

Northern Pike

Esox lucius



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ADULT SIZE

Typically 20-30 inches, can reach 48 inches. Usually weighs 2-10 pounds, can reach 25 pounds. Females are generally larger than males.

TYPICAL FOODS

Primarily fish but will take nearly anything they can fit in their mouth, including frogs, muskrats and small ducks.

FISHING TIP

Pike are large predators that like to hide in weeds to ambush the smaller fish they eat. Try casting a spinnerbait around emerging weeds in early spring at Cleveland shoreline marinas on Lake Erie, such as Edgewater and East 55th.

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