VIRGIN LAKE

Oneida County

WHITEFISH LAKE **Oneida County**

Area map pg/coord: 11/C-4,5 Accommodations: None

Surface water area: 261 acres Shorelength: 3.02 miles

Max/mean depth: 31 feet / 13 feet Secchi disk (water clarity): 8.5 feet

Water color: Light brown

Lake type: Drainage

Littoral bottom types: 60% sand, 20% gravel, 10% muck, 5% boulder, 5%

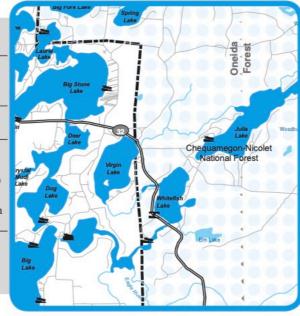
rubble

Basic management: Walleye, northern

pike, bass, panfish

Accessibility: Via navigable channel

from Whitefish



Area map pg / coord: 11 / C-5 Accommodations: None

Surface water area: 199 acres Shorelength: 3.1 miles

Max/mean depth: 33 feet / 16 feet Secchi disk (water clarity): 13.0 feet

Water color: Clear Lake type: Drainage

Littoral bottom types: 60% sand, 20% muck, 15% gravel, 5% rubble

Basic management: Walleye, muskie,

bass, northern pike, panfish

Accessibility: Carry-down access to

southwest shore on Hwy. 32

Accessibility: Concrete ramp on Eagle River at end of Frogsong Landing Road

LAST RECORD OF STOCKING								
year	species	size	# released					
1975	Walleye	Fingerling	10,000					

FISHING INFORMATION

According to fishing guide Jim Franson, 5171 Wildlife Trail, Three Lakes, WI 54562, 15) 369-0322, Virgin Lake has good numbers of walleyes, but you'll be hard-pressed to find them over a foot long. There is no minimum size limit on walleyes, and only one fish over 14 inches is allowed, so these foot-long fish can be, and often are, kept. Look for walleyes on fairly deep rock bars and also in deeper water over the mud in the middle of the lake.

Franson says there are lots of smallies, and you'll find some good-sized fish. Try the shallow rock reefs, bars and points. You'll find them in shallower water than walleyes. You'll also find plenty of small muskies in the cabbage beds, Franson says, and it's a good action lake for these big predators. Try the bar off the north side of the island (Spot 1), and the nice underwater point jutting out into the lake on the northeast (Spot 2). You'll find muskies at the tops in the summer, and walleyes at the weed edges.

You'll find good fishing on Whitefish Lake around the southwest shore (Spot 1), where brush shelters and cribs attract perch and crappies. These fish are worth catching, but you'll also want to work these areas with perch-colored bucktails and jerkbaits for muskies. The series of rock bars on the east shore (Spot 2) attracts walleyes in summer and muskies in fall. For walleyes, the standard jig-and-minnow or jig-and-leech combo will work fine.

Whitefish Lake doesn't have a lot of walleye structure, but you'll find some sandbars and humps. However, Franson says you're better off fishing the weeds for marble-eyes. You'll find some good cabbage beds in Spots 1 and 2, in addition to the

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LENGTH OF SELECTED SPECIES SAMPLED FROM ALL GEAR												
Survey Date: 08-24-2005 / Gear: Electrofishing												
Number of fish caught for the following length categories (inches):												
species	0-5	6-8	9-11	12-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	>29	Total			
Black Crappie	23	4	7	_	-	-	-	-	34			
Bluegill	119	31	1	-	-	-	-	-	151			
Bluntnose Minnow	11	-		-	-	-	-		11			
Golden Shiner	1	-	-	-		-	-	-	1			
Iowa Darter	1	-	-	-		-	-	-	1			
Johnny Darter	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
Largemouth Bass	75	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	79			
Logperch	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 5	2			
Muskellunge	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	4			
Northern Pike	-	-	1	5	-	1	1	-	3			
Pumpkinseed	39	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	40			
Hybrid Pumpkinseed	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3			
Rock Bass	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	13			
Smallmouth Bass	18	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	21			
Walleye	30	18	15	7	2	-	-	-	72			
White Sucker	1	1	1	3	2	-	-	-	8			
Yellow Bullhead	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
Yellow Perch	31	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	35			

rocks and cribs. Franson says Whitefish is a sleeper lake for muskies, and you'll find some fish here, although the action isn't as good as it is on Virgin. The crappie fishing can be pretty good here, too. Ice-fishermen catch suspended slabs over the lake's deep hole.

