

Minnesota Lake and River Use Restriction Summary

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Summary of Lake and River Use Restrictions

County, Agency, City or Town	Lake or River	Restrictions	Effective Dates
AITKIN			
Aitkin County	Various channels	Slow-no wake speed in marked areas in the channels noted below: 1. Prairie River (4,350 feet upstream and 900 feet downstream of Co. Rd. 14 bridge) 2. Ripple River (Farm Island Lake – Pine Lake and Hanging Kettle Lake to Diamond Lake) 3. Sandy River (Hwy 65 bridge area) 4. Big Sandy Lake (1-62) (bridge area of Bridge Road) 5. Big Sandy River (2,500 feet north of 232 bridge to 100 feet south of bridge) 6. Channel between Lake Minnewawa and Horseshoe Lake 7. The North channel between Cedar Lake and Bay Park Bay	4/5/1996, 5/7/2003 and 10/21/2008 Amended 6/1/2011
ANOKA			
Anoka County	Coon Lake (02-42)	Slow-no wake speed in the marked areas in the narrows on either side of the island in the center of the lake.	7/28/2003
Anoka, Andover and Ramsey	Rum River	Slow-no wake speed on the river from the Mississippi River to Mile 5.2.	5/29/1990, 3/29/1999 and 8/15/2005
Andover	Crooked Lake (20-84)	Slow-no wake speed restriction on the entire lake when water level reaches 861.6 feet. Restriction will be removed when water level subsides and remains below 861.6 feet for three consecutive days. (Joint resolution with Coon Rapids)	12/3/2015
Blaine	Loch Ness Lake (or Lochness) (02-58)	No motorboats.	10/8/1974
Centerville / Lino Lakes	Peltier Lake (20-04)	Slow-no wake speed in marked area on the northern half of the lake. Area begins south of the island, 150 feet north of the southern section line for Sections 10 and 11. <i>City of Lino Lake's restriction expired on 9/1/04.</i>	6/5/2002
Circle Pines	Golden Lake (2-45)	Electric motors only.	Amended 6/2/1988
Coon Rapids	Crooked Lake (20-84)	Slow-no wake speed restriction on the entire lake when water level reaches 861.6 feet. Restriction will be removed when water level subsides and remains below 861.6 feet for three consecutive days. (Joint resolution with Andover)	12/3/2015

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East Bethel	Cooper's Lake (2-70)	No motorboats.	7/19/1974
Fridley	Harris Lake Locke Lake (2-77) Spring Lake (2-71)	1. No motorboats. 2. Minimum age of 11 required to operate watercraft. 3. No boats within 100 feet of swim area. 4. 16 foot maximum boat length. 5. No boating or use after midnight or before daylight the following day. 6. No inflatable devices.	Prior to 1975
Spring Lake Park	Spring Lake, (2-71) (also in Fridley and Mounds View, Ramsey County)	1. No motorboats. 2. Minimum age of 11 required to operate watercraft. 3. No boats within 100 feet of swim area. 4. 16 foot maximum boat length. 5. No boating or use after midnight or before daylight the following day.	6/1/1964
BECKER			
Becker County	Straight Lake (3-10)	Slow-no wake speed in the "Narrows."	5/17/1991
Becker County	St. Clair Lake (3-382)	No motors – part of sewage treatment facility for Detroit Lakes	5/3/2005
Detroit Lakes	Detroit Lakes (3-381)	Slow-no wake speed in the following areas: - City Beach Zone - Long Bridge Zone - Pelican River Outlet Zone - Designated channel between Big Lake and Little Detroit Lake	4/21/2000
BELTRAMI			
Beltrami County	Little Bass (4-110)	10 horsepower limit.	12/7/1983
Beltrami County	Lake Windigo (4-48)	Slow-no wake speed on the entire lake at all times.	5/23/2000 and 11/6/2008
Beltrami County	Mississippi River / connecting waterways	Slow-no wake speed at all times in the following areas: Corridor connecting Lake Bemidji to Lake Irvine; Corridor connecting Lake Bemidji to Stump Lake; "narrow" channels on Stump Lake; Waterway connecting Anderson Lake to Wolf Lake; Corridor linking Wolf Lake to Lake Andrusia; Corridor linking Lake Andrusia to Allen's Bay on Cass Lake; Waterway connecting Cass Lake to Pug Hole Lake; Waterway connecting Pug Hole Lake to Kitchi Lake; Waterway connecting Lake Marquette to Carr Lake and the Corridor linking Carr Lake to Lake Irvine.	4/7/1999 and 11/6/2008
Beltrami County	Turtle River / connecting waterways	Slow-no wake speed at all times in the following waterways: between Long Lake and Campbell Lake; between Campbell and Little Turtle Lakes; between Little Turtle and Big Turtle Lakes; between Big Turtle Lake and Movil Lake; between Movil Lake and Lake Beltrami; between Lake Beltrami and Fox Lake; between Fox Lake and Three Island Lake; between Three Island Lake and Turtle River Lake; between Turtle River Lake and Big Rice Lake; between Big Rice Lake and Little Rice Lake and Kitchi Lake.	11/6/2008
Beltrami County	Blackduck River	Slow-no wake speed at all times on the portions of the river north of Blackduck Lake, except those portions located within the Red Lake Reservation.	11/6/2008

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Beltrami County	Tamarac River	Slow-no wake speed at all times on those portions of the river located in Beltrami County.	11/6/2008
BENTON			
Benton County	Mississippi River - Sartell Dam (River Mile 932.2) to Rice Bridge (River Mile 942.2) (Also in Stearns County)	1. 40 mph from Sartell Dam at River Mile 932.2 upstream to Stearns County Road 17 at River Mile 945.2 (11.5 miles). 2. Slow-no-wake speed at the following locations: -within 600 feet north of Sartell dam at River Mile 932.2; -DNR boat launch on Benton County side of Mississippi River at Sauk Rapids at River Mile 934.3; -Pirates Cove at River Mile 936.5; -Gilligan's Bar at River Mile 941.2; -Stearns County Park - 2 miles southeast of Stearns County Road 17 at River Mile 942.2.	8/20/1993
Benton County	Little Rock Creek	Slow-no wake speed in the area from the Gordon (Benton Hwy 55) Bridge to the south end of the Harris Flowage.	9/30/2002
BLUE EARTH			
Blue Earth County	Lake Crystal (7-98) Loon Lake (7-96) Lura Lake (7-79)	No motor vehicles, snowmobiles or iceboats from sunset to sunrise when ice is on the lake. Lura Lake is also in Faribault County.	12/8/1982 5/18/1981 comb. 12/20/1990
BROWN			
Brown County	Lake Hanska (8-26) Clear Lake(8-11) Sleepy Eye (8-45)	1. Slow-no wake speed in the channel between Lake Hanska and the Basin. 2. Ice restrictions in aerated locations.	7/05/1989 12/10/1993
Brown County	Welner/Hageman Reservoir (8-129)	Slow-no wake speed on the entire reservoir surface.	12/10/1993
CARVER			
Carver County	Lake Bavaria (10-19)	Slow-no wake speed on the entire lake when the water level is at or above 972.7 feet, until the water level is at or below 972.6 feet for three consecutive days.	5/3/2022
Carver County	Piersons Lake (10-53)	Slow-no wake speed on the entire lake when the water level is at or above 962.98 feet, until the water level is at or below 962.88 feet for three consecutive days.	5/3/2022
Carver County	Reitz Lake (10-52)	Slow-no wake speed on the entire lake when the water level is at or above 937.8 feet, until the water level is at or below 937.7 feet for three consecutive days.	5/3/2022
Carver County	Lake Waconia (10-59)	Slow-no wake speed: -600 feet from shore when the water level is at or above 962.92 feet, until the water level is at or below 962.82 feet for three consecutive days. -on the entire lake when the water level is at or above 963.1 feet.	5/3/2022

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Three Rivers Park District - Carver Park Reserve	Steiger Lake (10-45)	15 mph at all times.	M.S. § 398.09 authorizes Park District to regulate by ordinance the use of the waters of any lake wholly within its boundaries without DNR approval
Chanhassen	Lotus Lake (10-6), Lake Lucy (10-7), Lake Minnewashta (10-9), Lake St. Joe (10-11), Lake Ann (10-12) and Lake Susan (10-13)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No watercraft in swim areas. 2. Slow-no wake speed within 100 feet of shore, in designated areas, in Little Minne Bay and Lake Minnewashta. 3. Speed limits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -40 mph days; -15 mph at night on Lake Minnewashta, Lotus Lake, Lake Lucy, and Lake Susan; -15 mph at all times on Lake Ann and Lake St. Joe. -Slow-no wake speed on Lotus Lake when water is at or above 896.3 feet. -Slow-no wake speed on Lake Susan when water is at or above 882.5 feet. -Slow-no wake speed on Lake Minnewashta when water is at or above 945.0 feet. -Slow-no wake speed on Lake Lucy when water is at or above FEMA 100 Yr. Flood Elevation (2018) 957.24 feet. -Slow-no wake speed restrictions listed in number 3 will be removed after the water level has remained below the listed water level for three consecutive days. 5. Electric motors only on Lake Ann. 6. Counterclockwise travel required when exceeding 15 mph on Lotus Lake. 7. Life jacket and 85-foot maximum tow rope required for water-skiing. 8. No towing of airborne vehicles. 9. Permit from the city and the Sheriff required for slalom courses, diving towers and other structures. 10. No swimming more than 100 feet from shore unless accompanied by a watercraft. 	8/24/1983 Amended 11/8/2005, 6/2006, 5/26/2020
Chanhassen	All Lakes - Dock Setback Zone: Lotus Lake (10-6) Lake Lucy (10-7) Lake Minnewashta (10-9) Rice Marsh (10-1) Lake Susan (10-13) Riley (10-2), Harrison(10-8) Lake Ann (10-12)	Ten (10) foot-wide zone for docks, 50 feet out from shore, or 4 foot depth, whichever gives the lesser dock length dimension, with one side of lake-shore lot extended serving as one side of the zone.	5/26/1992

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Victoria	Schutz Lake (10-18) Lake Zumbra (10-41) Tamarack Lake (10-10) Church Lake (10-46)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sets standards for swimming rafts. 2. Requires city and county permits for ski jumps, diving towers and other structures. 3. No towing of airborne vehicles. 4. Restricts docks, mooring and boat storage. 5. Slow-no-wake speed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -within 100 feet of shore on all lakes; -on the entire surface of Church Lake and Tamarack Lake -on Lake Zumbra whenever the water level exceeds 943.3 feet (as indicated on the marker at the public launch). The restriction will be lifted when the water level is at or below the 943.2 mark for at least three consecutive days. 6. Speed restrictions for Schutz Lake and Lake Zumbra: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -40 mph sunrise to sunset; -15 mph sunset to sunrise. 	9/25/1990, 1998, amended 1/25/2018
CASS			
Cass County	Gull Lake Chain (including: Gull (11-305), Margaret (11-222), Upper Gull (11-218), Ray (aka Bass Lake) (11-220), Spider (11-500) and Roy (18-398) Lakes, Sylvan Lake (11-304), Gull River, Green Lake (11-91 aka Greenhill Bay to Gull Lake)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow-no wake speed in the following channels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Between Gull and Upper Gull Lakes at both north and south ends; -Between Margaret and Upper Gull Lakes; -The narrows of Upper Gull Lake; -Between Upper Gull and Ray Lakes; -Between Ray and Roy Lakes; -Between Ray and Spider Lakes, and between Spider and Roy Lakes; -Between the Upper and Lower portion of Sylvan Lake. 2. Slow-no wake speed on Gull River at the junction with the Crow Wing River near the Cass County Highway 36 bridge. 3. Slow-no wake speed on entire surface of Green Lake and the entire channel between Green and Gull Lakes. 	2/22/1984 amended 11/24/1993
Birch Lake and Hiram Townships	Birch Lake (11-412)	Slow-no wake speed in all of Miller Bay (also known as Mud or Turtle Bay).	8/31/2004

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CHISAGO			
Chisago County	Chisago Lake (13-12), Comfort (13-53), Fish (13-68), Goose (north) (13-831), Goose (south) (13-832), Green (13-412), Horseshoe (13-73), Kroon (13-13), Linn (13-14), Little (13-33), Little Comfort (13-54), Little Green (13-411), Little Horseshoe (13-80), Mandall (13-74), North Center (13-32), North Lindstrom (13-35), Pioneer (13-34), Rabour (13-79), Rush (east) (13-691), Rush (west) (13-692), School (13-44), South Center (13-27), South Lindstrom (13-28), Spider 13-19), Sunrise (13-31), Wallmark (13-29)	High water slow-no wake speed 300 feet from shore when water level reaches Ordinary High Water Level elevation. Restriction lifted once the water body has been 0.1 feet below the high water elevation for three consecutive days.	9/24/1987 amended 8/21/1996 amended 11/8/2005 amended 4/15/2015
Chisago County	Bull Lake (13-154)	No motorized watercraft.	4/15/2015

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Chisago County	Channels between: Green (13-412) and Little Green (13-411) lakes, Chisago (13-12) and South Lindstrom (13-28) lakes, South Lindstrom (13-28) and North Lindstrom (13-35) lakes, North Center (13-32) and South Center (13-27) lakes, Rush east (13-691) and Rush west (13-692) lakes, Goose north (13-831) and Goose south (13-832) lakes, Goose south (13-832) and Mandall (13-74) lakes, Mandall (13-74) and Rabour (13-79) lakes, Spider Lake (13-19) east and west bays. Specified channels on Rush Lake (13-692), northwest bay of South Center Lake (13-27), Within 150 feet of the marked limits of the designated swimming beaches on Fish Lake (13-68), South Lindstrom Lake (13-28), Chisago Lake 13-12)	Slow-no wake speed at all times.	9/24/1987 amended 8/21/1996 amended 11/8/2005 amended 4/15/2015
Town of Wyoming	Heims Lake (13-56)	No motorboats of any kind allowed on lake.	8/1/2005
MN / WI DNR Rules and National Park Service Regulations	Lower St. Croix River (also in Washington County)	Slow speed (minimum wake) on entire width of river north of Apple River, 21 miles from Arcola Sandbar to Taylors Falls.	5/14/1977
National Park Service Regulations	St. Croix River (13-63) (also in Washington Co.)	No personal watercraft (Jet Skis, etc.) north of Boomsite Access at about River Mile 25 – See National Park Service on page 34.	4/20/2000
CLAY			
Clay County	Red River of the North (adjacent to Cass County ND)	Slow-no wake speed when the water level reaches 895.8 feet (17 feet above flood stage).	3/17/1998

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CLEARWATER			
Clearwater County	Long Lake (15-57) Long Lost Lake (15-68)	1. 10 mph at all times. 2. No motorboats, air mattresses or flotation devices in swim areas.	5/14/1974
COOK			
Cook County	Caribou Lake (16-36)	1. Wake Surfing: Wake surfing (the untethered use of a surfboard behind a watercraft) is prohibited in any area that meets one or more of the following criteria: a) Any area that is less than 500 feet from the shoreline or another watercraft. b) Any area in which the water depth is less than 20 feet. 2. Wake Enhancement: No person may operate a boat in an artificially bow-high manner, to increase or enhance the boat's wake. This prohibited operation shall include wake enhancement by use of ballast, mechanical hydrofoils, uneven loading or operation at transition speed. (Transition speed is the speed at which the boat is operating at greater than slow-no wake speed, but not fast enough so that the boat is on plane.) Operation of a boat through the ordinary transition from no-wake to on plane and from on plane to no-wake is not a violation of this ordinance.	5/14/2024
Cook County	Sea Gull Lake (16-629)	Slow-no wake zone in the Saganaga Narrows, north of County Road 81.	6/24/1996
U.S. Forest Service Regulations	Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness	Motor restrictions and use prohibitions – See U.S. Forest Service on page 33.	N/A

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CROW WING			
Crow Wing County	Gull Chain (11-305), Cullen Chain (18-403, 18-377) Whitefish Chain (18-1, 18-310) Pelican Lake (18-308), Ossawinnamakee Lake (18-352), Rabbit Lake (18-93) Bay Lake (18-34), Sandbar Lake (18-251) (aka Horseshoe Lake), Mission Chain (18-242, 18-243), Crooked Lake (18-41), Hanks Bay (18-44), and Portage (18-50) Chain of Lakes and South Long Lake (18-136), Bertha (18-355), Clamshell (18-356), Partridge (18-48, Turtle (18-47), Edna (18-396) , Fawn (18-397) and the channel between Lakes Emily and Mary.	1. Slow-no wake speed in channels and other areas as marked by buoys or signs on and between lakes noted at left. 2. Countywide standards for the issuance of temporary structure permits for slalom water ski courses. 3. Countywide standards for the placement and configuration of temporary docks, wharves, boat lifts or piers that extend from shore.	6/20/1983 amended: 6/18/1985 9/15/1988 7/8/1991 4/5/1993 4/27/1994 5/10/1995 5/10/2004 7/14/2005 12/10/2008
Crow Wing County	Little Pine Lake (18-266)	Electric trolling motors only in the bay area west of Dream Island in Little Pine Lake.	1/26/2001
Crow Wing County	Kimball Creek	No boats allowed in the portion of Kimball Creek between Ossawinnamakee and Kimball Lakes.	7/14/2005
Crow Wing County	Cross Lake (18-312)	Slow-no wake zone for the channel on the east side of Sunrise Island.	1/30/2017
Crosslake	Little Pine Lake (18-266)	Electric trolling motors only in the bay area west of Dream Island in Little Pine Lake.	1/26/2001
DAKOTA			
Dakota County	Mississippi River (River Mile 810.9 - 811.7)	Slow-no wake speed in main channel adjacent to Prescott Island.	8/18/1992
Dakota County	Lake Byllesby (19-6) (also Goodhue County)	1. Slow-no wake speed on entire lake when water reaches 858.2 feet on the dam gauge. 2. No people access or watercraft operation on the following: - the water between the Lake Byllesby Dam and the signs or buoys indicating danger to watercraft on the west (upstream) side of the dam. - the water between the DNR pedestrian bridge and the Lake Byllesby Dam located on the east (downstream) side of the dam.	6/26/2003 1/6/2023

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Dakota County Parks	All lakes within a park - Trout Brook Creek, Spring Lake Park (19-15P), Lake Byllesby (19-6P), Marsh Lake (19-308 W), McDonough Lake (19-76P), O'Brien Lake (19-72P), Schulz Lake (19-75W), Holland Lake (19-65P), Jensen Lake (19-71P), Wheaton Pond (19-200W), North Pond (19-190W), Thompson Lake (19-48W)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No swimming or wading except in designated areas at designated times and with lifeguard on duty. 2. No boat launching except in designated areas. 3. No unattended watercraft except in designated area. 4. No watercraft operation within swimming area or Lake Byllesby Dam warning areas. 5. No towing, surfboarding or knee boarding in swimming or boat launching area. 6. No scuba diving in swimming area, within 100 feet of watercraft access point. 7. No scuba diving instruction from a park without a permit. 8. No model toy and boat use except in designated areas. 	6/3/1997
Burnsville	All small lakes and ponds: under 65 acres, except Alimagnet (19-21), Crystal (19-27), Lac Lavon, and Keller Lakes (19-25)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No internal combustion engines, electric motors only. 2. No motors of any kind on Sunset Pond. 3. No boats allowed on south half of Sunset Pond (waterfowl nesting area). 	11/7/1991
Burnsville / Apple Valley	Keller Lake (19-25)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5 horsepower limit on outboards. 2. Hours of operation from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. 3. No remote control internal combustion engines without approval of city. 	5/26/1992
Hastings	Lake Rebecca (19-3)	Electric motors only.	11/3/1982
Lakeville / Burnsville	Crystal Lake (19-27)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow-no wake speed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -in Maple Island Bay and Buck Hill Bay; -within 150 feet of shore, but not around Pik Nik Island; -when elevation reaches 934.0 feet. 2. No water-skiing in slow-no wake zone. 3. Counterclockwise travel required when traveling faster than slow-no wake speed. 4. 40 mph - 9 a.m. to sunset. 5. 15 mph - sunset to 9 a.m. 	11/7/1991
Lakeville	Kingsley Lake (19-30) Lee Lake (19-29)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 10 horsepower limit. 2. No races, competition, etc. 	8/1/1989
Lakeville	Lake Marion (19-26)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow-no wake speed within 200 feet of shore, fishing boats, swimmers, docks and nonmotorized watercraft. 2. 40 mph in open speed zone with counterclockwise travel. 3. No water-skiing from one-half hour after sunset to 8 a.m. the following day. 4. Slow-no wake speed on all water west of Interstate 35. 5. Slow-no wake speed when water exceeds 983.6 feet. 	4/21/1976 amended 1/5/1999

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Douglas County	Lake Mary (21-92)	Slow-no wake within channel between the main part of Lake Mary and Little Mary Bay and the shoreline.	7/21/2015
Douglas County	Eisland Slough and Stockhaven Lake (21-246)	Electric motors only and slow-no wake speed at all times on both bodies of water.	4/24/2006
Douglas County	Long Prairie River	No glass containers allowed in those portions of the river from the dam at Lake Carlos to the Carlos Miltona Road.	5/3/2008
Alexandria	Lake Agnes (21-53)	Slow-no wake zone on entire lake at all times.	6/2/1993
FARIBAULT			
Faribault County	Lura Lake (7-79) (also in Blue Earth County)	No motor vehicles, snowmobiles or ice boats from sunset to sunrise the following day when ice is on the lake.	5/18/1981
FILLMORE			
Fillmore County	All public waters	Slow-no wake speed on all public waters within the county.	3/3/2000
FREEBORN			
Freeborn County	White Lake (aka Lake Chapeau) (24-24)	Slow-no wake speed on entire lake at all times.	4/7/1995
Freeborn County	Fountain Lake (24-18)	Slow-no wake speed in Bancroft Bay and channel, and in Dane Bay.	4/19/1978 and 11/20/1990
GOODHUE			
Goodhue County	Mississippi River	Slow-no wake speed from River Mile 791.5 to 790.5 and River Mile 789.2 to 788.4.	6/29/1990 amended 6/4/1996
Goodhue County	Red Wing area: Upper Harbor, Colvill Park Harbor, Small Boat Harbor (aka Red Wing Bay) and Training School Slough (aka "Ole Miss Marina")	Slow-no wake speed in all four harbors.	7/18/1978 amended 6/4/1996
Goodhue County	Lake Byllesby (also Dakota Co.)	1. Slow-no wake speed on entire lake when water reaches 858.2 feet on the dam gauge. 2. No people access or watercraft operation on the following: - the water between the Lake Byllesby Dam and the signs or buoys indicating danger to watercraft on the west (upstream) side of the dam. - the water between the DNR pedestrian bridge and the Lake Byllesby Dam located on the east (downstream) side of the dam.	6/26/2003 9/6/2022
HENNEPIN			
Three Rivers Park District (Hennepin County)	Lake Rebecca Park (27-192) Hyland Lake Park (27-48)	Electric motors only.	M.S. §398.09

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Bloomington	All lakes and rivers (including Minnesota River), Bush Lake (27-47), Penn Lake (27-4) and Normandale Lake	1. 8 mph from sunrise to sunset. 2. 5 mph from sunset to sunrise. 3. 6 horsepower limit on all waters except Minnesota River. 4. Boats must stay 150 feet from swim area. 5. No inflatable devices. 6. No scuba diving in waters within a park without a permit. 7. Motors greater than 6 horsepower may be attached as long they are not used on city lakes.	1974 (adopted prior to 1/75, no approval needed.) Amended 10/13/1999 Amended 5/22/2001
Brooklyn Park	Shingle Creek	No motorboats.	1965
Dayton	French Lake (27-127)	1. No watercraft on lake from January 1 through June 14 each year. 2. No motorboats except those powered by electric motors, not to exceed 45 lbs. of thrust, and operated by persons with a physical disability.	6/1/1987 amended 11/4/1991
Eden Prairie	Bryant Lake (27-67)	1. 15 mph from noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. 2. Observer required for water-skiing. 3. Slow no-wake speed restriction on entire lake when water level exceeds 852.6 feet and will be lifted when the water level reaches 852.5 feet for three consecutive days.	5/8/1984 4/11/2016 amended 6/21/2018
Eden Prairie	Duck Lake (27-69)	Electric motors not capable of traveling faster than three miles per hour allowed.	6/17/1996 amended 6/21/2018
Eden Prairie	Mitchell Lake (27-70)	10 horsepower limit.	2/1/1989
Eden Prairie	Red Rock Lake (27-76)	10 horsepower limit.	2/1/1989
Eden Prairie	Riley Lake (10-2)	1. Slow-no wake speed 150 feet out from Riley Lake Park (800 feet in length). 2. Designated water ski launch area.	3/20/1986
Eden Prairie	Round Lake (27-71)	1. Electric motors only. 2. Excursion boats owned and operated by the city are exempt.	9/16/1985
Eden Prairie	Smetana Lake (27-73)	1. Electric motors only. 2. Excursion boats owned and operated by the city are exempt.	amended 8/17/2001
Eden Prairie	Staring Lake (27-78)	Slow no-wake speed restriction on entire lake when water level exceeds 817.00 feet and will be lifted when the water level reaches 816.9 feet for three consecutive days.	4/11/2016 amended 6/21/2018
Edina	All lakes	No mechanically propelled watercraft.	Early 1950s
Independence / Greenfield	Lake Sarah (27-191)	1. Slow-no wake speed at all times in the channel between the two halves of the lake. 2. Slow-no wake speed on the entire lake when the water level reaches 981.1 feet and remains there for at least 3 consecutive days.	4/27/2001 10/30/2002
Independence / Medina	Lake Independence (27-176) (also in Medina)	Slow-no wake speed on the entire lake whenever water level reaches 958.2 feet for a period of 3 consecutive days or more.	8/4/2003 amended 9/23/2014 amended 7/7/2020

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Long Lake / Orono	Long Lake (27-160)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 40 mph from sunrise to sunset. 2. 15 mph from sunset to sunrise. 3. Slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of swimmers, anchored or moored rafts or watercraft, shoreline or docks. 4. Personal Watercraft: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -no operation from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.; (State law supersedes starting time - state law prohibits use before 9:30 a.m. and, depending on time of year, may also supersede ending time) -no wake jumping within 100 feet of another watercraft, including another personal watercraft. (State law supersedes ordinance – wake jumping within 150 feet of another craft) 	<p>5/19/1995</p> <p>State PWC law changes effective 6/1/1998</p>
Maple Grove	Cedar Island Lake (27-119) Eagle Lake (27-111) Edward Lake (27-121) Fish Lake (27-118) Pike Lake (27-111 same as Eagle Lake) Rice Lake (27-116) Weaver Lake (27-117)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Restricts docks, mooring and other structures. Call city. 2. Permit required for placement of water obstacles. 3. Slow-no wake zone 100 feet from moored or anchored watercraft, person in water or on shore. 4. 40 mph on all lakes sunrise to sunset. 5. 15 mph sunset to sunrise. 6. Exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -15 mph at all times on Edward Lake, Pike Lake, Fish Lake's southwest bay, Mariner Point Channel, and Rice Lake west of Interstate 94; -slow-no wake speed in designated areas, including channel between Eagle and Pike Lakes; -slow-no wake speed on all of Fish Lake from sunset to 9 a.m.; -slow-no wake speed 24 hours a day when lake levels exceed 892.0 feet 7. Counterclockwise travel on Fish and Weaver Lake, except under certain provisions. 8. Restricts overnight docking of watercraft. 	<p>revised 2/21/1989</p> <p>Pike Lake mph revised 1/20/1993</p> <p>Fish Lake amendment 4/9/1993</p>
Medicine Lake, City of	Medicine Lake (27-104) (also see Plymouth)	Slow-no wake speed when water level exceeds 889.4 feet for at least three consecutive days until water level recedes below 889.4 feet for at least three consecutive days.	4/4/2001
Medina	Holy Name Lake (27-158)	Electric motors and steam engines only.	7/12/1983
Medina	Mooney Lake (27-134)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5 horsepower limit. 2. No motorboats from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. 	2/4/1992
Medina / Independence	Lake Independence (27-176) (also in Independence)	Slow-no wake speed on the entire lake whenever water level reaches 958.2 feet for a period of 3 consecutive days or more.	<p>8/4/2003</p> <p>amended 12/2/2014</p> <p>amended 7/7/2020</p>
Minneapolis	All lakes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electric motors only. 2. No permit required to use watercraft on city lakes. 3. Permit required to use canoe racks and sailboat mooring buoys. <p>For more information – contact Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board at 612-230-6400.</p>	1960

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Minneapolis	Mississippi River	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow-no wake speed on the Mississippi River from the Plymouth Avenue Bridge at River Mile 855.0 to the railroad bridge just upstream from the Washington Avenue bridge at River Mile 853.0. 2. Speed Restrictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -40 mph sunrise to sunset; -20 mph sunset to sunrise the following day, from the head of commercial navigation at River Mile 857.6 to the Plymouth Avenue bridge at River Mile 855.0; -20 mph from the railroad bridge at River Mile 853.0 to the railroad bridge just upstream from the Lake Street bridge at River Mile 850.3. 	6/14/1993
Minnetonka, City of	All lakes and rivers Shady Oak Lake (27-89), Spring Lake, Holiday Lake (27-90), Lone Lake (27- 94), Windsor (27-82), Minnetoga (27-88), Glen (27-93), Libbs Lake (27-85), Grays Bay (27-133), Lake Rose (27-92), Wing Lake (27-91), Mud Lake (27-88)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No docks or other structures that affect navigation. 2. Electric motors only. 3. Exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Gray's Bay; -Libb's Lake; -Shady Oak Lake; -Minnehaha Creek from Gray's Bay to the railroad right-of-way (830 feet west of County Road 73); -the northerly extension of Atwater Street to the City of St. Louis Park boundary. 4. 25 horsepower limit for Shady Oak Lake. 5. No water skiing on Libb's Lake and Shady Oak Lake. 6. No swimming in the channel that divides Shady Oak Lake. 7. No swimming in the channel from Libb's Lake to Gray's Bay. 	1979 revised 9/25/1989 amended 6/20/1990

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Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) IMPORTANT NOTE: This summary covers most summer / boating restrictions See the LMCD website for a complete summary for winter (ice) and summer or Call LMCD for info., map and complete regulations 952-745-0789	Lake Minnetonka (27-133) including Libb's Lake (27-85) and Tanager Lake (27-141) Emerald Lake (27-133 same as Lake Minnetonka) Seton Lake (27-133 same as Lake Minnetonka)	1. Speed restrictions: -40 mph daytime; -20 mph nighttime; -5 mph slow-no wake speed in the following areas: a) marked quiet waters areas, b) within 150 feet of shore, docks and people swimming or fishing, c) within 150 feet of swim areas or swimmers, scuba flags, anchored rafts, watercraft, or docks 2. Water skiing restrictions: -Observer and operator of at least 12 years old required; -Skier must wear life jacket; -Sunrise to one-half hour after sunset only; -85 foot maximum tow rope. -No skiing within 150 feet of swim areas, swimmers, rafts, watercraft, scuba flags, or docks (except dock from which operating); -No skiing in channels or quiet waters areas. 3. Restrictions on personal watercraft beyond state laws. 4. Noise levels may not exceed: -80 decibels for marine engines or motorboats built prior to January 1, 1992; -79 decibels for marine engines or motorboats built on or after January 1, 1992. 5. HIGH WATER - MINIMUM WAKE RESTRICTIONS within 600 feet of shore and in a number of bays and small lakes during high water, when Lake Minnetonka is above 929.8 feet. Questions - call the LMCD at (952) 745-0789. 6. No motorboats in Bruhn Channel. 7. No anchoring / slow-no wake speed in buoyed lanes in "Cruiser's Cove" near Big Island. 8. Curfew – Unless accompanied by a parent or guardian: persons less than 15 cannot be on the lake from 10 p.m. – 6 a.m. and those 16-17 may not be on the lake from 12 midnight to 6 a.m.	LMCD restrictions do not require DNR approval
Minnetrista	Ox Yoke Lake (27-178)	5 horsepower limit.	7/19/1995
Minnetrista	Little Long Lake (27-179)	10 horsepower limit.	6/20/1988
Minnetrista	Six-Mile Marsh (27-960W)	1. Slow-no wake speed east of N-S line between Sections 27-28 and 33-34, Twp. 117N-R24W. 2. No motorboats west of the above line.	Approved 11/21/2005
Orono / Long Lake	Long Lake (27-160)	Filed under City of Long Lake.	
Orono	Mooney Lake (27-134)	1. 5 horsepower limit. 2. No motorboats from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.	7/19/1995
Plymouth	Pike Lake (27-111 same as Eagle Lake)	15 mph at all times.	1/20/1993
Plymouth	Hadley Lake (27-109)	No motorboats.	10/6/1977
Plymouth	Lost Lake (27-103)	1. 5 horsepower limit. 2. No motorboats from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.	4/1/1976

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Plymouth	Mooney Lake (27-134)	1. 5 horsepower limit. 2. No motorboats from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.	2/4/1992
Plymouth	Medicine Lake (27-104) (also see City of Medicine Lake)	Slow-no wake speed when the water level exceeds 889.4 feet for three consecutive days and remains in place until the lake level drops to 889.4 feet or below for at least three consecutive days.	8/9/2000
Richfield	Richfield Lake (27-21), Wood Lake (27-26), Legion Lake (27-24), Mother Lake (27-23)	1. Restricts swimming. 2. No boating on any body of water in the city. 3. No fish houses. 4. No snowmobiling.	10/15/1976
Robbinsdale	Crystal Lake (27-34)	1. Water skiing and the use of other similar devices are permitted only from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. They are prohibited in the primary harbor (defined as 150 feet from shoreline). 2. No motorized watercraft from sunset to sunrise the following day. 3. Slow-no wake speed on lake until the water level has dropped to 848 feet and has remained at or below that level for at least three consecutive days.	1969 Amended - 11/16/2021
Robbinsdale	Lower (South) Twin Lake (27-42)	1. Slow- no wake speed on lake at all times, regardless of lake level. 2. Slow-no wake speed while going under bridges or through channels. 3. No motorboats on Lower (South) Twin Lake from noon to 6 p.m. on any day, unless traveling to or from Middle or Upper Twin Lake at a slow-no wake speed. 4. No motorboats on Lower Twin Lake from sunset to sunrise the following day.	5/24/1991 Amended - 11/16/2021
Shorewood	All lakes and rivers: Lake Como (27-145), Christmas Lake (27-137) (part), Mary Lake (27-143), Lake Linden (27-143) and Lake Virginia (10-15) (part), Christmas Lake (27-137)	1. A 15-year-old required for persons less than 15 to operate motorboats of 10 horsepower or more. 2. Life jackets required for skier. 3. No more than 2 skiers. 4. No skiing from one-half hour after sunset to sunrise. 5. 85 foot maximum tow rope. 6. No skiing within 150 feet of others swimming, boating, diving flags, etc. 7. Observer of at least 12 required when water skiing. 8. No skiing or swimming in marked channels.	6/16/1960
HUBBARD			
Hubbard County	LaSalle Lake (29-309)	10 mph speed limit 24/7.	1/7/2014
Hubbard County	Lester Lake (29-49)	Electric or no motor only 24/7.	1/7/2014
Park Rapids	Fish Hook River	Closed throttle in channels, under bridges and in narrow waterways.	Prior to 1975
ITASCA			
Itasca County	Bowstring River	Slow-no wake zone 24 hours a day from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.	8/10/1998

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Itasca County	Channels between Rice Lake (31-201) and Little Sand Lake (31-93), Little Sand Lake and Big Sand Lake (31-82), Big Sand and Portage Lake	Slow-no wake speed 24 hours a day from 12:01 on the Saturday in May that coincides with the opening of the state walleye season until midnight on September 30 each year.	8/18/1999
Cohasset	Lakes Pokegama, Jay Gould and Little Jay Gould	Slow-no wake speed in the channels between: -Pokegama and Jay Gould Lakes -Jay Gould and Little Jay Gould Lakes	3/16/2007
KANABEC			
Town of Arthur	Fish Lake (33-36)	Slow-no wake speed on entire lake when water level reaches the equivalent of 950 feet mean sea level (MSL) on the Hwy. 65 gauge, and stays above for 3 consecutive days. Goes off after 3 consecutive days below 950 feet.	8/1/2005
KANDIYOHI			
Kandiyohi County	All aerated lakes: Crow River, Monongalia, East Solomon (34-246), Foot (34-181), Long (34-192), Mud (34-158), Ringo (34-203), Swenson (34-321), Unnamed (Tadd), Unnamed (Upper), Wagonga (34-169), Willmar (34-180)	Must stay outside standard thin ice signs.	2/8/1990
Kandiyohi County	Dogfish Bay on Diamond Lake (34-181)	Must stay outside standard thin ice signs.	5/19/1998
Kandiyohi County	Foot Lake (34-181)	No motorboats in 35-acre area near swim beach.	2/18/1986
KOOCHICHING			
National Park Service Regulations	Voyageurs National Park	No personal watercraft (Jet Skis etc.) permitted – See National Park Service on page 34.	4/20/2000
LAKE			
U.S. Forest Service Regulations	Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness	Motor restrictions and use prohibitions – See U.S. Forest Service on page 33.	
LE SUEUR			
Le Sueur County	Fish Lake (40-51)	1. 20 horsepower limit. 2. No water skiing.	9/4/1974
Le Sueur County	Lake Lily (81-67) (Also in Waseca County)	1. Open speed noon to 6 p.m. 2. Slow-no wake zone 6 p.m. to noon the following day.	6/18/1982

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Le Sueur County	Clear Lake (40-79) and Gorman Lake (40-32)	No motor vehicles, snowmobiles or ice boats from sunset to sunrise the following day when ice is on the lakes.	12/24/1980
Le Sueur County	Lake Elysian (81-95) (Also in Waseca County)	1. No motor vehicles, snowmobiles or ice boats from sunset to sunrise the following day when ice is on the lakes. 2. Vehicles may be operated or parked at night within 30 feet of shore.	1/25/2005
LINCOLN			
Lincoln County	All lakes and streams, including Hendricks Lake (41-110)	Must stay outside standard thin ice signs.	2/17/1987
LYON			
Lyon County	All lakes with aeration systems: Goose Lake (42-1), Lady Slipper Lake (42-20), Rock Lake (42-52), School Grove Lake (42-2), East Twin Lake (42-70), West Twin Lake (42-74), Lake Yankton (42-47), Clear Lake (42-55) and Cottonwood Lake (42-14)	All users must stay outside standard thin ice signs.	8/26/1985 amended 7/29/1991, 7/13/1998
MARTIN			
Fairmont	All lakes George Lake (46-24) Sisseton Lake (46-25) Budd Lake (46-30) Hall Lake (46-31) Amber Lake (46-34)	1. 40 mph sunrise to sunset. 2. 15 mph sunset to sunrise the following day. 3. Slow-no wake speed within 100 feet of shore or dredging equipment. 4. No inflatable devices beyond 100 feet of shore. 5. No inflatable devices in use from sunset to sunrise the following day.	8/13/1982
MEEKER			
Meeker County	Channel between Lake Washington (47-46) and Lake Stella (47-68)	Slow-no wake speed in channel between the two lakes.	3/21/1988
Meeker County/Stearns County	Lake Koronis (73-02)	Slow-no wake speed for the channel west of Mud Lake. Effective 24 hours per day from Ice Out until Freeze Up.	8/2/2016
MILLE LACS			
MN DNR Rules	Brown Lake (48-15)	Electric motors of less than one-half horsepower only.	4/5/1974
MORRISON			
Morrison County	Fish Trap Lake (49-137)	Slow-no wake speed in public access area on west end of lake.	10/21/1996

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MOWER			
Mower County	Mill Pond (50-3)	No watercraft use between sunset and sunrise.	8/13/1999
MURRAY			
Murray County	Aerated Lakes: Shetek (51-46), Wilson Lake (51-81)	Must stay outside standard thin ice signs.	Passed 5/10/1995 approved 1998
Murray County	Lake Shetek (51-46), Wilson (51-81)	Slow-no wake zone in Valhala Bay.	10/14/1983
Murray County	All Lakes: Shetek (51-46), Bloody Lake (51-40), Fremont (51-39), Wilson (51-81)	1. Slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of: -shore on all lakes during high water (1483.1 feet at Currie Dam); -the bridge on 2nd dike of Lake Shetek; -the bridge connecting Lake Shetek and Bloody Lake. 2. 150-foot no-ski zone along shore of all lakes.	6/20/1996
NOBLES			
Nobles County	All bodies of water: Indian (53-7), East Grahm (53-20), West Grahm (53-21), Ocheda (53-24)	Must stay outside standard thin ice signs.	2/17/1988
OLMSTED			
Olmsted County	Lake Zumbro (55-4) (also in Wabasha County)	Slow-no wake speed on entire lake when water reaches 921.0 feet or above. Restriction goes off when it drops to 920.7 feet or below.	6/16/1995 - revised 3/30/2009
Rochester	Foster Arend Pond, Silver Lake (55-3), Cascade Lake and Flood Control Reservoir- WR 6A	1. Electric motors only on all four bodies of water and no motor vehicles allowed. 2. Exemptions by permit for events.	8/1/2005
OTTER TAIL			
Otter Tail County	Indian Lake (56-327)	Electric motors only.	10/6/202003
Otter Tail County	Ottertail Lake (56-242)	Slow-no wake zone at all times on Pelican Bay.	12/19/00
Otter Tail County	Portage Lake (56-140)	1. No motorboats over 20 horsepower. 2. No water skiing.	County Passed 5/9/1978 DNR never approved

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PINE			
Pine County	Pokegama Lake (58-142) Cross Lake (58-119) Snake River - section between the two lakes	Slow-no wake speed 24 hours per day when any of the following conditions is met: -When Pokegama Lake's water elevation is at or above 935.5 feet (NGVD29); or -When Cross Lake's water elevation is at or above 935.0 feet (NGVD29); or -When the U.S. Geological Stream Gauge Station 05338500, located near the Cross Lake Outlet, is at 6 feet. Restrictions will be removed when water levels remain below listed elevations for 3 consecutive days.	4/15/2021
Windemere Township	Johnson Lake (58-74)	Electric motors only on entire lake.	9/14/1995
POPE			
Pope County	Lake Minnewaska (61-130)	Slow no-wake speed at all times in the following areas: -Glenwood Marina – within 150 feet of the furthest lakeward extend of these docks and piers. -City of Glenwood Swimming Area – within 150 feet of the marked swimming area. -City of Starbuck Swimming Area – within 150 feet of the marked swimming area.	5/27/2014
RAMSEY			
Ramsey County	Lake Owasso (62-56) (also in Roseville/Shoreview City Ordinance update 1998)	1. 40 mph speed limit. 2. Slow-no wake zone within 150 feet of shoreline.	9/4/1984
Arden Hills	Lake Johanna (62-78)	1. 5 mph within 250 feet of shore and in center of lake at all times. 2. 5 mph within the open speed zone from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. daily. 3. 40 mph at other times and counterclockwise travel is required. 4. Slow-no wake speed on entire lake when elevation reaches 879.50 or more and removed when below 879.30 for a minimum of 24 hours.	10/28/1974 Amended: 10/16/1987, 3/23/2017
Little Canada / Maplewood	Lake Gervais (62-7)	1. Open water - Slow-no wake zone within 150 feet of any shoreline and on the entire surface when the lake elevation exceeds 860.0 feet at the public access. 2. Winter - 15 mph limit for any motor vehicle within 150 feet of shore, fish house or person, and no entry on skating rinks or sliding areas within 150 feet of shore.	7/11/1997
Maplewood	All lakes, Lake Phalen (62-13) Also see special Lake Gervais (62-7) restrictions noted above.	1. Slow-no wake speed within 300 feet of shore occupied by swimmers or anglers. 2. Slow-no wake speed in the channels of Phalen, Keller, and Kohlman Lakes. 3. No water-skiing etc. within 300 feet of shoreline, docks, swimmers, or other boats. 4. Damaging wakes prohibited within 300 feet of occupied boats.	1965 / 1982 / 1997
Mounds View	Spring Lake (2-71) (also in Fridley and Spring Lake Park, Anoka County)	1. Slow-no wake speed within 300 feet of shore, anglers, swimmers, and occupied boats. 2. No water-skiing within 300 feet of shore, docks, swimmers or other boats.	6/6/1953
New Brighton	Long Lake (62-67)	1. Slow-no wake speed at all times within 100 feet of shore. 2. Open speed zone and counterclockwise travel from sunrise Monday to sunset Friday, and from noon to 6 p.m. on weekends and holidays; all other times slow-no wake speed. 3. Slow-no wake zone on entire lake when water elevation exceeds 866.22 feet. 4. Restrictions when ice is on lake.	5/19/1982

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North Oaks	Pleasant Lake (62-46) Gilfillan Lake (62-27)	Electric motors only. Restricted by private land.	1950
North St. Paul	Casey Lake (62-5)	No motors allowed.	8/15/1984
Roseville	All lakes: Little Johanna (62-78), Langton (62-49), Bennett (62-48) and McCarron (62-54)	1. Slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of shore, anglers, swimmers or occupied boats. 2. No water skiing within 300 feet of shore, docks, swimmers or other boats.	8/18/1953
Roseville / Arden Hills	Lake Josephine (62-57)	1. 40 mph speed limit. 2. Slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of shoreline.	3/18/1953 amended 1/25/1999
Roseville / Shoreview	Lake Owasso (62-56) (also Ramsey Co. Ordinance)	1. 40 mph speed limit. 2. Slow no wake speed within 150 feet of shoreline.	10/1997
Shoreview	All lakes entirely in city	Slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of shore.	9/16/1997
Shoreview	Island Lake (62-75)	1. Slow-no wake speed on the entire lake when water elevation reaches 947.0 feet. 2. Use of boats with water bladders (or any additional ballast) that artificially creates a larger wake is prohibited.	3/9/2009
St. Paul	All lakes in parks: (Lake Phalen (62-13), Como Lake (62-55), and Lake Crosby (62-47))	1. Electric motors only. 2. No inflatable devices. 3. No boating allowed after dusk or before daylight.	1956 amended 1982
St. Paul	Mississippi River	Slow-no wake speed zones: -River Mile 839.5 (Wabasha St. Bridge) to 840.5 (Smith Ave. or High Bridge) -River Mile 844.6 to 845.1, near the Watergate Marina.	4/26/1990 amended 6/7/2005
Vadnais Heights	Lake Vadnais (62-38) Sucker Lake (62-28)	1. No boats allowed. 2. Shore fishing only, no one allowed on ice.	Water reservoir for St. Paul
White Bear Lake Conservation District Contact the District for a set of complete regulations at: 651-429-8520 or White Bear Lake Conservation District website	White Bear Lake (82-167) (also in Washington County)	1. 35 mph maximum speed limit. 2. Slow-no wake speed in shore zone (200-300 feet from shore), or within 100 feet of any person in the water. 3. No operation of watercraft within 100 feet of person in the water or on a raft. 4. Water skiing restrictions: -Towboat operator must be 13 years old; -100 feet maximum length tow rope; -Type I,II or III USCG PFD required to be worn by person being towed; -No skiing (except straight out from shore) within 100 feet of shore; -Boats and skiers must stay 100 feet away from docks, other boats, rafts and swim areas; -Memorial Day through Labor Day - Observer required: weekends and holidays from 12 noon - dark / weekdays from 4 p.m. – dark. 5. Personal watercraft restrictions.	WBLCD restrictions do not require DNR approval

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RICE			
Rice County	Cannon River, Cannon Lake (66-8) and Wells (66-10) Lake	Slow-no wake speed at all times in the following channels: -Co. 13 bridge – west end of Cannon Lake -Co. 12 bridge – between Cannon and Wells Lakes -I-35 Bridge	4/28/2003
ST. LOUIS			
St. Louis County	All county lakes and rivers	Adopts state statutes and rules as an ordinance.	5/3/1989
Aurora	St. James Pit Lake (69-428)	No boats or swimming in lake.	9/15/1986
Duluth	Duluth Ship Canal - Lake Superior (16-1)	Slow-no wake zone.	8/16/1999
Virginia	Silver Lake (69-662)	1. Slow-no wake speed at all times. 2. The portion of the lake between the boardwalk and the shore of the Public Utilities is non-public waters and cannot be traversed by any means without written permission from the City.	6/15/1964 Amended 8/11/2023
Virginia	Virginia (Bailey's) Lake (69-663)	Slow-no wake speed at all times.	8/11/2023
National Park Service Rules	Voyageurs National Park	No personal watercraft (Jet Skis, etc.) allowed in Voyageurs National Park – See National Park Service on page 33.	4/2/2000
U.S. Forest Service Regulations	Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness	Motor restrictions and use prohibitions – See U.S. Forest Service on page 33.	
SCOTT			
Scott County	McMahon Lake (70-50)	Slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of the shore when water elevation reaches 965.2 feet. Removed when below 965.2 feet for 3 consecutive days.	6/3/1014
Three Rivers Park District	Cleary Lake Park Reserve: Cleary Lake (70-22)	Electric motors only.	M.S. §398.09
Jordan	Jordan Mill Pond (70-113)	No motorboats.	7/2/1973
Prior Lake, City of	Upper Prior Lake (70-72) Lower Prior Lake (70-26)	1. Slow-no wake zone on entire lake when water level exceeds 903.9 feet. 2. Slow-no wake zone within 150 feet of shore and specified channels. 3. 40 mph daytime speed limit weekends and holidays – Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. 4. 20 mph nighttime speed limit all year. 5. No inflatable devices (air mattresses, inner tubes) beyond 150 feet of shore. 6. Swimming must be within 150 feet of shore, unless accompanied by watercraft. 7. No water skiing or towed tubes within 150 feet of shore – except for launching or landing directly to and from shore.	5/20/1994 Amendments approved - 7/22/2010, 8/25/2016

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Prior Lake, City of / Spring Lake Township	Spring Lake (70-54)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow-no wake zone on entire lake when water level exceeds 912.8 feet. 2. Slow-no wake zone within 150 feet of shore and specified channels. 3. 40 mph daytime speed limit weekends and holidays – Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. 4. 20 mph nighttime speed limit all year. 5. No inflatable devices (air mattresses, inner tubes) beyond 150 feet of shore. 6. Swimming must be within 150 feet of shore, unless accompanied by watercraft. 7. No water skiing or towed tubes within 150 feet of shore – except for launching or landing directly to and from shore. 	8/25/2016
SHERBURNE			
Big Lake	Big Lake (71-82) Mitchell Lake (71-81)	Speed Restrictions: -Slow-no wake speed within 100 feet of shore; -40 mph from sunrise to sunset; -15 mph from sunset to sunrise; -Counterclockwise travel required of boats exceeding slow-no wake speed.	2/21/1989
Clear Lake Township	Elk Lake (71-141)	Slow-no wake speed 24 hours per day when water elevation exceeds 962.2 feet as determined by the benchmark established and maintained by the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Restriction will be removed when water level subsides and remains below 962.2 feet for three consecutive days.	3/19/2024
Elk River	Orono Lake (71-13)	Speed Restrictions: -Slow-no wake zone within 100 feet of shore; -40 mph from sunrise to sunset; -15 mph from sunset to sunrise; -Counterclockwise travel required of boats exceeding slow-no wake speed.	5/7/1990
Palmer Township	Briggs Lake Chain (Briggs (71-146), Julia (71-145) and Rush (71-147) Lakes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow-no wake zone at all times in channels between lakes and in Briggs Lake Bijou area. 2. Slow-no wake at all times over all three lakes when water level reaches 964.2 feet at the gauge established and maintained by the Palmer Township Board. The restriction will be removed from the lakes when the water level subsides and remains below 964.2 feet for three consecutive days. 	3/29/2004 Amended 4/2022
STEARNS			
Stearns County	Little Cedar Island Lake (73-90)	Slow-no wake zone in the channel.	12/26/2000
Stearns County	Lake Warner (73-11)	Battery-operated trolling motors only.	6/24/1987
Stearns County	Horseshoe Chain of Lakes (including: Horseshoe (73-157), Long (73-231), Cedar Island (73-133), Koetter, Zumwalde (73-89), Great Northern (73-83), and Schneider (73-82) Lakes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow-no wake speed in designated channels between lakes. 2. Slow-no wake speed in the entrance channel of Little Cedar Island Lake. 	5/20/1992 12/26/2000

County, Agency, City or Town	Lake or River	Restrictions	Effective Dates
Stearns County	Middle Spunk Lake (73-128)	Slow-no wake speed on south side near access and the adjoining bay near Interstate 94.	5/20/1992
Stearns County	Mississippi River - Sartell Dam (River Mile 932.2) to Rice Bridge (River Mile 942.2) (also in Benton County)	1. 40 mph from Sartell Dam at River Mile 932.2 upstream to Stearns County Road 17 at River Mile 945.2 (11.5 miles). 2. Slow-no-wake speed at the following locations: -the area 600 feet north of Sartell Dam at River Mile 932.2; -DNR boat launch on Benton County side of Mississippi River at Sauk Rapids at River Mile 934.3; -Pirates Cove at River Mile 936.5; -Gilligan's Bar at River Mile 941.2; -Stearns County Park - 2 miles southeast of Stearns County Road 17 at River Mile 942.2.	8/20/1993
Stearns County	Sauk River	Slow-no wake speed between the MN Highway 23 Bridge to the County Road 49 Highway bridge.	6/2019
Stearns County	Long Lake, Crooked Lake	Slow-no wake speed in the channel between Long Lake and Crooked Lake in Lynden Township.	6/2019
Stearns County/Meeker County	Lake Koronis (73-02)	Slow-no wake speed for the channel west of Mud Lake. Effective 24 hours per day from Ice Out until Freeze Up.	7/9/2018
Albany	North Lake (73-177)	1. No motorboats. 2. No motorized vehicles within 100 feet of skating rink.	6/8/1983
Rockville	Pleasant Lake (73-51)	Slow-no wake speed, 24 hours per day, when the lake level exceeds 1094.2 feet as measured on the DNR certified gauge located on the lake. Restrictions will be removed when level remains below 1094.2 feet for 3 consecutive days.	12/22/2020
Rockville	Grand Lake (73-55)	Slow-no wake speed, 24 hours per day, when the lake level exceeds 1105.36 feet as measured on the DNR certified gauge located on the lake. Restrictions will be removed when level remains below 1105.36 feet for 3 consecutive days.	12/22/2020
STEELE			
Owatonna / Owatonna Twp.	Lake Kohlmier (74-19)	1. Electric motors only. 2. No inflatable or other float-type devices. 3. No vehicles on ice.	10/12/1982 amended 6/6/1988
WABASHA			
Wabasha County	Lake Zumbro (55-4) (also in Olmsted County)	Slow-no wake speed during high water.	6/16/1995
Greenfield and Minneiska Twp.	Mississippi River	West Newton Chute (backwater area of river): Slow-no wake speed at all times, from the Friday prior to Memorial Day through Labor Day, on the marked northern portion as well as the marked area approximately ¼ mile long on the SW side of the southern entrance.	2003 and 5/15/2006
Minneiska Township	Mississippi River	Slow-no wake speed at all times in all of Half Moon Bay and Slough on the Mississippi River.	1/24/1994 1/29/2004
City of Wabasha	Mississippi River	Slow-no wake zone from mile 760.0 to mile 760.6 from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend.	3/10/1993

County, Agency, City or Town	Lake or River	Restrictions	Effective Dates
WASECA			
Waseca County	Lake Lily (81-67) (also in LeSueur County)	1. Open speed zone noon to 6 p.m. 2. Slow-no wake zone 6 p.m. to noon the following day.	6/18/1982
Waseca County	Lake Elysian (81-95) (also in LeSueur County)	1. No motor vehicles, snowmobiles or ice boats from sunset to sunrise the following day when ice is on the lakes. 2. Vehicles may be operated or parked at night within 30 feet of shore.	1/25/2005
WASHINGTON			
Washington County	Sylvan Lake (82-80)	1. 15 mph at all times. 2. No personal watercraft.	3/30/1976 amended by county 1998
Washington County	Mississippi River	Slow-no-wake zone from River Mile 811.5 to 811.7 (Prescott area), also in Dakota County.	8/18/1992
Forest Lake	Bay of Forest Lake, Forest Lake (82-159), Woodland Park addition to the City of Forest Lake	1. Slow-no wake speed in effect for entire bay. 2. No water skiing on entire bay.	2/27/1967 Amended 6/11/1984
Grey Cloud Island / Cottage Grove	Grey Cloud Channel Moore Lake (aka Mooer's Lake)	1. Slow-no wake speed in Grey Cloud Channel. 2. Slow-no wake speed within 100 feet of shore on Moore Lake.	8/13/1992
Lake Elmo	All lakes, Lake Elmo (82- 106), Lake Demontreville (82-101), Lake Olson (82- 103), Lake Jane (82-104)	1. Slow-no wake speed on Lake Elmo between sunset and noon the following day, 7 days a week. 2. Slow-no wake speed on Olson Lake, Lake Demontreville and Lake Jane from sunset to sunrise Monday through Friday; and between sunset and 9:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays. 3. Counterclockwise travel required of all boats exceeding slow-no wake speed. 4. Slow-no wake speed in channels and narrows between Lake Olson and Lake Demontreville.	4/28/1981 amended 1/9/1985 amended 9/17/2013 amended 8/18/2020
Mahtomedi / Birchwood	All lakes < 50 acres: Lost Lake (82-134), Echo Lake	No internal combustion engines, electric trolling motors only.	Passed by cities 2/22/1993 never approved by DNR
May Township	Long Lake (82-155)	Slow-no wake speed on entire lake.	2/29/1996
Scandia	Bone Lake (82-54)	Slow-no wake speed within 300 feet of shoreline during high water (909.1 ft.) and removed when water remains below high water for 3 consecutive days.	11/18/2014
Stillwater	Lily Lake (82-23)	1. No motorboats, including electric motors. 2. No flotation devices except U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.	6/1/1971 amended 8/27/1971
Stillwater	Long Lake (82-20)	1. 10 horsepower limit. 2. 25 horsepower limit for pontoon boats.	12/8/1997
Woodbury	Battle Creek Lake (82-91), La Lake (82-97), and Markgrafs Lake (82-89)	10 horsepower limit.	1/26/1983

County, Agency, City or Town	Lake or River	Restrictions	Effective Dates
Woodbury	Wilmes Lake (82-90), Colby Lake (82-94), Powers Lake (82-92)	Electric motors only.	amended 6/24/1987 amended 8/9/1995
MN and WI DNR Rules and National Park Service Regulations	Lower St. Croix River (also in Chisago County)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow speed zone from the Apple River to Taylors Falls. 2. Slow-no wake speed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -At the narrows near the High Bridge Bend at River Mile 28.6; -Within Andersen Bay at River Mile 20.0; -At the Hudson Narrows and Bay at River Mile 16.5 to 17.3; -Kinnickinnic River Narrows and Bay at River Mile 6.0 to 6.6; -At the Prescott Narrows at River Mile 0.0 to 0.3; -Shore to shore in the area known as Afton-Catfish Bar at River Mile 11.4 to 11.8; -Anywhere within 100 feet of shore or swimmers from River Mile 0.0 to 31.0. -On the entire river, whenever the water exceeds 683.0 feet at the Stillwater gauge. 3. Water skiing restrictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No skiing from sunset to sunrise the following day; -No skiing in slow-no wake speed zone, except for launching or landing skiers by the most direct route to or from open water; -From May 15 through Sept. 15, no skiing after noon on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays from River Mile 24.5 to 31.0. 	5/14/1977 amended 1978 and 1981, 1991, 1996
MN DNR Rule	Square Lake (82-46)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5 mph at all times around shore. 2. Open speed zone in center of lake, as marked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Open speed zone and counterclockwise travel from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; -Open speed zone and counterclockwise travel from noon to 4 p.m. on weekends and holidays; -5 mph at all other times. 	6/5/1974
MN DNR Rule	Tanners Lake (82-115)	10 mph on entire lake.	1/29/1974
Oakdale and Landfall	Tanners Lake (82-115)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow-no wake speed on lake when water level exceeds 964 feet. 2. 10 mph on entire lake. 	1/30/2002
National Park Service Regulations	Lower St. Croix River (also in Chisago County)	No personal watercraft north of the Boomsite Access at about River Mile 25 – See National Park Service on page 34.	4/20/2000
WINONA			
Winona County	Mississippi River	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow-no wake speed on the main channel of the Mississippi River in the marked area between Mile 724.8 (by the Winona Yacht Club) and Mile 725.8 (Interstate Bridge). 2. Slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of the NE shore of Latsch Island (boathouse area) from the Interstate Bridge to the SE end of the island. 	6/3/1992 amended 6/20/2005
Winona County	Goodview Lake (85-12)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow-no wake speed on entire lake. 2. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. 3. Swimming in designated areas only. 	1/29/1974

County, Agency, City or Town	Lake or River	Restrictions	Effective Dates
City of Winona	Lake Winona (85-11)	1. 10 horsepower. 2. 10 mph speed limit. 3. 500 foot distance from swimmers. 4. Slow-no wake speed within 100 feet of other boats. 5. Allows temporary exemption from slow-no wake zone for special events with approval from the Winona County Sheriff.	6/30/1997
WRIGHT			
Wright County	All lakes	1. Observer required on weekends, holidays and in congested areas when water skiing. 2. No overtaking, passing, meeting, obstructing or speeding in channels that will endanger watercraft, seaplanes or property. 3. No swimming, diving, jumping or water skiing in channels.	2/4/1976 11/7/2012, amended 4/25/2013, amended
Wright County	Bertram Chain of Lakes (Bertram 86-70, Long 86-69, Mud 86-68, First 86-67)	Electric motor only.	3/1/2016
Wright County	Cedar Lake (86-227)	Slow-no wake speed within 300 feet of shore when water level reaches 999.17 feet (provision for launching or landing skiers).	11/7/2012
Wright County	E. and W. Lake Sylvia (86-289, 86-279)	1. Slow-no wake speed in the channel between the two lakes. 2. Slow-no wake speed within 300 feet of shore when water level reaches 1050.08 feet (provision for launching or landing skiers).	11/7/2012
Wright County	Howard Lake (86-199)	1. Slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of shore from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day (provision for launching or landing skiers). 2. Slow-no wake speed within 300 feet of shore when water level reaches 998.58 feet (provision for launching or landing skiers). Restriction lifted when water level remains below 998.58 feet for three consecutive days.	11/7/2012
Wright County	Lake Ann (86-190)	1. Slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of shore from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day (provision for launching or landing skiers). 2. Slow-no wake speed within 300 feet of shore when water level reaches 987.50 feet (provision for launching or landing skiers). Restriction lifted when water level remains below 987.50 feet for three consecutive days.	11/7/2012, amended 4/23/2013, 11/7/2012, 3/1/2016
Wright County	Lake Charlotte (86-11)	Slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of shore from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day (provision for launching or landing skiers).	3/1/2016
Wright County	Pleasant Lake (86-251)	Slow-no wake speed within 300 feet of shore when water level reaches 992.1 feet at the Grass Lake Outlet Dam (provision for launching or landing skiers).	4/23/2013
YELLOW MEDICINE			
Yellow Medicine County	Wood Lake (87-30), Mud Lake (87-32) and School Grove Lake (42-2)	No snowmobiles, ice boats or motor vehicles from sunset to sunrise when ice is on the lake.	8/26/1985

STATE OF MINNESOTA - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

STATE PARKS

651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367

Boating restrictions:

- All lakes entirely within a state park: 10 mph speed limit, unless the lake is otherwise designated and posted; no water skiing, unless the lake is otherwise designated and posted.
- No person shall moor a watercraft on a beach or area specifically posted prohibiting that use.
- No person shall operate a watercraft or motor on a body of water or portion of a body of water specifically posted prohibiting that use.
- No person shall tie, anchor, or fasten a watercraft to a dock or pier in a manner that prevents free access to the dock or pier, except for short periods of time not to exceed 30 minutes to allow launching or loading of a watercraft or where signs are posted to permit tie ups for longer periods of time.

Swimming restrictions at all parks:

- Activities in and upon the beaches and swimming areas shall be under the direction of the lifeguard, if one is present.
- No person shall swim in or enter a body of water or area posted closed to swimming.
- No person shall allow a dog or other pet to enter the water with swimmers.
- Swimming at beaches only between sunrise and sunset.
- No person shall possess glass containers; enter a swimming area with a boat, canoe, or raft; fish; or engage in an activity that is hazardous and could cause injury to others.
- No person shall use soap, detergent, or shampoo.
- Non-U.S. Coast Guard-approved flotation devices (air mattress, inner tube, or other flotation device) prohibited, except in an area specifically designated for that use.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (WMA)

651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367. No motorboats (including electric motors) or motorized water vehicles (including amphibious vehicles) may be used on any State Wildlife Management Area, except as noted below. Motorboats, (except air boats, personal watercraft and hovercraft) may be used on the following areas as indicated:

AREA NAME	COUNTY	COMMENTS
Gold Portage WMA	Koochiching and St. Louis	Motorboats may be used with no limit on size.
Gores WMA (Mississippi River Pool 3)	Goodhue and Dakota	Motorboats may be used with no limit on size.
Hubbel Pond (Hanson Lake) WMA	Becker	Motorboats may be used with no limit on size.
Lac qui Parle WMA (except where posted)	Big Stone, Lac qui Parle, Chippewa and Swift	Motorboats may be used with no limit on size.
Mud-Goose WMA	Cass	Motor size is restricted to 10 horsepower or less except during the waterfowl season, when no motors, including trolling motors, are allowed.
Orwell Reservoir	Otter Tail	Motor size is restricted to 10 horsepower or less.
Roseau River WMA	Roseau	There are no motor limits on the main channel and oxbows of the Roseau River. Elsewhere on the Roseau River WMA, motors of 10 horsepower or less may be used only on days that the waterfowl season is open.
South Walnut Lake WMA	Faribault	Motor size is restricted to 10 horsepower or less.

AREA NAME	COUNTY	COMMENTS
Swamp River WMA	Cook	Motorboats may be used with no limit on size.
Spring Lake Islands WMA	Dakota	Motorboats may be used with no limit on size.
Talcot Lake WMA	Cottonwood and Murray	On the Talcot Lake WMA, motorboats may be used on the lake, except on any day that the waterfowl season is open. Motorboats are prohibited on the river and marshes at any time of year.
Thief Lake WMA	Marshall	Motor size is restricted to 10 horsepower or less.
Eugene H. Wynn Jr. Memorial WMA	Pine	Motorboats may be used with no limit on size.

MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREAS

651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367. No motorboats may be used during the open waterfowl season in posted waterfowl feeding and resting areas, except trolling motors with battery power of 12 volts or less may be used on lakes as indicated in the table below. (Authorized under M.S. [§97A.095](#) and Minnesota Rule.)

COUNTY	LAKE NAME	FEEDING AND RESTING AREA	ELECTRIC MOTORS (12 volts or less) ALLOWED
Beltrami	Little Puposky	entire lake	yes
Beltrami	Puposky	entire lake	yes
Big Stone	Thielke	entire lake	no
Big Stone, Lac qui Parle and Swift	Marsh	part of lake	no
Blue Earth	Cottonwood	entire lake	no
Carver	Tiger	entire lake	yes
Cass	Big Rice	entire lake	no
Cass	Goose	entire lake	no
Cass	Mud	entire lake	no
Clearwater	Upper Rice	entire lake	no
Douglas and Grant	Christina	part of lake	no
Faribault	Minnesota	part of lake	yes
Freeborn	Bear	entire lake	yes
Freeborn	Upper Twin	entire lake	yes
Itasca	Nature's	entire lake	no
Itasca	Rice (near Max)	entire lake	no
Jackson	North Heron	entire lake except Winzer Bay and North Marsh	yes
Jackson	South Heron	part of lake	yes
Kandiyohi	Lillian	entire lake	yes
Kandiyohi	Wakanda	entire lake	yes
Le Sueur	Diamond	entire lake	yes

COUNTY	LAKE NAME	FEEDING AND RESTING AREA	ELECTRIC MOTORS (12 volts or less) ALLOWED
Le Sueur	Dora	entire lake	yes
Le Sueur	Henry	entire lake	no
Le Sueur	Rice	entire lake	no
Le Sueur	Sanborn	entire lake	yes
Le Sueur	Scotch	entire lake	no
McLeod	Bakers	entire lake	yes
McLeod	Unnamed (Penn Marsh)	entire lake	yes
Nicollet	Oak Leaf	entire lake	no
Otter Tail	Lizzie	part of lake (also known as Rush Lake)	no
Otter Tail	Mud (in Aastad Twp.)	entire lake	no
Polk	Turtle	entire lake	yes
Pope	Johanna	entire lake	no
Pope	Nelson	entire lake	yes
Scott	Pleasant	entire lake	no
Sibley	Washington	entire lake	no
Sibley	Mud (Erin) in Washington Lk. Twp.	entire lake	no
Traverse	Mud	part of lake	yes

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT LAKES

651- 296-6157 or 888-646-6367. No airboats at any time on lakes designated for wildlife management purposes. (Authorized under M.S. [§97A.101](#), Subd. 4 and Minnesota Rule.) Additional motorized restrictions may be posted at access points.

COUNTY	LAKE	COUNTY	LAKE
Aitkin	White Elk	Anoka	Fish
Big Stone	Lake 14	Blue Earth	Cottonwood
Blue Earth	Eagle	Blue Earth	Perch
Blue Earth	Rice	Brown	Hanska
Carver	Patterson	Carver	Tiger
Cass	Big Rice	Cottonwood	Augusta
Cottonwood	Bolstad Slough	Cottonwood	Long
Crow Wing	Dog	Douglas	Anka
Douglas	Jennie	Douglas/Grant	Christina
Faribault	Minnesota	Faribault	Rice

COUNTY	LAKE	COUNTY	LAKE
Freeborn	Bear	Freeborn	Geneva
Freeborn	Lower Twin	Freeborn	Upper Twin
Grant	Ash	Grant	Denton Slough
Grant	Towner	Jackson	Heron
Jackson	Teal	Kandiyohi	Middle
Le Sueur	Sanborn	Lyon	Mahlke Marsh
Mahnomen	Beaulieu	Martin	Pierce
McLeod	Eagle	McLeod	Ward
Mille Lacs	Onamia	Murray	Maria
Murray	North Badger	Murray	Round
Murray	South Badger	Nicollet	Swan
Otter Tail	Mud	Otter Tail	Upper Lightning
Pope	Simon	St. Louis	Big Rice
St. Louis	Little Rice	Sibley	Indian Lake
Sibley	Sand	Stearns	Cedar
Steele/Dodge	Rice	Swift	Hassel
Waseca	Buffalo	Waseca	Goose
Waseca	Willis	Watsonwan	Sulem
Wright	Pelican	Wright	Smith
Yellow Medicine	Curtis	Yellow Medicine	Spellman (North and South)
Yellow Medicine	Timm		

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U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Phone: 612-699-4658 / [FWS Midwest Region](#)

Federal Refuges

Motorboats prohibited on all federal refuges – except as noted. Check the individual refuge web site or phone for updates or details.

Motorboats permitted:

- Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge (Wabasha, Winona and Houston counties). This is a brief summary only and users should go to the refuge website: [Upper Mississippi River](#) or call the refuge office at 507-452-4232 for more details and maps. The use of watercraft of all types and means of propulsion is permitted on all navigable waters of the refuge in accordance with State regulations, subject to the following conditions:
 1. *Electric Motor Areas* – These areas are closed year-round to all motorized vehicles and watercraft, except watercraft powered by electric motors or nonmotorized means. The possession of other watercraft motors is not prohibited, only their use. For example, anglers could switch from using an outboard motor to an electric

trolling motor when entering these areas. These areas are: Island 42-Pool 5, Snyder Lake-Pool 5A, Mertes Slough-Pool 6, Browns Marsh-Pool 7 and Hoosier Lake-Pool 10.

2. *Slow, No-Wake Areas* – From March 16 through October 31 in these areas, watercraft must travel at slow, no-wake speed. No airboats or hovercraft are allowed during same time period. Respective state definitions for what constitutes slow, no-wake speed or operation apply. These areas are: Nelson-Trevino-Pool 4, Denzers Slough-Pool 5A, Black River Bottoms-Pool 7, Blue/Target Lake-Pool 8, Root River-Pool 8, Reno Bottoms-Pool 9, Nine Mile Island-Pool 12, and Princeton-Pool 14.
 3. *Slow, No - Wake Zones* – Watercraft are required to travel at slow, no-wake speed at all times. Respective state definitions for what constitutes slow, no-wake speed or operation apply.
 4. Boats may not be moored, beached, or stored on the refuge without being used at least once every 24 hours. Mooring within 200 feet of refuge boat landings is prohibited. Boats moored in violation may be impounded at the owner's expense.
- Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge (Becker County) - [Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge](#) / 218-220-5507 – Fishing, boating, canoeing and kayaking are permitted only on lakes open to summer fishing and fall migratory bird hunting. Blackbird Lake is open to non-motorized boats or electric boat motor use only (only open spring and summer). Swimming, waterskiing, tubing, and motorized personal watercraft are prohibited.
 - Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Hennepin, Scott, Carver and Dakota Counties) – [Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge](#) / 952-854-5900 – Boats are allowed in the main channel of the Minnesota River only, with the following exception: non-motorized boats are allowed in areas open to waterfowl hunting during the waterfowl hunting seasons only.

Electric motors allowed:

- Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge (Big Stone and Lac qui Parle Counties) – [Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge](#) / 320-273-2191 – Use of nonmotorized boats and boats equipped with electric motors is authorized only within the main channel of the Minnesota River. Boats are prohibited on all other refuge waters.
- Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge (Aitkin County) – [Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge](#) / 218-768-2402 – Boats without motors or boats with electric motors are permitted on Twin Lakes, Mandy Lake and the Rice River only.

Waterfowl Production Areas

Statewide - No motorboats allowed on any waterfowl production area without a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permit.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Superior National Forest - 218- 626-4300

Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) [BWCAW Web page](#)

USFS Regional Order and Federal Law.

No motorboats are allowed on any waters, except the following motor routes:

No Horsepower Limits:

St. Louis County:

Lac LaCroix Lake (69-224) (paddle only beyond the south end of Snow Bay in the USA)
Little Vermilion Lake (69-608)
Loon Lake (69-426)
Loon River

25 Horsepower Limit: (An auxiliary motor no greater than 10 horsepower may be in possession, provided that the motors in use do not exceed 25 horsepower.)

Cook County:

East Bearskin Lake (16-146)
Saganaga Lake (16-663) (except that portion west of American Point)

Lake County:

Basswood Lake (38-645) (except that portion north of Jackfish Bay and Washington Island)
Fall Lake (38-811)
Moose Lake (38-644)
Newfound Lake (38-619)
Newton Lake (38-784)
Snowbank Lake (38-529)
South Farm Lake (38-778)
Sucker Lake (38-530)

St. Louis County:

Trout Lake (69-498)

10 Horsepower Limit: (An auxiliary motor no greater than 6 horsepower may be in possession, provided that the motors in use do not exceed 10 horsepower.)

Cook County:

Clearwater Lake (16-139)
North Fowl Lake (16-36)
Seagull Lake (16-629) - Portion west of Three Mile Island is nonmotorized.
South Fowl Lake (16-34)

Lake County:

Island River (38-289) - Sections of Island River within the BWCAW

All other lakes or portions of lakes in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness are paddle-only. Motors may not be used or be in possession on any paddle-only lake. No other motorized or mechanized equipment is allowed. This includes pontoon boats, paddle boats, sailboats and sailboards.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

St. Croix National Scenic Riverway – [St. Croix National Scenic Riverway](#) / 715-483-2274

- Personal watercraft and airboats prohibited on the St. Croix River upstream from the Boom Site Access at appx. River Mile 25.
- Zebra mussel regulations restrict boat access to the river above the High Bridge (river mile 29.5) by boats coming from the south. Boats may be trailered in and launched north of this point if they have not been in waters known to have zebra mussels.

Voyageurs National Park – [Voyageurs National Park](#) / 218-283-6600

- Personal watercraft (jet skis) are prohibited in the park.
- No water-skiing in navigation channels.
- No privately-owned watercraft allowed on interior lakes.