Legend

- Water Access (Trailer)
- Water Access (Carry in)
- Fishing Pier
- Accessible Pier
- Accessible River
- Lake With No Access
- River or Stream
- State Water Trail
- Interstates or Highway
- County Or Township Road
- City Street
- Primitive Road

Scale in Miles

Location Map

See Itasca (southeast) for continuation

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Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Laws and Requirements:

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

- Clean all aquatic plants and animals
- Drain all water including bilge, livewells, livewells, bait buckets, motor and bullet 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 plants while preparing to leave. Pull the plug when you are done. If you have other people (especially kids) with you, have them learn it. Adding a few minutes will help safeguard our waters.

Cleaning water-related equipment is just as important as cleaning your boats, so please remember to do so.

AIS Ballast Laws:

It is illegal to transport lake and river water. To save your boat (minnows or leeches), the DNR recommends bringing your water ballast on board when you land and pouring it into the water vehicle or cooler. Brining ice can be a good way to cool your ballast down.

DO NOT dump unwanted water into water bodies or on the shoreline! Unwanted ballast 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, clean, clean!” If you have assistance, have questions about the laws, or are curious about local programs, please ask.

Ways you can help the Watercraft Inspectors:

- Please clean your boat and fill all ballast as soon as you are safely away from shore. Some inspectors conduct inspections and/or Decontamination Unit (if present) at a distance, and they have spent time at boat ramps and marinas in the area.

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 - pull weeds off boats or other such tasks. They also have grabbing tools for plants

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

Safe Boating:

Personal Floatation Devices (PFD): on all boats (except a sailboat) regardless of length there must be a readily accessible Coast Guard approved wearable PFD for each person on board. In addition, on boats over 16 feet or longer, except canoes and kayaks, there must 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: Specialty laws including operating a PFD 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.