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Re: Fly fishing in Northern Minnesota?

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Dear bigslackwater,

You're welcome.

I've only ever been up there twice but my sister in law is from Grand Rapids and grew up in a house on Pokegama.

When we vacationed up there my brother had a booklet or some sort of publication from the Minnesota DNR that listed lakes and ponds by county along with the fish present in them. The descriptions and directions provided proved to be pretty accurate. There really are 10000 lakes to check out!

My brother hooked a huge pike in the Mississippi just below the dam at the paper mill in town, but he wasn't prepared with a steel leader and the fish bit through the leader.

We didn't catch any smallmouth but we know they are in there. The river was a little bit high when we visited so wading was really limited. Chartreuse flies and lures like Rapala's worked well for pike in the higher water though.

There used to be a bar on the SW side of the main intersection in Grand Rapids. They made stuffed double decker pizzas. You definitely need to try one if it is still there!

Regards,

Tim Murphy 😊