Crow Wing County

- Water Access (Trailer)
- Water Access (Carry in)
- Fishing Pier
- Shore Fishing
- Dam (on State Water Trail)
- Lake with Access
- Lake With No Access
- Lake with Invasive Species Visit mndnr.gov/invasives for more information
- Accessible Access (see text side for more information)
- River with Access
- River or Stream
- State Water Trail

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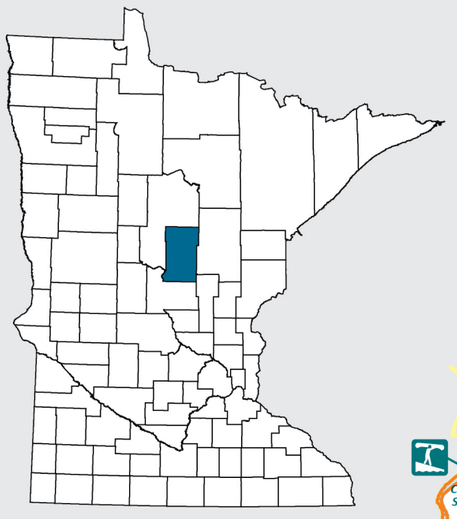
Scale In Miles

Location Map



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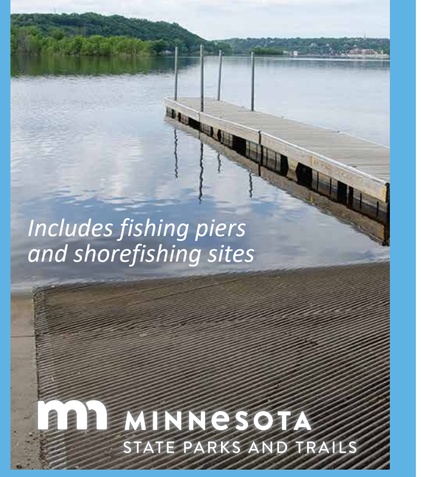
STATE PUBLIC WATER ACCESS MAP

CROW WING COUNTY



Includes fishing piers and shorefishing sites

MINNESOTA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

Clean in
Clean out

Clean your watercraft, Drain all water, Dispose of unused bait.

Federal Aid Project funded by your purchase of fishing equipment and motor boat fuels.

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

Public Water Access in Minnesota:

The Minnesota DNR State Parks and Trail's water recreation program provides approximately 1,650 boat accesses, over 365 fishing piers and shore fishing sites and manages 35 designated Water Trails in Minnesota. The DNR, Federal Government and local communities operate boat accesses. See the table on the right for specific site information. **The DNR boating programs are funded by user fees** including boat license & gas tax related to marine use.

Public accesses are usually open 24 hours unless otherwise posted. Most sites have launch ramps but some sites, especially on smaller rivers, are carry in only. Bathrooms and docks are usually located only on the larger and busier sites.

Public Water Access Rules - The launch area must be kept clear and the following activities are unlawful: littering, camping, shooting, building fires, and consuming alcoholic beverages. See Minnesota Rules, chapter 6218 for complete rules.

Boating in Minnesota

The annual ***Minnesota Boating Guide*** summarizes Minnesota's boating laws and regulations in an easy-to-read form. The guide supplies information about operating watercraft on the state's lakes and rivers. Operator age restrictions apply to operators 17 years old and younger.

Licensing - All motorized and non-motorized watercraft must be licensed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Please contact the DNR License Bureau for information.

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Fishing in Minnesota

Fishing Regulations and Licensing - All persons 16 and older are required to have the appropriate license with them when fishing. Licenses are available through the DNR License Bureau, most County Auditors and many stores that sell fishing related goods. Trout fishing requires a trout stamp. For more information call the DNR information Center at (651) 296-6157 or 1-888-646-6367. To purchase a license by phone 24 hours a day, call 1-888-MN-LICENSE (665-4236).

Selective Harvest Fishing - Improved technology and increased fishing have caused the quality of fishing to decline in many waters. Practicing "Selective Harvest" offers anglers an opportunity to take some fish home while releasing others back into the water to improve fishing quality. Here are some tips to use for effective **Selective Harvest fishing**:

- ☑ Use barbless hooks
- ☑ Play the fish quickly and handle the fish carefully
- ☑ Never hold the fish by the eyes
- ☑ Use a needle nose pliers to remove hooks or cut the line if it is too deep
- ☑ Ease the fish back into the water, do not throw it back.

Safe Boating

LIFE JACKETS. They Float. You Don't.

Life Jackets - On all boats (except a sailboard) regardless of length there must be a readily accessible Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket for each person on board. In addition, on boats 16 feet or longer, except canoes and kayaks, there must also be at least one Coast Guard approved throwable device, such as a ring buoy or seat cushion.

Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) - Boating while intoxicated is illegal. For persons found to be under the influence there are significant penalties, including fines and possible jail sentences.

Personal Watercraft - Special laws apply including wearing a life jacket and operating at slow no wake speed at certain distances from other watercraft, swimmers and other objects in the water. Operator age restrictions also apply. Consult the Boating Guide for more information. A DNR safety video is available free of charge.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Laws and Requirements:

The DNR lists lakes and rivers as "infested" with certain aquatic invasive species.

If you are harvesting bait, commercial fishing, or diverting or taking water, you might need to follow special regulations in infested waters.

To identify an infested water, look for orange Invasive Species Alert signs at the access. You can also use LakeFinder to find out if a particular lake is listed as infested: mndnr.gov/lakefind. For more information about infested waters, including an up-to-date infested waters list and additional location information, visit mndnr.gov/invasives.

Before leaving the water access or shoreline property, you MUST:

- ☑ **Clean** off ALL aquatic plants and animals
- ☑ **Drain** all water including bilge, livewells, baitwells, bait buckets, motor and ballast tanks
- ☑ **Pull** the plug and leave it out

Get into the habit of taking these three simple steps, and it will soon become part of your routine. Pull away from the boat ramp area. Check for and remove plants while strapping the boat down. Pull the plug when adjusting the motor. If you have other people (especially kids) with you, have them help! Adding a few minutes will help safeguard our waters.

Cleaning water-related equipment is just as important as cleaning boats, so while you're cleaning your boat, please remember to also:

- ☑ Clean anchors, ropes, fishing tackle, and other objects that were in the water. Many species can be transported in the mud or in fishing lines and rope
- ☑ Dump water out of canoes, kayaks, and other watercraft before leaving

These are YOUR waters and it is YOUR responsibility to inspect, clean, and drain your boats!

AIS Bait Laws

It is illegal to transport lake and river water. To save your bait (minnows or leeches), the DNR recommends bringing "fish safe", treated water from home and keeping it in your vehicle or cooler. Bringing ice can be a good idea on warm days to cool down the water.

DO NOT dump unwanted bait into water bodies or on the shoreline! Unwanted bait belongs in the trash or a designated compost bin. Unwanted worms must be disposed of in the trash.

Working Together to Protect the Waters

Watercraft Inspectors are here to ensure watercraft and equipment are "clean in, clean out!" If you need assistance, have questions about the laws, or are curious about the program, please ask!

Ways you can help the Watercraft Inspectors:

- ☑ Please clean your boat and pull your plug as soon as you are safely able to. That way when the inspector comes, the inspection process will move quickly
- ☑ If there is a Decontamination Unit present, please follow all the instructions given by the inspectors, for your safety and theirs. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and watch them work from a safe distance

Ways the Watercraft Inspectors can help you:

- ☑ The inspectors have tools, wrenches and pliers, so if you are having trouble with your plug, ask!
- ☑ If there are weeds that are hard to reach, inspectors can also help pull weeds off boats or other such tasks. They also have grabbing tools for plants

When you see the Watercraft Inspectors, please be cooperative. The law requires compliance with inspectors, and it will help everyone to be on their way in a timely and pleasant manner.

Public Water Accesses in Crow Wing County

Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
Adney Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Allen Lake	A4	carry in	ST	DNR
Bass Lake (Mission)	C3	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Bass Lake (Turkey)	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Bay Lake	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Big Trout Lake	A3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	USCOE
Birchdale Lake	A5	carry in	N / A	DNR
Black Lake	C5	earth	C,LB,N,S	County
Black Bear Lake	C3	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Blackhoof Lake	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Borden Lake	E5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Butternut Lake	E4	earth	L,LB,N,S,W	County
Camp Lake	F5	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Clamshell Lake	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	USCOE
Clark Lake	C2	concrete	LB,N,S	DNR
Clear Lake	B2	concrete	LB,N,S,W	DNR
Clearwater Lake	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Clinker Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N	DNR
Crooked Lake	E4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Cross Lake #1	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Cross Lake #2	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	USCOE
Crow Wing Lake	F2	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Dahler Lake	A4	carry in	LB,N,S	City
Dean Lake	C3	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Dolney Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Duck Lake	B3	carry in	N,S	DNR
Duck Lake	A5	carry in	N / A	DNR
Eagle Lake	A4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
East Fox Lake	A3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
East Twin Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Edna Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Edward Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Emily Lake	A4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Erskine Lake	F5	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Fawn Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S	County
Gilbert Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Gladstone Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Goodrich Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Grass Lake	B2	earth	C,LB,N,S,SB	DNR
Greer Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Gull Lake (East)	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Hay Lake	D4	earth	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Hubert Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Huntington Pit	D4	carry in	ST	DNR
Island Lake	B5	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Kego Lake	A3	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Kimball Lake	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Little Blackhoof Lake	D4	earth	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Little Pelican Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Little Rabbit Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S	Township
Little Rabbit Lake / Rowe Rd.	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	County
Loon Lake	D4	carry in	C,LB,N,S	County
Lougee Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Lower Cullen Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Lower Hay Lake	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Lower Mission Lake (W)	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Lower Mission Lake (SE)	C3	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Manuel Pit	C4	carry in	ST	DNR
Middle Cullen Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Mille Lacs Lake	E5	concrete	C,M,N,S,SB,W	MN DOT
Mille Lacs Lake (Pike Pt.)	E5	concrete	C,M,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Mississippi River: Half Moon	C3	concrete	Various	DNR
Mississippi River: Trommald	C3	concrete	Various	DNR
Mississippi River: Hwy 6	C4	concrete	Various	DNR
Mississippi River: French Rapids	D3	concrete	Various	County
Mississippi River: Evergreen	D3	concrete	Various	City
Mississippi River: Kiwanis Park	E2	carry in	Various	City
Mississippi River: Kiwanis Park	E2	2 fishing piers	Various	DNR
Mississippi River: *Crow Wing	E2	concrete	Various	DNR
Mississippi River: *Crow Wing SPK	E2	carry in	Various	DNR
Mississippi River: Fort Ripley Landing	F1	concrete	Various	DNR
Mississippi River: Mississippi River	F1	shorefishing	Various	DNR
Mississippi River: Green's Point	D3	carry in	Various	DNR
Mississippi River: Green's Point	D3	shorefishing	Various	DNR
Mitchell Lake	A4	concrete	C,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Nisswa Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Nokay Lake	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
North Long Lake: Merrifield	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
North Long Lake: North	D2	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	County
North Long Lake: NW	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
North Long Lake: S	D2	gravel	C,LB,N,S,W	County
O'Brien Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Ossawinnamakee Lake	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Partridge Lake	E5	earth	C,LB,N,S	City
Pelican Lake: North (Halverson Bay)	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Pelican Lake: West (Jones Bay)	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Pelican Lake: NW	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Pelican Lake: S	C3	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Pennington Pit	D4	concrete	ST,LB,N,S	DNR
Pennington Pit	D4	shorefishing	ST,LB,N,S	DNR
Perch Lake	E2	concrete	C,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Perry Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Pine Lake	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Pine River: Staircase Landing	B3	carry in	Various	DNR
Pine River: Cross Lake Dam	B3	carry in	Various	USCOE
Pine River: Cross Lake Dam	B3	shorefishing	Various	DNR
Pine River: Harvey Drake	C4	concrete	Various	DNR
Pine River: Rock Dam	B3	carry in	Various	DNR
Platte Lake	F4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Pleasant Lake	B3	carry in	ST	DNR
Portsmouth Pit	D4	concrete	ST	DNR
Rabbit Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Red Sand Lake	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	County
Rice Lake (Lum Park)	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Rice Lake (Lum Park)	D3	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Rice Lake (Hesitation WMA)	E5	carry in	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Rock Lake	F5	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Roger Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Ross Lake	B5	concrete	Various	DNR
Round Lake	D2	concrete	Various	DNR
Round Lake	E5	concrete	C,LB,S,W	DNR
Round Lake	F4	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Rowe Pit	D4	concrete	ST	County
Ruth Lake	A4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Ruth Lake	A4	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Sagamore Pit	D3	concrete	LB,N,S,	DNR
Sandbar Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Sebie Lake	F2	earth	C,LB,N,S	County
Section 6 Lake	C4	gravel	C,LB,N,S	County
Serpent Lake (East)	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Serpent Lake (West)	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Serpent Lake	D4	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Sibley Lake	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Silver Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Snowshoe Lake	D4	carry in	ST	County
South Long Lake	E3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Stark Lake	B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Strawberry Lake	B2	earth	ST	DNR
Upper Dean Lake	B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Upper Hay Lake	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Upper Mission Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Upper South Long Lake	E3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Upper Whitefish Lake	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
West Twin	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Whipple Lake	E2	concrete	S,W	City
Whipple Lake	E2	fishing pier	S,W	City
White Sand Lake	E2	concrete	C,N,S,LB	DNR
Wolf Lake	D4	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Yawkey Mine Pit	C4	carry in	N,S,LB	DNR

Fish Species: C — Crappie, CF — Catfish, 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; USCOE - U.S. Corps of Engineers

* State Park Sticker Required

Waters with Invasive Species

Accessible Accesses

Public water access sites developed after 2012 have been designed with accessible parking spaces and accessible routes to the top of the boat ramp. Some sites have additional accessible routes to a dock or other site amenities. 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.

Sometimes, weather or vandalism can make these designed sites no longer accessible. If a site is found to be out of compliance, please report problems 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.