

Angle Inlet......19 miles

MAP AND GUIDE: GARDEN ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA

C/O ZIPPEL BAY STATE PARK
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VISITOR TIPS

- While enjoying the area, keep an eye out for rocks, roots, poison ivy and ticks.
- Keep our lakes pristine. Check your watercraft for invasives before and after launching.
- Appreciate wildlife from a safe distance. Do not feed wildlife, even chipmunks and squirrels.
- In an emergency call 911.
- Non-emergency sheriff's number: 218-634-1143.

FACILITIES AND FEATURES

- Safe harbor
- Boat docking
- Picnic area
- Fire rings
- Toilets
- Shelter



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ABOUT THE PARK

Garden Island State Recreation Area is located 23 miles due north of Zippel Bay State Park. It is situated in the SE corner of the Northwest Angle, some 19 miles from the Angle Inlet and 10 miles from Oak Island.

Getting out to this 762-acre island is part of its attraction. Setting course across the Big Traverse Bay of Lake of the Woods to Garden Island is a great experience in itself. As visitors set their bearings from the lake's south shore for this island that can not yet be seen across the distant horizon, they will truly appreciate the size of this big lake.

Once visitors have reached Garden Island, they are still not even close to the northern side of this massive lake. At its farthest reaches, Lake of the Woods is 90 miles long by 55 miles wide. This lake is truly ocean-like in its size and moods. Imagine a lake with 1,485 square miles of water, 65,000 miles of shoreline and over 14,000 islands! Or better yet, come and experience it for yourself.

Garden Island offers a sandy beach for swimming and boat docking, accessible by even the largest



The island's wild beauty is worth the effort to get there!

of boats found on the lake. Most visitors to the island are fishermen taking a break from the confines of their boat. However, this island is worthy of making the voyage out just to walk the undeveloped beaches or explore its thick forest interior.

SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE PARK...

A FULL SET OF STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT MNDNR.GOV.



PARK OPEN

8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.



VEHICLE PERMITS

No vehicles allowed on the island, with the exception of snowmobiles in the winter.



FIREWOOD

Firepits are available for fisherman wishing to prepare a shore lunch. Purchase firewood only from the Zippel Bay State Park office or approved vendor; no gathering of firewood is permitted in the recreation area.



CAMPING

This is a day-use park only. No camping is allowed.

RECREATION AREA HIGHLIGHTS

- Shore lunch
- Beach walking
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Boating
- Hiking
- Birdwatching
- Snowmobiling

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Nesting bald eagles
- Spectacular beaches

? MORE INFORMATION

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Information Center 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155-4040 888-646-6367 or mndnr.gov/parks

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- SNOWMOBILING

Garden Island lies along the Ballard snowmobile trail, about 35 miles from Baudette. This snowmobile trail continues up to Oak Island and the Angle Inlet. A ride across the open expanse of snow-covered ice will leave a lasting impression, with a feeling of crossing the Arctic tundra. Escape the winter wind in the shelter on the island. A snowmobile trail from Warroad to the Angle Inlet also runs past the island's western tip.