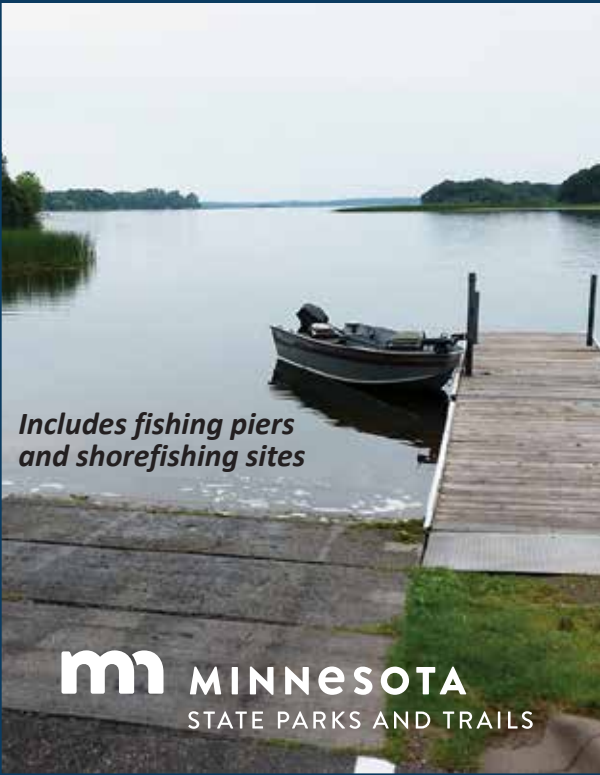


KANDIYOHI AND MEEKER COUNTIES



Includes fishing piers and shorefishing sites



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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,
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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 Kandiyohi & Meeker Counties

Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
KANDIYOHI CO.				
Andrew Lake (N)*	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Andrew Lake (N)*	B2	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Andrew Lake (S)	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Andrew Lake (S)	B2	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Bass Lake	C3	earth	C,LB,N,S	Township
Big Kandiyohi Lake (E)	D3	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Big Kandiyohi Lake (W)	D2	concrete	C,N,S,W	County
Burr Oak Lake	C2	carry-in	Wildlife Lake	USFWS
Calhoun Lake	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Carrie Lake	D3	gravel	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Diamond Lake (W)	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Diamond Lake (E)	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Eagle Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
East Solomon Lake	C2	concrete	N,LB,S,W	DNR
Elizabeth Lake	D3	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Elkhorn Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Ella Lake	D3	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Florida Lake	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Florida Lake Slough	B2	earth/shorefishing	Wildlife Lake	DNR
Foot Lake	C2	gravel	C,N,S,W	County
Foot Lake (Robbins Island)	C2	fishing pier	C,N,S,W	City
Foot Lake (Robbins Island)	C2	concrete	C,N,S,W	City
Foot Lake (Co. Rd. 41)	C2	fishing pier	C,N,S,W	City
Foot Lake (Co. Rd. 41)	C2	concrete	C,N,S,W	City
Foot Lake (Co. Rd. 41)	C2	shorefishing	C,N,S,W	City
Games Lake (S)	A2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Games Lake (N)	A2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Games Lake (N)	A2	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
George Lake	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Green Lake	B3	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	County
Green Lake (NW)	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Green Lake (NE)	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Green Lake (E)	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	Township
Green Lake (SW)	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	Township
Green Lake (S)	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Henderson Lake	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County
King Lake	C2	carry-in	Wildlife Lake	DNR
Lillian Lake	E3	concrete	N,S,W	DNR
Little Kandiyohi Lake	D2	concrete	Wildlife Lake	DNR
Long Lake (N)	B2	concrete	LB,N,S,W	DNR
Long Lake (Berg Beach)	C2	concrete	LB,N,S,W	DNR
Long Lake (E)	A3	gravel	LB,N,S,W	Township
Long Lake (W)	A3	concrete	LB,N,S,W	DNR
Middle Fork of Crow River	B2	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Middle Fork of Crow River	B2	fishing pier	C,N,W	DNR
Mud Lake (N)	A2	concrete	Wildlife Lake	DNR
Mud Lake (Co. Rd. 9)	B2	concrete	C,N,W	County
Mud Lake (Joe Neer)	B2	concrete	C,N,W	County
Nest Lake (E)	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Nest Lake (W)	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Norway Lake (S)	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Norway Lake (W)	B1	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Olson Lake	D1	carry-in	Wildlife Lake	USFWS
Point Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Ringo Lake	B2	concrete	N,S,W	DNR
Ringo Lake	B2	shore fishing	N,S,W	DNR
Swenson Lake	B1	concrete	N,S,W	Township
Tadd Lake (Atwater)	C3	fishing pier	S,LB	City
Wakanda Lake (N)	D2	concrete	C,S,N,W	DNR
Wakanda Lake (S)	D2	concrete	C,S,N,W	DNR
Wilmar Lake	C2	concrete	C,N,S,W	City

Administrator: DNR - MN Department of Natural Resources
USFWS - US Fish and Wildlife Service

Fish Species: C — Crappie, LT — Lake Trout, N — Northern Pike, LB — Largemouth Bass,
S — Sunfish, SB — Smallmouth Bass, W — Walleye, Wildlife Lake

* State Park Vehicle Permit is required.

MEEKER CO.

Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
Arvilla Lake	C6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Belle Lake	E5	concrete	C,LB,N,W	DNR
Big Swan Lake	C6	concrete	C,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Clear Lake (N)	B5	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Clear Lake (S)	B5	fishing pier	C,N,S,W	County
Clear Lake (S)	B5	concrete	C,N,S,W	County
Clearwater River/ Betsy Lake	B6	concrete	N,LB,S	DNR
Collinwood Lake	D6	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Dunns Lake	C5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Erie Lake	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Francis Lake	B6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	Township
Greenleaf Lake	D5	concrete	LB,N,S,W	DNR
Greenleaf Lake	D5	fishing pier	LB,N,S,W	DNR
Hoff Lake	E5	concrete	C,N	DNR
Jennie Lake (N)	D6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Jennie Lake (S)	E6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Jennie Lake (S)	E6	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Koronis Lake	B4	concrete	C,N,LB,SB,S,W	County
Little Mud Lake	B5	concrete	C,S,LT	DNR
Little Swan Lake	C6	concrete	C,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Little Wolf Lake	D6	concrete	N,W	DNR
Long Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Long Lake	D6	concrete	C,S	DNR
Manuella Lake	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Middle Lake	B2	gravel	C,N,S,W	DNR
Minnetaga	D3	gravel	C,N,S,W	DNR
Minnesota Lake	D5	gravel	Wildlife Lake	DNR
Minnie Belle Lake	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Minnie Belle Lake	D5	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
North Fork Crow River #1	B4	carry in	N	DNR
North Fork Crow River #6	B4	gravel	N	DNR
North Fork Crow River #2	B5	gravel	N	DNR
North Fork Crow River #3	C5	gravel	N	DNR
North Fork Crow River #5	C6	gravel	N	DNR
Richardson Lake	C5	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Ripley Lake (E)	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Ripley Lake (W)	C5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Ripley Lake (W)	C5	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Round Lake	D5	concrete	C,N,S	DNR
Spencer Lake	D6	carry in	Wildlife Lake	DNR
Spring Lake	D6	concrete	C,LB,N,S	County
Star Lake	D4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Stella Lake	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Thompson Lake	E4	concrete	N	DNR
Washington Lake (E)	D6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Washington Lake(S)	D6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Willie Lake	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Willie Lake	D5	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Wolf Lake	D6	concrete	C,S	DNR
Youngstrom Lake	D5	gravel	C,N,S	DNR

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.