



ST. LOUIS COUNTY (central)



Includes fishing piers and shorefishing sites



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.

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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.



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 - 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 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	Township	† Otto Lake	E6	carry in	N,S	USFS
* Bear Head Lake	B5	metal	N,S,W	DNR	Perch Lake	B6	carry in	N,SB	DNR
Bear Island Lake (S)	B5	gravel	N,SB,W	County	Perch Lake	C1	carry in	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	gravel	N,SB,W	County	Pickrel Lake	B5	carry in	C,N,S,W	DNR
Big Lake	D6	carry in	N,W,B	USFS	Pike River	C4	carry in	Various	MN DOT
Big Rice Lake	C3	gravel	N	USFS	Pike River Flowage	B4	earth	Various	MN DOT
Birch Lake(W)	B6	concrete	C,SB,N,S,W	County	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	DNR	Sabin Lake	C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Burntside Lake/River	A5	gravel	C,LT,N,SB,W	County	Laird Creek	D6	concrete	Various	USFS
Burntside Lake (Co. 404)	A6	gravel	C,LT,N,SB,W	County	Skibo Mill	D5	concrete	Various	DNR
Burntside Lake (Co. 88)	A6	asphalt	C,LT,N,SB,W	County	Co Rd 110	D0	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 34	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	ETC
Carey Lake	E2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	City	Forbes	E3	carry in	Various	DNR
Carey Lake	D2	fishing pier	C, LB, N,S	DNR	St. James Mine Pit	D4	concrete	ST	City
Clear Lake	C2	carry in	C,LB,N,S	USFS	St. Mary Lake	E3	carry in	N,W	Township
Coe Lake	E4	earth	C,N,S	DNR	Salo Lake	E6	concrete	C,N,S,W	USFS
Colby Lake	D5	asphalt	C,N,S,W	City	Sandy & Little Sandy Lake	C3	carry in	Duck Lake	USFS
Dark Lake	C2	concrete	C,N,S,W	USFS	Section 14 Lake	E4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Dewey Lake	D1	earth	C,N,B,W	DNR	Shagawa Lake (Sandy Pt.)	A6	concrete	W	DNR
Eagles Nest Lake (Two)	B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	County	Shagawa Lake (NW)	A6	asphalt	W	County
Eagles Nest Lake (Three)	B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR	Shagawa Lake (SE)	A6	gravel	W	City
Elbow Lake	A2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County	Shagawa Lake (S)	A6	sand	W	City
Elbow Lake	E3	gravel	C,LB,N,S	Township	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	MN DOT	Silver Lake	D4	earth	C,LB,N,S,ST	DNR
Embarrass Lake (W)	D4	concrete	C,N,S,W	City	Silver Lake	D3	concrete	C, LB, N, S	DNR
Embarrass Lake	D4	fishing pier	C,N,S,W	DNR	Silver Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	City
Embarrass Mine Pit	D4	concrete	LT,N,S,ST	IRRRRA	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	platform	LT,ST	DNR
Fall Lake	A6	concrete	C,N,W	City	Sturgeon Lake	C2	metal	N,S,W	DNR
Gansey Lake	D1	carry in	N / A	DNR	* Sturgeon River - Co Rd 73	C1	carry in	Various	USFS
Halter Lake	B5	carry in	N / A	DNR	Sturgeon River / Lake	C2	concrete	N,S,W	DNR
† Hanson Lake	A6	carry in	ST	DNR	Susan Lake	A2	carry in	C,N,S	DNR
Hobo Lake	A6	carry in	C,LB,N,S	USFS	Sunset Lake	A2	carry in	C,N,S	DNR
Horseshoe Lake	B5	carry in	C,N,S	DNR	Tamarack Lake	A5	gravel	C,N,W	DNR
Horseshoe Lake	D3	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	carry in	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	pier	LB,NP	USFS	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
Little Fork River Hwy 73	B1	carry in	Various	MN DOT	Frazer Bay	B3	concrete	C,N,W	County
Little Lake	B6	carry in	N,W	DNR	Black Duck Bay	A4	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Little Long Lake	A6	concrete	C,N,S	USFS/DNR	Moccasin Point	A4	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Little Long Lake	A6	fishing pier	C,N,S	USFS	Birch Point	B4	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Little Rice Lake	B4	carry in	N / A	DNR	Everett Point Road	B4	concrete	C,N,W	County
Long Lake	C1	concrete	C,N,W	Township	East Two Rivers	B4	concrete	C,N,W	City
Long Lake	C1	concrete	C,S,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
Loon Lake	E4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	Township	Hoodoo Pointt - North	B4	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Lost Lake	E4	earth	W	DNR	Stuntz Bay	B4	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Lost Lake	B4	concrete	C,S,W	DNR	Rice Bay	A4	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Low Lake	A6	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SW,W	DNR	Vermilion River - Shivley Falls	A3	carry in	Various	DNR
Mashkenode Lake	D3	concrete	C,N,S	DNR	West Robinson Lake	B5	gravel	N,S	MN DOT
McQuade Lake (N)	E2	earth	C,N,S	DNR	West Two Rivers Reservoir	D2	asphalt	Various	City
McQuade Lake (W)	E2	gravel	C,N,S	DNR	West Two Rivers Reservoir	D2	fishing pier	Various	City
Miners Lake	A6	carry in	LB,SB,S,ST	City	Whisper Lake	B6	carry in	SB,LB,N,W	USFS
Miners Lake	A6	fishing pier	LB,SB,S,ST	City	Whiteface Reservoir	E5	concrete	C,N,S,W	USFS
Minister Lake	A6	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	County	White Iron Lake	B6	concrete	C,N,S,W	County
Mott Pit	D2	gravel	N / A	City	Whitewater Lake	D5	asphalt	C,N,S,W	City
Mud Lake	C2	concrete	C,N,LB,S,W	USFS	Whitewater Lake	D5	fishing pier	C,N,S,W	DNR
Mud Creek	B5	concrete	C,N,LB	DNR	Wolf Lake	B5	concrete	LB,SB,N,S,W	DNR
					Wynne Lake (central)	C4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR

Administrator: DNR - MN Dept. of Natural Resources
MN DOT - MN Dept. of Transportation
USFS - U.S. Forest Service
ETC - Eveleth Taconite Company
IRRRRA - 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

Waters with Invasive Species



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