

LOON LAKE FISH STORY



Loon Lake has quite a variety of fish, from sunfish, blue gills, crappies, perch, rock bass, small mouth bass, large, mouth bass, pickerel, bullheads, channel catfish, calico bass and walleyes.

Walleyes were here in the 1950's for a few years.

I can remember when I was a young lad, 8 to 10 years old, my uncle and aunt (Carl Irene Schultheiss) had the cottage where Welch's have now. I caught a Walleye that was 6-1/4 lbs. off the dock. I even got my name in the local paper (The Wayland Register).

I also remember my other Uncles Tim & Stub Cole) catching Walleyes ice fishing and getting their hands raked by the teeth.

We had a lot of perch in the lake and they were small, so the DEC did a study of the lake and decided to stock sterile Tiger

Muskies. They started in 1985 and continued until 1990, putting in about 8,000. They only lived about 10 years, but it did help with the size of the perch. We now catch some 7" to 12".

I know of two Tiger Muskies that were caught and mounted. One was caught by Martha Glover while fishing for bullheads in the channel in the spring of 1989. It was 39" long.



5/3/97 TIGER MUSKIE
Caught at LOON LAKE
By MARTHA GLOVER
Length - 39"
Weight 14 lbs. 15 ozs.

The other was caught by Art Nowak in 1989. He got it ice fishing out in front of my house. It was 38" long and he had it mounted. I remember, Art coming to my house showing me his fish and saying he didn't know Loon Lake had fish like this. I told him it was a Tiger Muskie and that they had been stocked by the DEC.

Would you believe, after not fishing for years, I went down town that day, stopped at the tackle store and bought a set of tip ups and other equipment. I went fishing that afternoon with him.



1/18/96 TIGER MUSKIE
Caught at LOON LAKE
By ART NOWAK
Length - 38"
Weight - 13 lbs.

Another Tiger Muskie was washed up over by Erick & David Shults'. One that was 42" washed up on shore by Larry Mitchells.

The Loon Lake Association stocked large mouth Black Bass in 1989 and 1990 to the tune of 1,800. They have done really well.



**BASS
Caught at
LOON LAKE
2001**

The LLA decided to try to restock Walleyes. We asked for donations from the cottage owners and they responded quite well. We got the Walleyes from Naples. They were fingerlings 2" to 3" long and stocked over 2,000 each year, from 1999 to 2001. They didn't do very good. We found out later, that we were just feeding the Bass. We are trying again as we had some money left in our fish fund. We got 130 - 8" to 10" Walleyes costing \$3.50 each. Rod Lindsey, I and Phil Faber put them in the lake with my boat on November 9, 2012. We are hoping to spend \$500.0 each year for the next four years. We are hoping we have a better survival rate from these.

If any of you fisherman catch one of these, I would like to have you call me at 585-728-5108 or one of the Board Member. Let us know how big, where you caught it.

We also stocked some channel catfish a few



Largemouth Bass caught by Ed Sick on 9/21/12



Smallmouth Bass caught by Eric Busch in 2003

years ago. We bought them from a guy over in Perry. Larry Mitchell and I went with my truck and garbage cans to pick them up. We put these in at Larry's dock and by Gerry & Martha Glover's dock over in the channel. We had a good survival rate as there have been some big ones caught. I love to fish and have caught some nice fish out of Loon Lake. One Large Mouth Bass that was about 23" and a 24" pickerel.

It would be nice to have a contest from year to year. We could give some prizes for biggest, etc. This would also gather some data on how our fish population is doing. I think we have some excellent Bass fishing in Loon Lake.

The DEC does not stock any fish in Loon Lake any more and haven't for several years. The excuse is that the lake is not suited well for stocking. In the opinion of most of the lake cottage owners is that we do not have a public boat launch and many oppose having one.

This means that we are on our own as far as stocking is concerned.

They used to publish fishing conditions on



Pickerel caught by Rod Lindsey on 6/25/11

Loon Lake in their column in the newspaper, we did write them a letter and asked them not to as they were not contribution to fish stocking.

That's my story.

Ed Sick