

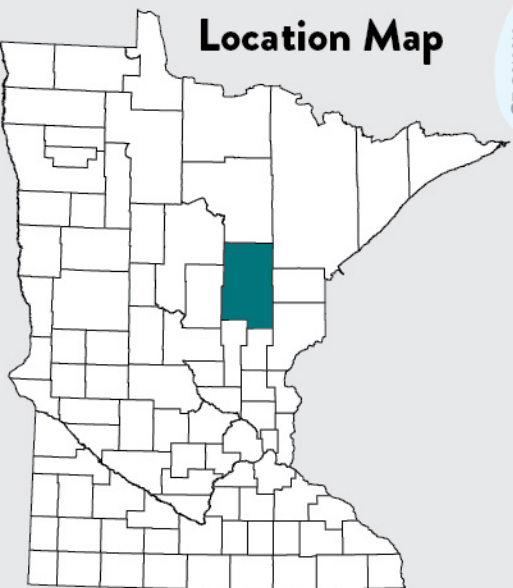
Aitkin County

-  Water Access (Trailer)
-  Water Access (Carry in)
-  Fishing Pier
-  Dam (on State Water Trail)
-  Lake with Access
-  Lake With No Access
-  River with Access
-  River or Stream
-  State Water Trail

NORTH

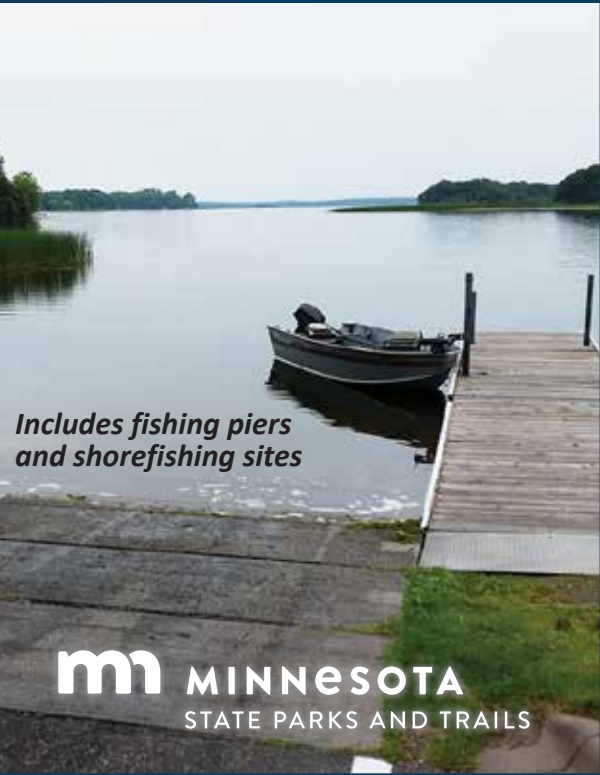


Location Map



0 1 2 3 4 5 6
Scale in Miles

AITKIN COUNTY



Photos: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, unless otherwise noted.

Persons with disabilities may request this information in an alternative format.



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 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.



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 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 Aitkin County

Water Body Name					Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
Ball Bluff Lake					A4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Big Pine Lake					E2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
BIG SANDY LAKE	Dam	B4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR			
	North	B4	concrete	C,N,S,W	USCOE			
	East	C4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR			
	South	C4	concrete	C,N,S,W	Township			
Blackface Lake					A4	concrete	LB,N,S,	DNR
Blind Lake					C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Blue Lake					D2	carry in	ST	DNR
Cedar Lake					D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Clear Lake					E3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Cutaway Lake					B4	carry in	N,S,W	County
Dam Lake					D3	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Elm Island Lake					D2	earth	C,N,S,W	DNR
Esquagamah Lake					C2	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Farm Island Lake					E2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Farm Island Lake (N)					D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Fleming Lake					C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
French Lake					C3	earth	C,N,S,W	DNR
Gun Lake					C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Hammal Lake					D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Hanging Kettle Lake					D2	concrete	N / A	DNR
Hanson Lake					D2	concrete	C,S	DNR
Hay Lake					A4	concrete	C,N,S	DNR
Hickory/Pine Lakes					D2	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Hickory Lake					D2	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Hill Lake					A3	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Hill Lake (North)					A3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Hill Lake (South)					A3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Little Ball Bluff Lake					A4	earth	C,LB,N,S	County
Little Pine					F5	carry-in	N/A	DNR
Little Pine					F5	fishing pier	N/A	DNR
Lone Lake					E2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
* Long Lake					D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Loon (Town Line) Lake					B5	concrete	LT/ST	DNR
Mallard (Rice) Lake					E2	carry in	wildlife lake	DNR
MILLE LACS LAKE	Malmo	E3	concrete	C,M,N,S,SB,W	DNR			
	North Garrison Bay	E2	concrete	C,M,N,S,SB,W	DNR			
	Wealthwood	E2	concrete	C,M,N,S,SB,W	DNR			
	Co. Hwy. 37	E2	carry in	C,M,N,S,SB,W	DNR			
	Pike Point	F1	concrete	C,M,N,S,SB,W	DNR			
	Shaw-bush-kung	F2	concrete	C,M,N,S,SB,W	DNR			
	Liberty Beach	F3	concrete	C,M,N,S,SB,W	DNR			
	Cedar Creek	F3	concrete	C,M,N,S,SB,W	DNR			
	Minnewawa Lake (SE)	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR			

Water Body Name					Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
Minnewawa Lake (E)					C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Minnewawa Lake (W)					C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	Township
MISSISSIPPI RIVER	Jacobson Campground	A4	concrete	various	County			
	Lee Ferry	B4	carry in	various	DNR			
	Wold's Ferry Crossing	C4	concrete	various	DNR			
	Palisade	C3	concrete	various	County			
	Hwy 169	C2	concrete	various	County			
	Co. Rd. 54	D2	carry in	various	County			
	Aitkin Access	D2	concrete	various	County			
	Moulton Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR			
	Nord Lake	D2	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR			
Portage Lake					D3	concrete	C,N,S	DNR
Rabbit Lake					D3	earth	C,N,S	DNR
Reddy Creek					E3	carry in	N / A	DNR
Remote Lake					B4	carry in	N / A	DNR
Rice River (open May 1 - Nov 30, no motors)					D4	concrete	various	USFWS
Ripple Lake					D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Rock Lake					C4	concrete	C,N,S	DNR
Round Lake					C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	USFS
Round Lake					C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Round Lake					E2	concrete	N,S,W	DNR
* Sandy River Lake (Hwy. 65)					C4	earth	various	DNR
Savanna Lake					B5	carry in	N / A	DNR
* Section 12 Lake					D3	concrete	C,S,LB,N	DNR
* Shumway (Green) Lake					B5	concrete	C,N,S	DNR
* Shumway (Green) Lake					B5	fishing pier	C,N,S	DNR
Sissabagamah Lake					D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Snake River (Bear Creek)					F4	carry in	various	DNR
Snake River (Silver Star Rd)					F4	earth	various	County
Snake River (Aitkin Co Pk)					F4	carry in	various	County
Spirit Lake					E2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Sugar Lake					E3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Swamp Lake					E3	carry in	N / A	DNR
Taylor Lake					A3	carry in	ST	DNR
Turner Lake					C3	carry in	C,N,S	County
Twenty Lake					E3	carry in	N / A	DNR
Vanduse Lake					A4	earth	C,LB,N,S	County
Washburn Lake					A3	earth	N / A	DNR
Waukenabo Lake					C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
White Elk Lake					B2	gravel	N / A	DNR
Wilkins Lake					C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	Township
* Wladimiraf (Section 10) Lake					D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Wolf Lake					B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR

Fish Species: C — Crappie, LB — Largemouth Bass, LT — Lake Trout, 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
USFS - U.S. Forest Service
USFWS - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USCOE - U.S. Corps of Engineers
NPS - National Park Service

* State Park Vehicle Permit Required



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.

