

St. Louis County (central)

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Location Map



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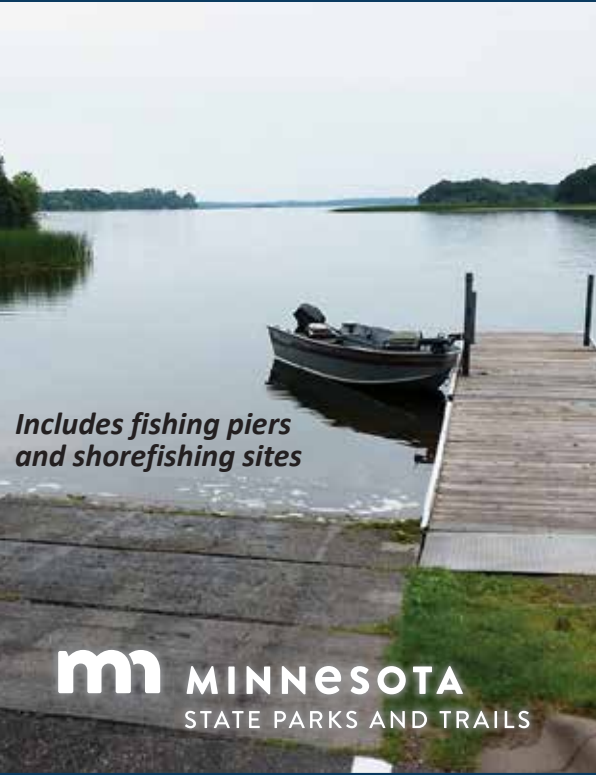
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**YOUR BOATING
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**Minnesota State Parks and Trails-Grand Rapids
(218) 999-7923**

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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).

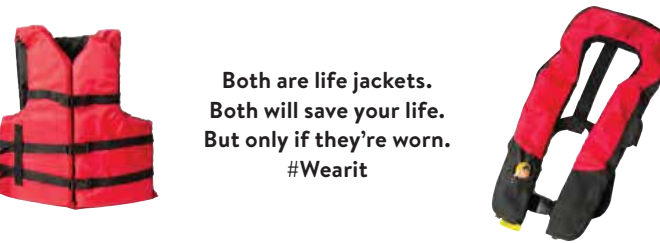
Own Your Wake

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.



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.

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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 central St. Louis County

Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator	Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
Armstrong Lake	B5	concrete	LB,SB,N,S,W	DNR	Mudhen Lake	E4	earth	C,N,S,W	DNR
Auto Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	North Twin Lake	D4	gravel	C,N,S,W	Township
† Bass Lake	A6	carry in	C,N,S	USFS	One Pine Lake	B6	gravel	C,N,S,W	USFS
Bass Lake	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR	Lake Ore-Be-Gone	D3	concrete	ST	City
Bassett Lake	E6	concrete	N,S,W	USFS	† Otto Lake	E6	carry in	N,S	USFS
* Bear Head Lake	B5	concrete	N,S,W	DNR	Perch Lake	B6	carry in	N,SB	USFS
Bear Island Lake (S)	B5	concrete	N,SB,W	County/DNR	Perch Lake	C1	concrete	W,C,N	DNR
Bear Island Lake (N)	B6	earth	N,SB,W	DNR	Pfeiffer Lake	B3	concrete	C,LB,S,SB	USFS
Bear Island Lake (NE)	B6	concrete	N,SB,W	DNR	Pickrel Lake	B5	carry in	C,N,S,W	DNR
Big Lake	D6	carry in	N,W,B	DNR	Pike River	C4	carry in	Various	MN DOT
Big Rice Lake	C3	gravel	N	USFS	Pike River Flowage	B4	earth	Various	DNR
Birch Lake(Kramer Bay)	B6	concrete	C,SB,N,S,W	DNR	Pleasant Lake	E3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Birch Lake (S)	C6	gravel	C,SB,N,S,W	City	Purvis Lake	B5	carry in	LB,SB,W	DNR
Birch Lake (S)	C6	fishing pier	C,SB,N,S,W	City	Round Lake	D6	carry in	LB,N,SB,W	USFS
Bird Lake	D5	carry in	N / A	USFS	Rice River (N)	B2	carry in	Various	DNR
Blueberry Lake	B6	gravel	N,S	DNR	Rice River (Hwy 53 - S)	B3	carry in	Various	DNR
Buhl Pit	D2	concrete	LB,S,W	City	Sabin Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Burntside Lake (S)	A5	gravel	C,LT,N,SB,W	DNR	St. Louis River	D6	carry in	Various	DNR
Burntside Lake (Co. 404)	A6	concrete	C,LT,N,SB,W	DNR	Skibo Mill	D5	concrete	Various	DNR
Burntside Lake (Co. 88)	A6	asphalt	C,LT,N,SB,W	County	Co Rd 110	D5	carry in	Various	DNR
Burntside Lake (NE)	A6	concrete	C,LT,N,SB,W	DNR	Hush	D5	carry in	Various	DNR
Burntside River	A5	carry in	Various	DNR	Co Rd 346	D5,E5	gravel	Various	USFS
Cadotte Lake (W)	E6	concrete	N,S,W	USFS	Co Rd 315	E4	carry in	Various	DNR
Camp Lake	B5	carry in	W	DNR	Co Rd Townline Rd	E3	carry in	Various	DNR
Carey Lake	E2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	City	Forbes	E3	carry in	Various	DNR
Carey Lake	D2	fishing pier	C, LB, N, S	City	St. James Mine Pit	D4	concrete	ST	City
Clear Lake	C2	carry in	C,LB,N,S	USFS	Salo Lake	E6	concrete	C,N,S,W	USFS
Coe Lake	E4	earth	C,N,S	DNR	Sandy & Little Sandy Lake	C3	carry in	Duck Lake	USFS
Colby Lake	D5	asphalt	C,N,S,W	City	Section 14 Lake Shagawa	E4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Dark Lake	C2	concrete	C,N,S,W	USFS	Lake (Sandy Pt.) Shagawa	A6	concrete	W	DNR
Dewey Lake	D1	earth	C,N,B,W	DNR	Lake (NW)	A6	asphalt	W	DNR
Eagles Nest Lake (Two)	B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR	Shagawa Lake (SE)	A6	gravel	W	City
* Eagles Nest Lake (Three)	B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR	Shagawa Lake (S)	A6	sand	W	City
Elbow Lake (S)	A2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County/DNR	Shoepack Lake	C1	gravel	C,N,S	USFS
Ely Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR	Side Lake	C1	concrete	Various	DNR
Embarrass Lake (N)	D4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR	Silver Lake	D4	earth	C,LB,N,S,ST	DNR
Embarrass Lake (W)	D4	concrete	C,N,S,W	City	Silver Lake	D3	2 piers	C, LB, N, S	City
Embarrass Lake	D4	fishing pier	C,N,S,W	City	Silver Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Embarrass Mine Pit	D4	concrete	LT,N,S,ST	IRRRA	South Twin Lake	D4,E4	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	Township
Everett Lake	A6	carry in	C,N,LB,S	USFS	Stone Lake	D6	carry in	C,N,S	USFS
Fall Lake	A6	fishing pier	C,N,W	City	† Stubler Pit	D2	shore fishing	LT,ST	City
Fall Lake	A6	concrete	C,N,W	City	Sturgeon Lake	C2	concrete	N,S,W	DNR
Gansey Lake	D1	carry in	N / A	DNR	Sturgeon Lake	C2	carry in	N,S,W	DNR
Holter Lake	B5	carry in	N / A	DNR	Sturgeon River - Co Rd 73	C1	carry in	Various	USFS
† Hanson Lake	A6	carry in	ST	DNR	Sturgeon River / Lake	C2	concrete	N,S,W	DNR
Hobo Lake	A6	carry in	C,LB,N,S	USFS	Susan Lake	A2	carry in	C,N,S	DNR
Horseshoe Lake	B5	carry in	C,N,S	DNR	Twin Lakes	B6	concrete	N / A	DNR
James Lake	C3	concrete	N,ST	MN DOT	Two Mile Creek	A3	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Johnson Lake	B6	gravel	C,LB,N,S,W	USFS	Norwegian Bay	A3	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Joseph Lake	B5	carry in	LB,N,W	DNR	Head O’ Lakes	A2	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Judson Pit	D2	carry in	LB, NP	City	Pederson Landing/Wakeup Bay	A3	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Judson Pit	D2	shore fishing	LB, NP	City	Polley Road	A3	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Kinney Mine Pit	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,W	Township	Oak Narrows	A3	concrete	C,N,W	County/DNR
Little Fork River - Hwy 73	B1	carry in	Various	DNR	Frazer Bay	B3	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Little Fork River - Veteran’s Park	B2	carry in	Various	City	Black Duck Bay	A4	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Little Lake	B6	carry in	N,W	DNR	Moccasin Point	A4	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Little Long Lake	A6	concrete	C,N,S	USFS/DNR	Birch Point	B4	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Little Long Lake	A6	fishing pier	C,N,S	USFS	Everett Point Road	B4	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Little Rice Lake	B4	carry in	N / A	DNR	East Two Rivers	B4	concrete	C,N,W	City
Long Lake	C1	concrete	C,N,W	Township	Hoodoo Point - South	B4	concrete	C,N,W	City
Longyear Lake	D1	fishing pier	C,S,W	City	Hoodoo Point - South	B4	fishing pier	C,N,W	City
Longyear Lake	D1	concrete	C,S,W	City	Hoodoo Point - North	B4	concrete	C,N,W	City
Loon Lake	E4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	Township	Stuntz Bay	B4	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Lost Lake	E4	earth	W	DNR	Rice Bay	A4	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Lost Lake	B4	concrete	C,S,W	DNR	Armstrong Bay	B5	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Low Lake	A6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SW,W	DNR	Cable Bay	B5	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Mashkenode Lake	D3	concrete	C,N,S	City	Vermilion River - Shivley Falls	A3	carry in	Various	DNR
McQuade Lake (N)	E2	earth	C,N,S	DNR	West Robinson Lake	B5	gravel	N,S	DNR
McQuade Lake (W)	E2	gravel	C,N,S	DNR	West Two Rivers Reservoir	D2	asphalt	Various	City
Miners Lake	A6	concrete	LB,SB,S,ST	City	West Two Rivers Reservoir	D2	fishing pier	Various	City
Miners Lake	A6	fishing pier	LB,SB,S,ST	City	Whisper Lake	B6	carry in	SB,LB,N,W	USFS
Minister Lake	A6	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	County	Whiteface Reservoir	E5	concrete	C,N,S,W	USFS
Mott Pit	D3	gravel	N / A	City	White Iron Lake	B6	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Mud Lake	C2	concrete	C,N,LB,S,W	USFS	Whitewater Lake	D5	asphalt	C,N,S,W	City
Mud Creek	B5	concrete	C,N,LB	DNR	Whitewater Lake	D5	fishing pier	C,N,S,W	City

Administrator:	DNR – MN Dept. of Natural Resources MN DOT – MN Dept. of Transportation USFS – U.S. Forest Service IRRRA – Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Agency	† Portage over 100 yards * State Park Sticker Required	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
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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.