

The Banks of Indian Lake and Buckeye Lake.. The Perfect place to take the kids.

Saugeyes and shallow water lakes. When you have lakes where areas over 6' deep are counted in feet not acres then your fish will utilize every area of it. You've undoubtedly heard that fish are only in 10% of the lake. Well that doesn't apply here. Saugeyes are caught in every square foot of these two lakes. They travel and only stop to feed or breed, they are true fresh water sharks. This means plenty of fish are available several months if not all year just a cast away from the bank.

Having raised two kids and now introducing the grandkids to fishing for walleye / saugeyes I know how difficult it is to keep their interest. Thankfully today we have portable electronics that all but the youngest can play to fill in the time between bites. Let's face it the days of coloring books and word puzzles have fallen to the way side. With the right equipment you can now Wi-Fi anywhere on the lake.

There's one rip that shines above all others for kids. Keep one rigged with a heavy jig and twister rigged weedless for when they want to cast. This won't last long unless the bite's on but fits the bill. But for kids any rod n reel will do with one addition. At just about any baitshop you'll find a spring with a bell that attaches to the rod. This is the alert for the kid to put down the I-pod. Attach near the tip facing the opposite direction from the line. The rod need to be set at a steep angle so the tips at least three feet above the water.

On the working end you'll need just two #6 hooks and one 1/4oz to 1/2oz egg sinker. The sinker goes on the very end. Two feet up you attach a one foot dropper line. Any knot that won't slip will do. Then tie your hook so it is as close to 6 inches from end to end as possible. Go up another two feet and repeat this process. Tail hook the largest minnows you can get up to 4 inches and cast out. Allow to settle to the bottom and tighten the line so **almost all** slack is gone. If you are using multi-rods then stagger them out till you find how close the fish are. And they can be two feet off the bank. When you catch one put all lines at that distance. When they quit go back to staggering.

You rig and they reap. But this keeps the interest up and with something to do while waiting on the bite they'll stay interested. Marc Colwell