

"Rigging for Trophy Walleye"

This is an ideal method for fishing river systems. It's produced countless slot size walleye @ 55-86 cm on the river portion of Tobin Lake. I try to drift @ 1.4 mph (or less) and keep the boat out of the main current, near ridges and structure. This is best accomplished with an electric trolling motor. I generally target a depth of 18 feet. Rigging @ all times of the day has been effective.

Instructions - How to Rig:

Recommend 6 1/2 - 7 1/2 foot medium light to medium action rod with 8-10 pound monofilament or fluorocarbon test

- set your drag mechanism @ medium resistance
- slide the walking sinker weight on your main line
- tie the snap swivel to your main line using a simple clinch knot
- connect the rig to the clasp
- pinch the barb on the hook (if the lark rules are barbless)
- bait the hook with a big leech
- submerge the rig
- attempt to keep your main line @ a 45 degree angle to the water
- you'll know you have enough line out when you feel the weight skip or scratch
- the leech will float just off the river bottom
- set the hook after you detect a long pull
- if it feels like a snag, you more than likely have a good one!

Components:

- 3/8 ounce walking sinker (lead, orange or chartreuse colour)
- #2 red octopus beak hook
- 12 lb. fluorocarbon leader
- 6 feet of leader material

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