



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-Bemidji (218) 755-4024

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

Safe Boating

Life Jackets - On all boats (except a sailboard) regardless of length there must be a readily accessible Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket for each person on board. In addition, on boats 16 feet or longer, except canoes and kayaks, there must also be at least



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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 nspect, 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 guestions 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 Beltrami County

Water Body Name

Gilstad Lake

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Grace Lake

Grant Lake

Grant Lake

Gull Lake

| Water Body Name | | Map Grid Location | Ramp Type | Fish Species | Administrator |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Anderson Lake | | E5 | carry in | N/A | USFS |
| An | drusia Lake (North) | F4 | concrete | C,N,S,W | USFS |
| An | drusia Lake (South) | F4 | carry in | C,N,S,W | USFS |
| Balm Lake | | D2 | concrete | C,LB,N,S,W | DNR |
| Beltrami Lake | | E3 | concrete | C,LB,S,W | DNR |
| Lake Bemidji | Northwoods | F3 | concrete | C,N,S,W | DNR |
| | Cameron Park | F3 | concrete | C,N,S,W | City |
| | Diamond Point Park | F3 | concrete | C,N,S,W | City |
| | Lake Bemidji State Park* | F3 | concrete | C,N,S,W | DNR |
| | Lake Bemidji State Park* | F3 | fishing pier | C,N,S,W | DNR |
| | Lavinia | F3 | concrete | C,N,S,W | Township |
| | Nymore Beach | F3 | concrete | C,N,S,W | City |
| Bei | njamin Lake | E5 | gravel | N,W | USFS |
| Bei | njamin Lake | E5 | fishing pier | N,W | USFS |
| Big Lake | | F5 | concrete | C,LB,N,S,W | USFS |
| Big Bass Lake | | F3 | concrete | C,LB,N,S,W | DNR |
| Blackduck Lake | | D5 | concrete | C,N,S,W | DNR |
| Blackduck Lake (W) | | D4 | concrete | C,N,S,W | DNR |
| Bla | ckduck River | C4 | concrete | Various | DNR |
| Bul | lhead Lake | C6 | gravel | N/A | City |
| Bul | lhead Lake | C 5 | fishing pier | N/A | City |
| Campbell Lake | | E3 | concrete | C,LB,N,S,W | DNR |
| Cas | ss Lake (Allens Bay) | F4 | carry in | M,N,S,W | DNR |
| Cas | ss Lake (E) | F5 | carry in | M,N,S,W | USFS |
| Da | mon Lake | E5 | carry in | C,N,S,W | DNR |
| Deer Lake | | E2 | concrete | C,LB,N,S,W | DNR |
| Dellwater Lake | | D2 | concrete | C,LB,N,S,W | DNR |

LB,N,S,W Lake Irving F3 concrete City Lake Irving (S) F3 LB,S,W,W DNR carry in Island Lake D2 N/A DNR concrete Julia Lake C,LB,N,S,W DNR E3 gravel Little Buzzle Lake E2 C,LB,N,S gravel County Medicine Lake C,LB,N,S,W DNR D4 earth DNR ear Den Landing carry in Various ne Point Landing Various DNR carry in ron Bridge Ldg.-Cty 7 F2 carry in **Various** County County 25 Access F4 Various DNR carry in County 12 Access carry in **Various** DNR hird River Bridge carry in Various USFS C,LB,N,S,W DNR Moose Lake E5 concrete C,LB,N,S,SB,W North Twin Lake E4 concrete USFS Pimushe Lake E5 C,LB,N,S,W USFS concrete F3 Plantagenet Lake earth N,S,W County E3 DNR Puposky Lake carry in N DNR Puposky Lake (N) D3 concrete Ν Rabideau Lake E5 concrete LB,N,S,W DNR Sandy Lake C,LB,N,S,W DNR D2 earth Sandy Lake C,LB,N,S,W DNR D3 concrete C,LB,N,S USFS Silver Lake carry in South Twin Lake E5 concrete C,LB,M,N,S,W USFS Tamarac River Big Bog A5 concrete/fishing pier Various DNR Tamarac River (W) DNR A5 Various concrete Three Island Lake E3 earth N/A DNR Turtle Lake E3 concrete C,LB,N,S,W DNR Turtle River (Co. Rd. 22) USFS Various E4 carry in Turtle River (Co. Rd. 20) E4 Various DNR carry in Turtle River Lake (North) C,LB,N,S,W DNR E4 concrete Turtle River Lake (West) E4 concrete C,LB,N,S,W City Webster Lake C,LB,S USFS E5 gravel Whitefish Lake E2 C,N,S County gravel Wolf Lake F4 concrete C,LB,N,S,W DNR

Map Grid

Location

E5

E5

F4

F2

F2

E4

Ramp

Type

concrete

fishing pier

concrete

concrete

fishing pier

concrete

Fish Species

N,S,W

N,S,W

N/A

C,LB,N,S

C,LB,N,S

C,LB,N,S,W

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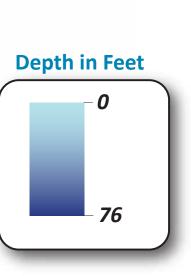
* State Park Vehicle Permit Required

Waters with Invasive Species

C — Crappie, LB — Largemouth Bass, M — Muskellunge, N — Northern Pike, S — Sunfish, W — Walleve,

SB — Smallmouth Bass, N / A — Not Available

USFS - U.S. Forest Service





Administrator: DNR - MN Dept. of Natural Resources