



# Whitefish Lake Thunderbay

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## Whitefish Lake (Thunderbay)

### About Whitefish

**Fishing Zone: 6**

**Surface Area: 7450 Acres**

**Average depth: 6.5 feet (2 m) ; Maximum Depth: 21 ft ( 6.4 m)**

**Coordinates (access point): Lat. 48.237777°, Lon. -89.968088°**

**Access: Public Boat Launch - Maintained**

**Common Species: Perch, Walleye, Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass**

# Fishing tips for Whitefish Lake

Spring fishing in Whitefish Lake can be rewarding as walleye are finished spawning and are hungry and willing to bite many types of presentations. Trolling Whitefish Lake can produce numbers of fish. Covering water nearby shorelines and the four islands is very popular. Perch coloured patterns works very well. Bass fishing has also stepped up in this lake. Large Smallmouth up to or even exceeding five pounds have been caught.

Perch fishing is excellent in the spring. The trick is to stay on a school of perch. They are constantly moving around in tight schools. Smaller presentations such as small minnows, worms and leeches on 1/16th ounce jigs work well. Smaller patterns can also produce large walleye. Summer fishing slows for most anglers. But the savvy ones will realize that the walleye must be somewhere.

The water temperature sky rockets in the summer due to its shallow depth and water clarity which can be very brown/tan colour. Try pocket dunking 1/8 ounce jigs tipped with a half of a night crawler or medium sized leech into the small openings in very thick weed beds. The shade provided in these weeds will sometimes have a 3-5 degree difference than the open water! Fall fishing.

For some reason they walleye here are reversed than in other lakes. I have not seen this happen in any other lakes in this region. Instead of heading for deeper water, the walleye here are found very shallow! 2-4 feet of water right up until freeze up!

**Winter fishing.** This is when Whitefish Lake becomes known as Whitefish Lake. Ice fishing here can be quite frustrating. Here are a few tips.

1, Drill your holes, and many of them to cover an area about 10 feet apart. Do them right away and get it over with.

2, I like to set up a micro jig with either a small piece of worm or Berkley Power Maggots. I'll move from hole to hole locating perch. I will carry another rod rigged with a large minnow. You will be able to see down the hole and actually see if there are fish inspecting your bait.

3, You can have fun with the perch and catch a few. If they disappear in the blink of an eye, rip the micro jig out of the hole and fire down the jig and minnow. Something scared the perch away!

4, This tip is an important one. After catching a decent fish from a drilled hole, move to the next closest hole! A larger fish here will stir up the bottom to the point that your presentation won't be seen! By moving over you can still have a chance to entice another fish. Whitefish Lake can be rewarding.

Try a couple of these tips and hopefully you can open up some new opportunities on this popular lake.

Roger Mayer

A shallow lake averaging just 7 feet with a muddy bottom and ample weed beds makes for great habitat for the fish it houses.

Whitefish has a great open water fishery but also has an awesome ice fishery with easy access, large area and abundant fish for the taking. It is said that Whitefish may be one of the best wall-eye production lakes in the region and the many fishing resorts located on the lake can verify that statement.

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From Thunderbay take TransCanada Highway west from Harbor Expressway. 21 km along TransCanada highway turn south onto highway 588 40 km on highway 588 , through Nolalu and Silver Mountain, turn south at the Public Launch.

## Directions Map

