

Muskie description from:

<http://www.whitepinelodge.com/muskie-fishing.html>

It is the giant of the pike family, frequently attaining weights of 30 to 50 pounds. The world record taken on sport tackle, 69 pounds, 15 ounces and 64 1/2 inches long, was caught in the St. Lawrence River. A 102-pounder has been reported. A 30-pound fish probably is usually a little over four feet in length--and there are many taken this size right here in Lake of the Woods.

The muskie is a voracious predator. A newly hatched muskie only 15 days old and 1 1/2 inches long begin to forage on live fish. They consume 6.4 percent of their body weight per day. Adults eat mostly minnows, suckers and shad. They seem to be opportunists and when hungry will eat any living thing they can catch and swallow.

Muskies like clear, weedy waters, In spite of their wariness, they frequently are caught in water which is quite shallow. They will strike all manner of lures when feeding but at other times will not be tempted by anything.