

# On the Water with Rick Daniels

## Fishing For All Seasons

Lakes in the Kawartha area are full of fish – perch, bluegill, crappie, walleye, pickerel, large and small mouth bass and muskie just to name a few of the popular sports fish. From the early spring to late fall, you will find anglers on the water fishing.

Whether you are a resident occasional angler or are on vacation for a few weeks, it's nice to have a few handy tips to make your fishing experience a little more fruitful. It's impossible to cover every technique and variable but here are a few suggestions to make your fishing day more productive. In the spring, fish are still hanging around shallow spawning beds eating other species' small fry. As the days get warmer in summer, the fish start heading into deeper, cooler, oxygen rich water – especially in shallower lakes. As we move into the fall the weeds start dying off, fish tend to look for green oxygenating weeds. Even in the spring or summer, if you run into a large swath of dead weeds, move on.

Which brings us to another point, as another guide said to me: "You know- fish swim". If you are fishing from a boat or even from shore, don't stay in the same place all day, even if you had great luck the day before. I have approximately 20 "fishing holes" I frequent with my clients and with no rhyme nor reason, the spot that was not working for days will start producing or vice versa. I find if you are not sure where the fish are, it's best to drift over large areas. It won't be long until you discover a pattern forming of the preferred depth and structure of the day.

There are certain species that are noted for hanging around certain structures. Perch seem to like rock shoals and drop offs. Since perch seem to be the number one food source for Small Mouth Bass and Walleye, if you are catching perch, it is usually not too long after that you start catching something bigger. Large Mouth Bass seem to like weedy, stumpy back bays and shallows near cover like overhanging trees or under docks or piers. Walleye, during the summer, like to bury themselves in deep thick weed beds.

There will be more tips in following articles or you can always check out my web site.

***Good Luck and Happy Fishing!***

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