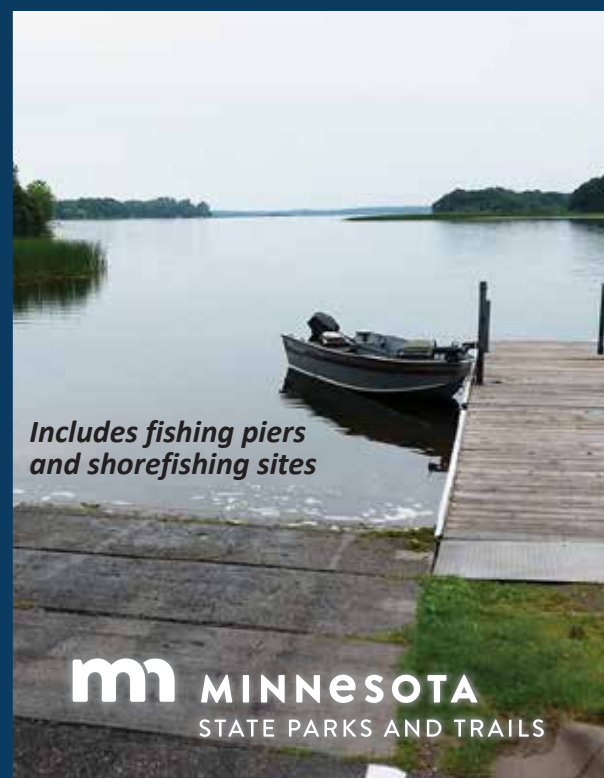


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Minnesota State Parks and Trails-Grand Rapids
(218) 999-7923

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

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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

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/buylicense.

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 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

Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator	Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
Adley Lake	E6	concrete	N / A	City	Murphy Lake	A4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Adley Lake	E6	fishing pier	N / A	City/DNR	Nitche Lake	B5	gravel	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Anderson Lake	C3	earth	LB,N,S	DNR	North Turtle Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Anna Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Norway Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Annie Battle Lake*	D4	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Orwell Reservoir	D2	concrete	Various	DNR
Bass Lake	D3	concrete	S,W	City	Otter Tail Lake (Riviera)	C4	concrete	N,S,W	DNR
Bear Lake	A5	earth	C,N,S,W	DNR	Otter Tail Lake (Sportsmans)	C4	concrete	N,S,W	DNR
Beers Lake*	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Otter Tail Lake (Pelican Bay)	C4	concrete	N,S,W	DNR
Beers Lake*	B3	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Otter Tail Lake (Pelican Bay)	C4	fishing pier	N,S,W	DNR
Big McDonald Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Otter Tail Lake (Riverside)	C4	concrete	N,S,W	DNR
Big Pine Lake (E)	B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Otter Tail Lake (W)	C4	fishing pier	N,S,W	DNR
Big Pine Lake (W)	B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Diversion Dam	D3	carry in	Various	OTPC
Big Pine Lake (N)	A5	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Robert Hannah Rec. Area	D4	fishing pier	Various	DNR
Blanche Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Robert Hannah Rec. Area	D4	carry in	Various	DNR
Block Lake	E5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Phelps Mill	C3	carry in	Various	County
Boedigheimer Lake	B4	concrete	N / A	DNR	Hwy 72	C4	concrete	Various	DNR
Brown Lake	C4	carry in	N / A	DNR	Red River Lake (W)	D3	carry in	Various	DNR
Buchanan Lake	C5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Hwy. 1	C3	carry in	Various	DNR
Chautauqua Lake	D3	concrete	N / A	DNR	Hwy 210	D2	carry in	Various	DNR
Clear Lake	E3	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR	Mt. Faith	D3	carry in	Various	DNR
Clitherrall Lake	D4	concrete	LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR	Dayton Reservoir	D2	concrete	Various	DNR
Crystal Lake	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Fergus Falls	D2	fishing pier	Various	City
Dead Lake (N)	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	Township	Paul Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Dead Lake (WMA)	C4	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Pebble Lake	D2	concrete	C,N,S,ST,W	City
Dead Lake (SE)	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Pebble Lake	D2	fishing pier	C,N,S,ST,W	City/DNR
Dead Lake (SW)	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Pelican Lake (E)	A2	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Deer Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Pelican Lake (W)	A3	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Devils Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Pelican River (Mill Pond)	B2	fishing pier	N / A	City/DNR
Donalds Lake	C5	concrete	N / A	City	Pickere Lake	C3	concrete	N / A	DNR
Eagle Lake	E4	concrete	LB,N,S,W	Township	Pleasant Lake (E)	C3	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
East Battle Lake	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,ST,W	DNR	Pleasant Lake (W)	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
East Leaf Lake	C5	concrete	N / A	DNR	Portage Lake	C5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
East Lost Lake	C3	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Prairie Lake	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
East Spirit Lake	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Rice Lake	A4	concrete	N / A	DNR
East Silent Lake	B3	asphalt	C,N,S,W	DNR	Rose Lake	A4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Elbow Lake	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Round Lake	B4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Ellingson Lake	D4	earth	LB,N,S,W	DNR	Round Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Ethel Lake	C4	concrete	LB,N,S,W	DNR	Round (Maine) Lake	C3	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Fish Lake	E5	concrete	W	DNR	Rush Lake (E)	C5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Fish Lake	C3	concrete	W	DNR	Rush Lake (W)	C5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Fiske Lake	D4	concrete	N,S,W	DNR	Rush Lake (W)	C5	shorefishing	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Fladmark Lake*	C3	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Rush Lake	D2	carry in	N / A	USFWS
Franklin Lake (NE)	A3	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Scalp Lake	A4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Franklin Lake (W)	A3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Sewell Lake	E3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
German Lake	D3	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Silver Lake	A4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Heilberger Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Silver Lakes	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Hoffman Lake	B3	concrete	N / A	DNR	Six Lake	A4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Hoot Lake	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City	South Turtle Lake	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Hoot Lake	D2	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Spitzer Lake	E4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Jewett Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Stalker Lake	E3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Johnson Lake	E3	concrete	LB,N,S,W	DNR	Star Lake (N)	B3	concrete	N / A	DNR
Jolly Ann Lake	E4	concrete	N / A	DNR	Star Lake (E)	B4	concrete	N / A	DNR
Leek Lake	A3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Stuart Lake	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Lida Lake (North Shore)	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Swan Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Lida Lake* (South Arm)	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Sybil Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Little McDonald Lake (N)	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Tamarack Lake	A2	concrete	N / A	DNR
Little McDonald Lake (S)	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Ten Mile Lake	E3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Little Pickerel Lake	B4	earththen	N / A	DNR	Twentyone Lake*	C3	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Little Pine Lake (E)	B5	concrete	N,S,W	DNR	Twin Lakes	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Little Pine Lake (SW)	B5	concrete	N,S,W	City	Walker Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Lizzie Lake (N)	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR	Wall Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Lizzie Lake (SW)	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR	West Battle Lake (W)	D4	concrete	C,LB,M,N,S,W	City
Long Lake	A4	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	City/DNR	West Battle Lake (E)	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,M,S,W	DNR
Long Lake	A4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	West Leaf Lake	C5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Long Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	West Lost Lake	C3	asphalt	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Long Lake	E3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	West McDonald Lake	B4	concrete	N / A	DNR
Long Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	West Red River Lake	C3	concrete	N / A	DNR
Loon Lake	A3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	West Silent Lake	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Marion Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	West Silent Lake	B3	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
McDonald Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	Wright Lake	D3	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Middle Lake	E4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR					
Middle Leaf Lake	C5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR					
Molly Stark Lake*	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR					
Molly Stark Lake*	D4	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR					

* State Park Sticker Required

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

Fish Species: C — Crappie, LB — Largemouth

Bass, M — Muskellunge, N — Northern Pike, S — Sunfish, SB — Smallmouth Bass, ST — Stream Trout, W — Walleye, N / A — Not Available

Accessible Accesses



Developed, accessible sites are identified with the red, accessible symbol 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.