



Lake Glenville Seasonal Fishing Report

Lake Glenville is home to large populations of smallmouth & largemouth bass, walleye, crappie, yellow perch, bream, bullhead & channel catfish, as well as brook, brown, & rainbow trout. Catching them can be a challenge as the lake is crystal clear, very deep and lacks the normal cover such as standing timber, fallen timber or shore line brush. There is very good structure, however, in the form of long sloping points, vertical rock bluffs and humps throughout the main channel. The angler that unlocks her secrets will find angling enjoyment not found on any other body of water. The following are some seasonal patterns that usually produce results. Good luck!

Spring Fishing: Walleye and smallmouth move into creek channels and on sloping points. Plastic lizards, worms, twisters, bear hair jigs and small crankbaits usually produce results. Effective live bait includes medium minnows, and night crawlers on colored jig heads or jigs. Chartreuse jigs and grubs cast into the beautiful waterfalls that cascade into the lake are usually attacked by spawning walleye. Crappie can be caught near fallen timber with small minnows and small jigs.

Summer Fishing: As the water warms and the shad begin to school and roam the main lake channel, most of the game fish will move deeper and into the open water. Trolling with down-riggers or weighted line is the preferred method using #5 or #7 Rapalas to catch walleye and trout. Keep a top water bait handy to throw at schooling smallmouth chasing bait on the surface. Large and smallmouth bass can be caught using spinner baits thrown around rock points, bluffs, or around the sparse fallen timber in the lake. Jigs, pigs and plastic worms fished around fallen timber often catches summertime largemouth.

Fall Fishing: As the water cools and “turns over,” fishing can be tough, but only for a short time. The cold water usually turns the big rainbow trout on and they can be caught by trolling #5 Rapalas or “special spoons” on flat lines 100’ to 150’ behind the boat around rising fish. Hang on though, these fall trout are real bruisers! Smallmouth bass will move back onto rocky main lake points where they are caught by throwing crankbaits or bear hair jigs. Contour trolling in 10’ to 15’ of water can also put many large smallmouths in the boat.

Winter Fishing: As the water continues to cool, the fish go deeper and hug the bottom. Walleye and smallmouth are easily caught by bumping bottom with small crankbaits in 35’ to 45’ of water using lead core trolling line. Monster rainbow trout are on the surface and can be caught long lining Rapalas and spoons. These are the biggest trout of the year. For the hearty fisherman, night time produces pre-spawn walleye by shore-hopping rip-rap and pitching #11 or #13 Rapalas. Oddly, this pattern produces largemouth at times. Be sure to keep some gloves and hot coffee handy though, the colder it is, the better they bite!