Ontario Outdoors Ice fishing in full swing

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Have you been ice fishing yet this winter? The ice is not always strong, but Lake Simcoe is generally good and Beaverton has been giving up lots of fish. Perch are the mainstay with Herring adding spice, but the good news is the number of Whitefish that are showing up on the lines.

Every day adds to the thickness of the ice and all operators are working full, and the same thing goes for the ice but operators in the North Bay area. The fishing grounds up there may be a lot further away, but the results are much better especially if you are after Whitefish. Walleye are also co-operating and it is unusual to get skunked.

For those who like to head out for themselves and fish the non-commercial lakes such as those in the Baucroft area, check the regulations for open seasons, GO DO IT. This is the best kind of fishing and is rewarding even if you do not get any fish, but there are some things you should watch for.

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Hypothermia is an enemy that creeps up on you if not prepared. Warning signs are drowziness, you may dream of spring rains and a cabin for two, and wake up dead. The loss of body heat can be prevented but be careful of going the other way and perspiring, as wet clothes also leak body heat.

When making a fire be sure to make it on the shore (they can be made on ice) and far enough back to prevent debris washing around in the spring thaws. Live trees are hard to get started for fires and destroy the beauty of the shoreline when cut down.

The temptation to use extra lines is strong, but there are "some" conservation officers around and the overfishing you do will destroy fishing for everyone including yourself. It is not my intention to preach at my readers, but someone does things like this every year and if you know of anyone, why not set them straight

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Game bird preserves may stay open all year, where the demand for these private preserves is worth the effort. The Mouster of Natural Resources said "it will benefit same bird preserve owners when they can release birds all cear". Not for everyone but sounds good.

DON'T FORGET the 1980 Camping on Wheels show 19 Toronto this weekend. Exhibition Place in the Automotive building Thursday through Sunday, adults 53, jumors and seniors \$1.50.

And for those of you who are still fishing for Salmon, remember that fish entrails should not be left at your fishing site. This of course also applies to all kinds of fishing and there are fines levied for this type of pollution. Be considerate, make it your place. Keep ONTARIO OUTDOORS clean

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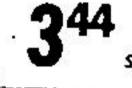
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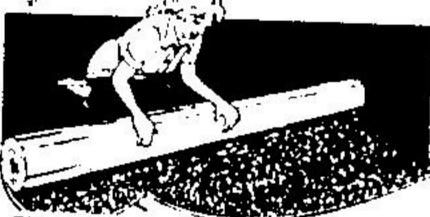


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