

PUBLIC WATER ACCESS

ST. LOUIS COUNTY CENTRAL



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
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Public Water Access in Minnesota:

The DNR Division of Trails and Waterway's Water Recreation Program provides over 1550 boat accesses, over 200 fishing piers and shore fishing sites, and manages 26 designated Canoe and Boating Routes in Minnesota. The DNR, Federal Government and local communities operate boat accesses. See the table on the right for specific site information. **The DNR boating programs are funded by user fees** including boat license & gas tax related to marine use. Contact the DNR if you have questions about access to a waterbody that does not have a public access.

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.

Sustainable Natural Environments

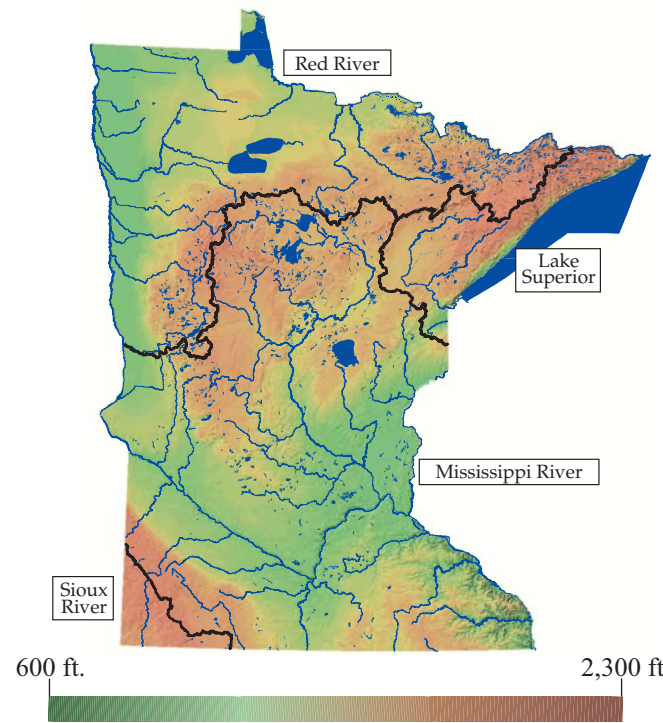
Practice Sustainable Water Recreation!

Water quality is dependent on a healthy and attractive natural environment. Sustainable outdoor recreation enables people to enjoy the outdoors without negative impacts on the environment. Communities working together can improve water resources by promoting environmentally sensitive land use practices along rivers and throughout watersheds.

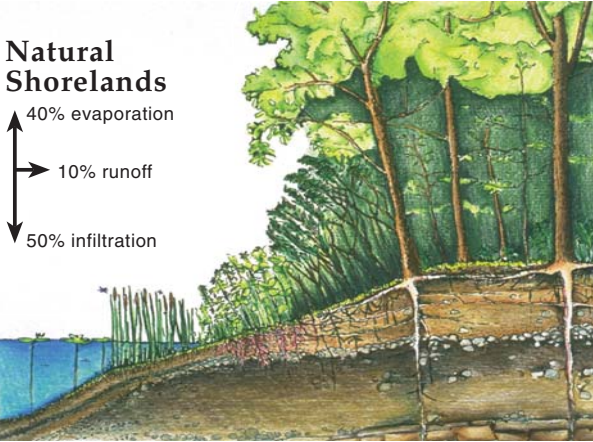
- Be courteous to other boater and water users.
- Keep a reasonable distance from birds, wildlife, and aquatic vegetation.
- Travel at safe speeds and be aware of the effect your wake has on the shoreline and other users.
- Operate your watercraft at a slow no wake speed when appropriate.
- Use watercraft that is the appropriate type and size for the water resource.
- Boating doesn't require continuous movement; enjoy floating, anchoring, and beaching.
- Conserve fuel by properly operating and maintaining your watercraft.
- Don't litter and do properly dispose of boat and sanitary wastes.

Water Quality

Good water quality provides good fishing, boating and other water recreation activities. Minnesota has four major watersheds with the water flowing in three directions, the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico, the Red River to Hudson Bay, Lake Superior to the Atlantic Ocean and the Sioux River to the Missouri River and then the Mississippi River farther down river. There are 84 minor watersheds in Minnesota. See the DNR web site for information on specific minor watersheds. Human activities affect water quality within each watershed. Sustainable land and water use practices are important to maintaining and improving water quality.



Natural shoreline buffers improve water quality by filtering out pollutants and sediments. Healthy and diverse native shoreline plant communities are attractive and provide important shoreline habitat for birds and wildlife.



Natural Shorelands

40% evaporation
10% runoff
50% infiltration

Water Surface Use - local water surface use management can be used to enhance the recreational use, safety, and enjoyment of lakes and rivers and to preserve them as natural resources of the state. Restrictions can include, motor type and size, speed limits, direction of travel, time zoning, and area zoning, including slow no wake zones. Water surface use is enforced by county sheriffs and DNR conservation officers. For more information on water surface zoning contact the DNR Boat and Water Safety Section at (651) 296-3336.

Stop Harmful Exotic Species - Minnesota waters are threatened by several species of exotic plants and animals that can be unknowingly spread by water recreationists. It is illegal to transport some of these species, such as Eurasian watermilfoil, zebra mussels, and ruffe, on public roads or to launch a boat or trailer with these species attached:

- Remove any visible plants and animals from boat, trailer, and other boating equipment before leaving any lake or river.
- Drain water from the motor, livewell, bilge, and transomwells at the ramp or access before leaving any lake or river.
- For more information contact the DNR Exotic Species Program at (651) 296-2835 or 1-888-646-6367.

Public Water Accesses in central St. Louis County

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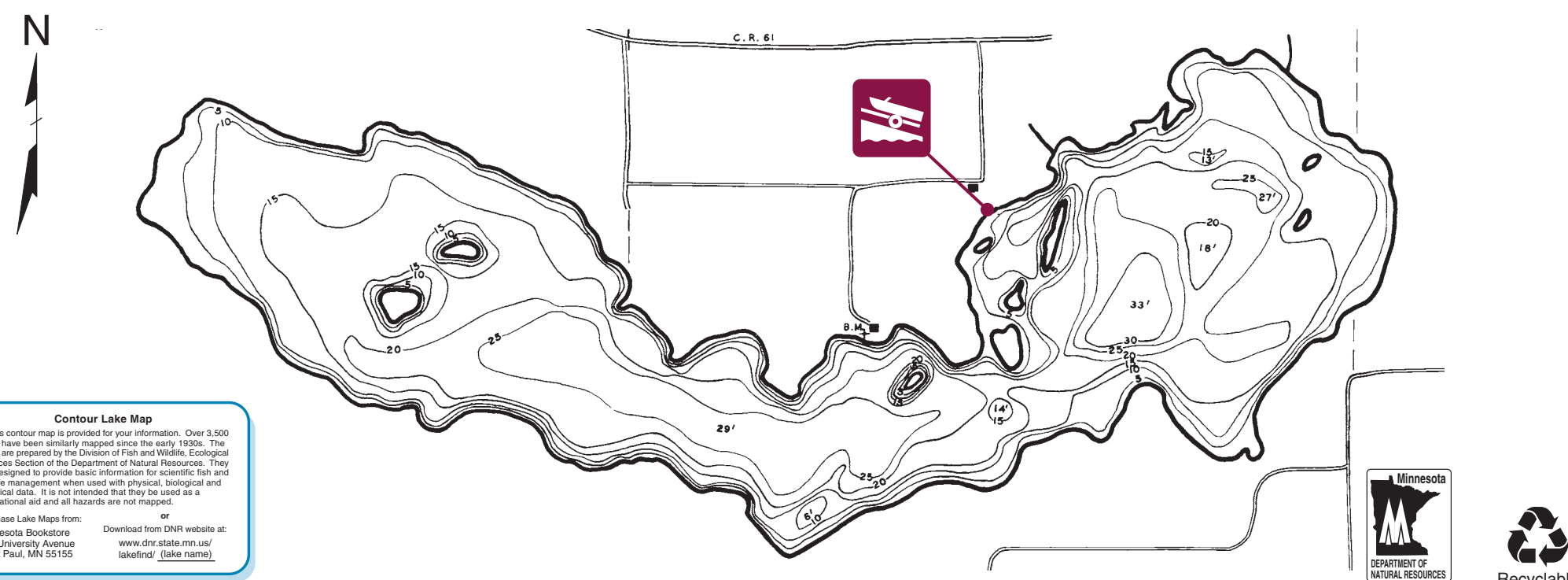
Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator	Water Body Name	Map Grid Location	Ramp Type	Fish Species	Administrator
Armstrong Lake	B5	concrete	LB,SB,N,S,W	DNR	One Pine Lake	B6	gravel	C,N,S,W	USFS
Auto Lake	C3	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR	† Otto Lake	E6	carry in	N,S	DNR
† Bass Lake	A6	carry in	C,N,S	USFS	Perch Lake	B6	carry in	N,SB	DNR
Bass Lake	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S	DNR	Perch Lake	C2	concrete	W,C,N	DNR
Bassett Lake	D6	concrete	N,S,W	Township	Pfeiffer Lake	B4	concrete	C,LB,S,SB	USFS
* Bear Head Lake	B5	metal	N,S,W	DNR	Pike River	C4	carry in	Various	MN DOT
Bear Island Lake	B6	gravel	N,SB,W	County	Pike River Flowage	B4	earth	Various	MN DOT
Bear Island Lake	B6	earth	N,SB,W	DNR	Pine Lake	D6	carry in	C,N,W,SB,LB	USFS
Bear Island Lake	B6	gravel	N,SB,W	County	Pleasant Lake	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,W	DNR
Big Lake	D6	carry in	N,W,B	USFS	Purvis Lake	B5	carry in	LB,SB,W	DNR
Big Rice Lake	B4	gravel	N	USFS	Round Lake	D6	carry in	LB,N,SB,W	USFS
Birch Lake	B6	gravel	N / A	County	Rice River	B3	carry in	Various	DNR
Birch Lake	B6	concrete	N / A	City	Rice River	B3	carry in	Various	DNR
Birch Lake	B6	fishing pier	N / A	City	St. Louis River	D6	concrete	Various	USFS
Bird Lake	D5	carry in	N / A	USFS	St. Louis River	D5	carry in	Various	DNR
Blueberry Lake	B6	gravel	N,S	DNR	St. Louis River	D5	gravel	Various	USFS
Burntside Lake	A5	concrete	C,LT,N,SB,W	County	St. Louis River	E3	carry in	Various	ETC
Burntside Lake	A6	gravel	C,LT,N,SB,W	County	St. Louis River	D4	carry in	Various	DNR
Burntside Lake	A6	asphalt	C,LT,N,SB,W	County	St. Louis River	E3	carry in	Various	DNR
Burntside Lake	A7	concrete	C,LT,N,SB,W	DNR	St. James Mine Pit	D5	concrete	ST	City
Burntside River	A5	carry in	Various	DNR	St. Mary Lake	D4	carry in	N,W	Township
Cadotte Lake (West)	D6	concrete	N,S,W	USFS	Salo Lake	E6	concrete	C,N,S,W	USFS
Camp Lake	B5	carry in	N/A	DNR	Sandy & Little Sandy Lake	C3	carry in	Duck Lake	USFS
Carey Lake	D2	concrete	C,LB,N,S	City	Section 14 Lake	E4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
Carey Lake	D2	concrete	C, LB, N, S	DNR	Shagawa Lake (Sandy Pt.)	A6	concrete	W	DNR
Clear Lake	C3	carry in	C,LB,N,S	USFS	Shagawa Lake (NE Shore)	A6	asphalt	W	County
Coe Lake	E4	earth	C,N,S	DNR	Shagawa Lake (SE Shore)	A6	gravel	W	City
Colby Lake	D5	asphalt	C,N,S,W	City	Shagawa Lake (So Shore)	A6	sand	W	City
Dark Lake	C3	concrete	C,N,S,W	USFS	Shagawa Lake	A6	pier	W	DNR
Dewey Lake	C2	earth	C,N,B,W	DNR	Shoepack Lake	C2	gravel	C,N,S	USFS
Eagles Nest Lake (Two)	B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	County	Side Lake	C2	pier	Various	DNR
Eagles Nest Lake (Three)	B5	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR	Silver Lake	D4	earth	C,LB,N,S,ST	DNR
Ely Lake	D4	concrete	C,LB,N,S,SB,W	DNR	Silver Lake	D3	2 piers	C, LB, N, S	DNR
Embarrass Lake (North)	D4	concrete	C,N,S,W	MN DOT	South Twin Lake	D5	earth	C,LB,N,S,W	Township
Embarrass Lake (West)	D4	concrete	C,N,S,W	City	† Stone Lake	D6	carry in	C,N,S	USFS
Embarrass Lake	D4	pier	C,N,S,W	DNR	Stubler Pit	D3	platform	LT,ST	DNR
Embarrass Mine Pit	D4	concrete	LT,N,S,ST	IRRRRA	* Sturgeon Lake	C2	metal	N,S,W	DNR
Ganseey Lake	C2	carry in	N / A	DNR	Sturgeon River	B2	carry in	Various	USFS
Grant Pit	D3	concrete	N / A	County	Sturgeon River/Lake	C2	earth	N,S,W	DNR
Holter Lake	H2	carry in	N / A	DNR	Susan Lake	A3	carry in	C,N,S	DNR
Hanson Lake	A6	carry in	ST	DNR	Sunset Lake	A3	carry in	C,N,S	DNR
† Hobo Lake	A6	carry in	C,LB,N,S	USFS	Tamarack Lake	A5	carry in	C,N,S,W	DNR
Horseshoe Lake	B5	carry in	C,N,S	DNR	Vermilion Lk (Norwegian Bay)	A3	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Horseshoe Lake	D4	carry in	C,N,S	DNR	Vermilion Lake (Stuntz Bay)	B5	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
James Lake	C3	concrete	N,ST	MN DOT	Vermilion Lake (Head O' Lakes)	A3	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Johnson Lake	B6	gravel	C,LB,N,S,W	USFS	Vermilion Lake (Hoodoo Pt - No)	B4	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Judson Pit	D3	carry in	LB, NP	City	Vermilion Lake (Hoodoo Pt - So)	B4	concrete	C,N,W	City
Judson Pit	D3	pier	LB, NP	USFS	Vermilion Lake (E. Two Rivers)	B4	concrete	C,N,W	City
Little Fork River	B2	carry in	Various	MN DOT	Vermilion Lake (Everett Pt. Rd.)	B4	concrete	C,N,W	County
Little Lake	B6	carry in	N,W	DNR	Vermilion Lake (Frazer Bay)	A4	concrete	C,N,W	County
Little Long Lake	A6	concrete	C,N,S	USFS/DNR	Vermilion Lake (Oak Narrows)	A4	concrete	C,N,W	County
Little Long Lake	A6	fishing pier	C,N,S	USFS	Vermilion Lake (Wakeup Bay)	A3	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Long Lake	C2	concrete	C,N,W	Township	Vermilion Lake (Rice Bay)	A5	concrete	C,N,W	DNR
Longyear Lake	D2	fishing pier	C,S,W	City	Vermilion Lake	B4	fishing pier	C,N,W	City
Loon Lake	D5	gravel	C,LB,N,S,W	Township	Vermilion River	A4	carry in	Various	DNR
Lost Lake	D4	earth	W	DNR	West Robinson Lake	A5	gravel	N,S	MN DOT
Lost Lake	B4	concrete	N / A	DNR	West Two Rivers Reservoir	D3	asphalt	Various	City
Low Lake	A6	fishing pier	C,LB,N,S,SW,W	DNR	West Two Rivers Reservoir	D3	fishing pier	Various	City
Maskenode Lake	D3	concrete	C,N,S	DNR	Whisper Lake	B6	carry in	SB,LB,N,W	USFS
McQuade Lake	D3	earth	C,N,S	DNR	Whiteface Reservoir	E5	concrete	C,N,S,W	USFS
McQuade Lake	D3	gravel	C,N,S	DNR	White Iron Lake	A6	concrete	C,N,S,W	County
Minister Lake	A6	carry in	C,LB,N,S,W	County	Whitewater Lake	D5	asphalt	C,N,S,W	City
Mud Lake	C3	concrete	C,N,LB,S,W	USFS	Whitewater Lake	D5	pier	C,N,S,W	DNR
Mud Creek	A5	concrete	C,N,LB	DNR	Wolf Lake	A5	concrete	LB, SB,N,S,W	DNR
Mud Hen Lake	E4	earth	N / A	DNR	Wynne Lake	C4	concrete	C,N,S,W	DNR
North Twin Lake	D5	gravel	C,N,S,W	Township					

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

† Portage over 100 yards
* State Park Sticker Required

Fish Species: C — Crappie, LB — Largemouth Bass, LT — Lake Trout, M — Muskellunge, N — Northern Pike, S — Sunfish, SB — Smallmouth Bass, ST — Stream Trout, W — Walleye, N / A — Not Available

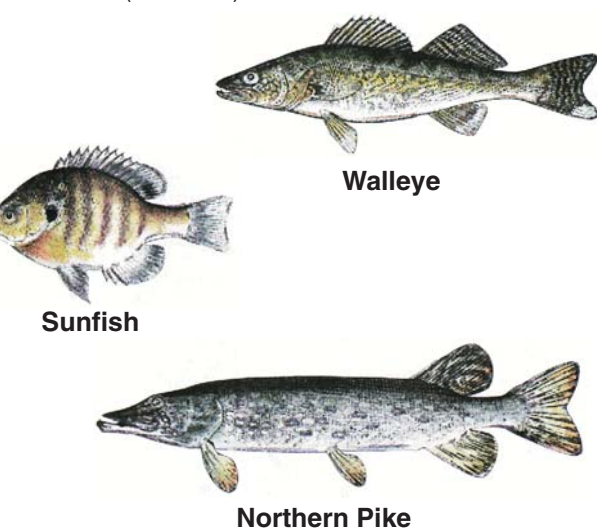
Pleasant Lake



Contour Lake Map
This contour map is provided for your information. Over 3,000 lakes have been similarly mapped since the early 1920s. The maps are prepared by the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Ecological Services Section of the Department of Natural Resources. They are designed to provide basic information for scientific fish and wildlife management when used with physical, biological and chemical data. It is not intended that they be used as a navigational aid and all hazards are not mapped.

Purchase Lake Maps from:
Minnesota Bookstore
117 University Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55155

or
Download from DNR website at:
www.dnr.state.mn.us/
lakefind/ (lake name).



Selective Harvest Fishing - Improved technology and increased fishing have caused the quality of fishing to decline in many waters. Practicing "Selective Harvest" offers anglers an opportunity to take some fish home while releasing others back into the water to improve fishing quality. Here are some tips to use for effective **Selective Harvest fishing:**

- Use barbless hooks.
- Play the fish quickly and handle the fish carefully.
- Never hold the fish by the eyes.
- Use a needle nose pliers to remove hooks or cut the line if it is too deep.
- Ease the fish back into the water, do not throw it back.

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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.



The DNR Information Center
500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4040
651-296-6157 (Metro Area)
1-888-MINNDNR (646-6367 MN Toll-Free)
TTY: 651-296-5484 (Metro Area)
TTY: 1-800-657-3929 (MN Toll-Free)
www.dnr.state.mn.us



You can make a difference by joining the DNR Trails and Waterways **Adopt-a-River** Program. Be a clean up volunteer for a portion of your favorite recreation area. Call the DNR Information Center for a brochure.



Federal Aid Project funded by your purchase of fishing equipment and motor boat fuels.



Open the Outdoors

Check out the DNR's website for more information












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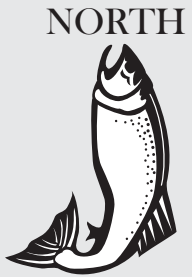
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LEGEND

-  Water Access (Trailer)
-  Water Access (Carry-In)
-  Fishing Pier
-  Access Lake
-  Lake With No Access
-  Access River
-  River or Stream
-  State Canoe Route
-  Interstates or Highway
-  County Or Township Road
-  City Street



Location Map

