



# **BANQUET TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!!!**

## **\$45 EACH**

Event will be held at the Casper Events Center on **April 4th, 2020.**

Games and Social Hour to kick it off at 4 p.m.

All You Can Eat Walleye Dinner to convene at 6:30 pm.

Auctions will start @ 7 p.m.

**Gun Raffle Tickets are also available NOW!!!! \$20 Each.**

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### Volunteer Time:



Thanks to the Boys and Girls Club for allowing us to take some kids fishing! Jay Zastrow put on an ice safety class and then drilled some holes out at Pathfinder Reservoir to teach some of our fine youth about ice fishing. There was barbecue lunch to follow! Thank you to the volunteers that made this possible.

## Fishing Report:

Glendo Reservoir - 6-8 inches soft edges, bring planks... catching fish in 18-30 feet of water

Pathfinder Reservoir - 10-14 Inches on Sweetwater arm, 8-11 Inches on marina side, good clear ice, catching fish between 10-25 feet of water, traditional ice lures and minnows.

Boysen Reservoir - 16-20 Inches catching fish all over the lake, live minnow spoons with minnow heads red and green in color

Alcova - Has fishable ice (conditions unknown) catching a few trout

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*"I finally convinced my wife there ain't nothin 'bout ice fishing that's dangerous!"  
I can almost hear her now."*

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### *Fishing*

#### *Devices Allowed For Fishing*

- Lighted strike indicators or bobbers
- Worms, baits and tackle chemically enhanced to produce light
- Lighted pole/rod tip



- Fish finders or underwater cameras that produce artificial light
- Battery-powered light producing lures
- Submersible lights
- Chemical light sticks



# Wyoming Game and Fish News:

Check out the new Take a Kid Fishing Program. Our children are the future. Get them outside and off the screens!!



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## **Where do the fish go when there's lots of snow?**

*Their survival depends almost entirely on how, when, and where ice forms.*

Winter is an especially hard time for most wildlife. It gets cold, the wind blows a bit more, there's often snow covering the ground, and ice forms on streams and lakes. Wildlife that we're used to seeing in the summer must adapt if they're going to survive. Some animals like deer and coyotes grow extra heavy winter coats. Grizzly bears find sheltered areas like caves to crawl into and hibernate. Geese, ducks, and a host of other birds migrate to warmer climates.

But did you ever wonder what fish do? Fish in lakes don't have many options aside from moving to deeper water. Fish in streams and rivers have a whole different set of challenges to deal with because of the wide range of habitat types in a river. Their survival depends almost entirely on how, when, and where ice forms.

Ice usually forms across an entire stream in late fall and gets covered with snow. This is an ideal situation for fish to survive the winter because they're safe from predators and harsh weather conditions. Fish move to areas where the stream is flowing slow and deep – like pools or underneath stream banks. Because there's snow on the ice blocking sunlight, fish do not move around much to try and eat during the winter. That's ok, because there's not much to feed on in winter and fish can live on their energy reserves for up to 5 months. Aquatic insects tend to hatch in the fall and are too small for fish to filter out of the water until the following summer.

While ice can be good for fish if it's a solid cap on streams, other kinds of ice can be their worst enemy. Before streams freeze over in the fall, in the spring just after ice-out, or during any warm spell that causes the ice to melt, sudden cold weather can cause the stream to form slush ice. For fish, slush ice is like a huge dust storm to you and me. As it floats downstream, the ice can clog the gills of fish that can't get out of its way. Some fish move to shallow areas along the bank where slush ice may not flow. Others go to deep pools where the slush ice usually floats over top. But all too often, the fish that move to the shore get caught and eaten by mink that hunt for food along stream margins all winter. Small fish that move into deep pools can be eaten by bigger fish that live there.

We often don't think about fish, but the fact is winter is an especially tough time for them. We also tend to forget that the things people do with water that affect ice formation can have a big impact on fish. Game and Fish biologists work with water managers and dam operators around the state to keep the flow in rivers stable during the winter and help streams and rivers ice over. Doing that is good for fish as well as the people who like to catch them.



## Crappie Fish Fry

**READY IN:** 15mins, **SERVES:** 3-4

### **INGREDIENTS**

1 lb. crappie filets, cut into fingerlike strips  
12 ounces ale or 12 ounces any full-bodied beer  
1 ½ cups Cornflower  
1 Teaspoon Salt  
1 Teaspoon Paprika  
½ Teaspoon Cayan Pepper  
1 Cup Flour  
Fresh Peanut Oil or Canola Oil

### **DIRECTIONS**

- Empty beer into a large bowl.
- Add the corn flour, salt, paprika, and cayenne to the bowl and whisk until you have light and frothy batter.
- Refrigerate for a least an hour but up to five days.
- In a deep fryer or deep skillet, heat at least 2 inches of oil to 375 degrees F.
- Dredge fillets in flour, shaking off any excess; then dip them in the beer batter, coating them well.
- Fry in oil until perfectly golden and drain on paper towels.
- Serve with lemon wedges, tartar sauce and hot sauce. Yum-yum! Prep time does not include refrigeration time.

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## Walleye Fishing Tips for the Winter Months

Posted by [Ryan Lisson](#) December 8, 2014 <https://www.wideopenspaces.com/walleye-fishing-tips-winter-months/>  
*With ice conditions getting better and better, you're probably thinking about getting out to chase some hard-water walleyes.*

At least I am. And if you're like me, you want to maximize your chances of catching fish this winter. Hopefully there's a real monster under the ice with your name on it.

Ice fishing for walleyes will obviously be different on each water body you go to. Depths, water clarity, and oxygen levels vary from lake to lake, not to mention habitat and population sizes. All of these things will influence whether you have a proper fish fry or some soggy fast food fish sandwich. These walleye fishing tips should help you locate more fish and catch more too.

### **Best Locations**

Similar to summer fishing, there are several spots you can count on to consistently hold walleyes. Points, reefs, and drop-offs are a great start. Walleyes like to cruise the lake contours through different times of the day and setting up on a point or reef can allow you to catch fish moving vertically or across such structure. If you can locate the weed line on a large point that drops off quickly, you can count on hungry walleyes to be on patrol.

Study lake contour maps to find some good starting points (TIP: lines close together on contour maps mean a faster drop-off). Then get out and drill a series of holes extending from shallow to deeper water. If you have a Vexilar or similar locator, you can quickly find the drop-offs you mapped and start fishing.

### **Best Time to Fish**

It almost goes without saying, but low-light hours (sunrise and sunset) are generally the best time to be fishing for walleye. During this time, fish are cruising around looking for their next meal. As a result, hunkering down in a good ambush spot (one mentioned above) can expose your presentation to the most amount of fish.

When these magic hours pass, try changing your presentation first to convince a finicky fish. If that doesn't work or you're not graphing fish, don't be afraid to get mobile. Drill a couple more holes and find some other spots. Just don't be that person making swiss cheese of the lake by drilling a new one every three feet.

### **Presentation**

Where you fish will dictate which lures to use and how to use them. For example, most states allow anglers to use two lines while ice fishing. This allows you to actively jig one line while having a more stationary approach on the other one.

Generally, set your lures to be 6-12" off the bottom. You can always work them higher if the water clarity is really good or you are graphing fish up higher. A medium action rod is useful to jig aggressively and ultimately get a good hook set. There are four types of lures that really work well when ice fishing for walleyes: jigs, spoons, jigging rapalas, and lipless crankbaits.

**Jigs:** Generally, you want to tip jigs with a minnow right behind the dorsal fin to keep them active and draw fish in. You can either jig the rod periodically or leave this on a tip-up for a stationary set-up. There are many [jig styles](#), sizes, and colors to choose from (e.g., gum-ball, airplane, slo-poke, whistlers, etc.), so have a variety on hand to change if the bite is slow. Experimentation is the best way to find out what they're looking for.

**Spoons:** A [jigging spoon](#) works when you jerk the rod up a foot or two and then let it drop back down. This fluttering motion combined with the shiny metal surface creates a wounded fish appearance that draws fish in to investigate the flashing. Spoons are typically more effective when tipped with a pinched-off minnow head, as this added scent can often entice a lazy predator to bite.

**Jigging Rapala:** A [jigging Rapala](#) is a more aggressive lure to try out when the bite is on. Similar to a spoon, you want to lift and drop the lure again. However, the fluted tail makes the lure slowly circle its way back down to its resting position, creating an enticing movement for hungry eyes. You can try to use a jigging Rapala on its own if the fish are biting aggressively, or tip it with a minnow head if not.

### **Lipless Crankbait**

The [lipless crankbait](#) is the most aggressive approach of the lures listed. This style of crankbait has no bill (lip), so it can be jigged aggressively, and it will flutter back to its horizontal orientation quickly. They come in either minnow or shad shapes and many different colors or species. If you are fishing stained or murky water, you might want to try a crankbait with a rattle, such as a Rat-L Trap. This rattling noise can draw fish in from further away that might not be able to see your lure.

### **Conclusion**

Ice fishing for walleyes is a great obsession...err, hobby. Hopefully you'll find time soon to try these walleye fishing tips out for yourself.



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## Upcoming Events

**February 1st** - Check out the Bucks and Bulls at Sportsman's Warehouse 9am - 3pm

**February 5th** - NPWU Club Meeting located @ Casper Game and Fish Office @ 3030 Energy Lane in the Pronghorn Room @ 7 p.m. We will have guest speaker Matt Hahn of the Game and Fish.

**February 13th** - Parks Department Meeting - Come out and voice your opinion on the local Pathfinder reservoir master plan. Meeting will be held at 5:30 @ the large courtroom in the Natrona County Courthouse. 200 N. Center

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