

Winter's raging-time to wax the skis, chase pike

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Outdoors writer

The first good ice fishing reports and new spots for cross-country skiing are coming in.

Heron Lake in the Holly Recreation Area of Oakland county is yielding big walleyes — in the three to seven pound range, according to reports at the DNR district office. Muskies up to 42 inches were also reported.

Big Seven Lake in Seven Lakes State Park is producing bluegills and a few pike in the 25-30 inch range.

Maceday Lake northwest of Pontiac has yielded a few lake trout in the 13-15 pound class and some five-pound splake. Try minnows in 60-80 feet of water.

Lotus and Cass lakes are good for bluegills, Pontiac Lake for good perch, Stringy Lakes near Oxford fair for bluegills and good for pike.

Activity is picking up on Lake St. Clair. Near New Baltimore, pike spearing is fair, and a few perch and being hooked. At the Fair Haven access site, ice is four to six inches, and some good bluegills and many little perch are being taken.

Perch fishing is slow and the catches small on Anchor Bay. Pike are being speared in two to three feet of water.

SOME ANGLERS are encountering difficulty finding a dealer to sell them a 1979 fishing license.

The DNR chaps in Lansing tell me that if a dealer hasn't received his new stock, it's probably because he didn't forward his proceeds from the fall hunting licenses.

Usually, dealers have their new fishing licenses early in December, but the new stock is held up until the dealer pays off his old bill.

NINETEEN state parks have been marked for cross-country ski trails this winter. These within an hour drive of the metropolitan area include:

- Highland Recreation Area, Milford — 10 miles of trails ranging from easy to difficult; ski rental available; closed to snowmobiles.

- Island Lake Recreation Area, Brighton — seven miles of easy trails; ski rental available; closed to snowmobiles.

- Maybury State Park, Northville — eight miles of easy trails; ski rental available; closed to snowmobiles.

- Waterloo Recreation Area, Chelsea — four



miles of more difficult trails; closed to snowmobiles.

- Proud Lake Recreation Area, Milford — eight miles of trails ranging from easiest to more difficult; ski rental available; closed to snowmobiles.

- Pinckney Recreation Area, Pinckney — six miles of trails ranging from easiest to more difficult; closed to snowmobiles.

- Ortonville Recreation Area, Ortonville — four miles of easiest and most difficult trails, open to snowmobiles.

Other lower peninsula parks open to cross-country skiing include: Ludington; Burt Lake, near Indian River; Hartwick Pines, Grayling; and Houghton, at Rogers City.

KENNINGTON Metropark has announced an expanded list of lessons in cross-country skiing in addition to rental service. Lessons are available days or nights, and with or without ski rentals, but by advance reservations only.

The three-hour program includes 1½ hours of group cross-country instruction and a group tour of trails. Hours are: Sunday through Tuesday, 9-5; Wednesday through Friday, 9-5; and Saturday, 9 to 9 p.m.

For details and reservations, call the park's ski touring center (a separate operation from the park itself) at 685-1408.

THE NATURE Center at Kensington is busy even in the middle of the week.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, (Jan. 16), naturalist Dave Moi-

lanen will give a free slide talk on Michigan's logging era — the economic development, the waste and the tall tales of the lumberjacks.

A seven-week beekeeping course will start this Wednesday (Jan. 17) from 8:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration fee for this hobbyist course is \$5 a person, payable at the first session.

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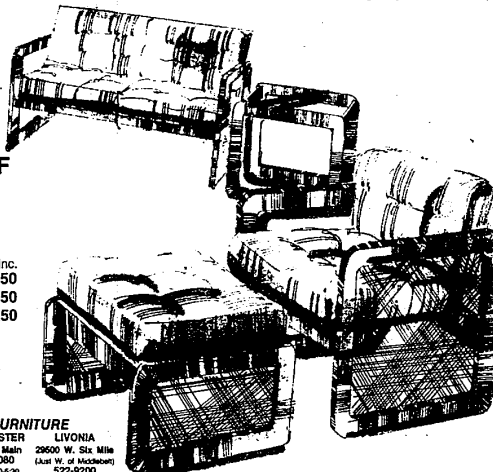
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Architect rescheduled

Noted landscape architect Edward D. Stone Jr., whose Dec. 7 appearance at Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield was cancelled, will speak Feb. 1 in the evening guest lecture series.

Stone will appear at LIT at 7:30 p.m. in the architecture auditorium. LIT is at 21000 W. 18 Mile near the Northwestern Highway.

Stone heads the Fort Lauderdale firm of Edward D. Stone Jr. and Associates.

Stone's late father designed such notable structures as the American Pavilion at the 1958 World's Fair, the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, the interior of the Radio City Musical Hall and the American Embassy in New Delhi.

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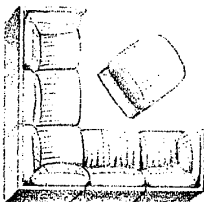
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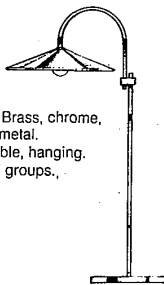


Floor Samples! If it's on the floor, it's probably on sale. 9 out of 10 are! (At savings that'll floor you.)

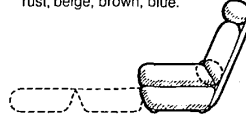
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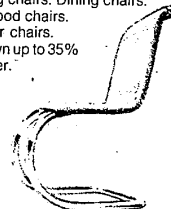


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Hurry! Not everything's on sale, but everything that's on sale is *really* on sale! But only through Saturday, January 20th!

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