

In addition to the fire hazard, we now have the "fly season". This covers mosquitoes, black flies, sand flies, bull-dog flies, horse flies, deer flies, house flies and fire flies. The latter don't bite or set fires but carry little lanterns so the other flies can find you more easily at night. Dragon flies, butterflies and fish flies don't bite either, but have some mysterious function of which the write is not familiar. Fish food, I guess! You might see some mosquitoes with bent stingers -- these are the ones that were foolish enough to try to bite Malcolm Spidell or Willie Heinrich. I'd suggest taking along fly oil on your fishing trips and fly nets for sleeping under.

The moose are being chased into the water by the flies so it will likely be a familiar site, in out-of-the-way lakes, to see moose standing in water up to their necks, feeding on underwater roots. They have a feeling of security at this time of the year and it is possible to come fairly close to them before they become alarmed. Their eyesight is bad and their ears and noses are what they depend on for identifying objects. If you leave a way for him to get away, he will do so but if you block his path too much he will liekly take a short cut across your canoe or boat and there goes your fish and equipment. Another good rule is not to get too chummy with moose calves -- the old lady might misunderstand and resent it.