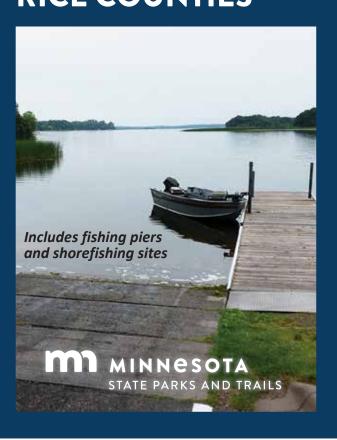


# LE SUEUR AND **RICE COUNTIES**





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Minnesota State Parks and Trails-Grand Rapids (218) 999-7923

## 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

mndnr.gov

#### 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

## **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

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. ✓ Stav 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



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#### 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.



#### 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

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

container and refill it with the extra water.

☐ 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 Le Sueur & Rice Counties**

**Water Body Name** 

Water Body Name		Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
LE SU	EUR CO.				
Cannon River - Waterville		D3	concrete	C,N,S,W	City
Clear Lake		B2	concrete	C,N,P,S	DNR
Clear Lake		B2	fishing pier	C,N,P,S	County
Diamond Lake		C3	carry in	C,N,S,W	DNR
Dora	Lake	C3	gravel	Wildlife,C,N	DNR
Elysian Lake (N)		D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Emily Lake		C1	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Fish Lake		D3	concrete	LB,N,S	County
Franc	cis Lake (West)	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Franc	cis Lake (East)	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Francis Lake (East)		D2	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Gern	nan Lake (North)	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Gern	nan Lake (Southwest)	C2	carry-in/pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Gorn	nan Lake (West)	C3	gravel	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Gorn	nan Lake (South)	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Gorr	nan Lake (Southeast)	C3	carry-in	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Greenleaf Lake		В3	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Henr	y Lake	C2	gravel	Wildlife	DNR
Jeffe	rson Lake	C2	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Jeffe	rson Lake (West)	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Jeffe	rson Lake (East)	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
	rson Lake dner's Sawmill)	C2	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	County
	Kasota	C1	carry in	CF,N,W	County
OTA ~	St. Peter	C1	concrete	CF,N,W	City
MINNESOTA RIVER	Ottawa	B1	carry-in	CF,N,W	County
2 2	Le Sueur	A1	carry-in	CF,N,W	City
_	Henderson Station	A1	concrete	CF,N,W	City
Pepir	n Lake	A3	concrete	S,N	County
Ray's Lake		D2	gravel	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Ray's Lake		D2	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Rice Lake		В3	carry-in	Wildlife	DNR
Roemhildts Lake		C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Sabre Lake		C3	gravel	C,N,S,W	County
Saint Peter Trout Ponds		C1	shorefishing	ST	DNR
Sakatah Lake (State Park)		D3	fishing pier	C,N,S,W	DNR
Sanborn Lake		A3	gravel	Wildlife	DNR
Scotch Lake		C2	gravel	Wildlife,W	DNR
Steele Lake		D2	gravel	S,N	County
Sunfish Lake		C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Tetor	nka Lake 🔥	D3	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Tetonka Lake		D3	fishing pier	C,N,S,W	DNR
Tetonka Lake		D3	fishing pier	C,N,S,W	City
Thomas Lake		A2	carry-in	Wildlife	DNR
Tustin Lake		D3	carry-in	Wildlife	City
Volney Lake 🔥		В3	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Washington Lake (West)		C1	concrete	C,N,S,LB,W	DNR
Washington Lake (North)		C1	concrete	C,N,S,LB,W	DNR

RICE	E CO.				
C	Cannon Lake	C5	concrete	S,N,W	DNR
C	Cannon Lake	C5	fishing pier	S,N,W	DNR
CANNON RIVER	Cannon River Dam	D4	shore fishing	Various	DNR
	Morristown Muni. Pk.	D4	carry in	Various	City
	Sakatah Singing Hills Tr.	D4	shore fishing	Various	DNF
	Kings Mill Park	C5	fishing pier	Various	Coun
	So. Alexander Park	C5	concrete	Various	City
	Two Rivers Park	C5	shore fishing	Various	City
	Two Rivers Park	C5	cary in	Various	City
	Wilderness Park	B5	carry in	Various	Coun
	Dundas Muni. Park	B5	carry in	Various	City
	Dundas Island	B5	carry in	Various	City
	Sechler Park	B5	carry in	Various	Coun
	Riverside Park	В6	carry in	Various	City
C	Caron Lake	C4	gravel	N,C,S	DNF
C	Cedar Lake 🔥	C4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNF
C	Circle Lake	B4	concrete	C,N,LB,S,W	DNF
C	Circle Lake	B4	fishing pier	C,N,LB,S,W	DNF
C	Cody Lake	B4	concrete	N/A	DNF
C	Cody Lake	B4	fishing pier	N/A	DNF
D	Oudley Lake / Kelly Lake	C4	gravel	C,LB,N,S	DNF
F	ox Lake	B5	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNF
F	ox Lake	B5	fishing pier	C,N,S,W	Towns
F	rench Lake	C4	concrete	C,M,N,S,W	DNF
Н	lorseshoe Lake	C4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNF
Н	lunt Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNF
Ν	Mazaska Lake (SE)	B4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNF
Ν	Mazaska Lake (SW)	B4	concrete	C,N,S,W	Coun
Р	aulson WMA	B5	carry in	unknown	DNF
Р	Peat Bog WMA	A5	carry in	unknown	DNF
Р	helps Lake	B5	gravel	W,C,N	DNF
R	Roberds Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNF
R	Robert J. Lick WMA	B4	carry in	C,N,S,W	DNF
S	akatah Lake (Upper)	D3	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNF
S	hields Lake	B4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNF
S	prague Lake	D4	carry in	N,C,S	DNF
S	traight River (Co Rd 19)	D5	carry in	Various	DNF
S	traight River (TeePee Tonka Park)	C5	carry in	Various	City
- 1	Jnion Lake	B5	concrete	N,C,S	Coun

Map Grid

Location

Ramp

Type

Fish

**Species Administrator** 

Fish Species:

C — Crappie, CF — Catfish, LB — Largemouth Bass, M — Muskellunge, N — Northern Pike, S — Sunfish, ST — Stream Trout, W — Walleve, Wildlife=wildlife lake/river

## 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.

