

Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

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"Fishing on the Chain of Lakes"

Fish Stories



Excellent fishing continues to draw people to the town of Three Lakes. Whether you are looking for that trophy Muskie, or a couple of Crappie, there is a lake for that. The fishing was so good in the early 1900's that The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad ran a Fisherman's' Special train that brought fishermen to the area for a weekend of fishing.

An Excerpt from the Pine, Plow, and Pioneer :

"In February of 1948, (The Thunder Lake) dam washed out. The loss of fishlife was heavy. Local sportsmen worked long hours to catch the fish stranded out on the marsh where the gushing water had carried them. Tubs of fish were caught and dumped into Maple and neighboring lakes. Still many perished. Up until that catastrophe it was the general concensus of the local fishermen that there were no muskies in Thunder Lake. When the spring breakup came, following the dam washout, hundreds of dead muskies lined the shoreline. This writer, in company with then Conservation Warden "Windy" Olson, counted over 100. Walleyes and bass and panfish literally carpeted the beaches, bringing thousands of seagulls to feast on the tons and tons of fish"

--Walt Goldsworthy



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