

FISHING REGULATIONS

Sylvania Wilderness and Perimeter Area

Under the authority of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended

1) SEASONS

Statewide seasons apply on all fish species except that no fishing shall be allowed before the last Saturday in April or after October 31 of each year.

2) SIZE LIMITS

- a. Lake trout, not less than 30 inches.
- b. Walleye, not less than 20 inches.
- c. Northern pike, not less than 30 inches.
- d. All other species, no size limit unless otherwise regulated.

3) DAILY POSSESSION LIMIT

- a. Northern pike, walleye, lake trout, not more than 1 fish of any of these species.
- b. All other species, 10 singly or in any combination of these species unless otherwise regulated.
- c. Largemouth or smallmouth bass, must be returned immediately to the water without injury. Possession of any bass, regardless of where taken is prohibited on the special provision lakes of the Sylvania area.

4) METHOD OF TAKE

- a. Hook and line fishing only.
- b. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used for fishing. "Artificial lure" for the purpose of this Order means any lure that is man-made, in imitation or as a substitute for natural bait, used to attract fish for the purpose of taking them, and shall include artificial flies.
- c. Live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food or scented material may not be used or possessed at any time on the waters or shore of special provision Sylvania lakes (listed below).

5) SPECIAL PROVISION LAKES

- a. All species of fish may be taken subject to the provisions of this order in Banks, East Bear, West Bear, Clark, Corey, Cub, Deer Island, Dorothy, Elsie, Fisher, Florence, Germain, Glimmerglass, Golden Silence, Hay, Helen, High, Honey, Katherine, Kerr, Jay, Johnston Springs, Liluis, Lois, Loon, Louise, Marsh, Moss, Mountain, Snap Jack, Trapper and Whitefish Lakes.

NOTE: Crooked Lake is covered under the regular State of Michigan fishing regulations.

Ottawa National Forest Regulations

1) TRANSPORT OF BASS

- a. It is illegal to transport smallmouth or largemouth bass across National Forest Lands from State of Michigan special regulation lakes, and from Devil's Head Lake.
- b. It is illegal to transport smallmouth or largemouth bass across National Forest Lands within the wilderness except from Crooked Lake to the campsites on Crooked Lake.

**Thank you for helping to protect Sylvania's fisheries.
Ottawa National Forest.**