

Fishing Tips

These are only tips, other methods may be preferred

	Spring Mid May - Mid June	Summer Mid June to Mid August	Fall Mid August to Oct
Walleyes Line: 6-8 lb clear mono or fluorocarbon Rod: 6-6 1/2' Medium	If fishing in less than 15' and waters & colder than 55°, use jigs tipped w/minnows; If water temp reaches 55° and warmer switch your bait to leeches; If water temps are below 55° and fish are lathargic, use silver, gold & green crank baits such as shad raps - if temps are even colder, use suspending jerk baits.	Water temps 55° to 65°, fish about 15-25' use slip bobber rigs w/leeches or spinner rigs with live bait or a jig w/live bait; Also try fishing in 10' or less with nightcrawlers on 1/8 oz jigs near deep weed lines; Water temps 65° - 75° in 25' deep plus troll w/deep diving crank baits	As water temps begin to cool, reverse the back to the spring fishing techniques as described by water temps and depths.
Small & Large Mouth Bass Line: 8-10 lb clear mono or fluorocarbon Rod: 6-6 1/2' Medium	In water temps up to 60° fish various depths. Use crank and suspending jerk baits along w/grubs and large plastic worms. Never count out using a topwater bait at anytime! At about 60° the top water action explodes; continue using crank and suspending baits along with spinner baits	At 70° start using tube jigs or try leeches or night crawlers at about 20 -25' are best. Top water fishing is best the first 2 hours after sunrise and the last 2 hours before sunset; Poppers and jitterbugs work great.	As temps begin to cool, reverse the process. Try using some large plastic worms for large mouth - they work well.
Northern & Muskie Line: 15-30 lb Power Pro Moss Green Rod: 7' Heavy action	In water temps up to 60° fish in 15' or less casting shorelines w/suspending jerk baits	60° to 70° trolling w/deep diving crank baits produce larger fish, for more in numbers use spinner baits in shallow water. Top water is good using buzz baits, spooks, and spiten image	As temps begin to cool, big pike stage up into 20' or less in the mouth of bays adjacent to deep water. Use suicks, giant jackpots, minnow type baits
Crappie Line: 4 lb clear mono Rod: Ultra light	Use a slip bobber or small jig w/minnow in 10' or less and water temps up to 60°	When water temps are 60° & warmer fish in up to 25' deep around points using your locator to find the schools use suspending slip bobbers set 10' - 15' down using a minnow	Fish at 25' -35' when temps are 60° and cooler, generally near the bottom
Lake Trout Line: 10-30 lb mono clear Rod: 6' Heavy action	In water temps up to 50° cast shorelines w/crank baits in 10' or less. At 50° and warmer fish suspended in about 40' - 60' deep using a large flashy spoon, such as a cast master, or use like colored tube jigs	Use your locator to find the schooling bait fish, then fish at 80' - 120 of water vertically jig with minnows, tube jigs or sonars - any type of flashing spoon	Water temps below 50° fish in 15' of less with spinner and suspending jerk baits or large minnow type top water baits