

St. Clair, Erie are summer's fishing hot spots

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Anglers, get out there. Fishing is getting better and better as summer progresses.

If you're trolling in Anchor Bay of Lake St. Clair, you should be catching some muskie.

Fair numbers of walleye are in the south, middle and north channels. You should be out there during the day, chugging with minnows. The catch is

running 13-14 inches in size.

Fair amounts of perch are being taken from Lake St. Clair, again trolling and using night crawlers.

The variety of catch around Harsen's Island is making the sport interesting. Panfish, northern pike, white bass, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass are all being caught. The pike and panfish are showing up in weed beds.

Try casting or trolling in Anchor Bay with silver spoons. Pike are running five to 10 pounds, and numbers are

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good. Panfish are less plentiful, but they're there if you have the patience to wait them out. Smallmouth bass are still in some spawning areas and the catch is slow, but troll with spot-tails and you may catch a few.

In the lower Detroit River, anglers are finding excellent white bass fishing around Grosse Ile. White bass relish minnows.

In Lake Erie, if you're using Hot'n Tots, you are probably catching some nice walleye. A few bullheads and white bass are showing up near the power plants at Monroe and Whiting. No special bait was mentioned in the reports.

IF CAMPING is your game, try the complete "Back Trail Tales," an Independent Oaks Country Park nature interpretive program from 8-9:30 to night.

"The program will introduce you to outdoor hiking and camping — the necessary equipment and costs," said Linda Marsh, an experienced camper and mountain climber who will conduct the presentation.

The program will include a movie and demonstrations. Meeting place is the Twin Chimneys Shelter. Independent Oaks is on Sashabaw Road 2 1/2 miles north of I-75 in Clarkston.

Upcoming events at Independence Oaks County Park include: a "Morning Magic Photo Walk," July 31; "Night Hike," Aug. 13 and "Herbal History," Aug. 27.

Park entry fee is \$2.50 per car for Oakland County residents, \$4 for non-residents. To preregister call 858-0983 or 625-0877.

THE SOUTHEASTERN chapter of the Michigan Botanical Society invites the public to join it for a 2 p.m. field trip Saturday at Kensington Metropark.

Park naturalist Bob Hotaling will lead a hike along nature trails to see summer flowers, according to Ina Drife, publicity chairman. There's no charge for the field trip, but you'll need a vehicle admission sticker at the park gate. Take the Kensington Road exit from I-56.

Information about the group is available from Beatrice Sibley at 532-6683.

correction

An article in the July 12 issue on due-on-sale clauses should have said that the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing federal savings and loan institutions to block the assumption of low-interest mortgages by home buyers applies to all mortgages written after 1976, and excludes homes financed by FHA or VA.

OU sign-up ends Aug. 1

Undergraduate admission to Oakland University for the fall 1982 semester will close Aug. 1.

Application materials incomplete as of July 30 will not be considered for fall admission but may be completed for a subsequent term.

The closing date applies only to undergraduate applicants and does not affect persons seeking admission to graduate study.

Metroparks lure cyclists, star-gazers

At the Huron-Clinton Metroparks:

• July 21 — A "Nature by Bike" tour that covers five miles in 1 1/2 hours will start at 9:30 a.m. from the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford. Naturalist Mark Szabo will conduct the tour along a paved bike trail. The program is free, but bring your own bike.

• July 22 — A "Star Cruise" starts at 9 p.m. aboard the Island Queen excursion boat on Kent Lake in Kensington Metropark. Naturalist Julie Cerbus will discuss the constellations, planets and stars as well as the legends behind them. Meet at the boat rental dock on the west side of the lake. If weather does not permit sky viewing, there will be an alternate program. Cost is \$2 per person, and advance registration is required.

tion by calling 685-1561 is required.

• Special group appointments for trips aboard the Voyageur canoe on Stony Creek Lake in Stony Creek Metropark northeast of Rochester are available this summer.

The canoe is a 34-foot replica of the Montreal canoe. A special rate of \$15 per group is charged, and at least 15 people per trip are required. For additional information, call the park office at 781-4621.

Vehicle entry permits are required at metroparks. Permits are \$7 for the year or \$2 daily. Senior citizen annual permits are \$2.

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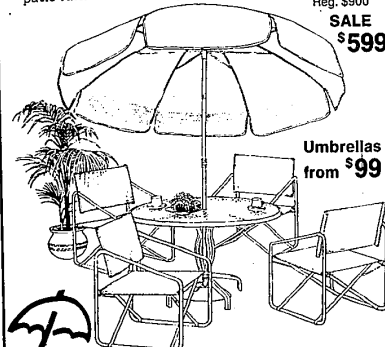
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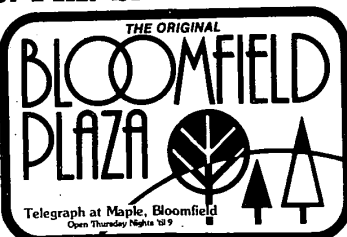
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