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ICE FISHING IS HOT

Michigan Ice Fishing

Current Seasons (Check the [Michigan Fishing Guide](#) for exceptions & specifics)

- Catch-and-Immediate-Release for Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass, All Waters: **Open All Year**
- Muskellunge, Lower Peninsula Great Lakes: **Open All Year**
- Muskellunge, Lower Peninsula Inland Waters; Upper Peninsula Inland Waters; Upper Peninsula Great Lakes; St. Marys River: **Closes March 15, 2018**
- Northern Pike & Muskellunge, spearing season (through the ice), various waters: **Closes March 15, 2018**
- Northern Pike & Walleye, Lower Peninsula Great Lakes; Lake St. Clair; St. Clair River; Detroit River: **Open All Year**

- Northern Pike & Walleye, Lower Peninsula Inland Waters; Upper Peninsula Inland Waters; Upper Peninsula Great Lakes; St. Marys River: **Closes March 15, 2018**
- Catfish, Cisco, Lake Whitefish, Smelt, Sunfishes, White Bass, Yellow Perch: **Open All Year**
- Yellow Perch, spearing season, Lake St. Clair: **January 1 - February 28, 2018**

Head out ice fishing!

Want to specifically fish for panfish and/or northern pike this winter? We've got a short video that can help to get you started. This video points out the clothing you might want to wear and the equipment you will likely need.

Check it out!



February 25, 2018.

After the above dates, a shanty must be removed at the end of each day's fishing activity.

Using an ice shanty?

If you're using an ice shanty on any waterbody in Michigan you must permanently affix your name and address, Michigan driver's license number, or DNR sportcard number on all sides in legible letters at least 2" in height. Tents or other temporary shelters must be removed from the ice each day and do not require identification.

Ice shanties on any waterbody in the **Upper Peninsula** must be removed by midnight on March 31, 2018.

Any shanties on waters in the counties of **Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon or Wexford** need to be removed by midnight on March 15, 2018.

Shanties on any remaining counties in Michigan must be removed by midnight on March 1, 2018.

If you have a shanty on **Lake St. Clair**, you must remove it before sunset on Sunday,

Want even more information on ice fishing in Michigan?

[Ice Safety Tips](#)

- Discover the things you should know before you go onto the ice, including safety equipment you should take with you.

[Fishing Technique: Ice Fishing, the Coolest sport around](#)

- For many people, ice fishing is more popular than open water fishing. Why? Check out this article that describes the various techniques anglers use when ice fishing and the types of species you can target.

[Michigan Fishing is Catching On booklet](#)

- Page 11 of this family-friendly document gives you basic tips for going fishing - but additional content in this booklet helps with fish identification and cleaning and caring for your catch.

LEARN TO FLY FISH

The 48th Annual Michigan Trout Unlimited Fly Fishing School will be held 8 – 10 June 2018 at Ranch Rudolph near Traverse City. This is the best buy for your money with all the instructors donating their time. The school offers three levels of instruction from basic skills through intermediate and advanced, and with the

Boardman River flowing through the Ranch property we can provide a lot of in-stream time. The school starts at noon on Friday and goes until 9:00pm, and the school ends about 2:00pm on Sunday, giving you 2 ½ days of fun and instruction. Included are 2 meals Friday, 3 meals Saturday and 2 meals Sunday, two nights lodging, and the school. There is also an option to camp at the Ranch and take the school and meals. If you don't have gear we have loaner equipment available. And, this is a free fishing weekend in Michigan so you don't need a license. You can get more info at www.TUFFS.org

Film Festival

The Film festival is going to be held on March 7, 2018 at Oscar's on Main St, Midland. Get your tickets at Little Forks Outfitters

2018 Lake Sturgeon Season on Black Lake Begins Feb. 3 at 8 a.m.

The Department of Natural Resources has announced that the 2018 lake sturgeon fishing season on Black Lake (Cheboygan County) will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. All anglers wishing to participate in the lake sturgeon season must register.

The 2018 total allocation to state of Michigan anglers for Black Lake is seven lake sturgeon. However, to reduce the chance of exceeding this allocation, officials will close the season once the sixth fish is harvested, or if five fish have been harvested at the end of any fishing day.

Fishing hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day of the season, which will end either 2 p.m.



Wednesday, Feb. 7, or when one of the two above scenarios is met, at which point, anglers will be notified on the ice by DNR personnel that they must immediately stop fishing for lake sturgeon.

Anglers 17 years of age or older must possess a valid Michigan fishing license. In addition, all anglers registering for the Black Lake sturgeon season also must possess a lake sturgeon tag, available for free from all license vendors, prior to registering.

The 2018 angler registration process will be similar to what was enacted in the last few years. Anglers need to register only once for the entire season. An early registration will be held Friday, Feb. 2, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the DNR Onaway Field Station. The station is located approximately five miles north of Onaway on Route 211. Anglers can pick up their fishing identification flags at this time and learn more from the DNR about season logistics and sturgeon populations.

Anglers unable to register Friday may do so Saturday, Feb. 3, at the registration trailer located on Zolner Road ending on Black Lake. Morning registration begins at 7 a.m. each day of the season, however, anglers are highly encouraged to register Friday, Feb. 2.

A disposable flag will be issued at registration that must be displayed at the entrance of the angler's shanty each day.

Anglers who harvest a lake sturgeon must tag the fish immediately, contact an on-ice DNR employee and register the fish at the Zolner Road trailer registration site on Black Lake. Registration may include an examination of internal organs and removal of a piece of fin tissue for DNA analysis and aging.

Registration logistics were developed in the last decade to allow greater participation by anglers while protecting the population of lake sturgeon in Black Lake from overharvest. In addition, the DNR and Michigan State University have been determining annual population estimates of adult fish from the

spring spawning run with the assistance of Sturgeon for Tomorrow, which allows officials to set a safe harvest level in cooperation with tribal agencies.

Rehabilitation of lake sturgeon in the Cheboygan River watershed is a cooperative effort involving the DNR, the Black Lake Chapter of Sturgeon for Tomorrow, MSU, various tribal agencies, and Tower-Kleber Limited Partnership.

For more details, anglers may call the Gaylord Customer Service Center at 989-732-3541 or visit Michigan.gov/fishing. The Black Lake lake sturgeon management plan can be found at www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/ManagementPlan-LakeSturgeon-FINAL_543754_7.pdf.

Reprint from BOSS Michigan Wildlife Conservancy

Two chapters of Trout Unlimited are now supporting the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy's Becoming Outdoors Smart In Summer (BOSS) Program. The William B. Mershon (Saginaw area) and the Leon P. Martuch (Midland area) chapters are sponsoring one of the BOSS Guidebook's ten education units. "Something Fishy: Analyzing Stream Habitat For Fish" teaches kids and their parents how to "read the water" of our state's rivers and streams, learning how channels change over time, and about the food chain that includes aquatic insects and other invertebrates as well as fish. It's a perfect fit for a national organization dedicated to conserving, protecting, and restoring cold-water fisheries and their watersheds. Trout Unlimited was founded in Michigan and has more than 150,000 members organized into about 400 chapters from Maine to Montana to Alaska. Michigan Trout Unlimited has 23 of those chapters.

While two chapters of Trout Unlimited stepped-up to support the Becoming Outdoors Smart In Summer (BOSS) program, a Dewitt area couple also boosted BOSS. Richard and Marilyn Augustine matched part of the donations of the William B. Mershon (Saginaw area) and Martuch (Midland area) TU chapters. Richard and Marilyn are long-time members of the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy. Richard has served in a variety of positions with the Lansing area chapter of TU and is a member of the National Property Management Board of TU. The Augustines believe strongly in the value of conservation education and have supported several efforts to introduce kids to fishing.

DNR creel clerks are collecting fishing information this winter

As the winter fishing season gets under way, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources reminds anglers that fisheries staff again will be stationed at several locations throughout the state in order to interview them about their fishing trips. The DNR appreciates anglers' cooperation in sharing feedback about their experiences, because that information provides critical data for fisheries management.



Through brief interviews, DNR fisheries assistants – commonly known as creel clerks – will ask anglers about how long they fished, what species they targeted, what they caught, and where they live. In a few instances, the clerks might ask to measure or weigh fish and take scale samples to gather key biological information on those fish.

These efforts are part of the DNR's Statewide Angler Survey Program, a long-term monitoring program that tracks recreational fisheries across Michigan waters of the Great Lakes and selected inland waters. These data are vital to fisheries management across the state and are used to guide actions that include developing appropriate regulations, addressing habitat improvements and identifying fish stocking needs.

This winter creel clerks will interview anglers fishing Saginaw Bay, the Les Cheneaux Islands, Munising, Au Train, Marquette, Keweenaw Bay, Mullett Lake, Wampler's Lake and Little Bay de Noc. Starting April 1 and continuing into the fall, creel clerks will interview anglers at a number of Great Lakes boating access sites, fishing piers and shorelines across the entire coastline to get estimates on the spring, summer and fall fisheries.

To see [past creel results](#), visit michigan.gov/fishing and click on Fishing in Michigan in the left-hand toolbar.

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TEEN MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

A \$14 TU Teen Membership (ages 13-18) includes:

- Four issues of *TROUT* magazine quarterly
- Official TU membership card
- TU Teen sticker
- Invitations to TU Teen summer activities

A \$28 TU Teen Membership (ages 13-18) includes all the benefits listed above, plus:



Fishpond Laptop Case with TU Logo

Banquet April 13, 2018

The LPM Chapter of TU will hold its 44th Annual Banquet on April 13th, 2018.

We would welcome any suggestions you have for major prizes for this banquet. This is a chance for you to have input on these major prizes and have them be of interest to you.

Just send me a reply.

Thanks for your help.
George
Membership Chair

Sign-up you're teen for TU.

Here's an opportunity to get your teenaged child interested in conservation and TU.

TUNA - Yates

Often we are asked what TU National does for our Michigan chapters and members. I want to share with you an excerpt from a recent communication from Jeff Yates, Director of Volunteer Operations at TU National. (Tom

Quail)

"Thank you everyone for this great conversation and the feedback.

It was important to us to respond and let you know you have been heard and we value the input and want to continue the conversation. I'd especially invite many of you to attend a coming TU Regional Rendezvous – www.tu.org/regionals - as having these conversations in person with TU staff and fellow volunteers is incredibly valuable as we work together to drive our mission forward.

First off, I wanted to let you know that we are listening here on staff and, in fact, have been having a number of meetings and conference calls regarding the points raised in this thread. As a team, your Volunteer Operations department is working closely with other departments within TU and one of the major projects we are actively working on delivering is a more comprehensive set of "communications preferences" to enable you and our members to better choose the types of communications they would like to receive from TU.

Secondly, I also wanted to share that in terms of reducing renewal notice volume, we already have a system in place you and your members may not be aware of – www.tu.org/sustain. Through this link, you and your members can sign up for auto-renewal of your TU membership dues and you will never receive another renewal notice in the mail or email, only a contact from TU when your credit card is about to expire. I'd also encourage everyone to [read the Membership Memo](#) which outlines some of our programs, including year-end rebates, chapter recruitment rebates for bringing new members in etc...

On that thread, I did want to address a few comments about rebates and other giveaways to correct the record.

Rebates:

TU does, in fact, provide rebates to our chapters and councils each year – to the tune of approximately \$350,000 annually. The Year-End Rebate of \$2.50 for every dues-paid, active member is sent directly to each state council. The New Member Recruitment Rebate is a \$15 rebate paid directly to a chapter for every new member they sign up for half price at www.tu.org/intro both of these programs are outlined in the Membership Memo above and I'd encourage you to learn more about how your chapter can raise funds by recruiting new members.

Rod Giveaways:

Each year, my staff works with our generous partner at L.L.Bean which donates approximately 300 fly rod outfits for us to distribute to our chapters. This program typically takes place in late winter or early spring and we email every chapter president asking them to submit a request for fly rods for use in their ongoing Youth Education or Veterans programs. We then review the requests and ship the fly rod outfits out to the chapters. Obviously, the request for rods outstrips the total donated – for instance last year we had roughly 210 chapters request fly rods and were able to supply rods, in bundles of around 5 rods per chapter on average, to approximately 75 chapters. Our goal is to make sure that every chapter that applies gets a bundle of new L.L.Bean rod outfits once every three years – that way the distribution is equitable and helps drive great programs locally.

Fundraising Program:

In addition to the L.L.Bean rod giveaway, we have coordinated a strong Fundraising Program with major companies such as Orvis, Temple Fork Outfitters, Scientific Angler, Winston and more to provide high quality gear at discounts of 50-70% for our chapters to purchase for use in their fundraising events. This program provides huge value and is heavily used by hundreds of chapters each year. [Click here to view the Fundraising Program.](#)

Embrace A Stream Grant Program:

Since 1975, our Embrace A Stream program has helped provide matching funding of more than \$4.5 million in grants to over 1,100 local chapter conservation and education projects across the country. This past year, in partnership with Orvis, SweetWater Brewing and through an active member solicitation effort, we were able to provide over \$315,000 in grants and funds for 47 chapter projects.

View the projects and information at www.tu.org/eas. I personally view this program as an untapped resource for our chapters, as in past years we may have only seen 25 or 30 chapters apply, out of our 400+ chapters and councils. I encourage you all to learn more about the Embrace A Stream program and consider applying for a matching grant as it's a powerful way that TU collects member donations and distributes them directly back to our chapters.

There's so much more that TU provides to our chapters and councils – from free liability insurance coverage to tax exempt status, to the entire Volunteer Operations department and other conservation and field staff here to support and guide you when you have questions. Please don't ever hesitate to contact me or my team for help or support, or for ideas on how to grow your chapter locally.

Thank you for all you do for TU. This year you marshaled over 725,000 volunteer hours from your members and volunteers, a feat few other organizations of our size can accomplish. Our grassroots army is strong, growing and a valuable and valued part of what makes TU so effective and impactful.

I hope to see all of you at a regional training, speak to you on the phone, participate in a webinar or meet you at a chapter or council event in your state soon."

We hope your New Year is off to a great start, and that you are weathering the winter well. Maybe that means some icefishing, time spent in places South, or in preparations for the next trout or steelhead season. At Michigan TU, we are busy continuing work on many ongoing projects, and planning out an ambitious 2018 work calendar. Thank you for your support in 2017, and we look forward to working with you in 2018 to ensure our coldwater fisheries are the best they can be!

While the spring issue of Michigan Trout Magazine is in the works right now, and will land at your mailbox well prior to the 2018 Trout Opener, we wanted to share some recent good news for coldwater conservation. Governor Snyder recently appointed John Walters of Vanderbilt, MI to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission. John is Past-Chair of Michigan TU, and through our years working with John and receiving the benefits of his leadership, we believe the NRC is fortunate he accepted the responsibility and will benefit from his participation, as we did.

John and his wife Sue live in Vanderbilt, in the heart of Pigeon River Country. He is an avid trout angler and upland bird hunter, but enjoys most of the varied opportunities fishing and hunting provide in Michigan. John works for Roseburg Forest Products. He has served as Chair of the Pigeon River Country Advisory Council, Board member for the State's Rural Development Fund, President of Headwaters Chapter of TU, Chair of Michigan TU, and as Board member for the Anglers of the Au Sable.

Throughout his Conservation portfolio, John has focused on conservation policy and enjoys getting into the details of conservation issues and ensuring they are resolved in a manner

Newest Natural Resource Commission Appointment

that best represents the ideals of scientific fish and wildlife management. We have no doubt he will be an asset to the NRC by continuing with this focus. Conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts of Michigan are lucky to have him representing us. Congratulations John!

Adam's Fly Print

We have some prints of the Adam's Fly by Beth Ward Donahue that celebrate TU's 50th Anniversary. Costs are \$120.00 and \$160.00 (remarked). Contact Ross Rosenbrock 989-662-6533, rrosenbrock@live.com. Check out our website.

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L. P. Martuch BOD Meetings

February 6, 2018 at Scientific Anglers

L. P. Martuch Annual Meeting

March 6, 2018 at 6:30 PM at Scientific Anglers Conference Room

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Interesting web sites

<http://www.martuchtu.org/Pages/default.aspx> Leon P Martuch Website
<http://h2o.usgs.gov> Hydrology data for all rivers in the US
<http://www.totalflyfishing.com> Fly Fishing Website
www.flyanglersonline.com Fly patterns, articles, and general information.
<http://info.abrfc.noaa.gov/rfc-wfo.html> National Weather Service river forecasts
www.tu.org Home page Trout Unlimited.
www.steelheadsit.com Steelhead information
www.fedflyfishers.org Federation of Flyfishers Home Page.
<http://www.michigantu.org/> Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited Home Page

www.fffflc.org Federation of Fly Fishers

www.lssu.edu Lake Superior State University. Fish cam at the power plant at the Soo

www.trailstotrout.com Website for trout fishing

On Line Fishing Log mydailyfishinglog.com

Guide to fly fishing waters of the US –
www.kyndoutdoors.com

American Museum of Fly Fishing
www.amff.com

Anglers of the AuSable www.AuSableAnglers.org

On AOL Look under Interest, Hobbies, and Fishing

We will publish more sites, as they become known. If you know of interesting sites let me know at t8monto@aol.com

Membership

Trout Unlimited has a membership program going. Our Chapter can greatly benefit by having you sign up a new member. Log onto www.tu.org/intro and you can get a special introductory rate of \$17.50. Be sure to enter code 250 so our Chapter will receive credit for the membership. This would make a great gift for your fishing buddy.

For membership problems, contact George Killat

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