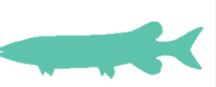


JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
					
STRIPED BASS Ohio River Smithland Pool	CRAPPIES Mississippi River Pool 13	CHANNEL CATS Braidwood Lake	CRAPPIES Crab Orchard Lake	LARGEMOUTHS Gillespie New City Reservoir	LARGEMOUTHS Sangchris Lake
Tips: When you find fish, anchor up or use your electric motor to move about. Watch for seagulls feeding on baitfish on the surface, because hungry stripers will be below the school.	Tips: Those new soft plastic "tails" are killers on an orange Rat Finkee jig. Carroll County's Potter's Marsh is the place to fish, but go ahead and do some exploring north and south.	Tips: A blade bait like the Zip on Berkley FireLine adds an entirely new dimension to catfishing. Fish will generally hit lure on the drop.	Tips: Tie Fuzz-E-Tails on loop knots about one foot apart. Crappies tend to stack vertically over structure. This could be the best lake in Illinois for consistent crappie fishing.	Tips: When fishing largemouth bass on beds, pitch a tube on the bed and not at the fish. Bass will return to "clean house."	Tips: A tandem willow-leaf spinnerbait in shad/white is the best "search" bait for mobile largemouth bass in this lake southeast of Springfield.
					
RAINBOWS Devils Kitchen Lake	PANFISH Shabbona Lake	SAUGERS Illinois River	LARGEMOUTHS Cedar Lake	PANFISH Ferne Clyffe Lake	MUSKIES Shabbona Lake
					
BLUEGILLS Farm Ponds	CRAPPIES Lake of Egypt	MUSKIES Kinkaid Lake	WHITE BASS Illinois River	SMALLMOUTHS Powerton Lake	WALLEYES Mississippi River Pool 14

**EXCELLENT****GOOD****FAIR**

JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
					
CHANNEL CATFISH Otter Lake	FLATHEAD CATFISH Rend Lake	CHANNEL CATFISH Mermet Lake	MUSKIES Kinkaid Lake	CRAPPIES Rend Lake	PANFISH Upper Mississippi River Pools
Tips: Try suspending Sonny's dip bait under a float just off bottom by using two "skinny" dip worms with different leader lengths. This lake could be the best multi-species fishery in Illinois.	Tips: Good quality barrel swivels and 50-pound-test line — at least — will keep these devils from twisting to freedom. Fish at night for the most consistent action on Rend Lake.	Tips: Hang a punctured can of dog food over the side of your boat in a mesh bag. This really draws the channel catfish in! The fishing remains good right up to duck hunting season.	Tips: Speed troll shallow perch-patterned Shad Raps on short lines close to cover. Set the reel drags lightly. The colder the weather, the better the fishing gets.	Tips: A 1/16-ounce white RoadRunner horsehead jig is still the best way to locate crappies cruising in shallow water. A good base camp is Rend Lake Resort.	Tips: Snow-covered ice is only half as strong as clear stuff. Carry rescue picks and wrap 50 feet of nylon rope around your bucket in case you need rescue.
					
LARGEMOUTHS Mississippi River	CHINOOK SALMON Lake Michigan	WALLEYES Fox Chain-O-Lakes	WALLEYES Mississippi River	MUSKIES Evergreen Lake	STRIPED BASS Sangchris Lake
					
FLATHEAD CATFISH Rock River	SMALLMOUTHS Kankakee River	MUSKIES Lake Shelbyville	CRAPPIES Otter Lake	SAUGERS Illinois River	BROWN TROUT Lake Michigan