

Fishing Tackle for the BWCA

Spinning Rod and Reel: a 2 piece Medium action rod with 6-10lb. test line. You may also use a medium spincast set up as well. I would not bring bait casting equipment unless you are already proficient.

Hooks: Minimum of 15, bait type with short shank in sizes 6-4.

Jigs: 1/8 to 1/2 ounce sizes.

Hair and Feather Type Jigs: 1/8 to 1/4 ounce sizes in yellow, orange, chartreuse, red and white. For Lake Trout and Pike a few 1/2 to 1 ounce jigs in black, white, yellow, red/white, and black/white.

Rubber Bodied Jigs: With and without spinner blades in 1/8 to 3/8 ounce sizes. Chartreuse, white, yellow, black, and brown (examples: *Mr. Twister* and *Fuzzee Grubs*).

Plugs/Crank baits: Both surface and diving. Sizes from 2 to 5 inches (examples: *Rapalas*, *Lazy Ikes*, *Heddon Torpedoes*).

Spinner Baits: Such as Mepps in sizes 1 and 2.

Spoons: Red and white, yellow and red 1/2 ounce to 1 ounce. Great for Pike

Sinkers, Split Shot, Slip Sinkers: Bring an assortment of split shot from "bb" size on up; slip sinkers should range from 1/8 to 1/2 ounce.

Swivels: Two and three way type.

Bobbers: Slip bobbers work well and are the most functional.

Stringer: One or two cord stringers work well and are compact.

Needle Nose Pliers: For releasing fish.

Filet Knife

Suggestions for Specific Species

Smallmouth & Largemouth Bass	Surface and diving plugs (not exceeding 2 inches); Spinner baits such as Mepps; hair and feather type and rubber bodied jigs; slip bobbers
Walleye	diving plugs (not exceeding 2 inches); Spinners in mid sizes; 1/8, 1/4 and 3/8 oz Jigs; Hair and feather type jigs; Slip bobbers
Northern Pike	Spoons, Spinner baits, and Surface and Diving plugs in mid to larger sizes; Steel leaders from 6-12 inches
Lake Trout	Summer - Hair and feather type jigs in 1/2 to 1 ounce sizes in black, yellow, white, red/white, and black/white; Spoons and deep running plugs