

# Red Rock Guiding Service

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## Captain Walt's Log

### October Local Area Fishing Report

The Fox Chain O Lakes and Fox River produced Walleye, Crappie, Catfish, and Stripers using jigs and/or live bait rigs baited with either minnows, crawlers, or leeches. In the river, fishing was best in the deep holes in the river and current areas like the bridges and in the lakes fishing was best in the hard bottom areas, points, and drop off areas.

Geneva Lake yielded Northern Pike & Smallmouth Bass using live bait rigs on the steep drop off areas and along the deep weed line in 25-45 FOW. Largemouth Bass were caught using artificial and live baits in 15-25 FOW. Nice Pan Fish were available using live bait in 15-20 FOW.

Delavan Lake produced Northern Pike, Walleye, and Largemouth Bass along the deep weed line using live bait rigs in 15-20 FOW. Bluegills and Crappie were caught in 10-20 FOW using slip bobbers and live bait.

Lake Michigan Perch were caught in their usual fall locations near Waukegan. I received a verified report of a 16" long perch caught near the Kenosha Harbor. That's a whopper!



Chad from Lake Barrington, IL holding a 32" Northern from Delavan Lake. This Northern earned 59 points and was **Gamefish of the Month** for October. Congratulations Chad!

### November Fishing/Boating Tips

November is the end of the fall fishing period. After November comes the winter season and the end of open water fishing. Most lakes have now turned over and the fish are scattered throughout the water column. With the water cooling, the fish are less active. Minnows become the bait of choice for many species. The fish begin collecting in the deep water areas to find the warmest water available, since the surface water is continuing to cool. Many gamefish gather on the steep drop-off areas to hunt for prey.

Boating in November requires extra precautions. Some days, there may be ice on surfaces in the morning, so boat docks and ramps may be slick. Use caution at all times. As the water cools, the risk of hypothermia increases should you get wet. Take precautions during the late fall to make sure that you stay dry. Never fish alone in the late fall, safety first, last, and always! Remember, water levels on your favorite lake may be dropping to "winter pool" levels and this increases the risk of boating hazards below the water surface.

### Fantastic Fall Fishing is Here!

**There is still time to go fishing before winter set in.  
Fish feed heavily in the fall to prepare for winter.  
Call Captain Walt now to schedule your fall fishing outing.  
We will make sure you get out before winter comes!**

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### October Fish of the Month Contest

Our **Fish of the Month** Contest allows clients to judge the quality of the fish they catch. The fish caught are rated against National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame records. The fish with the largest point value based on the specie specific formula is the **Fish of the Month**. There are separate contests for **Gamefish** and **Panfish**. Gamefish species eligible include Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike and Muskie. Panfish species eligible include Crappie, Yellow Perch, Bluegill/Sunfish and Rock Bass. A score of 100 points would equal the NFFHOF record.

**Gamefish of the Month** was a 32" Northern pike caught October 25<sup>th</sup> on Delavan Lake by Chad from Lake Barrington, IL using a medium sucker minnow on a live bait rig. This fish earned 59 points to become the **Gamefish of the Month**. Congratulations Chad!

**Panfish of the Month** was a 10½" Rock Bass caught October 12<sup>th</sup> on Geneva Lake by nine year old Kevin from Hinsdale, IL using a night crawler and slip bobber rig. This fish earned 80 points to become the **Panfish of the Month**. Congratulations Kevin!



Nine year old Kevin from Hinsdale, IL holding a nice rock bass caught on Geneva Lake. Admiring his catch is his father Kevin, Sr. This rock bass earned 80 points to become **Panfish of the Month** for October. Congratulations Kevin!

Questions or comments, please email us at:  
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*Thanks for the feedback!*