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Not much mention of the walleye. There are Canadian sized walleye trophies in the Susky.....some easily over 10lbs. A lot of walleye north of Wilkes-Barre, but I've heard good reports in Sunbury from shore fisherman at night with lures. In fact, I'd say that if you know what you are doing, it is even better than your average Canadian lake fishing, because a lot of those lakes have tiny fellas in them 16-20".

They will start to move into shallow water and stay there more frequently now that the nights are getting cooler. The walleye in this river will bite at 3am in January when its 18 degrees air temp. However, the most comfortable time for an angler to fish for them is now until November.

They prefer slightly higher water than average, when fall rains come and lift the river. They move up river and look for the mouths of streams. However, they can be found throughout the entire river all year. I have had my best days during the fall afternoons in slightly off color water at about 3pm till dusk. But, in the early fall it pays to stay out into the darkness, or even start and say 10pm and end at 12am or 2 am, depending on success rate.

They will take marabou white streamers all night, even up to and including the surface. Walleye like to come up to a bait from below. Add a little lead wrap to long tailed streamers to get them to sink a foot or two. Walleye are notorious for short striking and tail nipping of minnows. Even 30 inchers will mouth a small bait and spit it out fast, leaving you wondering if it was a fish at all.

Now, fly fishing will work, but it is not the best method for this river. The best lures are twister tail grubs of 3" length with 1/4oz jig heads. You can use lighter or heavier jig heads depending on conditions. You don't want to jig the twister tail for the best effect. You want to swim the grub with a steady retrieve all the way back to you. Just reel it back to yourself, all throughout the water column. This is very effective. Shallow rapala stick baits work well too, but are unnecessarily expensive, especially in a snag prone river like the Susky.

And.....use some good line, because there are 40 pound musky all over the place, and pike. They will eat at night too, and you can land them with lighter line, but it's gonna be a battle. Don't forget a head lamp or pliers.