

# July 2017

Temperature  
Average Highs 78 Lows 53

## Colin Crawford's Guide Service

### Important Dates:

7-8 Full Moon

7-23 New Moon

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***"Selective Harvest is the way to go!"***

How's everybody's fishing been hope all is great. Hopefully this rain will start to settle down water levels are nice and high in all the lakes. With the increase in lake activity of waverunners and waterskiers a lot of day time fishing may get tougher. Water temps should start to get into the 70 degree area though the month, making weeds grow to the deepest they can on that body of water. Mayflies should wrap up their hatching early this month also.





## Walleyes

These fish will be all over the place this month. Chasing these fish on the mud flats with slip bobber rigs tipped with a leech or crawler will work during the last of the mayfly hatch. Deep weed edges still need to be fished along with rock piles and fish with jigs and

minnows, leeches or crawlers. Early mornings and later evenings will be the best times to get a few for a fish fry.



## Northern Pike

Again you will find these fish in and around the weeds. A jig and minnow will catch these along with slip bobber rigs the same way you fish for walleyes. You can use smaller spinnerbaits like #3 or #4 Mepps.

Safety pin style spinnerbaits are a good choice. Spoons like a Johnson Silver Minnow will work as the water temp rises.



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*I'm a Wisconsin licensed fishing guide offering year round multi-species guide service in northeastern Vilas County. I previously divided my time between guiding and fishing in several circuits and major tournaments; now my time on the water is as a local guide. Additionally, I've written several articles both on-line and for various publications.*



## Bass

Largemouth will be found around structure like laydowns and docks, throwing spinnerbaits and plastic will work, even topwater in and around pads and reeds will get you ac-

tion. Smallmouth are going to be in and around the rocks jigs tipped with live bait, plastics, and crankbaits will work here.

## Panfish

Perch should be found around the deeper weeds, using slip bobber rigs tipped with minnows or a piece of red worm should catch you a bunch.

Crappies are in the deeper weeds and around lay downs a slip bobber rig tipped with

small minnow or plastic will work on these.

Bluegills are up in the shallows a slip bobber rig tipped with a small piece of worm or wax worm will work on these fish.



## Muskie

Everything will work for these beasts, when the water warms up the fish will get back in the

weeds and top water will get you some excitement. Pay attention to the traffic on your

lake early morning and later in the day will probably produce better.



## Upcoming Free Fishing Tips & Techniques Seminars

Free upcoming fishing seminars scheduled for Tuesdays during the summer months. Specific seminar dates are June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1 and August 8, 2017.

Each presentation date is an independent stand-alone session followed by a question and answer session. The free seminars will be held beginning at 6pm at Phelps School, in the lower level Commons, 4451 Old School Road, Phelps, WI.

The presentation is an excellent way to introduce anglers of all ages to the sport of fishing and how best to enjoy one of the outdoor recreational activities that Wisconsin has to offer.

Everyone from the beginner to the more advanced fishing experience is welcome. Each seminar is geared toward informing those unfamiliar with our Northwoods' waters with some of what is currently biting and which baits are working best during that specific

time period. Helpful information of tips and techniques for fishing will be discussed during the presentation.

The events will also be posted on Facebook on Phelps Outdoors page <https://www.facebook.com/phelpsoutdoors> and websites [www.phelpsoutdoors.com](http://www.phelpsoutdoors.com) and [www.crawfordfishing.com](http://www.crawfordfishing.com).

