

Lake Nipissing – including the waters of the French River from the Chaudière and the Little Chaudière dams to Lake Nipissing; the west bay of Lake Nipissing in Haddo Twp.; the northwest bay of Lake Nipissing to the falls of MacPherson Creek; the Sturgeon River from Lake Nipissing to the dam at Sturgeon Falls; the Veuve River from Lake Nipissing to the chutes located in Lot 5 in Conc. 1 in Caldwell Twp.; the South River from Lake Nipissing to Highway 654; and the entire West Arm of Lake Nipissing including Cross Lake

Although these tables summarize many of the rules, **there are exceptions that are not shown**, especially for Lake Temagami and for the French River downstream of the Chaudière Dam. Before heading out, anglers are recommended checking the Fishing Summary, available from bait dealers, Service Ontario or online.

Lake Nipissing is closed to all species - from March 16 to Friday before third Saturday in May and December 1 to December 31. Sanctuaries are indicated in the fishing summary.

NEW JANUARY 1, 2022

Open Seasons

	Lake Nipissing and upper French River	Zone 11 (in general)
Walleye & Sauger	Jan 1 to March 15 & 3 rd Sat in May to October 15	Jan 1 to 3 rd Sun in March & 3 rd Sat in May to December 31
Northern Pike	Jan 1 to March 15 & 3 rd Sat in May to November 30	Jan 1 to 3 rd Sunday in March & 3 rd Sat in May to December 31
Yellow Perch	Jan 1 to March 15 & 3 rd Sat in May to October 15	Open all year
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	January 1 to March 15 and 3 rd Saturday in May to November 30	January 1 to March 15 and 3 rd Saturday in May to December 31
Muskellunge	3 rd Sat in Jun to November 30	3 rd Sat in June to December 15
Crappie	Jan 1 to March 15 & 3 rd Sat in May to October 15	Open all year
Sunfish	Jan 1 to March 15 & 3 rd Sat in May to October 15	Open all year
Lake whitefish	Jan 1 to March 15 & 3 rd Sat in May to November 30	Open all year
Lake Sturgeon	<i>Closed all year</i>	<i>Closed all year</i>
Brook trout	Feb 15 to March 15 & 3 rd Sat in May to September 30	February 15 to September 30
Brown trout	Not present	4 th Sat in April to September 30
Rainbow trout	Not present	Open all year
Lake trout	Not present	Feb 15 to 3 rd Sun in March & 3 rd Sat in May to September 30
Splake	Not present	Open all year
Pacific salmon	Not present	Not present
Atlantic salmon	Not present	Closed all year

The harvestable slot of 40 to 45 centimetres for walleye in Lake Nipissing will help to:

- continue to build the biomass (the kilograms of fish in a lake) of walleye to a healthy level;
- continue to protect young fish so they can grow to maturity and reproduce;
- start protecting mature walleye to rebuild a healthy age structure.

Catch, Possession and Size Limits

	Lake Nipissing and upper French River	Zone 11
Walleye & Sauger	<p><i>S: 2, must be 40-45 centimetres (15.8 – 17.7 in)</i></p> <p><i>C: 1, must be 40-45 centimetres (15.8 – 17.7 in)</i></p> <p>None less than 40 centimetres and none greater than 45 centimetres</p>	<p>S: 4, none between 43 – 60 cm (16.9-23.6 in); not more than one over 60 cm (23.6 in)</p> <p>C: 2, none between 43 – 60 cm (16.9-23.6 in); not more than one over 60 cm (23.6 in)</p>
	Lake Temagami: S: 4, none between 46 – 60 cm (18-23.6 in), not more than one over 60 cm (23.6 in) ; C: 2, none greater than 46 cm (18 in)	
Northern Pike	<p><i>S: 4, not more than 1 over 61 cm (24 in), none greater than 86 cm (33.9 in)</i></p> <p><i>C: 2, not more than one over 61 cm (24 in) and none over 86 cm (33.9 in)</i></p>	<p>S: 6, not more than 2 over 61 cm (24 in), of which no more than one over 86 cm (33.9 in)</p> <p>C: 2, not more than one over 61 cm (24 in) and none over 86 cm (33.9 in)</p>
Yellow Perch	<p>S: 50 with max 50 in possession</p> <p>C: 25 with max 25 in possession</p>	<p>S: 50 with max 50 in possession</p> <p>C: 25 with max 25 in possession</p>
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass in any combination	S: 6, C: 2	S: 6, C: 2
Muskellunge	<p><i>S: 1 greater than 137 cm (54 in)</i></p> <p>C: 0</p>	<p>S: 1 greater than 122 cm (48 in)</p> <p>C: 0</p>
Crappie	S: 30, C: 10	S: 30, C: 10
Sunfish	S: 50, C: 25	S: 50, C: 25
Lake whitefish	S: 12, C: 6	S: 12, C: 6
	Lake Temagami: S: 25, C: 12	
Lake Sturgeon	S: 0, C: 0	S: 0, C: 0
Brook trout¹	<p>S: 5, not more than one over than 31 cm (12.2 in)</p> <p>C: 2, none over than 31 cm (12.2 in)</p>	<p>S: 5, not more than one over than 31 cm (12.2 in)</p> <p>C: 2, none over than 31 cm (12.2 in)</p>
Brown trout¹	Not present	S: 5, C: 2
Rainbow trout¹	Not present	S: 5, C: 2
Lake trout¹	Not present	S: 2, C: 1
Splake¹	Not present	S: 5, C: 2
Pacific salmon¹	Not present	S: 5, C: 2
Atlantic salmon¹	Not present	S: 1, C: 0
<p>Notes: Species marked with a ⁽¹⁾ have a limit of S: 5, C: 2, in aggregate. Within the aggregate, individual species limits cannot be exceeded. See the Fishing Summary for details.</p> <p>S: = Limits on a “Sport Fishing” licence. C: = Limits on a “Conservation Fishing” licence.</p> <p>Unless noted otherwise, possession limit is equal to one day’s limit of catch.</p>		

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