

NIPIGON REGIONAL SPORTFISHING MAP



- 1 LAKE NIPIGON**
Some road access from Beardmore/High Hill Harbour, concrete boat launches in places.
- 2 NIPIGON BAY**
Red Rock Marina for boat and road access. Brook, rainbow and lake trout, coho, pinks, whitefish, carp, perch and pike.
- 3 ELIZABETH LAKE**
Walleye are abundant here. Can be good for ice fishing, access by snowmobile.
- 4 FRAZER LAKE**
Another great lake for walleye fishing accessible by Frazer Lake Road.
- 5 JESSIE LAKE**
If you're looking for burbot (ling), Jessie Lake is the place to go. Provincial record burbot came from Jessie Lake!
- 6 LOFQUIST LAKE**
Road access from Cameron Falls Road. Stocked Nipigon strain brook trout, splake, walleye, and burbot.
- 7 BLACK STURGEON LAKE**
Walleye, pike, smallmouth bass and perch are the draws here.
- 8 BLACK BAY**
Part of Lake Superior, boat launch and access from Hurkett, ON.
- 9 OSKAWEE LAKE**
Gravel road access and boat launch. Walleye and pike.
- 10 COX LAKE**
Gravel road access and boat launch. Smallmouth bass, perch and pike.
- 11 NIPIGON RIVER**
Concrete and gravel boat launches, shore fishing. World record brook trout caught here!

The Nipigon area is packed full of lakes and rivers that are stuffed with fish of all types. Anglers can go after walleye in Elizabeth and Frazer Lakes, or burbot in Jessie Lake. For every lake listed here, there are dozens more. World and Provincial records are held in this region, for ling and brook trout. Your record could be next! Smallmouth bass, lake trout, walleye and pike are waiting. Visit any of the local resources listed above to get set up for a memorable trip or to hang your hat and celebrate your successful fishing in Nipigon.

LOCAL SPECIES

Brook Trout – The world record brook trout came from the Nipigon River. Cooler water is best, and early spring is the time to try.

Steelhead (Rainbow Trout) – Aim for river tributaries with Rapalas and Little Cleos to target these gorgeous fish.

Lake Trout – Think cold. And deep. Lake trout are slow-growing, deep-loving, cold water fish. Downriggers in deep lakes can help you get to these lunkers.

Walleye – Mike Pobrislo from Canadian Tire suggests a white Twister Tail or Fire Tiger to go after walleye. Worms and minnows work well as bait.

Burbot (Ling) – Not pretty, but they taste incredible! Mike Pobrislo from Canadian Tire says that dead smelts on a jig are the way to go for burbot, also known as ling.

Pike – You'll often find pike in the shallows, and sometimes hook them without trying. They love big, flashy, bright coloured lures, but they aren't fussy and will chase anything that moves!

Whitefish – Whitefish can be found all over the region. Mike Pobrislo from Canadian Tire says that small Swedish Pimples and white Tube Jigs are among many effective choices.

LOCAL RESOURCES

BUSINESS NAME	PHONE	WEBSITE	TYPE
A Nipigon Marina and Campground	807-887-3040	www.nipigon.net/visitors/attractions/nipigon-marina/	⚓
B Stillwater Tent and Trailer Park	807-887-3701	stillwaterpark.ca	⚓
C Beaver Motel	807-887-3132	beavermotel.ca	🏠
D Pinecrest Motel	1-877-802-3808	pinecrestmotel.ca	🏠
E Locking Horns Motel	807-887-1750	N/A	🏠
F Birchville Motel	1-866-282-4843	birchvillemotel.com	🏠
G Town and Country Motel	807-887-2382	N/A	🏠
H Crabby Andy's Motel and Restaurant	807-889-1488	N/A	🏠 🍴
I Sunnyside Cabins	807-887-5739	sunnysidecabins.ca	🏠
J Zechner's Food Mart	807-887-2910	N/A	🛒
K Canadian Tire	807-887-3131	canadiantire.ca	🛒 🪝
L Quebec Lodge	807-886-2603	nipigonriveradventures.com	🏠
M Nipigon River Bait and Tackle	807-889-0707	nipigonriver.com	🪝
N Bowman Island Charters	807-886-2504	bowmanislandcharters.com	🚤 🪝
O Hardy Baits	807-887-2306	N/A	🪝
P Hamilton Baits	807-857-1462	hamiltonbaits.webs.com	🪝

Smallmouth Bass – Glenn Hart, from Nipigon River Bait and Tackle, says that Topwater Baits are best for bass. Try light green and white.

Coho Salmon – Coho start running in mid-August, and are present in the Nipigon River all the way to November. Try lures in rainbow colours.

Chinook Salmon – Chinook run through the river in late summer and early fall. Rainbow or brown trout imitations can work well.

ACCESSING NIPIGON
Nipigon, Ontario is located one hour east of Thunder Bay, six hours west of Sault Ste. Marie and two hours north of Grand Portage, Minnesota. Access Nipigon from Highway 11/17 or the Thunder Bay International Airport.

Visit the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) online at www.ontario.ca to access provincial fishing regulations and learn more about fishing in Ontario.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
1-877-596-1359

MORE INFO nipigon.net