

BECKER COUNTY



Includes fishing piers and shorefishing sites

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STATE PARKS AND TRAILS



Clean your watercraft, Drain all water, Dispose of unused bait.

Federal Aid Project funded by your purchase of fishing equipment and motor boat fuels.



Minnesota State Parks and Trails-Bemidji
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The DNR Information Center
The DNR's Information Center is available to provide free publications of facilities and services as well as answers questions pertaining to DNR recreational opportunities in Minnesota.

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651-296-6157 (local) or 1-888-MINNDNR

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Public Water Access in Minnesota:

The Minnesota DNR State Parks and Trail's water recreation program provides approximately 1,650 boat accesses, over 365 fishing piers and shore fishing sites and manages 35 designated Water Trails in Minnesota. The DNR, Federal Government and local communities operate boat accesses. See the table on the right for specific site information. **The DNR boating programs are funded by user fees** including boat license & gas tax related to marine use.

Public accesses are usually open 24 hours unless otherwise posted. Most sites have launch ramps but some sites, especially on smaller rivers, are carry in only. Bathrooms and docks are usually located only on the larger and busier sites.

Public Water Access Rules - The launch area must be kept clear and the following activities are unlawful: littering, camping, shooting, building fires, and consuming alcoholic beverages. See Minnesota Rules, chapter 6218 for complete rules.

Boating in Minnesota

The annual *Minnesota Boating Guide* summarizes Minnesota's boating laws and regulations in an easy-to-read form. The guide supplies information about operating watercraft on the state's lakes and rivers. Operator age restrictions apply to operators 17 years old and younger.

Licensing - All motorized and non-motorized watercraft must be licensed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Please contact the DNR License Bureau for information.



Fishing in Minnesota

Fishing Regulations and Licensing - All persons 16 and older are required to have the appropriate license with them when fishing. Licenses are available through the DNR License Bureau, most County Auditors and many stores that sell fishing related goods. Trout fishing requires a trout stamp. For more information call the DNR information Center at (651) 296-6157 or 1-888-646-6367. To purchase a license by phone 24 hours a day, call 1-888-MN-LICENSE (665-4236).

Selective Harvest Fishing - Improved technology and increased fishing have caused the quality of fishing to decline in many waters. Practicing "Selective Harvest" offers anglers an opportunity to take some fish home while releasing others back into the water to improve fishing quality. Here are some tips to use for effective **Selective Harvest fishing**:

- Use barbless hooks
- Play the fish quickly and handle the fish carefully
- Never hold the fish by the eyes
- Use a needle nose pliers to remove hooks or cut the line if it is too deep
- Ease the fish back into the water, do not throw it back.

Safe Boating

Life Jackets - On all boats (except a sailboard) regardless of length there must be a readily accessible Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket for each person on board. In addition, on boats 16 feet or longer, except canoes and kayaks, there must also be at least one Coast Guard approved throwable device, such as a ring buoy or seat cushion.

Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) - Boating while intoxicated is illegal. For persons found to be under the influence there are significant penalties, including fines and possible jail sentences.

Personal Watercraft - Special laws apply including wearing a life jacket and operating at slow no wake speed at certain distances from other watercraft, swimmers and other objects in the water. Operator age restrictions also apply. Consult the Boating Guide for more information. A DNR safety video is available free of charge.



Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Laws and Requirements:

The DNR lists lakes and rivers as "infested" with certain aquatic invasive species.

If you are harvesting bait, commercial fishing, or diverting or taking water, you might need to follow special regulations in infested waters.

To identify an infested water, look for orange Invasive Species Alert signs at the access. You can also use LakeFinder to find out if a particular lake is listed as infested: mndnr.gov/lakefind. For more information about infested waters, including an up-to-date infested waters list and additional location information, visit mndnr.gov/invasives.

Before leaving the water access or shoreline property, you MUST:

- Clean** off ALL aquatic plants and animals
- Drain** all water including bilge, livewells, baitwells, bait buckets, motor and ballast tanks
- Pull** the plug and leave it out

Get into the habit of taking these three simple steps, and it will soon become part of your routine. Pull away from the boat ramp area. Check for and remove plants while strapping the boat down. Pull the plug when adjusting the motor. If you have other people (especially kids) with you, have them help! Adding a few minutes will help safeguard our waters.

Cleaning water-related equipment is just as important as cleaning boats, so while you're cleaning your boat, please remember to also:

- Clean anchors, ropes, fishing tackle, and other objects that were in the water. Many species can be transported in the mud or in fishing lines and rope
- Dump water out of canoes, kayaks, and other watercraft before leaving

These are YOUR waters and it is YOUR responsibility to inspect, clean, and drain your boats!

AIS Bait Laws

It is illegal to transport lake and river water. To save your bait (minnows or leeches), the DNR recommends bringing "fish safe", treated water from home and keeping it in your vehicle or cooler. Bringing ice can be a good idea on warm days to cool down the water.

DO NOT dump unwanted bait into water bodies or on the shoreline! Unwanted bait belongs in the trash or a designated compost bin. Unwanted worms must be disposed of in the trash.



Working Together to Protect the Waters

Watercraft Inspectors are here to ensure watercraft and equipment are "clean in, clean out!" If you need assistance, have questions about the laws, or are curious about the program, please ask!

Ways you can help the Watercraft Inspectors:

- Please clean your boat and pull your plug as soon as you are safely able to. That way when the inspector comes, the inspection process will move quickly
 - If there is a Decontamination Unit present, please follow all the instructions given by the inspectors, for your safety and theirs. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and watch them work from a safe distance
- Ways the Watercraft Inspectors can help you:
- The inspectors have tools, wrenches and pliers, so if you are having trouble with your plug, ask!
 - If there are weeds that are hard to reach, inspectors can also help pull weeds off boats or other such tasks. They also have grabbing tools for plants

When you see the Watercraft Inspectors, please be cooperative. The law requires compliance with inspectors, and it will help everyone to be on their way in a timely and pleasant manner.

Public Water Accesses in Becker County

Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
Acorn Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,S,W	DNR
Bad Medicine Lake	A5	asphalt	N,S,ST,W	DNR
Bass Lake	A3	earth	LB,N,S	County
Bass Lake	C5	gravel	C,LB,N,S	County
Bass Lake	A5	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Big Basswood Lake	A5	carry in	N / A	County
Big Rush Lake	B5	concrete	N / A	County
Big Sugar Bush Lake	B3	concrete	LB,N,S,W	County
Bijou Lake	C1	gravel	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Blackbird Lake (NW)	B4	gravel	N / A	USFWS
Blackbird Lake (SW) (Hunting Season Only)	C4	carry in	N / A	USFWS
Blueberry Lake	C6	earth	C,LB,N,S	County
Boot Lake	A6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Boyer Lake	C1	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Buffalo Lake	B3	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Carman Lake	B4	gravel	C,N	USFWS
Cedar Lake	A6	concrete	N / A	DNR
Cormorant Lake (NE)	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Cormorant Lake (W)	D1	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Cotton Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
DETROIT LAKE NE	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City
DETROIT LAKE North Central	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City
DETROIT LAKE NW	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City
DETROIT LAKE S	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Dinner Lake	A6	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Eagle Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	Township
Egg Lake (lower)	B4	earth	N/A	USFWS
Egg Lake (upper)	B4	concrete	N/A	USFWS
Elbow Lake	A4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Eunice Lake	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Floyd Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,W	DNR
Hanson Lake	C4	concrete	ST	DNR
Height of Land Lake (E)	C4	gravel	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Height of Land Lake (S)	C4	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Height of Land Lake (N)	C4	gravel	C,LB,N,S,W	USFWS
Howe Lake	C3	concrete	N / A	DNR
Hungry Lake	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Hungry Man Lake	A6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Ida Lake	D1	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Island Lake	B4	earth	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Juggler Lake	A5	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Kane Lake	A6	concrete	N,S	Township
Knutson Lake	C6	concrete	N / A	County
Labelle Lake	C1	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Leif Lake	D2	earth	C,N,S,W	DNR
Little Bass Lake	A3	concrete	N / A	County
Little Bemidji Lake	A4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Little Cormorant Lake	D2	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Little Floyd Lake	C3		C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Little Long Lake	C6		C,LB,N,S	County

Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
Little Mantrap Lake	A6	earth	N / A	County
Little Sugar Bush Lake	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Little Toad Lake	C4	concrete	C,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Long Lake (Airport Park)	D2	concrete	N,S,W	City
Many Point Lake	A4	concrete	C,LB,M,N,S,W	Tribe
Many Point Lake	A4	fishing pier	C,LB,M,N,S,W	Tribe
Marshall Lake	C2	concrete	N,S,W	DNR
Mary Yellowhead	B3	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Maud Lake	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Meadow Lake	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Melissa Lake	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Middle Cormorant Lake	D1	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Monson Lake	D2	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Net Lake	A3	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Otter Tail River - Wannagan	D3	carry in	Various	DNR
Pearl Lake	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Perch Lake	C3	earth	C,N,S	County
Pickereel Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Pickereel Lake	C5	carry-in	N,S	County
Pine Lake (Hunting Season Only)	C4	gravel	N / A	USFWS
Rice Lake (W) (Hunting Season Only)	C4	gravel	N / A	USFWS
Rice Lake (SE) (Hunting Season Only)	C4	gravel	N / A	USFWS
Rock Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Round Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
St. Clair Lake	B3	earth	C,N	County
Sallie Lake	D2	concrete	L,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Sallie Lake	D2	fishing pier	L,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Sauers Lake	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	MN DOT
Shell Lake	B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Shipman Lake	C6	earth	C,LB,N,S	County
Siverston Lake	C4	asphalt	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Sockeye Lake	A5	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Straight Lake	C6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Straight Lake	C6	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Strawberry Lake	A3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Tamarack Lake (N)	B4	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	USFWS
Tamarack Lake (NE)	B4	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	USFWS
Tamarack Lake (SE) (Hunting Season Only)	C4	earth	N / A	USFWS
Tilde Lake	B1	concrete	N / A	DNR
Toad Lake	C5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Town Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Town Lake	D3	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Turtle Lake	D1	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Two Inlets Lake	B6	concrete	N,S,W	DNR
Upper Cormorant Lake	D1	gravel	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Waboose Lake	B4	earth	N,W	USFWS
White Earth Lake	A3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Winter Lake	B4	earth	N / A	USFWS
Wolf Lake	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County

Administrator: DNR - MN Dept. of Natural Resources
MN DOT - MN Dept. of Transportation
USFWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Fish Species: C — Crappie, LB — Largemouth Bass, N — Northern Pike, S — Sunfish, SB — Smallmouth Bass, ST — Stream Trout, W — Walleye, N / A — Not Available

Accessible Accesses

Public water access sites developed after 2012 have been designed with accessible parking spaces and accessible routes to the top of the boat ramp. Some sites have additional accessible routes to a dock or other site amenities. These sites are identified with the red, accessible symbol shown above.

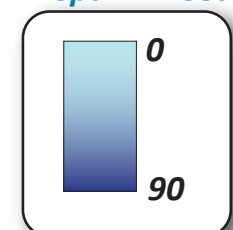
Fishing piers and developed shore fishing sites have been designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities. Parking is generally located within 300 feet of the site and there is a hard surface path from the parking area to the facility. The DNR cooperates with a variety of local units of government to maintain the fishing piers.

Sometimes, weather or vandalism can make these designed sites no longer accessible. If a site is found to be out of compliance, please report problems to the site administrator listed in this guide, or Contact the DNR Information Center, 651-296-6157 (888-MINNDNR) or email info.dnr@state.mn.us.

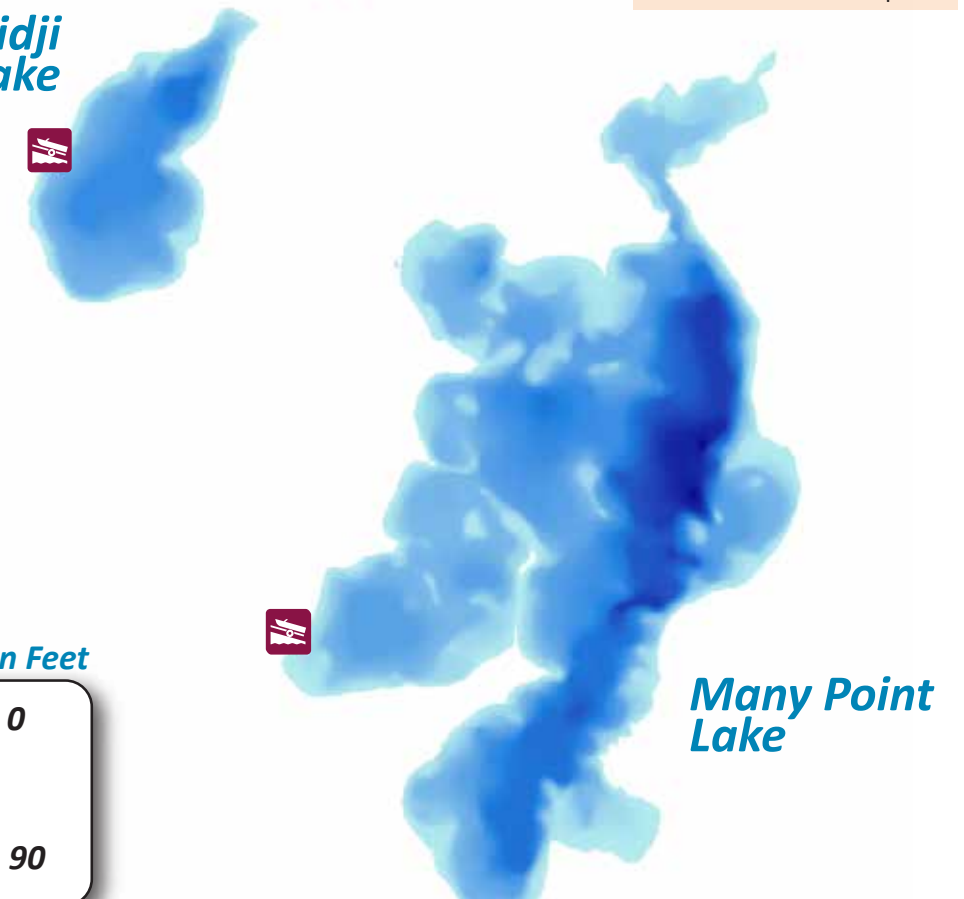
Little Bemidji Lake



Depth in Feet



Waters with Invasive Species



Many Point Lake