

Perch Came Back

This year, unless all the signs are completely cockeyed, there should be more perch and jumbos, enough to make veterans compare the season favorably with those before the collapse.

The Department of Natural Resources feels this will be the year of the perch comeback because 1969 was the best spawning year for Lake Michigan perch in more than a decade and perch reach good, catchable size in three years.

Perch can be caught year around, although spring is best. They are almost always hungry

and when a school is located a catch is guaranteed. The boat fisherman has an advantage, however, since he can locate the schools while shore fishermen have to wait for the fish to appear.

Lake Michigan perch are not "fighting" fish. They are more willing to be caught than resist, but they excel in the frying pan:

Floured, crumbed or battered and pan-fried to a crispy brown, fresh-caught perch are just plain delicious. The flesh is white, moist, flaky and tender, the flavor sweet and delicate, not at all "fishy."

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Avoid The 'Camper Crush,' Enjoy Private Campgrounds

Camping is "camp" fun for the summer.

Friday afternoon is here, you throw the tent in the car and take off -- by bed time Friday night you're under the stars away from the suburban week-end early morning lawn mowers.

More and more people have begun to enjoy the benefits of camping -- and the more and more people have caused long lines waiting to get in the more popular state parks.

But what the campers caught in the crush might not realize is that a mile down the road from that state park with the "no vacancy"

sign out is a quiet private campground which may have even better facilities.

The private campgrounds in Michigan number over 250 and are beginning to "catch on."

They often offer newer facilities and more secluded camp sites than public parks -- and at rates comparable to the state parks.

An added advantage is that they will often accept reservations and post no limit to your stay.

If you're planning a week end camping trip, investigate the private campgrounds near the area to which you would like to go.



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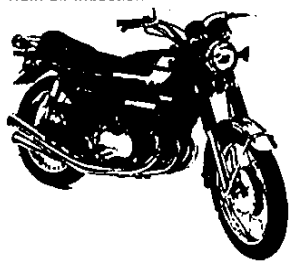
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