

Niagara Falls USA Fishing Forecast for Thursday, Oct. 12 from Destination Niagara USA

Recent rains earlier in the week triggered a big slug of salmon and trout into many of the Lake Ontario tributaries like 18 Mile Creek in Newfane. While the water is a bit high from all the rain, conditions should be good in a day or two. There's plenty of fish in the system for anglers to catch. Scott Scheffler, Marina Director for the Town of Newfane and heading up Fisherman's Park at Burt Dam, also noted that they have been using a Ranger ATV to haul people to and from the fishing areas, a benefit for those fishermen who could use a little helping hand for access. Fresh fish can be found in all of the deeper holes further down towards the harbor and fish are still being caught off the piers and in the lake according to Wes Walker at The Slippery Sinker. At least when there isn't northeast or northwest wind chasing anglers off the piers. Casting spoons, spinners or stickbaits are all good approaches off the piers or from anchored boats. Another popular method is to use treated egg skein under a float. You can anchor or drift. Over in Wilson, Terry Swann of Wilson sends word they are picking up some perch off the piers, as well as some nice trout. Use spinners and spoons for trout; live bait for the perch.

The lower river salmon action has been continuing on a consistent clip to the delight of boat fishermen and shoreline anglers. Casting glow in the dark spinners and Little Gem spoons under low light conditions work best. Rat-L-Traps can also produce salmon, but some brown trout started showing up in the gorge this past week according to Mike Rzucidlo of Niagara Falls and they hit the rattlebaits and spinners. One angler, who preferred to remain nameless (because he called in sick) was 10 for 16 on salmon (9 kings and a coho) while fishing with his father in the gorge. Treated egg skein fished under a float did the trick. That was from shore! Sounds like some more fresh fish hit the river. The fishing platform has not been as productive as years past for some reason. Fish are available there. It won't be long before lake trout start showing up to spawn. Remember that the season is closed now until the end of the year.

In the upper Niagara River, bass and walleye are still available. For musky, water temperatures are still in issue as Lake Erie is still 67 degrees, the warmest it's ever been for this time of year. A lot of work has been accomplished on the 2018 version of the Greater Niagara Fishing and Outdoor Expo at the Conference and Event Center Niagara Falls. Dates will be Jan. 19-21. Mark your calendar. Check the website out at www.niagarafishingexpo.com.

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