



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.

500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4040 651-296-6157 (local) or 1-888-MINNDNR

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Public Water Access in Minnesota:

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

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

LIFE

JACKETS.

They Float.

You Don't.

☑ Ease the fish back into the water, do not throw it

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

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

If you are harvesting bait, commercial fishing, or diverting or taking water, you might need to follow special regulations in

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

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 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

Public Water Accesses in Crow Wing County

	Public Water Ac			
Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
Adnovilako	D.4	concrete	CIRNS	DNIP
Adney Lake Allen Lake	B4 A4	concrete carry in	C,LB,N,S ST	DNR DNR
Bass Lake (Mission)	C3	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Bass Lake (Turkey)	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Bay Lake	D5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Big Trout Lake	A3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	USCOE
Birchdale Lake Black Lake	A5	carry in	N/A	DNR
Black Bear Lake	C5 C3	earth	C,LB,N,S C,N,S,W	County
Blackhoof Lake	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Borden Lake	E5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Butternut Lake	E4	earth	L,LB,N,S,W	County
Camp Lake	F5	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Clamshell Lake	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	USCOE
Clark Lake	C2	concrete	LB,N,S	DNR
Clear Lake	B2	concrete	LB,N,S,W	DNR
Clearwater Lake Clinker Lake	D4 C4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W C,LB,N	DNR
Crooked Lake	E4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Cross Lake #1	B3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Cross Lake #2	В3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	USCOE
Crow Wing Lake	F2	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Dahler Lake	A4	carry in	LB,N,S	City
Dean Lake	C3	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Dolney Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Duck Lake	В3	carry in	N,S	DNR
Duck Lake	A5	carry in	N/A	DNR
Eagle Lake	A4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
East Fox Lake East Twin Lake	A3 C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR DNR
Edna Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Edward Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Emily Lake	A4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Erskine Lake	F5	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Fawn Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S	County
Gilbert Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Gladstone Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Goodrich Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Grass Lake	B2	earth	C,LB,N,S,SB	DNR
Greer Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Gull Lake (East)	D2 D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Hay Lake Hubert Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Huntington Pit	D4	carry in	ST	DNR
Island Lake	B5	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Kego Lake	А3	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Kimball Lake	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Little Blackhoof Lake	D4	earth	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Little Pelican Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Little Rabbit Lake	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S	Township
Little Rabbit Lake / Rowe Rd.	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	County
Loon Lake	D4	carry in	C,LB,N,S	County
Lougee Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR
Lower Cullen Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Lower Hay Lake	B2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Lower Mission Lake (W)	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Lower Mission Lake (SE) Manuel Pit	C3 C4	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W ST	DNR
Middle Cullen Lake	C2	carry in concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Mille Lacs Lake	E5	concrete	C,M,N,S,SB,W	MN DOT
Mille Lacs Lake (Pike Pt.)	E5	concrete	C,M,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Half Moon	C3	concrete	Various	DNR
Trommald	C3	concrete	Various	DNR
Hwy 6	C4	concrete	Various	DNR
French Rapids	D3	concrete	Various	County
Evergreen	D3	concrete	Various	City
Evergreen Kiwanis Park Kiwanis Park *Crow Wing *Crow Wing SPK	E2	carry in	Various	City
Kiwanis Park	E2	2 fishing piers	Various	DNR
*Crow Wing	E2	concrete	Various	DNR
*Crow Wing SPK Fort Ripley Landing	E2 F1	carry in	Various Various	DNR
Mississippi River	F1 F1	concrete shorefishing	Various Various	DNR DNR
Green's Point	D3	carry in	Various	DNR
Green's Point	D3	shorefishing	Various	DNR
Mitchell Lake	A4	concrete	C,N,S,SB,W	DNR
Nisswa Lake	C2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Nokay Lake	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Merrifield	D3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
North Long	D2	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	County
Lake NW	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
S C/B in a balan	D2	gravel	C,LB,N,S,W	County
O'Brien Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR DNR
	D2	concret-	/ 1 11 K	LIMP
Ossawinnamakee Lake Partridge Lake	B3 E5	concrete earth	C,LB,N,S,W C,LB,N,S	City

Map Grid Ramp **Water Body Name** Location Species Administrator Type В3 C,LB,N,S,W West (Jones Bay) C2 C,LB,N,S,W County C2 C,LB,N,S,W City concrete C3 C,LB,N,S,W County Pennington Pit D4 ST,LB,N,S concrete D4 Pennington Pit shorefishing ST,LB,N,S DNR E2 Perch Lake C,N,S,SB,W Perry Lake В4 C,LB,N,S Pine Lake В3 C,LB,N,S,W concrete В3 Various cross Lake Dam Various Cross Lake Dam В3 shorefishing Various C4 larvey Drake Various В3 Various F4 C,LB,N,S,W Platte Lake В3 Pleasant Lake ST Portsmouth Pi D4 concrete ST Rabbit Lake C4 C,LB,N,S,W concrete Red Sand Lake D2 C,LB,N,S County D3 Rice Lake (Lum Park) C,LB,N,S,W City Rice Lake (Lum Park) D3 fishing pier C,LB,N,S,W City Rice Lake (Hesitation WMA E5 C,LB,N,S Rock Lake F5 concrete C,LB,N,S C,LB,N,S,W Roger Lake concrete В5 Ross Lake Various D2 Round Lake Various E5 Round Lake C,LB,S,W DNR concrete Round Lake F4 C,LB,N,S,W Rowe Pit D4 ST County concrete Ruth Lake A4 C,LB,N,S,W DNR concrete Ruth Lake A4 C,LB,N,S,W Sagamore Pit D3 LB,N,S, C3 Sandbar Lake C,LB,N,S DNR concrete Sebie Lake F2 C,LB,N,S County Section 6 Lake C4 C,LB,N,S grave County Serpent Lake (East) D5 concrete C,LB,N,S,W DNR Serpent Lake (West) D4 C,LB,N,S,W Serpent Lake D4 fishing pier C,LB,N,S,W B2 C,LB,N,S Sibley Lake DNR concrete C3 Silver Lake C,LB,N,S Snowshoe Lake D4 carry in ST County E3 South Long Lake C,LB,N,S,W DNR concrete Stark Lake B5 C,LB,N,S Strawberry Lake ST Upper Dean Lake B5 C,LB,N,S concrete B2 Upper Hay Lake C,LB,N,S,W Upper Mission Lake C,LB,N,S,W concrete Upper South Long Lake E3 C,LB,N,S,W concrete Upper Whitefish Lake B2 C,LB,N,S,W C2 C,LB,N,S,W E2 Whipple Lake S,W concrete E2 fishing pier Whipple Lake S,W White Sand Lak E2 C,N,S,LB Wolf Lake D4 C,LB,N,S,W carry in County C4 Yawkey Mine Pit N,S,LB DNR Administrator: DNR - MN Dept. of Natural Resources MN DOT - MN Dept. of Transportation Fish Species: C - Crappie, CF - Catfish,

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

USCOE - U.S. Corps of Engineers * State Park Sticker Required



