

North Iowa Fishing Report: 10-7-07

Hi, welcome to my website and thanks for checking it out. I will try to keep up to date reports on the latest going ons and opportunities in fishing for the North Iowa area. For this first report I'm going to concentrate on the past two weeks. It all started off with a quick trip down to the Winnebago after work two weeks ago. With only about an hour left before dark I didn't have a lot of time to work with. About three cast into the evening I had my first bass, a nice smallie. The fish would continue to cooperate and in less than an hour I had seven bass and two northern pike! What a way to kick things off! The bass would continue to bite in the river throughout the week as would a few walleye and a few more pike. The frequent rains however have raised the water level where it is a little tougher now. I am sure once it goes down we will have one more fast flurry of fishing before the cold sets in, so be ready. All the fish I have been catching on 1/4 oz white jigs with a 3" white twister tail. With water levels in the river coming up I switched my concentration to small ponds for this past week. My efforts were rewarded with several nice largemouth bass. I finished up with three nice bass tonight and then it happened. My dad had missed a strike and so I threw my chartreuse spinner bait to the spot and BOOM! It was on! BIG PIKE! I had her for about a minute and a half and then with a shake of the head and flip of the tail she was gone. Heartbreak hotel make me a reservation! Oh well, she did her part, she provided not only excitement for the night, but a reason to go back soon! Other places where the action has been hot is Clear Lake. The fish are moving into their fall patterns so fish accordingly. Yellows and walleyes are being caught in shallow 3-4 ft water. When fishing for these shallow fish be very carefull not to spook them with your approach. There have been some huge yellows caught approaching the 12 " mark. The local rivers should all be good once the water goes back down. The trout streams are prime for the taking now, so get out, enjoy the fall colors and enjoy the great fall fishing the area offers!