

outdoors

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Crappies, trout are beginning to bite

The doldrums are over. That's the period between the thaw of the ice and the beginning of spring fishing. Crappies were reported hitting well on Kent Lake in western Oakland County. We checked it out, and even my crochety companion, C.O. Jones, was pleased with the results.

We had to work hard to find them last weekend, exploring one shoreline and bay after another before we located the green and silver cousins of the bass.

C.O. noted the water is still pretty cold, and the bites we got weren't very aggressive. Eggs and spawn in the fish we took were small. It means the season is still early, and the best angling is still to come.

Another hot crappie spot, we hear, is the Huron River just below the Milford dam. Those below the dam, in my experience.

sources reports a lot of happy trout anglers on the Huron River in the Proud Lake State Recreation Area.

But you'd better be careful about where you fish. That entire stretch of the Huron, from the three-foot Moss Lake dam to Milford Road, is a "designated trout stream." You'd better buy your trout stamp before dropping in a line.

"Quality" rules applied April 1-24, which means flies only, catch-and-release. Now, regular trout rules apply, and worm anglers can try their hands.

How do you know when the fish are biting? The differs consult weather and moon phase reports. Real pros will tell you that when your spouse says it's time to paint a bedroom or dig out the garden, that is when you should escape because the fish will be biting.

LAKEVILLE Lake, in Addison Township in northeast Oakland County, will have its stunted panfish removed when the weather permits, the DNR said.

Property owners have been begging

for the project since 1976. Chemical supplies finally are available.

Pintol (the toxic agent) acts on the nervous system of fish, causing constriction of blood vessels in the gills which results in suffocation," said Ron Spitzer, district fisheries biologist.

"The concentration used is very specific for small (less than five-inch) fish and will leave all larger gamefish intact, if not fatter from feeding on the dying panfish.

"The thinning concept is likened to weeding a garden. The remaining crops grow bigger, faster — in this case resulting in a healthier fishery.

"The chemical in that concentration will not harm people, animals or birds, and will in fact detoxify into harmless natural compounds within 24 hours after application.

"Fish affected by the treatment will die within several days, providing much food for other fish, crayfish, turtles, gulls and ducks. A few carcasses may litter windblown shorelines for a few days but, due to the small size and the time of year, should not cause more

than a minor inconvenience to residents.

By the end of this growing season, anglers should be catching larger, healthier fish in Lakeville Lake."

STONY CREEK Metropark, northeast of Rochester, has two programs this weekend.

"The Mighty Mouse-Hunters," a nature center program, starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Naturalist Roger Bajorek will lead a group prowl in search of owls.

The Mother's Day "Walk-a-Mom" is Sunday. Children of all ages will bring the mothers to walk the nature trails and earn a "Walk-a-Mom" certificate.

Both programs are free once you've paid vehicle admission to the park. For the nature center program, register in advance with the park office at 781-4621.

KENSINGTON Metropark, near New Hudson, has three programs on

the weekend. "Enjoying Nature with Your Tot," a family nature center program, will be held twice Saturday, at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Naturalist Julie Cerbus will take parents and their tots (ages 3-5) on a spring discovery tour of nature, combining books, games and an outdoor walk. Dress for the weather.

"Farm Chores" will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Farm Center at the north end of the park. Farm interpreter Lori Anderson will show the feeding and caring of farm animals and give you a chance to join the fun.

"Kensington's Birds of Spring," a family nature walk, starts from the nature center at 8 a.m. Sunday. Naturalist Mark Szabo will lead a two-hour hike in search of migrant songbirds. Bring binoculars.

Programs are free after you have bought your park admission pass. Register in advance by calling the park office at 685-1561.

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