

Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians

Wildlife Guide

Oldest Native American Tribe in Michigan Bands 11-17

Bay de Noc Walleye Permit

These permits are issued for a 24-hour time frame to fish with a specified method of harvest on one of the four rivers in Bay de Noc. Permits are available March 15 through May 15. These permits need 24 hours notice and not more than three days in advance. There are a limited number of permits and once issued these permits cannot be returned. The specially regulated method of harvest report for Bay de Noc must be filled out and returned to the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department within 72 hours of the end of the permit.

Walleye Lake System Permit

Walleye lake system permit allows anglers to harvest walleye from the closed season using any method except impoundment nets or seines. Permits are available April 1 through May 14 in the Upper Peninsula and March 15 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April for the Lower Peninsula. These permits need 24 hours notice and not more than three days in advance. There are a limited number of permits and once issued these permits cannot be returned. The specially regulated method of harvest report for walleye lake systems must be filled out and returned to the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department within 72 hours of the end of the permit.

SPECIAL STREAMS AND LAKES

Category 5 Streams

Brown trout, brook trout, and Atlantic salmon are open the last Saturday in April through September 30. All other species of trout and salmon are open year round. Artificial fly use only. Retention of more than two fish per species per day is prohibited for lake trout, rainbow trout, splake, brook trout, brown trout and salmon (all varieties) are two per species per day.

See restrictions by county.

| CATEGORY 5 STREAMS | |
|--|--------------------|
| SPECIES | Size Limits |
| Brook Trout (maazhamegoons) | 10" |
| Salmon (Coho, Chinook, Pink) | 10" |
| Brown Trout | 15" |
| Rainbow Trout (Steelhead) (Namegoshens) | 15" |
| Splake | 15" |
| Atlantic Salmon | 24" |
| Lake Trout (Namegos) | |

Category 6 Streams

Brown trout, brook trout, and Atlantic salmon are open the last Saturday in April through September 30. All other species of trout and salmon are open year round. Artificial lures only.

| CATEGORY 6 STREAMS | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| SPECIES | Size Limits |
| Brook Trout | 10" |
| Salmon (Coho, Chinook, Pink) | 10" |
| Brown Trout | 12" |
| Rainbow Trout (Steelhead) | 12" |
| Splake | 10" |
| Atlantic Salmon | 15" |
| Lake Trout | 24" |

Category 7 Streams

Possession of lake trout, rainbow trout, splake, brook trout, brown trout, or salmon (any variety) is prohibited. These streams are catch and release only. Artificial fly use only.

No tribal member shall use spears or bows to harvest steelhead in the Little Manistee River from the mouth of the Little Manistee River at its confluence with Manistee Lake upstream to 300 feet downstream from the Little Manistee River Weir.

Type "D" Trout Lakes

Brown trout, brook trout, lake trout, rainbow trout (steelhead) Coho, Chinook, Pink and Atlantic salmon are open the last Saturday in April through September 30.

| TYPE D TROUT LAKES | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| SPECIES | Size Limits |
| Brook Trout | 15" |
| Salmon (Coho, Chinook, Pink) | 10" |
| Brown Trout | 15" |
| Rainbow Trout (Steelhead) | 15" |
| Splake | 15" |
| Atlantic Salmon | 15" |
| Lake Trout | 15" |

Steelhead Protected Segments

Steelhead season is closed on certain stream segments in the Upper Peninsula April 1 to the last Saturday in April and the Lower Peninsula March 15 to the last Saturday in April.

No tribal member may spear steelhead except from April 1 through April 15. In order to spear steelhead in the steelhead protected segments, one must be in possession of a protected streams spearing permit.

Quality Lakes

Quality lakes have specific rules for each lake. These lakes are catch and release only and open season is short. Live bait is not permitted on the lake or on the banks of the lakes. The seasons of these lakes are:

Jones Lake, Crawford County

— June 1 through September 30

Wakeley Lake, Crawford County

— June 15 through August 31

North and South Blue Lakes, Montmorency County

— The last Saturday in April through September 30

Robarge Lake, Montmorency County

— The last Saturday in April through September 30

RESTRICTIONS BY COUNTY

UPPER PENINSULA COUNTIES

Alger County

Waterbody

16 Mile Lake

Anna River

Range 19 West.

Mosquito River

Nawakwa Lake

Rock River

Sucker River and its tributaries upstream of Seney Road Bridge

– Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

Trout Lake

Restriction(s)

No Size Limit on Northern Pike (Gnoozhe)

No Tribal member may spear from its mouth upstream to the railroad crossing by Wagner Falls in Section 14, Township 46 North,

No Tribal member may spear

No Size Limit on Northern Pike

No Tribal member may fish in the Rock River from the dam to the lower foot bridge downstream from M-28 (T47N, R21W, Sec. 15) from April 1 through June 30.

– Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

No Size Limit on Northern Pike

Chippewa County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|----------------------------|--|
| Black River | Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of the confluence of Peters Creek - Steelhead Segment |
| Protected Stream | |
| Caribou Lake | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed |
| Carp River | North Branch and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Carp River | South Branch and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Frenchman Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Pine River | Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of the confluence with the North Branch of the Pine River - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Pine River | North Branch, river and tributaries upstream of Highway 40 Bridge - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Potagannising River | The taking of possession of Northern Pike below the Potagannising River Dam downstream to Maxton Road from April 15 through May 15 is prohibited. |

Delta County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|-----------------------|---|
| Carr Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Chicago Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Dana Lake | Spearing of Northern Pike is allowed from January 1 through the end of February |
| Days River | Walleye may be taken March 15 through May 15 with a 24 hour Bays de Noc Walleye Harvest Permit |
| Escanaba River | Walleye may be taken March 15 through May 15 with a 24 hour Bays de Noc Walleye Harvest Permit Escanaba River From Boney Falls Dam downstream to mouth of Silver Creek (T40N, R23W, Sec. 11) - Category 6 Trout Stream Segment |
| Escanaba River | Upstream from first dam at US-2 - No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Hamilton Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Rapid River | Walleye may be taken March 15 through May 15 with a 24 hour Bays de Noc Walleye Harvest Permit |
| Sturgeon River | Walleye may be taken March 15 through May 15 with a 24 hour Bays de Noc Walleye Harvest Permit |

Luce County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Big Two Hearted River | No Tribal member may spear |
| Deer Lake | Type "D" Trout Pond |
| East Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Little Two Hearted River | No Tribal member may spear |
| Moon Lake | Type "D" Trout Pond |
| Muskallonge Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Sid Lake | Type "D" Trout Pond |

Mackinac County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|------------------|---|
| Black River | Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of the confluence of Peters Creek - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Brevort Lake | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed |
| Carp River | North Branch and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Carp River | South Branch and its tributaries -Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| East Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Pine River | Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of the confluence with the Pine River, North Branch - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Pine River | North Branch, river and tributaries upstream of Highway 40 Bridge - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |

Marquette County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|---------------------------|---|
| Cedar Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Chocolay River | No Tribal member may spear |
| Dead River Storage Basin | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Engman Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Escanaba River | Upstream from the first dam at US-2 - No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Escanaba River | Big West Branch, no size limit on Northern Pike |
| Escanaba River | Middle Branch, no size limit on Northern Pike |
| Fish Lake | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed |
| Keyhole Lake (East) | Type "D" Trout Lake |
| Pauls Lake (North) | Type "D" Trout Lake |
| Pauls Lake (South) | Type "D" Trout Lake |
| Rockingchair Lake (North) | Type "D" Trout Lake |
| Rockingchair Lake (South) | Type "D" Trout Lake |
| S. Kidney Lake | Type "D" Trout Lake |
| Strawberry Lake | Type "D" Trout Lake |
| Witch Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |

Schoolcraft County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|------------------|---|
| Big Bass Lake | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed. |
| Boot Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Crooked Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Dutch Fred Lake | Type "D" Trout Lake |
| Grassy Lake | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed. |
| Kennedy Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| McKeever Lake | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed. |
| Ned's Lake | Type "D" Trout Lake |
| Stanley Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Thunder Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Twilight Lake | Type "D" Trout Lake |

RESTRICTIONS BY COUNTY LOWER PENINSULA COUNTIES

Antrim County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|------------------|--|
| Jordan River | Mainstream and all tributaries upstream of Graves Crossing - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |

Benzie County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|---------------------|--|
| Betsie River | No Tribal member may fish within 100 feet of the lamprey control barrier |
| Dair Creek | Creek and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Little Betsie River | Little Betsie River and its tributaries in the Betsie River Watershed - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Platte River | Mainstream from the upper state-owned hatchery weir downstream to Platte River - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |

Charlevoix County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Deer Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Fox Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Geneserath Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Hoffman Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Six Mile Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |

Cheboygan County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|---------------------------|---|
| Black River | Upstream of Tower Dam (includes Tower Pond) and tributary streams only - No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Cornwall Impoundment | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed |
| Pigeon River | Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of Webb Road - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Silver Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Sturgeon River | Mainstream upstream of Afton Road - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Sturgeon River, W. Branch | Mainstream and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream |
| Twin Lake # 1 | Type "D" Trout Lake |
| Wildwood Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |

Clare County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|---------------|--|
| Budd Lake | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed |
| Lake Thirteen | No size limit on Northern Pike |

Crawford County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|---|--|
| AuSable River | —Burtons Landing to Wakeley Bridge; Chase Bridge downstream to Lower High Banks - Category 7 Trout Stream Segment —N. Branch Sheep Ranch downstream to confluence with Mainstream, S. Branch Lower High Banks downstream to confluence with Mainstream - Category 5 Trout Stream Segment |
| Big Creek Impoundment | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Jones Lake | Quality Lake - Special Restrictions Apply |
| Manistee River, M-72 downstream to CCC Bridge | - Category 5 Trout Stream Segment |
| Pickereel Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| River Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Wakeley Lake | Quality Lake - Special Restrictions Apply |

Emmet County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| French Farm Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| O'Neal Lake Floodings | No size limit on Northern Pike |

Grand Traverse County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Boardman Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Brown Bridge Pond | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Lake Dubonnet | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Sand Lake #2 | Type "D" Trout Lake |

Kalkaska County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Manistee River, M-72 downstream to CCC Bridge | - Category 5 Trout Stream Segment |

Kent County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|-------------|--|
| Bass Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Campau Lake | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed |
| Murray Lake | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed |

Lake County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Baldwin River, Mainstream, tributaries upstream of M-37 in Pere Marquette Watershed | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Little Manistee River Mainstream from Spencer's Bridge upstream and tributaries | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Little Manistee River Spencer's Bridge (T19N, R13W, Sec. 5) downstream to Johnson's Bridge (T20N, R14W, Sec. 24) | - Category 5 Trout Stream Segment |
| Pere Marquette River M-37 downstream to Gleason's Landing (T17N, R13W, Sec. 18) | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |

Leelanau County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|------------------------------------|---|
| All trout streams | Seines shall not be used to take baitfish |
| Big Glen Lake | Seines shall not be used to take baitfish from the Lake or any of its tributaries for one-half mile above their mouths. |
| Florence Lake South Manitou Island | - Artificial lures only |

Manistee County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Bar Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Bear Creek and tributaries above Co. Rd. 600 in the Manistee River watershed | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Dair Creek, its tributaries | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Little Betsie River Mainstream and its tributaries in the Betsie River watershed | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Little Manistee River | Special Restrictions for Salmon |

Mason County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Hackert (Crystal) Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |

Mecosta County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Haymarsh Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |

Missaukee County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Missaukee Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |

Montmorency County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|-----------------------|---|
| Black River | Mainstream and tributary streams only - No size limit on Northern Pike |
| East Town Corner Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Fletcher Flood Waters | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed |
| North Blue Lake | Quality Lake - Special Restrictions Apply |
| Robarge Lake | Quality Lake - Special Restrictions Apply |
| South Blue Lake | Quality Lake - Special Restrictions Apply |
| West Town Corner Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| West Twin Lake | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed |

Muskegon County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|--------------------------|---|
| Big Blue Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Bigelow Creek | Creek and its tributaries in the Muskegon River watershed - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Cedar Creek | Creek and its tributaries upstream from River Road - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Mona Lake | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed |
| N. Branch of White River | Mainstream above Arthur Road in the White River watershed - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Skeel Creek, tributaries | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| West Twin Lakes | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed |

Newaygo County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Baldwin River and tributaries upstream of M-37 in the Pere Marquette Watershed | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Bigelow Creek and its tributaries in the Muskegon River watershed | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Cedar Creek and its tributaries upstream from River Road | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Pere Marquette River tributaries upstream of M-37 in the Pere Marquette watershed | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |

Oceana County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|--------------------------|---|
| N. Branch of White River | Mainstream above Arthur Road in the White River watershed - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Round (Wykoff) Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Silver Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Skeel Creek | Creek and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |

Oceola County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Lake Miramichi | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Rose Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Wells Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |

Oscoda County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Pickereel Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |

Otsego County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|--|--|
| Big Bear Lake | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed |
| Black River and tributaries | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Pigeon River and its tributaries upstream of Webb Road | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Sturgeon River upstream of Afton Road | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Sturgeon River, West Branch Mainstream and its tributaries | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |

Ottawa County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|------------------|--|
| Lake Macatawa | Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed |

Presque Isle County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Black River and tributary streams only (not including Tomahawk Flooding) | - No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Francis Lake | - No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Little Ocqueoc River and its tributaries | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |
| Ocqueoc River and tributary streams, but not including: Ocqueoc Lake, Ocqueoc Watershed Lakes (Ann, Bullhead, Ella, Emma, Ferdelman, Gorman, Horseshoe, Lost, Louise, Lower and Upper Barnhart, May, McIntosh, Moore, Mud, and Nettie) | - No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Silver Creek and its tributaries in the Ocqueoc River watershed | - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment |

Roscommon County

| Waterbody | Restriction(s) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Backus Creek | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Lake St. Helen | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Little Mud Lake | Waterfowl Flooding |
| | No size limit on Northern Pike |
| Mud Lake | No size limit on Northern Pike |

Fishing Seasons & Bag Limits

| SPECIES | SEASON | BAG LIMIT | SIZE LIMIT |
|---|---|---|--|
| Walleye UP <i>Ogaa*</i> | May 15 — March 31 | 10 per day | 14" |
| Walleye LP <i>Ogaa</i> | Last Saturday in April — March 14 | 10 per day | 14" |
| Walleye Bay de Noc <i>Ogaa</i> | May 16 — Feb. 29 | 10 per day | 14" |
| Perch <i>Asaawe</i> | All Year | 100 per day | No Limit |
| Bass <i>Ashigan</i> | All Year | 10 per day | 10" |
| Sunfish <i>Agwadaashi</i> | All Year | No Limit | No limit |
| Black Lake Sturgeon <i>Náme</i> | Permit Only | Permit Only | No limit |
| Otsego Lake Sturgeon <i>Náme</i> | All Year | 1 per season | No limit |
| Northern Pike <i>Gnoozhe</i> | All Year | 10 per day | See 'Restrictions by County' pages 16-24; otherwise 20" |
| Muskellunge <i>Maashikinooshe</i> | All Year | 2 per day | 30" in lakes listed in 21.905 of the Tribal Code; otherwise, 38" |
| Lake Trout <i>Namegos</i> | See 'Restrictions by County' pages 16-24, otherwise all year. | Trout: 5 per species per day with a maximum of 10 in any combination. | 7" |
| Brook Trout <i>Maazhamegoons</i> | | | |
| Brown Trout <i>Introduced Species</i> | | | |
| Rainbow Trout/Steelhead <i>Namegoshens</i> | | | |
| Atlantic Salmon <i>Introduced Species</i> | | Salmon: 5 per species per day. | |
| Chinook Salmon <i>Introduced Species</i> | | | |
| Coho Salmon <i>Introduced Species</i> | | | |
| Pink Salmon <i>Introduced Species</i> | | | |

*Ojibwe name

Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits

| SPECIES | SEASON | BAG LIMIT |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Whitetail | | 5, 2 of which can be antlered |
| Early Firearm | Day after Labor Day — Oct. 31; and | Only 2 of the 5 may be taken in early firearm season; 1 may be antlered |
| Late Firearm | Nov. 15 — first full weekend of January | |
| Archery | Day after Labor Day — the first full weekend in January. | |
| Bear | TBD; Applications available May 1, due May 31 | By lottery |
| Elk | TBD; Applications available May 1, due May 31 | By lottery |
| Ruffed Grouse | Sept. 1 — March 31 | 10/day; 20 in possession |
| Sharp-Tailed Grouse | Oct. 1 — Nov. 30 | 4/day; 12 per season; 8 in possession |
| Snowshoe | Sept. 1 — March 31 | 10/day; 20 in possession |
| Wild Turkey | | |
| Spring | April 15 — June | 2; bearded only |
| Fall | Oct. 1 — Nov. 14 | 2 |
| Squirrel | Sept. 1 — March 31 | 10/day; 20 in possession |
| Bobcat | Oct. 1 — March 31 | 2, one of which may be from LP |
| Badger | Oct. 1 — March 31 | No bag limit |
| Grey Fox | Oct. 1 — March 31 | No bag limit |
| Red Fox | Oct. 1 — March 31 | No bag limit |
| Muskrat | Oct. 1 — March 31 | No bag limit |
| Raccoon | Oct. 1 — March 31 | No bag limit |
| Mink | Oct. 1 — March 31 | No bag limit |
| Fisher | Oct. 1 — March 15 | 3, UP only |
| Marten | Oct. 1 — March 15 | 2, UP only |
| Otter | | |
| UP | Oct. 1 — May 15 | 3 |
| LP | Oct. 1 — April 15 | 1 |
| Beaver | | |
| UP | Oct. 1 — May 15 | No bag limit |
| LP | Oct. 1 — April 15 | No bag limit |
| Coyote | All Year | No bag limit |

You generally can exercise the right within the Ceded Territory subject to certain area specific restrictions found in the regulations.

Can you hunt, trap, fish or gather on the following:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Federal Forest | Yes |
| State Forest | Yes |
| Tribal member owned land | Yes |
| Tribal owned land | Yes, if open to the activity |
| CFR land | Yes, see regulations for restrictions and permission requirement |
| Parks, Recreation Areas, etc | Yes, see regulations for specific restrictions |
| Non-member owned land | Yes, with tribal license but pursuant to state seasons and methods, written permission required |
| Public lakes and rivers | Yes |
| Lakes and rivers in parks, etc | Yes, if area is open to that activity for the public |
| Tribal member owned lakes and rivers | Yes |
| Tribal owned lakes and rivers | Yes, if open to that activity |
| Non-tribal owned lakes and rivers | Yes, w/tribal license but pursuant to state seasons and methods, written permission required |
| CFR lakes and rivers | Yes, see regulations for restrictions and permission requirement |