

Of The Outdoors

Pitching On The Lake Of The Devil

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When we headed north for Devils Lake in mid-central North Dakota, we had no idea as to what we were in for.

It could be three days of good weather, poor fishing or poor weather and good fishing.

As anyone who does an outdoor television series can tell you, it's not very often that you expect it to be excellent weather and great fishing.

Well, that's the way it happened last week when Team member Scott Ulrich and I along with cameraman Kyle Nickolite made the trip north to the big lake.

When I say big lake, I mean big lake, as Devils Lake is 177,100 surface acres, covering about 208 square miles and growing.

Not good for the landowners in the area, but great for anglers as it creates miles of new water for us to fish and structure beyond belief as there are flooded roads, railroad tracks and acre upon acre of flooded vegetation.

We met up with our guides the folks from Perch-Eyes Guide Service www.percheyes.com around 2:30 that afternoon and were on the water by 3:30 looking for areas where the wind was pounding into the flooded vegetation.

Since the lake is so clear, the fish were attracted to the mudlines and the warmer water temperatures in those areas.

The plan was to pitch Lindy Shadling crankbaits and X-change jigs up into the shallows of these areas, hoping to entice the fish to bite and bite they did!

Our guide on day one was Jason Feldner who knew the lake well and had us on fish shortly after we reached the north shore.

Because of all the flooded vegetation in the lake, the northern pike population has done well, so any bait that we tied on had to be accompanied by a light leader.

While Scott and I cast Shadlings, Jason probed the shallow water along the cattails, connecting with a pike



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Guide Kyle Clifton (left) and Outdoorsmen Adventures host Gary Howey with the two big fish taken on the Devils lake trip.

on his third cast.

Not a giant, one around 10 pounds, but one that thought it was larger than it really was, as it went around the front of the boat as well as under it before it was landed and released.

Shortly there after, Scott's collected the dollar for the first walleye when his Shadling was inhaled by a nice 2-pound walleye, one of the many taken during the first day of our trip. After five hours of pitching Shadlings and X-Change jigs, our arms were sore as we'd landed northerns up to 10 pounds, white bass over 2 pounds and walleyes over 4 pounds, not a bad day in anybody's book.

On day 2, our guide would be Kyle Clifton who would take us to a new area where we'd start out using slip bobbers and leeches.

We started fishing the ultra clear water in the flooded timber, unfortunately, it was early in the day and the water temps in the timber hadn't reached that magic 59-60 degrees needed to turn the fish on.

After several moves with no luck slip bobber fishing,

we started looking for the warmer water while pitching our Shadlings and X-Change jigs up shallow.

Once again it was our guide, using an X-change jig connected with our first fish of the day, another nice pike.

It was my turn to collect the dollar of the day for the second walleye, by the way, which I never received, when a nice 18" fish tried to tear up my Shadling while ripping my rod out of my hand, taking the bait right at the boat.

The warmer dirtier water was the key as we hammered walleyes, white bass and pike almost continually.

Before long, all three of us in the boat were pitching crankbaits up shallow with our best bait on this trip being the number 5 Lindy Shadling Redtail and Golden Shiner.

Two to three fish on at a time was a common occurrence and after a while all you heard was "Fish On."

By the end of our second day my cameraman was earning his pay, jumping back and forth trying to

catch all the action of the fish being caught.

With the sun was setting in the west; we were pitching cranks up into a wind-blown cattail bed when I had a jarring strike, one that I couldn't gain ground on.

I managed to move the fish away from the shoreline, but then thought that it had ran into a snag, as I couldn't budge the fish.

Our guide backed off on the trolling motor, allowing me to work the fish towards the boat.

By the head shaking that was going on, I didn't think it was another northern and slowly moved it towards the net.

When the fish came up, it was pure bedlam as it was a monster and seeing the boat made a desperate dive to shake loose the

Shadling in it's mouth.

Finally I managed to get the fish's head out of the water while our guide Kyle worked it into the net.

The walleye had engulfed the entire Shadling, weighed in over 9 pounds and was the biggest fish of the trip.

But it didn't end there as shortly after we took photos of the fish, Kyle connected with another big fish, this one over 8 pounds, another picture fish.

What a trip, as in less than 15 hours of fishing, we'd boated over 200 fish, an extraordinary trip, and one that won't be forgotten.

If you're looking for a great place to fish, a lake that offers a smorgasbord of fish species, you'll want to give Devils Lake a try; it's well worth the trip.

If you'd like more information on the Devil's Lake area you can go to www.devilslakend.com.

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LOCATED: American Legion Hall, Tabor

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: Conoco gas globe; Paraland gas globe; Oak serpentine commode; Dyer and Howard baby grand piano, needs work; Oak dresser; Parlor tables; Treadle sewing machine; Wood chairs; Furniture parts; RW 4, 5 and 12 gal. crocks; Crock jugs; Roseville including 333 14" bowl, IC62 candle holders, ITK 6" vase, ICC 6" vase; IHC Honner platters; Franciscan dinner ware; More collectible glass; 9 1/2" U.S. Navy bell; Small anvil; 48 star flag; Mantle clocks; Ship clocks; Lone Wolf picture; Old pictures and frames; Ladies hats; Hayes cast iron seat; Platform scale; Forge and tools; 2 horse even-er; Neck yokes; Table model hand separator; Lard press; Maytag engine; Press drill; Cream cans; Gas cans; Sprinkler can; Wringers; Egg crate; Farmers Union grease cans; Tins including Eureka harness oil; Kips cigars; Phillips 66 and Maytag; Sad irons; Coal buckets; Old wrenches; Safety deposit box from Tabor bank; Poppy seed grinder; Enamel items; Barn lanterns; Aladdin lamp; Advertising items; Cappers Farmer items; Dion quints literature; 1939 Walt Disney comic; Other comics; Postcards; Atlases; Fancy work; Old cameras; Doll beds; Murray ladies bike; Plus more.

GUNS: H&R Sportsman 9 shot double act .22 revolver; Benjamin pellet rifle.

SHOP & MISCELLANEOUS: Craftsman 12" wood lathe and tools; Craftsman 10" table saw; Craftsman 6 1/8" jointer planer; 2 Craftsman belt disc sanders; Craftsman 16" scroll saw; Router and table; Snapper 7 hp self-propelled mower; Mozaal mower; McCulloch chain saw; Drafting desk; Shop air purifier; Vice; Jacks; Miscellaneous hand tools; Trimmers; Lawn and garden items; Saw horses.

HOUSEHOLD: Glider rocker; Table and chairs; Dresser; Chest of drawers; Serving cart; Miscellaneous cabinets; Stands; Benches; Computer desk; Dehumidifier; Quilt frame; Electric roaster; Electric appliances; Pots; Pans and dishes; Silverware; Utensils; Lamps; Bedding; Blankets; Holiday items; Lawn ornaments; Books; Plus more kitchen and household items.

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TERMS: Cash
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LAND AUCTION

Friday, June 4 -- 10 a.m.

LOCATION: 30169 417th Avenue, Tyndall, SD, from St. Leo's Catholic Church, 1/2 mile east and 1 mile north.

155+/- Acres

FSA shows 117.6 acres of cropland with the balance tree grove, grass and lowland, a 48.4 acre corn base with a 67 bushel CC yield and a 36.2 acre soybean base with a 22 bushel CC yield. This tract offers a building site with a large mature tree grove, a 30x36 machine building, miscellaneous other buildings and B-Y Water. This property offers a great place to build, on a blacktop road just 1 1/2 miles from Tyndall along with lots of hunting potential with plentiful habitat. If you are looking for hunting land plus a good solid investment or want to add to your present operation check this one out.

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