**Barbee and Tippecanoe Lakes**

**Kosciusko County Muskie Lakes**

**Lakes Info:**
- Barbee Chain (850 acres)
- Tippecanoe Chain (1133 acres)

**Access:**
- **Barbee:** Public Access located on Kuhn Lake
- **Tippecanoe:** Pay access on Tippecanoe at Tippecanoe Dance Hall, Public access at Grassy Creek*

**Fishing Regulations:** Statewide

*Have to boat under culvert, use best judgement

### Muskie

- Barbee Lakes Chain has produced two 50+ inchers that were caught in 2015 and 2017 (IN Muskie Classic Tournament Results).
- Muskies average length (tournament results) have been 38.7” at Barbee Lakes and 39.2” at Tippecanoe.
- The current state record was caught in James Lake (Tippecanoe Chain) in 2002 weighing 42lbs 8oz.
- Both Lake Chains have produced a Muskie Fish of the Year award winner.

![38.5" Muskie collected from Kuhn Lake in 2015.](image)

### Other Species

#### Largemouth Bass

- Past surveys show bass fishing is average among other Glacial Lakes in the State.
- Bass anglers report catching both Bass and Muskies when fishing spinnerbaits and jerk baits.

### Panfish

- Anglers often catch 8+” Bluegill targeting them in the spring and fall.
- During a 2015 general fish survey a 10.4” Redear sunfish was collected.
- Black Crappies up to 16.8” long were collected during spring trap netting in 2015. Anglers claim to have success early in spring fishing weed lines and drop-offs.

![16.8" Black Crappie collected from Kuhn Lake 2015.](image)

### Recent Stockings:

- **Barbee Chain 2017:** 1,700 Muskellunge
- **Tippecanoe Chain:** 2017, 1,133 Muskellunge

**Best Fishing:**
- Muskie, Bluegill, Redear, Crappie

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**About the Area**

- Kosciusko County provides a wide variety of fishing opportunities in the area.
- Between the Barbee Chain, Tippecanoe Chain, and Webster Lakes there are more than 2,700 acres of Muskie water to fish.
- Nearby Lake Wawasee (Indiana’s largest Natural Lake) provides quality Bass, Panfish, and Northern Pike fishing opportunities.

**Lodging**
- Stay at a Hotel/Resort on Lake Wawasee
- Warsaw, IN
- Cabins on Webster Lake

**Indiana Fishing Regulation Guide:**
- [http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2347.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2347.htm)