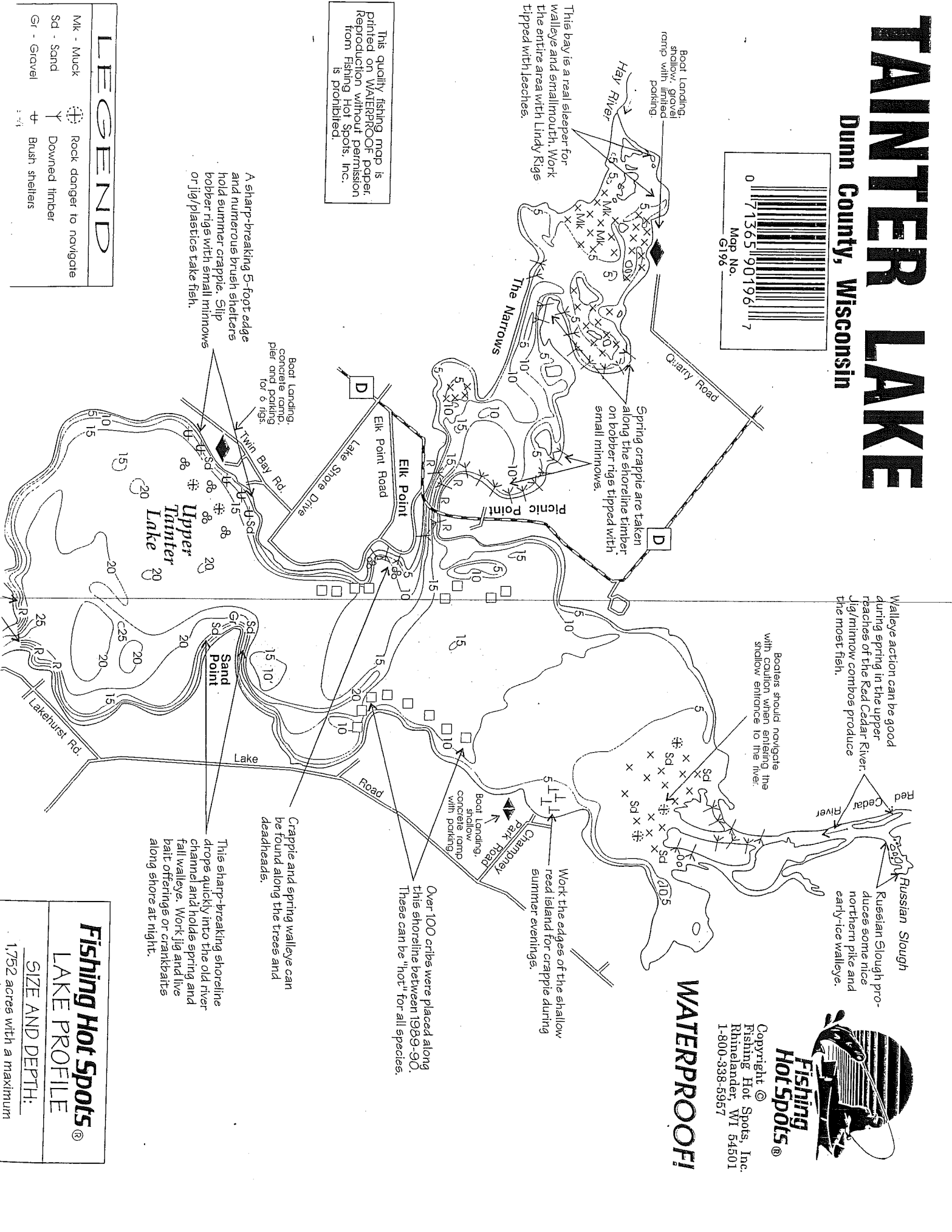
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LEGEND	
Mk - Muck	⊕ Rock danger to navigate
Sd - Sand	∇ Downed timber
Gr - Gravel	⊕ Bush shelters



This bay is a real sleeper for walleye and smallmouth. Work the entire area with Lindy Rigs tipped with leeches.

Spring crappie are taken along the shoreline timber on bobber rigs tipped with small minnows.

Walleye action can be good during spring in the upper reaches of the Red Cedar River. Jig/minnow combos produce the most fish.

Boaters should navigate with caution when entering the shallow entrance to the river.

Russian Slough produces some nice northern pike and early-ice walleye.

Work the edges of the shallow reed island for crappie during summer evenings.

Over 100 cribs were placed along this shoreline between 1989-90. These can be "hot" for all species.

Crappie and spring walleye can be found along the trees and deadheads.

This sharp-breaking shoreline drops quickly into the old river channel and holds spring and fall walleye. Work jig and live bait offerings or crankbaits along shore at night.

A sharp-breaking 5-foot edge and numerous brush shelters hold summer crappie. Slip bobber rigs with small minnows or jig/plastics take fish.

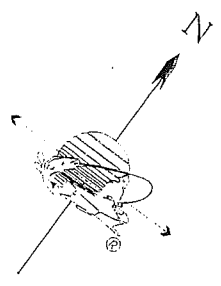
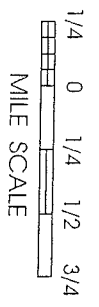
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# FISHING TIPS

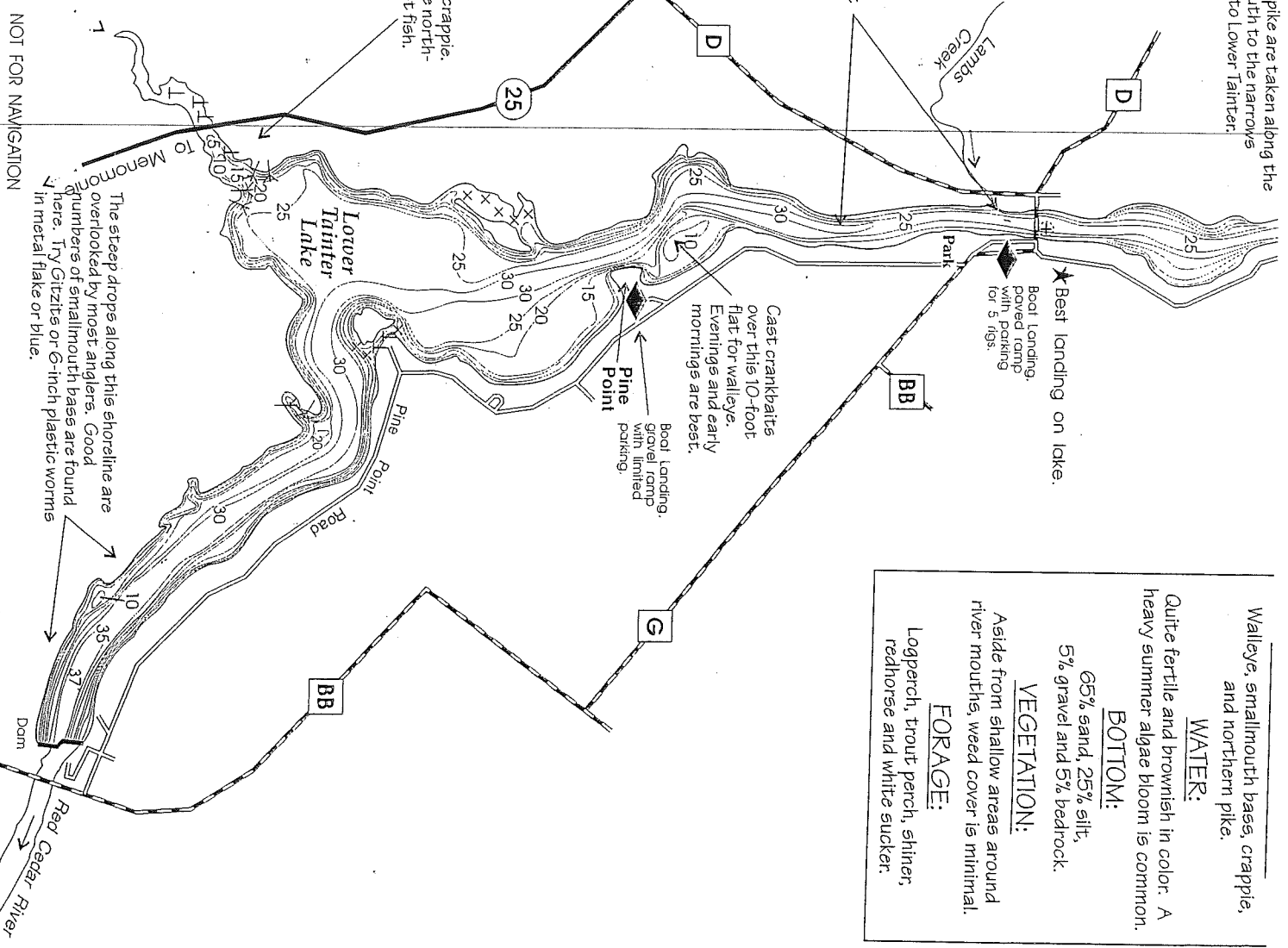
1. Walleye action is best on Tainter Lake during spring and fall. Most fish are taken in less than 10 feet of water due to heavy algae blooms. Concentrate on the river inlets during spring.
2. Due to the lack of natural cover, numerous cribs and brush shelters have been placed in the lake since 1959. "Crib jumping" can be very effective for all species. Don't spend a lot of time in one spot; keep moving until you locate fish.
3. Black crappie are available in good numbers and have above average growth rates. In spring, look to the north sides of shallow bays to hold spawning fish. In summer, crappie will suspend near cribs and steep shorelines.
4. The Hay River provides wonderful scenery and fishing. Deadfalls line the shore and produce nice smallmouth bass, walleye and crappie. A float trip from Wheeler to the northwest landing takes about 2-1/2 hours.

northern pike are taken along the rocky mouth to the narrows leading into Lower Tainter.

The steep ledges of the narrows are excellent habitat for smallmouth bass. A deep hole at the mouth of Lambs Creek holds fall walleye.

This inlet bay attracts spring crappie. Look to the deadfalls along the northwest shoreline to hold the most fish.

NOT FOR NAVIGATION



Walleye, smallmouth bass, crappie, and northern pike.  
**WATER:**  
 Quite fertile and brownish in color. A heavy summer algae bloom is common.  
**BOTTOM:**  
 65% sand, 25% silt, 5% gravel and 5% bedrock.  
**VEGETATION:**  
 Aside from shallow areas around river mouths, weed cover is minimal.  
**FORAGE:**  
 Logperch, trout perch, shiner, redear and white sucker.