Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Laws and Requirements:

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

Clean off all aquatic plants and animals.
Drain all water including bilge, livewells, livewells, ballast, bucket, motor and motor tanks.
Pull the plug and leave it out.

Get into the habit of taking these three simple steps, and ask the boat owner or you yourself to do the same while you’re cleaning your boat. Please also remember to:

Clean anchors, ropes, fishing tackle, and other objects that were in the water. Many AIS are transported in mud or in fishing line and rope.
Carry watercraft, kayaks, and other watercraft before leaving the boat.

There are further details on how to help protect your waters.

AIS Ball Law:

It is illegal to transport lake and river water. To save your boat (minnows or leeches), the DNR recommends bringing in or tap water or fresh water you are keeping in your vehicle or cooler. Bring 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 waste must be disposed of in the trash.

Working Together to Protect the Waters:

Watercraft Inspectors are here to ensure watercraft equipment are “clean, clean, clean” before leaving the access. If you have questions about the laws, or are curious about the program, please ask.

You can make a difference by joining the DNR Adopt-A-River program. You can purchase a portion of your favorite recreation area. Call the DNR Information Center for a brochure or visit www.mndnr.gov/adoptariver.

Safe Boating:

Personal flotation devices (PFDs): On all boats (except a sailboat) regardless of length there must be a readily accessible PFD approved inflatable PFD for each person on board. In addition, all boats 16 feet or longer, except canoes and kayaks, must have 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 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.

Water Body Name | Map Grid Location | Ramp Type | Fish Species | Administrator
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August Lake | E2 carry in | N/W | USFS
Bearskin Lake | E2 carry in | N | USFS
Beaver Lake | E2 carry in | ST | USFS
Birch Lake (W) | E1 concrete, LB, N,S,B,W | USFS
Birch Lake (Hwy. 1) | D1 asphalt, LB, N,S,B,W | MN DOT
Birch Lake (N) | D1 asphalt, LB, N,S,B,W, USFS
Bright Lake | C1 carry in | N | USFS
Edith Lake | E3 carry in | N/A | USFS
Camps Lake/Story River | F1 carry in | N/A | USFS
Choke Lake | E1 carry in | N | USFS
Cedar Lake | C1 concrete, C,N,W | DNR
Croskie Lake | F5 concrete, M,SRW | USFS/DONR
Cross River Lake | E5 carry in | N | USFS
Dams Lake | F2 carry in | N,W | USFS
Discovery Lake | C3 carry in | ST | DNR
Discovery Lake | C3 carry in | ST | DNR
Divide Lake | F4 carry in | USFS
Drogo Lake | E2 carry in | N,C,S,W | USFS
Dumbell Lake | F4 concrete | M,SRW | USFS
Dunmore Lake | E2 carry in | S,B,W | USFS
East Club Lake | E2 earth | S,N,W | USFS
Eche Lake | F5 carry in | USFS
Eighnt Lake | F3 carry in | W | USFS
Ellet Lake | F5 carry in | N | USFS
Emin Lake | C3 carry in | ST | DNR
Fell Lake (N) | C1 asphalt, C,N,W | USFS
Fell Lake (S) | C1 earth, C,N,W | DNR
Farm Lake | D1 concrete, C,N,S,W | USFS
Platnum Lake | F3 carry in | N,S,W | USFS
Garden Lake | C1 concrete, N,S,B,W | DNR
Garden Lake | C1 concrete, N,S,B,W | DNR
Gogiska Lake | F3 gravel | USFS
Glacier Pond One | C2 carry in | ST | USFS
Glenmore Lake | C2 carry in | ST | USFS
Gold Tenney Lake | E5 carry in | N/A | USFS
Grovel Lake | E3 carry in | C,N,S,W | USFS
Hare Lake | F5 carry in | N/A | USFS
Harrist Lake | F5 concrete, C,N,W | USFS
Harriet Lake | E1 carry in | C,N,S,W | USFS
Hog Creek | D5 carry in | N,A | USFS
Hogback Lake | F5 earth | ST | USFS

Water Body Name | Map Grid Location | Ramp Type | Fish Species | Administrator
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1 Ingla Lake | E3 carry in | N | USFS
1 Isabell Lake | D4 carry in | N | USFS
1 Island River | D4 carry in | N | USFS
1 Island River - Isabell | E4 carry in | Varus | USFS
Judd Lake | C3 carry in | ST | DNR
Kaiserline Lake | D5 carry in | N | USFS
Little Golden Lake | D2 carry in | N | USFS
Little Isabell Lake | E3 carry in | Varus | USFS
Little Wilton Lake | F5 gravel | W | USFS
McDougle Lake | F2 concrete | N | USFS
Moore Lake | C2 asphalt, N,SRW | USFS
Ninemile Lake | F5 concrete | C,N,W | USFS
Ninemile Lake | F5 concrete | C,N,W | USFS
Noyama Lake | E2 carry in | ST | DNR
Onsby Lake | C2 concrete | S,W,G,L,B | USFS
One Lake | C3 carry in | N,S,W | USFS
Pike Lake | E2 carry in | L,B | USFS
Rapid Lake | F4 carry in | ST | USFS
Rockey Lake | F4 carry in | ST | USFS
Sand Lake | F2 carry in | N | USFS
Section Lake | E4 earth | N/A | USFS
Shamrock Lake | E4 carry in | L,B | USFS
Silver Island Lake | E5 concrete | N | USFS
Snowbank Lake | C3 concrete | LT,N,W | DNR
Snowbank Lake | C3 concrete | LT,N,W | DNR
Snow Lake | C3 concrete | LT,N,W | DNR
Snow Lake | D2 carry in | Varius | USFS
Snow Lake | D1 concrete | Varus | USFS
Snowy River - Stony Tower | F3 carry in | Varus | USFS
Stony River | F2 carry in | Varus | USFS
Stub Lake | C1 concrete | C,N,S,W | DNR
Surprises Lake | E2 carry in | C,N,S,W | USFS
Sylvers Lake | E4 carry in | N | USFS
T 1 Lake | T1 concrete | W | USFS
Taffe Lake | C2 concrete | ST | USFS
Tapp Lake | E4 carry in | N | USFS
Tapp Deer Lake | E4 carry in | N | USFS
Walt Lake | F5 carry in | N/A | USFS
Walter Lake | F5 carry in | N/A | USFS
White Iron Lake | D1 carry in | DNR
Wislon Lake | F5 gravel | N | USFS
Windy Lake | E3 gravel | N | USFS
Wood Lake | D3 carry in | USFS
Wye Lake | E3 carry in | N | USFS

Boating in Minnesota:

The annual Minnesota Boating Guide summarizes Minnesota’s boating laws and regulations in easy-to-follow form. The guide supplies information about proper procedures to recreate on the state’s lakes and rivers. Operator age restrictions apply to operators 17 years old and younger.

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

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