

Pike Family Word Search

L E R E K C I P N I A H C D O P G V I
I I M N L N O R T H E R N P I K E M J
O O X A Q P M J N E L V V T K F B O L
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P Y D P Q N B Q W J P U W J K N T H C
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Pike family and places to catch them:

Chain Pickerel
Cowanesque Lake
Conneaut Lake
Esox
French Creek
Grass Pickerel
Kaercher Creek Dam
Keystone Lake
Muskellunge
Northern Pike
Pymatuning Reservoir
Redfin Pickerel
Tiger Muskellunge

(Hint: Some words may appear backwards.)



PIKES AND MUDMINNONS (FAMILY ESOCIDAE)

Pike are long, slender, “duck-billed” predator fish, popular with anglers for the great size some species attain and for their sporting fight. Four species of the pike family live in the Northern Hemisphere. The Grass Pickerel and Redfin Pickerel (the two are closely related subspecies), the Chain Pickerel, the Northern Pike and the Muskellunge are native to North America and to Pennsylvania. The Northern Pike is one of the few fish whose natural range includes both North America and Eurasia.

The native pike family residents of Pennsylvania range from the small Redfin Pickerel of eastern Pennsylvania and its close cousin the Grass Pickerel of northwestern Pennsylvania, which seldom reach one foot in length, to the mighty Muskellunge, whose state angling record is over 54 pounds. Pike live in coolwater streams and large rivers, as well as lakes, from ponds to big impoundments, depending on the species. All pike are associated with submerged vegetation, although Muskellunge also frequent rocky lake shoals. The family name “Esocidae” is from “Esox,” an old European name for the pike.