

## Spawning fish - easy to catch fish

Most fish migrate shorter or longer distances to their spawning grounds. During the hike and especially at the playground, they can gather in large numbers. Man learned early on that it was easy to catch fish at spawn. They are so preoccupied with reproduction that they are less alert to trapping gear. The settlers carefully kept track of walking paths and playgrounds and the times when the fish were gathered.

### Playgrounds

Closely related species, for example, different whitefish species in the same lake, have different spawning times and spawning grounds. Trout, grayling, and *Coregonus pallasii* spawn mainly in flowing water. Pike, European perch, common roach, burbot, char, great whitefish, plankton whitefish, and sand whitefish (usually called *Löja* here in the area) usually spawn in lakes and in *sel*, i.e., calm water in rivers. Fish that spawn in lakes often travel through flowing water on their way to spawn.

### Time to spawn

Day length and water temperature determine when each species spawns. Even the weather can affect play time. The same species of fish can have very different spawning times in nearby lakes if the water temperature is different.