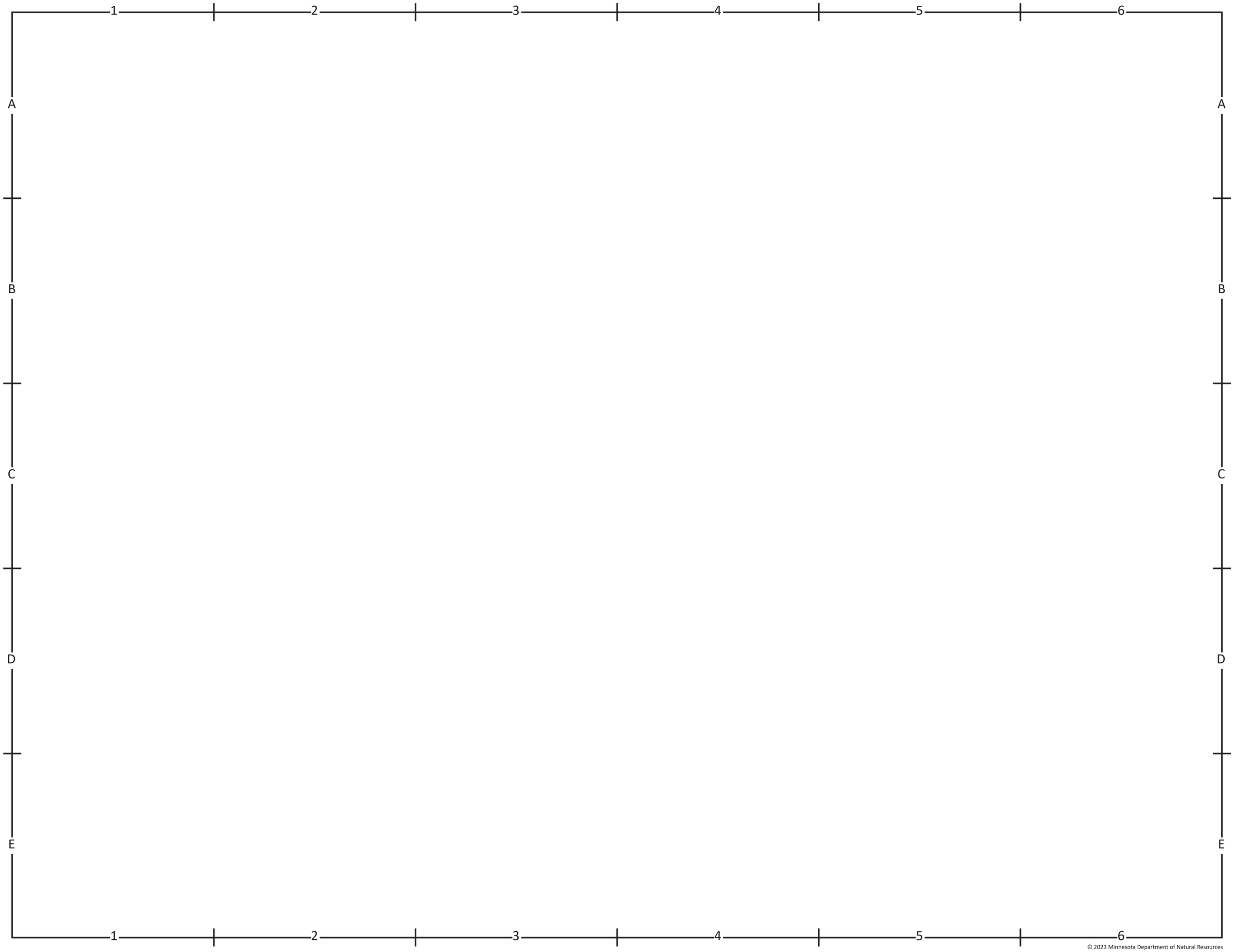

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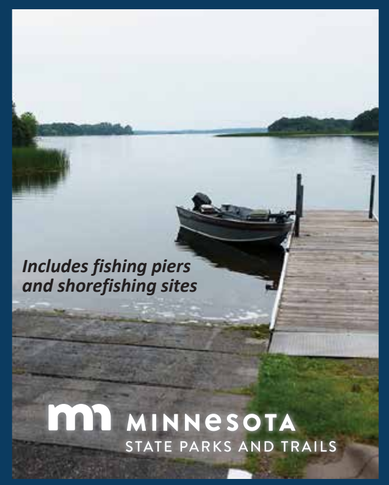
STATE PUBLIC WATER ACCESS MAP

CASS (southern) AND WADENA COUNTIES



YOUR BOATING DOLLARS AT WORK

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SPORT FISH RESTORATION

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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.

500 Lafayette Road,
St. Paul, MN 55155-4040
651-296-6157 (local) or 1-888-MINNDNR

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Public Water Access in Minnesota:

Minnesota has approximately 3,000 public water access sites, 375 fishing piers and shore fishing sites and 35 state water trails. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), federal agencies and local government units share in the ownership and operation of these facilities.

DNR public water access sites are usually open 24 hours a day however, access sites owned by others may have different hours and rules. Most trailer access sites have concrete launch ramps and are designed for launching watercraft up to 18 ft. in length. There are some boat ramps that can handle larger boats. There are typically no launch fees unless the access is located within a park requiring a vehicle permit.

The following activities are unlawful at public water access sites: littering, camping, overnight mooring, shooting/hunting, fires, storage of watercraft, vehicles, or equipment of any kind, and consuming alcoholic beverages. See Minnesota Rules, chapter 6218 for complete rules.

Boating Access Etiquette

Keep the launch ramp area clear unless actively launching or loading. The line to launch/load is formed by the vehicles and trailers on land (not by the order of the boats in the water or at the dock). Conditions will vary from site to site and with the changing seasons so boaters should check the condition of the ramp and depth of water before each use.

Boating Laws

Enjoying Minnesota's lakes and rivers by paddle or motorboat is a wonderful privilege which comes with serious responsibilities. The Minnesota Boating Guide summarizes Minnesota's boating laws and regulations in an easy-to-read form. The waterbody you are using may also be subject to federal and local rules and restrictions. For a copy of the Boating Guide contact the DNR Information Center, 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367
Email: info.dnr@state.mn.us

All motorized watercraft regardless of length and nonmotorized watercraft over 10 feet must be licensed and pay the registration fee (exceptions may apply).

Own Your Wake

OWN YOUR WAKE

Under Minnesota law, the damage your boat wake causes is treated the same as damage caused by an actual collision. Respect others so everyone can enjoy their time on the water.

☑ Stay more than 200 feet away from shorelines, docks, swimmers, and watercraft.
Boats that create an artificial wake require even more distance to lower the impact.
☑ Minimize repetitive passes.
☑ Keep the noise down and be courteous to other boaters.

Top Boating Safety Tips

☑ Wear your life jacket —ensure children less than 10 years old always wear theirs.
☑ Stay sober—Alcohol is the #1 factor in boating fatalities.
☑ Share your Float Plan—Tell someone where you're going and when you will be back. If you're not back, they should call 911.
☑ Know your boat - stay alert while operating, scan for dangers; stay seated and low in the boat to prevent falls overboard.

Both are life jackets.
Both will save your life.
But only if they're worn.
#Wearit

Fishing Information

Most persons 16 to 89 are required to have the appropriate license with them when fishing (exception may apply). Licenses are available online and at many stores that sell fishing related goods. To purchase a license by phone 24 hours a day, call 1-MN-LICENSE (888-665-4236) or go to mndnr.gov/buyalicense.

Season dates and bag limits can vary from lake to lake. Size restrictions may exist and fishing in a particular lake could be closed or limited. Check the Special Regulations and the Minnesota Fishing Regulations for more information or online at mndnr.gov/fishing.

Do Your Part to Protect Minnesota Waters

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

AIS are non-native plants, animals, and diseases that harm fish populations, water quality and water recreation. Most boaters and anglers take action to prevent the spread of invasive species and protect Minnesota waters. To find out if a water body contains an AIS, visit mndnr.gov/lakefinder, visit mndnr.gov/infested, or look for an "Invasive Species Alert" sign at the public water access.

Watercraft Inspectors are Here to Help

Inspectors will inform you about AIS and will physically inspect your boat, trailer, other water-related equipment, and compartments that hold water. Be prepared:

When entering:

☑ Arrive cleaned and drained. Open the lids of closed compartments that could hold water, like live wells, so the inspector can see they are drained.

CLEAN IN CLEAN OUT

When exiting:

☑ Pull all drain plugs. Clean off any plants, mud and invasive animals.

Tell us how we are doing by emailing: wip.dnr@state.mn.us

Take Action

Before leaving the access or shoreland, you must:

☑ Clean your boat, trailer and gear to remove plants and prohibited invasive species.
☑ Drain all water and leave plugs out during transport.
☑ Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.
☑ To Keep leftover live baitfish: (1) bring extra bottled or dechlorinated tap water with you and (2) on shore before leaving, drain your bait container and refill it with the extra water.

Take these additional steps to reduce the risk of spreading AIS whenever possible:

☑ Decontaminate your equipment – find free stations at mndnr.gov/decon
☑ Spray your equipment with high-pressure water or rinse it with very hot water (120 degrees for at least two minutes or 140 degrees for at least 10 seconds).
☑ Dry your boat and gear for five days before using in another water body.

Know the Laws

☑ You may not transport aquatic plants or prohibited invasive species, dead or alive.
☑ You may not launch watercraft or place a trailer in the water if it has aquatic plants, zebra mussels or other prohibited invasive species attached or water present in compartments.
☑ You must drain all water, remove the drain plug(s) and leave all water-draining devices open when transporting watercraft, gear and equipment.
☑ You may not release bait or non-native species into Minnesota waters.
☑ You may need a permit to harvest bait or transport water from an infested water body.

mndnr.gov/AIS

Public Water Accesses in lower Cass & Wadena Counties

Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
CASS COUNTY (lower)				
Beauty Lake	D6	carry in	unknown	DNR
Bowen Lake	A5	concrete	LB,N,C,S	DNR
Crow Wing River: Green Oak Landing	E4	concrete	Various	DNR
Crow Wing River: Truck Station	E4	concrete	Various	DNR
Crow Wing River: Al-Vah's Landing	E5	concrete	Various	DNR
Lake Placid Reservoir	E5	concrete	Various	DNR
Crow Wing River: Wilder Landing	E6	concrete	Various	DNR
Crow Wing River: Sylvan Reservior	E6	carry in	Various	DNR
Crow Wing River: Fisherman's Bank	E6	concrete	Various	DNR
Crow Wing River: Fisherman's Bank	E6	shorefishing	Various	DNR
Cut Lake	A5	concrete	C,N,S	County
Dade Lake	D6	gravel	N / A	DNR
Deer Lake	A5	concrete	C,N,S	County
Fish Lake	B5	concrete	N / A	County
Green Bass Lake	D6	carry in	C,LB,S,W	DNR
Green Lake	B5	concrete	N / A	DNR
Gull Lake (Gull Narrows)	C6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Gull Lake (Gull Narrows)	C6	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Gull Lake (Government Pt.)	D6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	USCOE
Gull River	D6	carry in	Various	USCOE
Little Sand Lake	A6	carry in	N / A	DNR
Lizzie Lake	A6	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Loon Lake	C6	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Norway Lake (South)	A6	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Norway Lake (North)	A6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Pillager Dam	E5	shorefishing	Various	MN Power
Pillager Lake	E5	concrete	C,LB,N,S	Township
Pillager Lake	E5	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Pine Mountain Lake	A5	concrete	LB,N,S,W	DNR
Pine River #1	A6	concrete	Various	City
Pine River #1	A6	fishing pier	Various	DNR
Rock Lake	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Shafer Lake	D6	carry in	N / A	DNR
Spider Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	County
Sylvan Lake	E6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR

Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
WADENA COUNTY				
Blueberry Lake	A2	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Crow Wing River: Tree Farm Landing	A3	carry in	Various	County
Crow Wing River: Huntersville #1	A3	carry in	Various	County
Crow Wing River: Huntersville #2	A3	carry in	Various	DNR
Crow Wing River: Casey's Landing	A3	concrete	Various	DNR
Crow Wing River: St. Forest Campground	A3	carry in	Various	DNR
Crow Wing River: Mary Brown	A3	carry in	Various	DNR
Crow Wing River: Anderson's Crossing	B3	carry in	Various	County
Crow Wing River: Stigman's Mound	B3	carry in	Various	County
Crow Wing River: Frame's Landing	B3	carry in	Various	County
Crow Wing River: Little White Dog	C4	carry in	Various	County
Crow Wing River: Knob Hill Campsite	C4	carry in	Various	County
Crow Wing River: Cottingham Park	C4	carry in	Various	County
Crow Wing River: Bullard Bluff	D4	carry in	Various	County
Crow Wing River: Old Wadena Co. Park	D3	carry in	Various	County
Crow Wing River: McGivern Co. Park	D4	asphalt	Various	County
Crow Wing River: Orville's Landing	D4	concrete	Various	DNR
Crow Wing River: Marsh's Landing	D4	concrete	Various	DNR
Granning Lake	C3	carry in	N / A	DNR
Huntersville WMA (N)	A4	carry in	N / A	DNR
Huntersville WMA (S)	A3	carry in	N / A	DNR
Huntersville WMA (W)	A3	carry in	N / A	DNR
Lower Twin Lake	A2	concrete	C,N,S,ST,W	DNR
Shell River	A3	carry in	Various	DNR
South Twin Lake	A2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Spirit Lake	A2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Spirit Lake	A2	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Stocking Lake	A2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Yaeger Lake	B3	carry in	N / A	DNR

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

Administrator:
DNR - MN Dept. of Natural Resources
MN DOT - MN Dept. of Transportation
USFS - U.S. Forest Service
USFWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USCOE - U.S. Corps of Engineers
NPS - National Park Service

Accessible Accesses

Public water access sites developed after 2012 will have accessible parking spaces and accessible routes to the top of the boat ramp. Some sites have additional accessible routes to a dock and other site amenities. When known, 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.

If a facility is out of compliance or you have difficulty using any part of an access or pier, please report the problem 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.