

# **OTTER TAIL COUNTY**





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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

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 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.

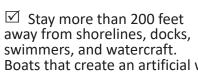
#### Boating Laws

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

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.



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



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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

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 Otter Tail County**

Map Grid

Location

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Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator	Water Body Name
Adley Lake	E6	concrete	N/A	City	Murphy Lake
Adley Lake	E6	fishing pier	N/A	City/DNR	Nitche Lake
Anderson Lake	C3	earth	LB,N,S	DNR	North Turtle Lake
Anna Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Norway Lake
Annie Battle Lake* Bass Lake	D4	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W S,W	DNR	Orwell Reservoir
Bear Lake	D3 A5	concrete earth	C,N,S,W	City	Otter Tail Lake (Riviera) Otter Tail Lake (Sportsmans)
Beers Lake*	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Otter Tail Lake (Pelican Bay)
Beers Lake*	В3	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Otter Tail Lake (Pelican Bay)
Big McDonald Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Otter Tail Lake (Riverside)
Big Pine Lake (E)	B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Otter Tail Lake (W)
Big Pine Lake (W)	B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Diversion Dam
Big Pine Lake (N)	A5	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Robert Hannah Rec. Area
Blanche Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Robert Hannah Rec. Area
Block Lake Boedigheimer Lake	E5 B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W N / A	DNR DNR	Phelps Mill
Brown Lake	C4	carry in	N/A	DNR	Phelps Mill Hwy 72 Red River Lake (W) Hwy. 1 Hwy 210
Buchannan Lake	C5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Hwy. 1
Chautauqua Lake	D3	concrete	N/A	DNR	Hwy 210
Clear Lake	E3	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR	Mt. Faith
Clitherall Lake	D4	concrete	LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR	Dayton Reservior
Crystal Lake	В3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Fergus Falls
Dead Lake (N)	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	Township	Paul Lake
Dead Lake (WMA)	C4	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Pebble Lake
Dead Lake (SE)	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Pebble Lake
Dead Lake (SW) Deer Lake 📥	C3 C4	concrete concrete	C,LB,N,S,W C,LB,N,S,W	DNR DNR	Pelican Lake (E)
Devils Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Pelican Lake (W) Pelican River (Mill Pond)
Donalds Lake	C5	concrete	N/A	City	Pickerel Lake
Eagle Lake	E4	concrete	LB,N,S,W	Township	Pleasant Lake (E)
East Battle Lake	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,ST,W	DNR	Pleasant Lake (W)
East Leaf Lake	C5	concrete	N/A	DNR	Portage Lake
East Lost Lake	C3	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Prairie Lake
East Spirit Lake	В3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Rice Lake
East Silent Lake	B3	asphalt	C,N,S,W	DNR	Rose Lake
Elbow Lake Ellingson Lake	D4 D4	concrete earth	C,LB,N,S,W LB,N,S,W	DNR DNR	Round Lake
Ethel Lake	C4	concrete	LB,N,S,W	DNR	Round Lake Round (Maine) Lake
Fish Lake	E5	concrete	W	DNR	Rush Lake (E)
Fish Lake	C3	concrete	W	DNR	Rush Lake (W)
Fiske Lake	D4	concrete	N,S,W	DNR	Rush Lake (W)
Fladmark Lake*	C3	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Rush Lake
Franklin Lake (NE)	A3	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Scalp Lake
Franklin Lake (W)	A3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Sewell Lake
German Lake	D3	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Silver Lake
Heilberger Lake Hoffman Lake	C3 B3	concrete concrete	C,LB,N,S,W N / A	DNR DNR	Silver Lakes
Hoot Lake	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City	Six Lake South Turtle Lake
Hoot Lake	D2	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Spitzer Lake
Jewett Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Stalker Lake
Johnson Lake	E3	concrete	LB,N,S,W	DNR	Star Lake (N)
Jolly Ann Lake	E4	concrete	N/A	DNR	Star Lake (E)
Leek Lake	А3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Stuart Lake
Lida Lake (North Shore)	В3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Swan Lake
Lida Lake* (South Arm)	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Sybil Lake
Little McDonald Lake (N)	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Tamarack Lake
Little McDonald Lake (S)  Little Pickerel Lake	B4 B4	concrete earthen	C,LB,N,S,W N / A	DNR DNR	Ten Mile Lake Twentyone Lake*
Little Pine Lake (E)	B5	concrete	N,S,W	DNR	Twin Lakes
Little Pine Lake (SW)	B5	concrete	N,S,W	City	Walker Lake
Lizzie Lake (N)	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR	Wall Lake
Lizzie Lake (SW)	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR	West Battle Lake (W)
Long Lake	A4	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	City/DNR	West Battle Lake (E)
Long Lake	A4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	West Leaf Lake
Long Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	West Lost Lake
Long Lake	E3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	West McDonald Lake
Long Lake Loon Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR DNR	West Red River Lake
Loon Lake Marion Lake	A3 B4	concrete concrete	C,LB,N,S,W C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	West Silent Lake West Silent Lake
McDonald Lake	B4 B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Wright Lake
Middle Lake	E4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	WINGING LUNC
Middle Leaf Lake	C5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Accessible Accesse
Molly Stark Lake*	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Accessible Accesse
			C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Developed, acce

Species: Bass, 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

USFWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

OTPC - Otter Tail Power Company

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Developed, accessible sites are identified with the red, accessible mbol shown above.

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.