Todd County

Water Access (Tie-boat)
Water Access (Car-in)
Fishing Pier
Lake with Access
Lake With No Access
Lake with Invasive Species
Visit www.mn.gov/invasives for more information
River with Access
River or Stream
State Water Trail

Location Map

Scale in Miles

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Public Access Water in Minnesota:
The Minnesota DNR State Parks and Trails’ water recreation program provides approximately 1,500 lake 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 maintained with fees paid by boaters & gas tax revenue to maintain access.

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

Public Water Access Rules - The launch area must be kept clear and the following activities are unlawful: littering, camping, blockading, 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.

Licenses - All motorized and non-motorized watercraft must be licensed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). 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 about the laws, or are curious about the program, please contact the DNR License Bureau for information.

It is illegal to transport lake and river water. To save your bait, treated water from home and keeping it in your vehicle or cooler. Bringing ice can be a good sites in warm days to cools down the water.

Working Together to Protect the Waters:
Watercraft inspectors are here to ensure watercraft and equipment are 'clean and clear out' if you need assistance, have questions about the laws, or are curious about the program, please ask us!

Ways you can help the Watercraft Inspectors:
Please clean your boat and dry all of the water in your boat. 
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 inspect for boats with aquatic damage or pests, so if you are having trouble with your plug, ask us!
If there are weeds that are hard to reach, inspectors can also help pull weeds off boats or other such tasks. They also have grinding tools for plants.

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

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 darting or taking water, you must follow specific 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 - minimndnr.gov/infested. For more information about infested waters, including an up-to-date list of infested waters list and additional location information, visit minimndnr.gov/infested.

Before leaving the water access or shoreline property, you MUST:
- Clean off all aquatic plants and animals
- Drain water including live wells, livewells, bait buckets, motor and ballast tanks
- Remove any and all plant life that can be seen or easily detected
- 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 dragging 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 ropes.
- Drain water out of canoes, kayaks, and other watercraft before leaving.
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