Lakes Management Committee Meeting

Agenda

9/15/2026

1:30pm-3:00pm

1:30pm-1:45pm

Lakes Research Project

Dr Ryan Wersal

1:45-2:00pm

Fishing in the Neighborhood (FiN)

2:00-2:30pm

Curly Leaf Pondweed Management Update

Premier & Water's Edge

2:15-2:30pm

Cedar Creek Park Wetland Restoration, wascob, and saturated buffer

SWCD Staff

2:30-2:45pm

Fairmont Lakes Foundation Updates

2:45-3:00pm

Other Updates/Discussion

MINNESOTA STATE

Contract No. MNSU-2026-060727

INCOME CONTRACT

This contract is by and between the State of Minnesota acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Minnesota State University, Mankato, 238 Wigley Administration Center, Mankato, MN 56001 (hereinafter "Minnesota State") and City of Fairmont, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031, an independent contractor, not an employee of the State of Minnesota (hereinafter "Purchaser").

WHEREAS, the Purchaser has a need for a specific service; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota State, is empowered to enter into income contracts pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 136F;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed:

1. **DUTIES OF MINNESOTA STATE.**
The Minnesota State agrees to provide the following:

a. The infestation of curly-leaf pondweed is leading to reductions in overall aquatic plant species richness and distribution. Additionally, curlyleaf pondweed is likely exacerbating poor water quality through the release of nutrients into the water column thereby supporting cyanobacteria blooms. The poor water quality reduces light penetration into the water column which further limits native aquatic plant growth. Minnesota State is proposing to address the following items as recommended in the 2025 final report.

i. Additional surveys should be conducted each year to document the distribution of aquatic vegetation, especially curlyleaf pondweed.
- Minnesota State shall conduct a point intercept survey during July 2026 or early August 2026 on all five (5) lakes to document the distribution of aquatic plants system-wide. In doing so, a temporal analysis can be conducted as similar surveys were conducted in 2024 and 2025.
- **Cost: $5,000.00**

ii. Point intercept sampling and turion sampling shall continue in select management plots to assess the presence of curlyleaf pondweed and turion density in response to

management. Depleting the turion bank is the only way to remove curlyleaf from a lake long-term.

- Mechanical and hand harvesting should be reserved for high-use recreational areas to maintain accessibility.
- Minnesota State will conduct monthly turion sampling (20 samples in each of the curlyleaf pondweed sites system-wide from May 2026 to October 2026) to quantify turion dynamics through time.
- Minnesota State will assess the efficacy of harvesting and/or other management activities as appropriate in designated plots. This will include point intercept surveys and turion surveys in treatment plots.
- **Proposed Cost: $20,000.00**

iii. Water quality monitoring will be conducted to understand the eutrophication dynamics in the system

- Minnesota State will conduct following monthly water sampling:
  - PO4 and NO3 sampling at one permanent water sampling location in each lake using the HACH colorimeter
    - One (1) sample above the thermocline (roughly 3 feet below the surface) and one (1) sample just off of the bottom (roughly 3 feet from bottom sediment); collect water using the Van Dorn sampler
- Secchi disk measurement at water sampling locations
- Multiprobe profile at water sampling locations from water surface to bottom (0.25 m intervals) which includes temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, chlorophyll-a, and phycocyanin profiles.
- Light (LiCOR) profile at all water sampling locations from water surface to bottom (0.25 m intervals)
- Minnesota State will conduct the water quality sampling during the turion sampling trips and as part of the overall project cost.

iv. Dr. Wersal will be available for meetings, planning, and reporting; and will oversee the project. The graduate student will oversee the day-to-day execution of the project, data collection, data analysis, report generation, and reporting.

2. **CONSIDERATION AND TERMS OF PAYMENT.**

a. Consideration for all services performed and goods or materials supplied by Minnesota State pursuant to this contract shall be paid by the Purchaser as follows:

Twenty-five Thousand 00/100 Dollars ($25,000.00) which includes 12% indirect

costs:

$22,322.00 ....Direct Cost

$ 2,678.00..... .... 12 % Indirect Cost

$25,000.00..... .....Total Project Cost

Project costs include funds to cover undergraduate wages and a summer stipend for a graduate student. Minnesota State will fund the remainder of the graduate student stipend through a teaching assistantship during the academic year.

Funds are requested to cover travel costs to and from field locations which cover departmental truck rental, gas, per diem, and boat maintenance.

Funds are requested for consumable sampling items such as Eckman dredge cables, sampling pails, GPS upgrades for spatial data collection.

b. Terms of Payment. Payment shall be made by the Purchaser within 20 days of the date of the invoice presented. No invoice submitted to Purchaser shall exceed the percentage of the scope of services completed by Minnesota State to the satisfaction of the Purchaser

3. **TERM OF CONTRACT.**

This contract shall be effective on April 1, 2026, and shall remain in effect December 31, 2026, or until all obligations set forth in this contract have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

4. **CANCELLATION.**

This contract may be canceled by the Purchaser or Minnesota State at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. In the event of such a cancellation, the Minnesota State shall be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for work or services performed to the satisfaction of the Water Resources Coordinator.

5. **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES.**

a. The Purchaser's Authorized Representative for the purposes of administration of this contract is:

Name:	Hannah Neusch, Water Resources Coordinator, or their successor
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b. An authorized representative of Minnesota State for the purposes of administration of this contract is:

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Each authorized representative shall have final authority for acceptance of services of the other party and shall have responsibility to ensure that all payments due to the other party are paid pursuant to the terms of this contract.

6. **ASSIGNMENT.**
Neither the Purchaser nor Minnesota State shall assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this contract without the prior written approval of the other party.

7. **LIABILITY.**
Each party shall be responsible for its own acts and omissions and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law and shall not be responsible for the other party's acts and omissions and the results thereof. Minnesota State's liability under this contract is governed by the Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes § 3.736 and other applicable laws. The Purchaser's liability shall be governed by the Municipal Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466, and other applicable laws. This clause shall not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Purchaser may have for the failure of Minnesota State to fulfill its obligations pursuant to this contract.

8. **INSURANCE.**
It shall be the duty of each party to maintain adequate insurance or self-insurance on their own property, both real and personal. Each party shall, at their respective expense, maintain in effect commercial general liability insurance covering bodily injury liability and property damage with limits not less than the maximum liability amount for a municipality and the state of Minnesota as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 466.04 and 3.736, respectively. Minnesota State shall name the Purchaser as an

additional insured. If requested, each party shall provide the other with certificates or memorandums of insurance upon request. Coverage afforded under these policies shall not be cancelled without at least thirty (30) days advance written notice to the certificate holder. Each party, at its sole expense, shall provide and maintain workers' compensation insurance as such party may be required to obtain by law.

9. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE (hereinafter "ADA").**
The Purchaser is responsible for complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U. S. C. 12101, et. seq. and regulations promulgated pursuant to it. Minnesota State IS NOT responsible for issues or challenges related to compliance with the ADA beyond its own routine use of facilities, services, or other areas covered by the ADA.

10. **NO PARTNERSHIP, JOINT VENTURE, OR FIDUCIARY RELATIONSHIP CREATED HEREBY.**
Nothing contained in this contract shall be interpreted as creating a partnership, joint venture, or relationship of principal and agent between the Purchaser and Minnesota State.

11. **AMENDMENTS.**
Any amendments to this contract shall be in writing and shall be executed by the same parties who executed the original contract or their successors in office.

12. **GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES ACT.**

a. The requirements of Minnesota Statutes § 13.05, subd. 11 apply to this contract. The Purchaser and Minnesota State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by Minnesota State in accordance with this contract, and as it applies to all data, created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Purchaser in accordance with this contract. The civil remedies of Minnesota Statutes §13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Purchaser or Minnesota State.

b. In the event the Purchaser receives a request to release the data referred to in this clause, the Purchaser must immediately notify Minnesota State. Minnesota State will give the Purchaser instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released.

13. **JURISDICTION AND VENUE.**

This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of this contract, or the breach thereof, shall be located only in the state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Martin County, Minnesota.

14. **WORK PRODUCT.**

All materials such as reports, exhibits, models, graphics, computer files, maps, charts, and supporting documentation produced under work authorized by this contract ("Materials") shall become the property of Purchase upon completion of the work. Purchaser may use the information for the project for which they were prepared. Such use by Purchaser shall not relieve any liability on the part of Minnesota State. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing to the contrary; (a) Minnesota State maintains ownership of and may reuse standard details of its Materials in the normal course of its business; (b) Minnesota State may use the Materials for the purposes of additional data analyses, inclusion of Materials in larger projects that do not directly pertain to the Purchaser, and for the purpose of publication without further approval of Purchaser; and (c) Purchaser understands that the Materials have been prepared for a specific project, and are not intended to be reused for other purposes. If Purchaser reuses the Materials for any other purpose, Purchaser waives any claims against Minnesota State arising from such reuse and agrees to defend and indemnify Minnesota State from any claims arising from such reuse.

15. **STATE AUDITS.**

The books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Purchaser relevant to this contract shall be subject to examination by the contracting department and the Legislative Auditor.

16. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**

This contract represents the entire agreement between the parties and with regard to the stated subject matter and supersedes any previous discussions or agreements, either verbal or written that occurred between the parties with respect to this subject matter. This contract may not be amended except by written agreement signed by the parties hereto. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this contract and any riders, exhibits, addenda, or other document incorporated herein, this contract shall govern.

17. **CLERICAL ERROR.**

Notwithstanding Clauses "ASSIGNMENT, AMENDMENTS, and ENTIRE AGREEMENT" of this contract, Minnesota State reserves the right to unilaterally fix clerical errors,

defined as misspellings, minor grammatical or typographical mistakes or omissions, that do not have a substantive impact on the terms of this contract without executing an amendment. Minnesota State must inform Purchaser of clerical errors that have been fixed pursuant to this paragraph within a reasonable period of time.

18. **NO WAIVER.**

Any party's failure in any one or more instances to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms and conditions of this contract or to exercise any right herein conferred shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of that right or of that party's right to assert or rely upon the terms and conditions of this contract. Any express waiver of a term of this contract shall not be binding and effective unless made in writing and properly executed by the waiving party.

19. **SEVERABILITY.**

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this contract shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. Any invalid or unenforceable provision shall be deemed severed from this contract to the extent of its invalidity or unenforceability, and this contract shall be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain that particular provision to the extent of its invalidity or unenforceability.

20. **HEADINGS AND CAPTIONS.**

Headings and captions contained in this contract are for convenience only and are not intended to alter any of the provisions of this contract and shall not be used for the interpretation of the validity of the contract or any provision hereof.

21. **SURVIVABILITY.**

All covenants, representations and warranties by any party or parties, and any undischarged obligations of the Purchaser and Minnesota State arising prior to the expiration of this contract (whether by completion or earlier termination), shall survive such expiration.

22. **OTHER PROVISIONS.** None

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

APPROVED:

1. MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:
   MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

By: Ryan Wersal	Ryan Wersal
Title	Assoc. Professor, Biological Sciences
Date	03/02/2026

By: Mohammad Alam	Mohammad Alam
Title	Dean of the College of Science, Engineering & Technology
Date	03/02/2026

By: Anne Gillespie	Anne Gillespie (Mar 2, 2026 16:57:58 CST)
Title	V.P. of Finance & Facilities
Date	03/02/2026

2. PURCHASER: CITY OF FAIRMONT

Purchaser certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the contract on behalf of Purchaser as required by applicable articles, by-laws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: Lee Baarts	
Title	Mayor
Date	February 26, 2026

By: Betsy Steuber	
Title	City Clerk
Date	February 26, 2026 Approved by Fairmont City Council February 23, 2026

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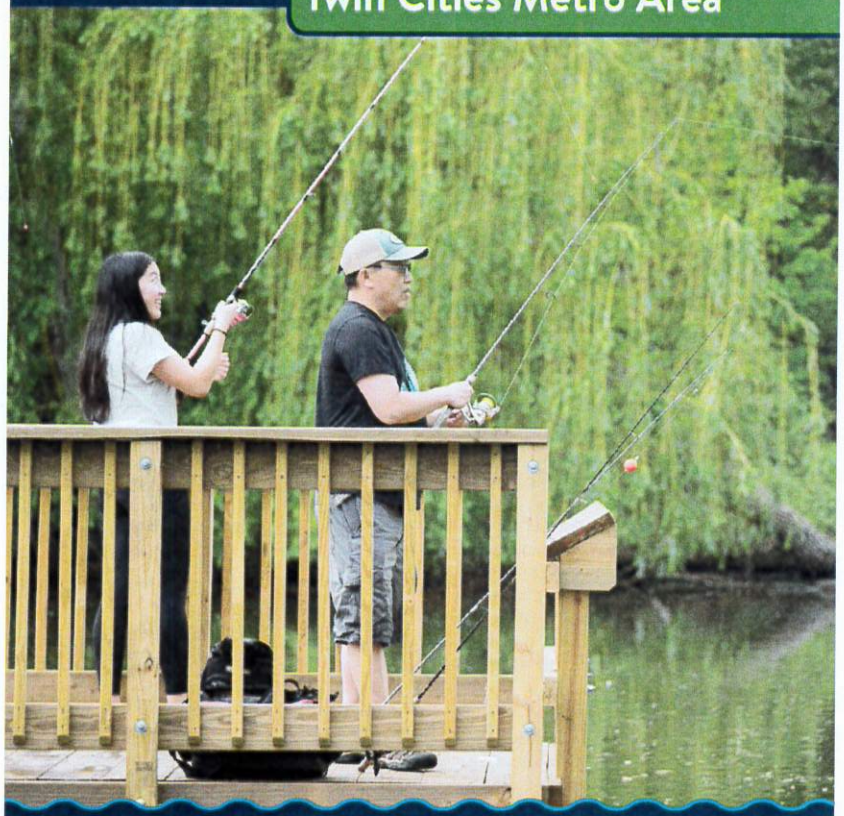
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By: Ranae Hiniker	Ranae Hiniker
Title	Office Administrator
Date	03/03/2026

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What is FiN?

Fishing in the Neighborhood (FiN) is the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' (MNDNR) urban fishing program. FiN provides great shore fishing opportunities for the 3.76 million Twin Cities metro residents. Fishing in the Neighborhood ponds are intended for beginner anglers to introduce them to the sport of fishing, but can be used by anyone wanting to wet a line.

FiN works with local partners such as parks and recreation departments to provide family-friendly settings situated in residential areas, allowing people to enjoy a day at the park and good fishing too. In cooperation with local partners, FiN stocks fish, assesses fish populations, installs fishing piers and shore fishing structures, restores shoreline habitat and sponsors aquatic education to create quality fishing opportunities.

Want to learn more about FiN?
Scan here, visit mndnr.gov/fishing/fin, or connect with one of the FiN staff members below.

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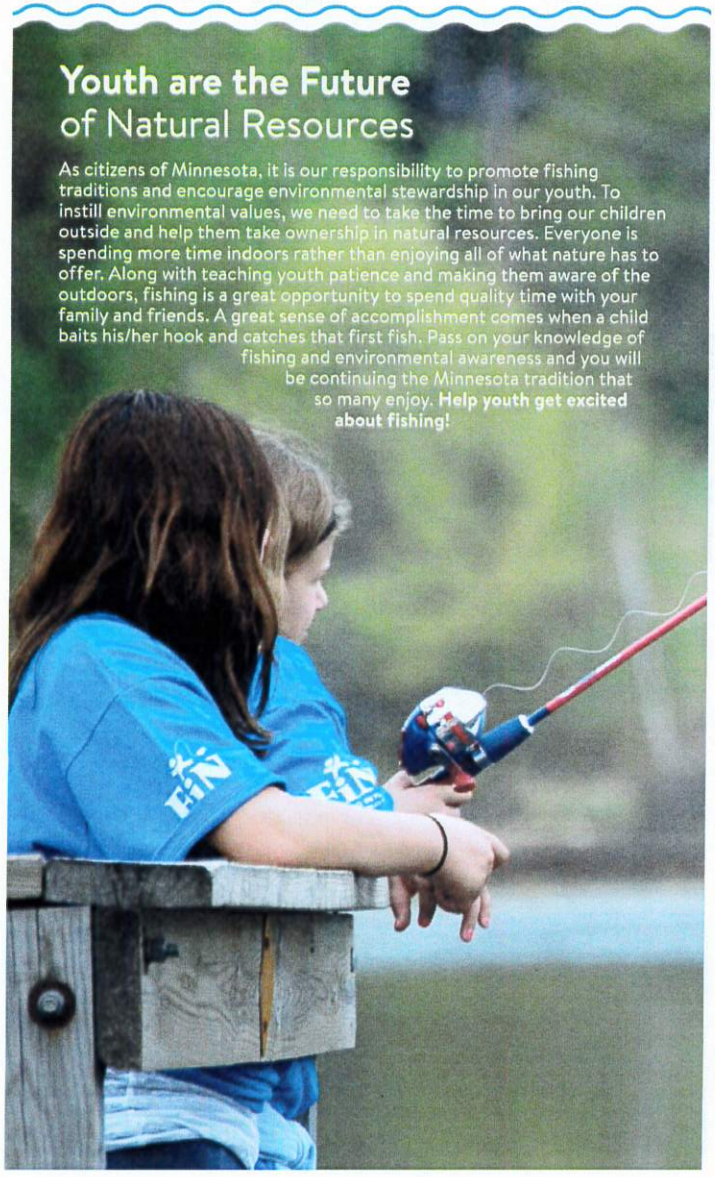
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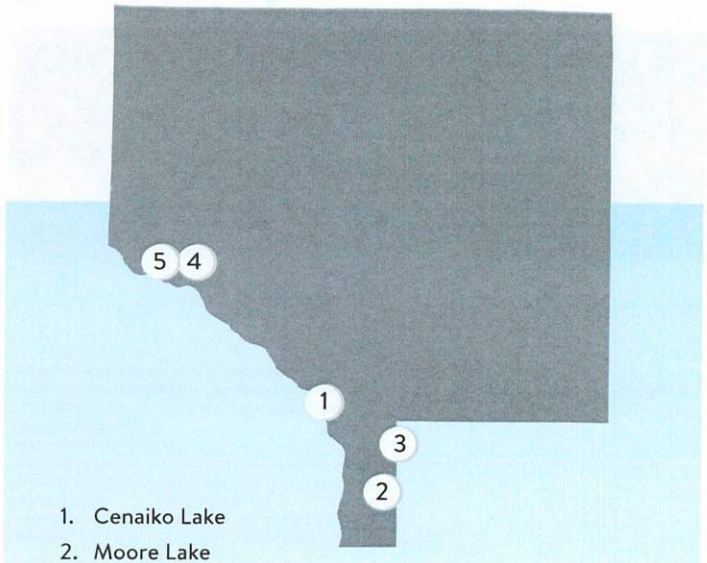
Finding your way
General coordinates for each lake are given in the lake profile. Simply copy and paste or enter the Latitude/Longitude numbers into your navigation app or web browser. For additional lake location information, scan the QR code above or visit the FiN website. For lakes information in greater Minnesota, use Lake Finder: dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/index.html



Youth are the Future of Natural Resources

As citizens of Minnesota, it is our responsibility to promote fishing traditions and encourage environmental stewardship in our youth. To instill environmental values, we need to take the time to bring our children outside and help them take ownership in natural resources. Everyone is spending more time indoors rather than enjoying all of what nature has to offer. Along with teaching youth patience and making them aware of the outdoors, fishing is a great opportunity to spend quality time with your family and friends. A great sense of accomplishment comes when a child baits his/her hook and catches that first fish. Pass on your knowledge of fishing and environmental awareness and you will be continuing the Minnesota tradition that so many enjoy. **Help youth get excited about fishing!**

Anoka County



1. Cenaiko Lake
2. Moore Lake
3. Spring Lake
4. Sunfish Lake
5. Waterfront



Cenaiko Lake

Location: Cenaiko Lake, Coon Rapids, MN 55433
Latitude/Longitude: 45.13934, -93.29854
Depth: 36 feet **Size:** 29 acres
Species: Rainbow Trout (winter and spring), Bluegill, Black Crappie, Pumpkinseed, Green Sunfish and White Sucker
Extras: Excellent parking, two fishing piers, picnic shelter, nature viewing, walking trails, restrooms
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: The lake basin was constructed as a "borrow pit" from which gravel was removed and excavated to a depth at which groundwater was encountered and the pit was allowed to fill with groundwater. Cenaiko is stocked with Rainbow Trout and occasionally stocked with surplus Brook Trout in winter and is one of two FiN trout lakes in the East Metro area. As a designated Trout Lake, fishing is not allowed outside of trout season. Please refer Minnesota fishing regulations for inland trout fishing seasons and limits.



Moore Lake

Location: Moore Lake Park, Fridley, MN 55432
Latitude/Longitude: 45.07664, -93.24092
Depth: 22 feet **Size:** 27.5 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Bullhead, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch
Extras: Ball fields, basketball, concessions, excellent parking, two fishing piers, grills, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, swimming beach, tennis, volleyball, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Moore Lake is divided in half by Highway 65. While both basins support fish populations, the eastern basin is where fish are stocked and two fishing piers are located. There is also plenty of open shoreline to fish from and a swimming beach.



Spring Lake

Location: Lakeside Lions Park, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
Latitude/Longitude: 45.11076, -93.22805
Depth: 17 feet **Size:** 32.3 acres
Species: Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Pumpkinseed, Walleye
Extras: Ball fields, excellent parking, fishing pier, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: Spring Lake has clear water and a very diverse native plant community in the lake which provides habitat for fish and food for waterfowl. The lake has been stocked with Bluegill and Walleyes which should provide some great fishing in the years to come.



Sunfish Lake

Location: Sunfish Lake Park, Ramsey, MN 55303
Latitude/Longitude: 45.23541, -93.42817
Depth: Unknown **Size:** 34.5 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass
Extras: Fishing pier (no railings), parking, gazebo, picnic tables, free kayak rentals
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Located in Sunfish Lake Park along Sunwood Drive in Ramsey, this small, shallow lake offers convenient shore fishing from a public pier. Abundant aquatic vegetation and a mostly natural shoreline provide great habitat for sunfish and largemouth bass. The City of Ramsey also offers free kayak and canoe rentals, giving anglers an easy way to explore the lake and fish from the water.

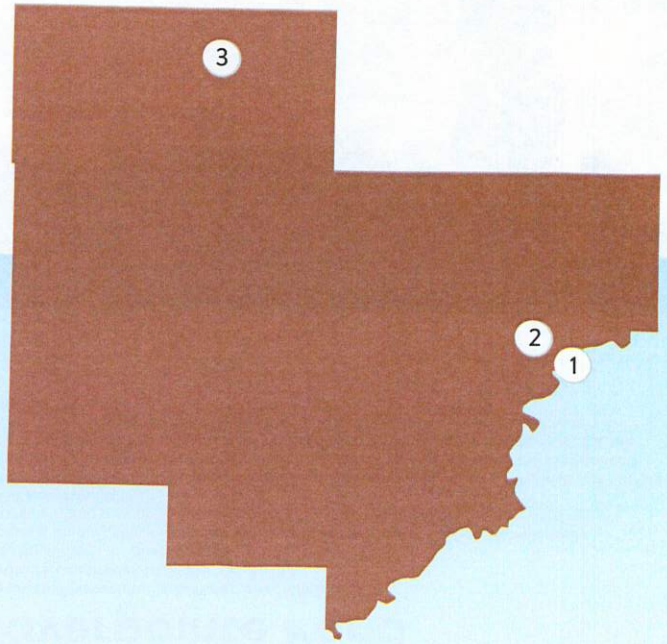


Waterfront

Location: 7667 Ramsey Parkway NW, Ramsey, MN 55303
Latitude/Longitude: 45.23714, -93.46497
Depth: 32 feet **Size:** 7.5 acres
Species: Yellow Perch
Extras: Fishing pier (coming Summer 2026), walking path
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: The Waterfront is a newly constructed lake tucked within residential neighborhoods in Ramsey. A fishing pier and an ADA-accessible path to the water are planned for installation in Summer 2026, making it a convenient spot for shore fishing. Yellow Perch are currently present, and future stocking efforts will boost fish diversity and angling opportunities as the lake continues to develop. The site will also feature a new splash pad with restrooms and shelters.



Carver County



1. Courthouse Lake
2. Firemen's Pond
3. Riverpointe Pond



Courthouse Lake

Location: Courthouse Lake, Chaska, MN 55318
Latitude/Longitude: 44.7894, -93.59257
Depth: 57 feet **Size:** 12 acres
Species: Brook Trout, Brown Trout, and Rainbow Trout
Extras: Fishing pier, walking trail, picnic tables, additional shore access
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: Courthouse Lake, behind the Carver County Government Center in Chaska, was formerly a clay mine. It is managed as a "put-and-take" trout fishery, and these fish may be accessed from shore or during the popular ice fishing season. Courthouse Lake is a designated trout lake. Reference the current fishing regulations guide for license requirements, seasonal fishing availability, and bait restrictions.



Firemen's Pond

Location: Firemen's Park, Chaska, MN 55318
Latitude/Longitude: 44.78934, -93.60434
Depth: 23 feet **Size:** 9 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Excellent parking, two fishing piers, grills, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, swimming beach, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: The fishing pier and boardwalk provide access to abundant Bluegill and occasional Largemouth Bass. Nearly all of the shoreline of Firemen's pond can be accessed. Surrounded by a city park, Firemen's pond creates a great family fishing experience. When the fishing slows, enjoy other amenities including picnic areas, a playground, a swimming beach, restaurant, and curling center.



Riverpointe Pond

Location: Riverpointe Park, Watertown, MN 55388
Latitude/Longitude: 44.94919, -93.85782
Depth: 28 feet **Size:** 6 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Fishing pier, good parking, shore fishing blocks, swimming beach, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: Riverpointe Pond is located along the South Fork of the Crow River just outside the City of Watertown. Riverpointe provides a great challenge for even the experienced angler with its deep basins, abundant vegetation and clear water providing cover for the fish. Try the northern basin for Bluegill and Largemouth Bass as well as deep waters for Channel Catfish.



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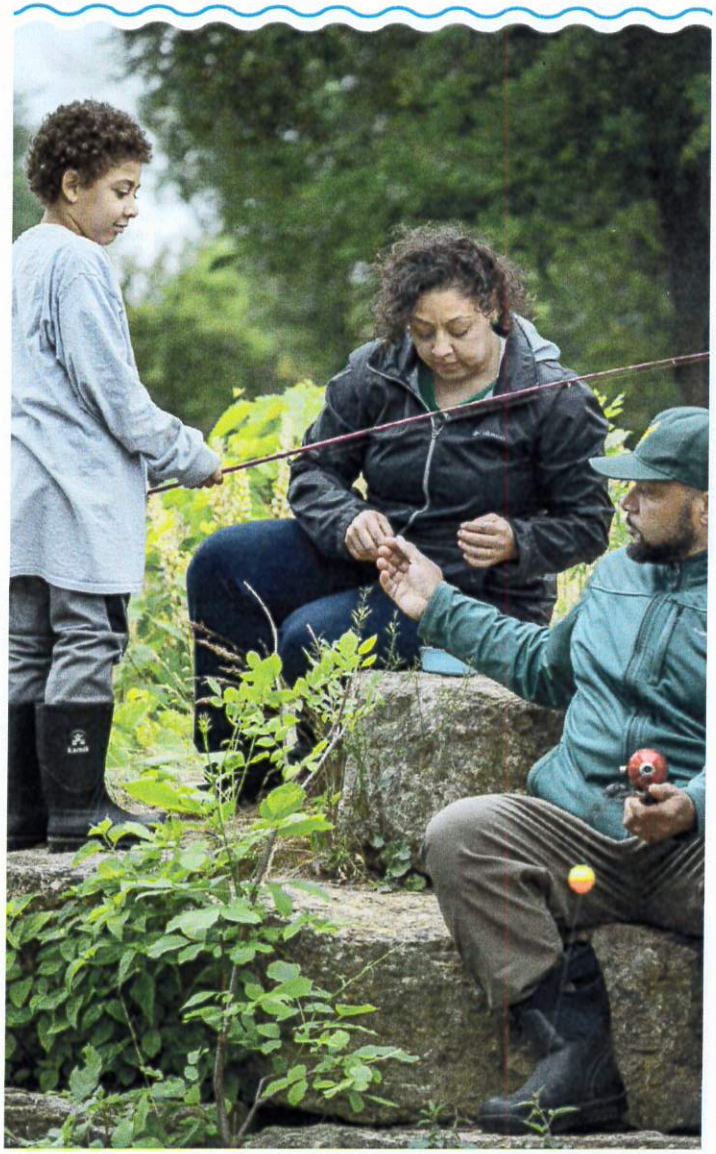
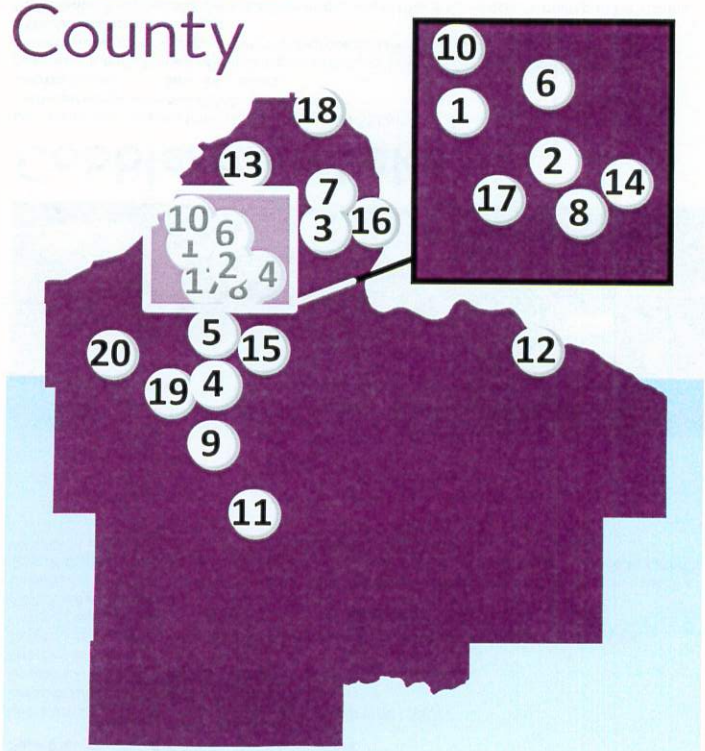
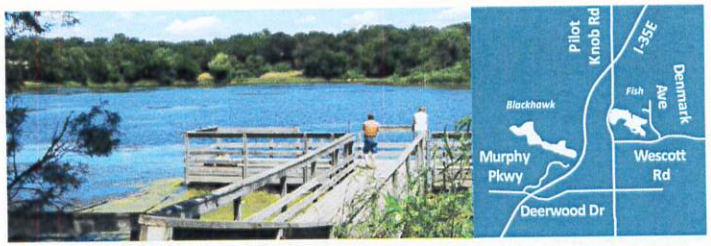


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Dakota County



1. Blackhawk Lake
2. Carlson Lake
3. City Hall Pond
4. Cobblestone Lake
5. Farquar Lake
6. Fish Lake
7. Gun Club Pond
8. Holland Lake
9. Lake Julia
10. LeMay Lake
11. Prairieview Pond
12. Rebecca Lake
13. Rogers Lake
14. Schwanz Lake
15. Schwarz Lake
16. Simley Lake
17. Thomas Lake
18. Thompson lake
19. Valley Lake
20. Wood Park Lake



Blackhawk Lake

Location: Blackhawk Park, Eagan, MN 55122
Latitude/Longitude: 44.81639, -93.18421
Depth: 12 feet **Size:** 40 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing pier, grills, pavilion, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, shore fishing structure, volleyball, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Try fishing from the pier or shore stations for the Largemouth Bass that lurk in this Eagan hotspot. Northern Pike, Bluegill and other panfish are also abundant and can be readily caught from the fishing pier. For more information check out the Eagan Fishing Guide on the City of Eagan website.



Carlson Lake

Location: Carlson Lake Park, Carlson Lake Lane, Eagan, MN 55123
Latitude/Longitude: 44.79978, -93.15763
Depth: 19 feet **Size:** 12 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Walleye, Bullhead
Extras: Fair parking, fishing pier, playground, shore fishing structure, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: This lake is regularly stocked with Walleyes, Bluegill and Channel Catfish. Try fishing from the shore with a worm under a bobber and you may be pleasantly surprised at what you can catch. There are shore fishing areas on the south side of the lake and a pier on the east end.



City Hall Pond

Location: 8150 Barbara Ave, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077
Latitude/Longitude: 44.8306, -93.06095
Depth: 15 feet **Size:** 13.6 acres
Species: Bluegill, Walleye
Extras: Community center, excellent parking, indoor water park, playground, skate park, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: City Hall Pond is limited to shore fishing, but that doesn't mean you can't catch a limit of the Bluegill which are stocked here each spring. You can even have a chance to catch a Walleye in the years following this ponds use as a grow-out pond.



Cobblestone Lake

Location: Cobblestone Park, Apple Valley, MN 55124
Latitude/Longitude: 44.72245, -93.16634
Depth: 18 feet **Size:** 34.7 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Walleye, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Good parking, picnic tables, playground, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Cobblestone Lake is a former gravel pit that is now actively managed for fishing. The entire shoreline is City of Apple Valley park and open for fishing. Walleye stocking has been successful in this lake and keeper-size fish are out there as well as Largemouth Bass and Bluegill.



Farquar Lake

Location: Farquar Park, Apple Valley, MN 55124
Latitude/Longitude: 44.75673, -93.16969
Depth: 10 feet **Size:** 63 acres
Species: Bluegill, Walleye, Bullhead
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing pier, picnic area, nature viewing, playground, tennis courts, restrooms
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: Most of the shoreline is private residences. A city park is located in the southwest end of the lake that offers a fishing pier but no public boat access. Carry-in boat access is possible.



Fish Lake

Location: Fish Lake Park, Eagan, MN 55123
Latitude/Longitude: 44.82244, -93.16035
Depth: 35 feet **Size:** 30.5 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Fishing pier, good parking, restrooms, walking path, boat landing (electric only)
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: This is a popular Eagan lake for anglers seeking Northern Pike and Largemouth Bass. The boat access makes for easy launching of canoes or small boats allowing you to fish the deep offshore holes in this lake.



Gun Club Pond

Location: Lions Park, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55706
Latitude/Longitude: 44.85389, -93.05658
Depth: 9 feet **Size:** 9 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Bullhead
Extras: Fair parking, fishing pier, nature viewing, picnic shelter, playground, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Also known as Lion's Park Pond, this small shallow lake provides some great fishing opportunities for Bluegill and Largemouth Bass. The City of Inver Grove Heights operates an aeration system in the winter on this pond.



Holland Lake

Location: Holland Lake, Eagan, MN 55123
Latitude/Longitude: 44.79002, -93.14498
Depth: 55 feet **Size:** 32 acres
Species: Rainbow Trout (winter), Bluegill, Black Crappie, Pumpkinseed, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing pier, picnic area, nature viewing, walking trails, restrooms
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: Holland Lake is located entirely within Lebanon Hills County Park in the City of Eagan. Carry-in water craft opportunities exist but be aware that steep topography around the lake can present a challenge. Angling opportunities on Holland Lake are mostly limited to shore, pier and ice fishing. Holland Lake is stocked with Rainbow Trout for a winter fishery and is one of two FiN trout lakes in the East Metro area.



Lake Julia

Location: Lake Julia Park, Farmington, MN 55024
Latitude/Longitude: 44.67914, -93.16887
Depth: Unknown **Size:** 8 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike
Extras: Fishing pier, parking, playground, picnic shelter, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: In the City of Farmington, Lake Julia offers a cozy park atmosphere with a playground, picnic area, and paved trails, all paired with convenient shore-fishing access. With so many nearby amenities, it's an ideal spot for families to spend a day of recreation.



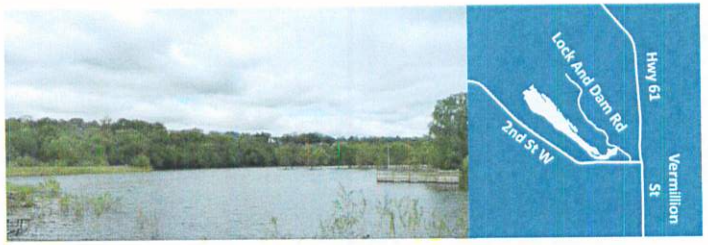
LeMay Lake

Location: Moonshine Park, Jurdy Road, Eagan, MN 55121
Latitude/Longitude: 44.841322, -93.161092
Depth: 15.5 feet **Size:** 35.74 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Pumpkinseed, Green Sunfish, Yellow Perch
Extras: Fishing pier, parking, playground, carry-in access
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: LeMay Lake can be accessed through Moonshine Park in Eagan. A brand-new fishing pier now offers anglers shorefishing opportunities to catch sunfish and Largemouth Bass. There is also a carry-in access for those wanting to fish from the water!



Prairieview Pond

Location: Prairie Waterway Greenway, Farmington, MN 55024
Latitude/Longitude: 44.632057, -93.13045
Depth: 11 feet **Size:** 12 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass
Extras: Fair parking, fishing pier, playground, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Prairieview Pond is a series of interconnected ponds which filter and control runoff with native vegetation and wetlands before it reaches the Vermillion River. The south-west pond with the fishing pier has been stocked with Bluegill and Black Crappies.



Lake Rebecca

Location: Jaycee Park, Hastings, MN 55033
Latitude/Longitude: 44.74645, -92.85894
Depth: 15 feet **Size:** 77 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, White Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Northern Pike, Walleye, Bowfin (Dogfish)
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing pier and wharf, boat landing (Surface-water zoning laws allow only electric motors on the lake), picnic area, nature viewing, walking trails, restrooms
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Next to Jaycee Park on the Mississippi River Pool 2, Lake Rebecca Park is an angler's haven. This small oxbow lake, adjacent to the Mississippi River within the City of Hastings, is entirely contained within a city park. Lake Rebecca is known to have PFAS contaminants. Please refer to the Minnesota Department of Health Fish Consumption Guidelines before eating fish from this lake. Prone to flooding, the lake has a history of holding many river species not listed above. You never know what you may catch here!



Rogers Lake

Location: Rogers Lake, Mendota Heights, MN 55120
Latitude/Longitude: 44.87375, -93.14043
Depth: 8 feet **Size:** 102 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Basketball, fishing pier, excellent parking, grills, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, skate park, volleyball
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Native plantings along the shore near the fishing pier help prevent erosion and provide habitat for wildlife. The fishing pier is a great place to wet a line for the abundant Bluegill in this lake. Try fishing from a canoe to access other areas where you may hook into a Largemouth Bass or Northern Pike.



Schwanz lake

Location: Schwanz Lake, Eagan, MN 55123.
Latitude/Longitude: 44.79707, -93.12764
Depth: 12 feet **Size:** 13 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch
Extras: Carry-in access (electric only), fishing pier, good parking, grills, pavilion, picnic tables, playground, sledding, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Trapp Farm Community Park borders the northwest corner of the lake and provides plenty of shore fishing opportunities. Bluegill, Black Crappies and Largemouth Bass will entertain anglers of all ages.



Schwarz Lake

Location: 13787 Dodd Blvd, Rosemount, MN 55068
Latitude/Longitude: 44.74898, -93.12971
Depth: 3.5 feet **Size:** 10 acres
Species: Bluegill, Bullhead
Extras: Fishing pier, good parking, grills, picnic shelter, playground, skate park, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Fair (long distance from parking)
Comments: Schwarz is a lake that can produce large Bluegill over the summer and provides plenty of fishing action from the shore or fishing pier. The City of Rosemount holds an annual fishing derby at this lake during its Leprechaun Days celebration.



Simley Lake

Location: Simley Island Park, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
Latitude/Longitude: 44.83415, -93.04125
Depth: 14 feet **Size:** 15 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Walleye, Common Carp, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Fair parking, fishing pier, picnic shelter, picnic tables, shore fishing blocks, walking
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: Simley is one of the most popular lakes in the FiN Program. There is a fishing pier and multiple shore-fishing stations around the lake to fish from. A wide variety of fish species are present and the shore drops off quickly making it easy to fish deep water.



Thomas Lake

Location: Thomas Lake Park, Eagan, MN 55122
Latitude/Longitude: 44.79531, -93.16883
Depth: 7 feet **Size:** 41.5 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Bullhead
Extras: Carry-in access (electric only), excellent parking, fishing pier, playground, picnic shelter, picnic tables, restrooms, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Thomas is a shallow, aerated lake that has been known to produce quality sized Largemouth Bass. The fishing pier and shore fishing stations along the shoreline can provide some great fishing action, or bring a canoe and explore all the bays and the 2.6 miles of shoreline.



Thompson Lake

Location: Thompson Lake, West St. Paul, MN 55118
Latitude/Longitude: 44.91124, -93.06893
Depth: 8 feet **Size:** 8 acres
Species: Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing pier, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Located in a very popular park, Thompson Lake also receives a lot of fishing pressure. Bluegill are stocked in this small lake. A large rain garden and a shoreline restoration near the pier has helped improve the water quality in the lake by reducing nutrient runoff from the parking lot.



Valley Lake

Location: Valley Lake Park, Rosemount, MN 55068
Latitude/Longitude: 44.71671, -93.20991
Depth: 11 feet **Size:** 7.5 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Northern Pike, Bullhead
Extras: Fishing pier, good parking, grills, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, swimming beach, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: A former gravel pit, this small lake is deep and has been stocked with Bluegill in recent years. The fishing pier and open shoreline give anglers many options for fishing. The swim beach is a great place to cool-off if the fish are not biting on hot summer days.



Wood Park Lake

Location: Wood Park, Burnsville, MN 55337
Latitude/Longitude: 44.7445, -93.26361
Depth: 14 feet **Size:** 14 acres
Species: Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Walleye, Bullhead
Extras: Basketball, fishing pier, good parking, grills, picnic tables, playground, shore fishing blocks, soccer, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: Wood Park is tucked away in Burnsville and is stocked with Bluegill, and the occasional Walleye. Try fishing with a worm or a leech under a bobber and you could be rewarded with a nice Walleye from this lake!

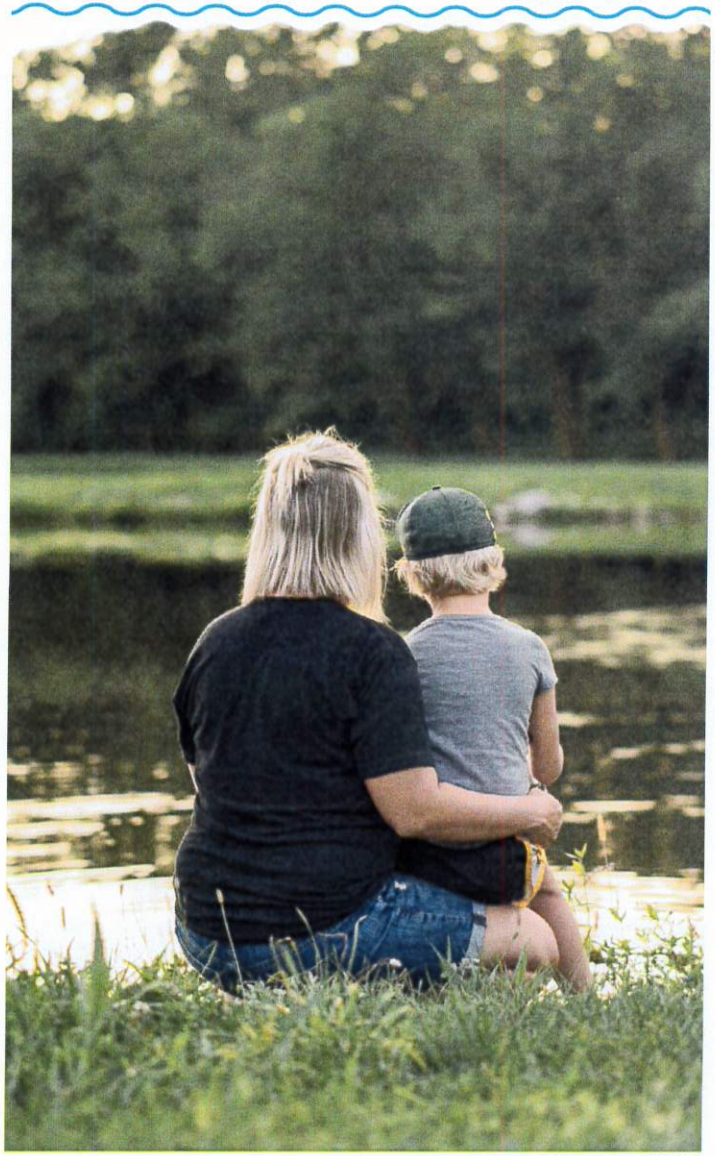
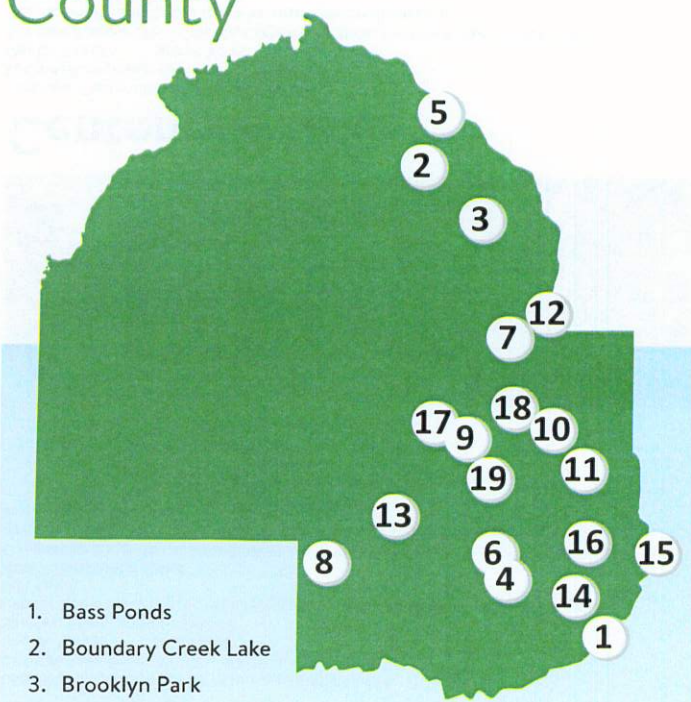


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Hennepin County



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Bass Ponds

Location: Hogback Ridge Ponds, Bloomington, MN 55425
Latitude/Longitude: 44.84781, -93.23576
Depth: Youth Pond: 14.5 feet, Hogback: 9 feet **Size:** Youth Pond: 6 acres, Hogback: 14 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, White Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Northern Pike
Extras: Good parking, fishing pier, nature viewing, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: Youth and Hogback Ridge Ponds are conveniently located in the beautiful MN Valley Wildlife Refuge. Since parking is three-quarters of a mile from the ponds, enjoy birding and viewing other wildlife on your walk to these popular fishing destinations. The mostly forested shoreline of Youth Pond provides healthy habitat for fish and the open shoreline of Hogback Ridge gives anglers a great opportunity to try numerous hotspots.



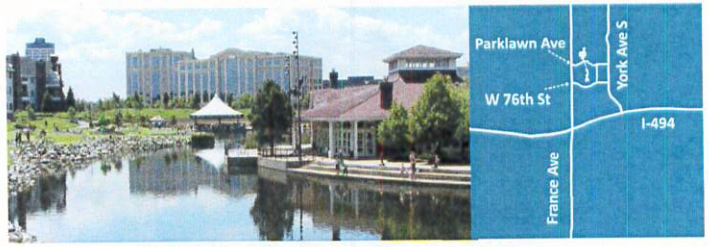
Boundary Creek Lake

Location: Boundary Creek Park, Maple Grove, MN 55369
Latitude/Longitude: 45.14551, -93.40948
Depth: 8 feet **Size:** 11.4 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie
Extras: Ball fields, basketball, excellent parking, football, playground, tennis, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: Boundary Creek is a great lake to try fishing in the summer and fall. The south and east sides of the lake are suitable for shore fishing. If the fishing slows, enjoy the many amenities that surround the park including going for a nature walk.



Brooklyn Park

Location: 5600 85th Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55443
Latitude/Longitude: 45.1103, -93.3538
Depth: 12 feet **Size:** 1 acre
Species: Bluegill, Yellow Perch
Extras: Community center, excellent parking, fishing pier, picnic shelter, playground, skate park
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Beginning in 2013 Bluegill and Yellow Perch were stocked for fishing. In addition to great fishing at this little pond, the community center provides a multitude of other activities for visitors.



Centennial Lake

Location: Centennial Lake, Edina, MN 55435
Latitude/Longitude: 44.86692, -93.32676
Depth: 9 feet **Size:** 6 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Good parking, picnic tables, restrooms, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Centennial Lake is an excellent family fishing destination in the heart of Edina. Extensive shoreline access allows for the opportunity for your child to catch their first fish — just don't forget your camera! Stretches of the pond possess guardrails to help keep angling safe for young children that want to begin a lifelong love for fishing.



Champlin Mill Pond

Location: Mill Pond, Champlain, MN 55316
Latitude/Longitude: 45.18085, -93.39463
Depth: 11 feet **Size:** 37 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Fishing pier, good parking, grills, picnic tables, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: For a great family day outdoors, visit Champlin Mill Pond. Fishing from one of three piers can provide children with the experience of catching several Minnesota game fish including Northern Pike. Picnic tables and grills provide opportunities for an outdoor lunch. Finish the day with a nature walk on the parks walking paths.



Lake Cornelia

Location: Rosland Park, Edina, MN 55435
Latitude/Longitude: 44.88578, -93.33662
Depth: 6.5 feet **Size:** 53+ acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Yellow Perch, Common Carp, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing pier, grills, pavilion, walking path, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Lake Cornelia is another convenient fishing destination in Edina. Rosland Park provides an overall outdoor experience. An abundant population of Yellow Perch can be reached from the fishing pier, located on the east side of the lake. Bullheads and Common Carp are a couple of other species that can be caught and can provide a good challenge for a young angler.



Crystal Lake

Location: Crystal Lake, Robbinsdale, MN 55422
Latitude/Longitude: 45.03055, -93.32749
Depth: 39 feet **Size:** 78 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Tiger Muskellunge, Yellow Perch, Bullhead, Bowfin, Green Sunfish, Common Carp
Extras: Fishing pier (north end), boat launch (south end), two city parks with shorefishing access
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Crystal Lake is in Robbinsdale. City parks are situated to the north and south of the lake, and both provide shore fishing access. The park to the north includes a fishing pier, while the park to the south includes a boat launch with trailer parking. Crystal Lake is primarily a sunfish lake providing opportunities for abundant Bluegill and Black Crappie.



Duck Lake

Location: Duck Lake Road Fishing Pier, Eden Prairie, MN 55346
Latitude/Longitude: 44.8775, -93.4956
Depth: 9 feet **Size:** 53 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Goldfish
Extras: Fishing platform (west end), carry-in access, picnic tables (north end)
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: Duck Lake offers several options for outdoor and aquatic recreation for the surrounding community. A walkway with a platform on the lake's southwest corner offers nature viewing and a place to try fishing. An access area on the north side the lake has a picnic table and a paved ramp for carry-in watercraft access. Anglers can expect opportunities at both access points for Bluegill, Black Crappie, and Largemouth Bass.



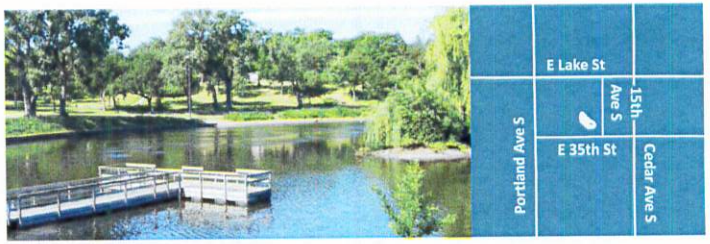
Lamplighter Pond

Location: Lamplighter Fishing Dock, St. Louis Park, MN 55426
Latitude/Longitude: 44.96625, -93.3793
Depth: 6 feet **Size:** 8 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Common Carp, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Fishing pier, good parking, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: Lamplighter Pond is a wonderful place to try fishing in the summer and fall. Native shoreline vegetation has been restored providing healthier habitats for fish and wildlife. Besides stocked Bluegill, anglers can expect to catch Common Carp from the fishing pier located on the west shore.



Loring Lake

Location: Loring Lake, Loring Park, Minneapolis, MN 55403
Latitude/Longitude: 44.96852, -93.2844
Depth: 16 feet **Size:** 7 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Channel Catfish, Bullhead
Extras: Bandstand, fair parking, fishing pier, gardens, horseshoes, playground, public art, restrooms, tennis and basketball courts, wading pool, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Loring Lake is surrounded by native wetland and upland prairie plantings that have brought a little bit of wilderness back to the city. This shoreline habitat has helped protect water quality for the stocked Bluegill and Black Crappies. Using a minnow as bait can help catch Black Crappies and worms will attract the abundant Bluegill and Bullheads.



Powderhorn Lake

Location: Powderhorn Lake, Minneapolis, MN 55407
Latitude/Longitude: 44.94114, -93.25427
Depth: 24 feet **Size:** 11 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Basketball, good parking, fishing pier, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, volleyball, wading pool, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Powderhorn Lake is a favored destination for shore or pier fishing for Bluegill, Largemouth Bass and Bullheads. If fishing along the shore, be careful not to trample the habitat along the water's edge. These plants provide habitat for wildlife while also filtering nutrients and runoff.



Ryan Lake

Location: Ryan Lake Park, Minneapolis, MN 55430
Latitude/Longitude: 45.04027, -93.31934
Depth: 36 feet **Size:** 19 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Fishing pier, good parking
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: Ryan Lake is a great place to go ice fishing for sunfish and Yellow Perch that are stocked regularly into this lake. The fishing pier offers access to deeper water to try your luck at other game fish like Largemouth Bass and Northern Pike.



Shady Oak Lake

Location: Shady Oak Beach, Minnetonka, MN 55343
Latitude/Longitude: 44.90966, -93.42933
Depth: 35 feet **Size:** 90 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed, Common Carp
Extras: Swimming beach, volleyball nets, boat rentals, regional trail access
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: Shady Oak Lake in Minnetonka is a clear, spring-fed lake that is popular for swimming and recreation. Abundant Bluegill and Black crappie can be caught from a fishing pier in the South basin. Anglers also have a chance at Northern Pike and quality-sized Largemouth Bass.



Smith Lake

Location: 1000 E 82nd St., Bloomington, MN 55420
Latitude/Longitude: 44.85541, -93.26092
Depth: 16 feet **Size:** 7 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing, pier, grills, pavilion, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Smith Lake is stocked with Bluegill and Black Crappies. Shoreline and prairie habitat has been restored around the lake. These plants help protect water quality and improved habitat for fish. Not only can you discover a new place to fish in Bloomington but a place to identify prairie plants as well.



Snelling Lake

Location: Snelling Lake Fishing Pier, St. Paul, MN 55111
Latitude/Longitude: 44.88539, -93.18419
Depth: 9.5 feet **Size:** 103 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Biking trails, excellent parking, fishing pier, grills, loaner fishing poles, picnic shelter, picnic tables, swimming beach, restrooms, vehicle entrance fee, walking paths
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Located in the heart of the Twin Cities, Snelling Lake provides great fishing action for the abundant Bluegill and Yellow Perch. In addition to the miles of biking trails, Fort Snelling State Park is a great place to picnic and swim or go wildlife watching. A daily or annual vehicle pass is required to enter this park.



Taft Lake

Location: Taft Lake, Minneapolis, MN 55423
Latitude/Longitude: 44.89195, -93.25234
Depth: 45 feet **Size:** 14 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Good parking, fishing pier, grills, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Taft Lake is a deep, small lake located right on the Richfield and Minneapolis border. The lake was first managed as a fishing pond in 1975 and continues to be a great family fishing destination. Try the fishing pier to target Northern Pike or Walleyes using minnows, or if the fish aren't biting, switch to worms and try to entice a Bluegill to bite.



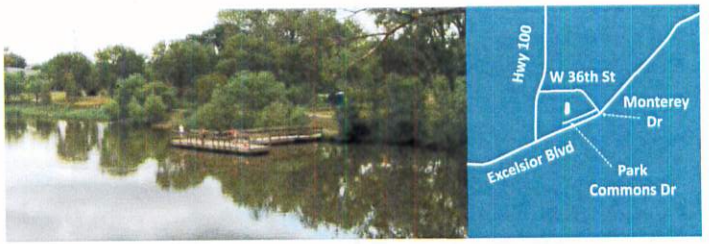
Westwood Lake

Location: Westwood Hills Nature Center, St. Louis Park, MN 55426
Latitude/Longitude: 44.96552, -93.38699
Depth: 5 feet **Size:** 42 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie
Extras: Westwood Nature Center, walking trails, nature preserve, fishing pier, carry-in watercraft access
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: Westwood Lake is adjacent to parkland and the Westwood Hill Nature Center, both of which provide access to trails surrounding the lake and opportunities for canoeing or kayaking, scenic viewing, birding, and hiking. Anglers can expect opportunities for Bluegill and other sunfish from the pier.



Wirth Lake

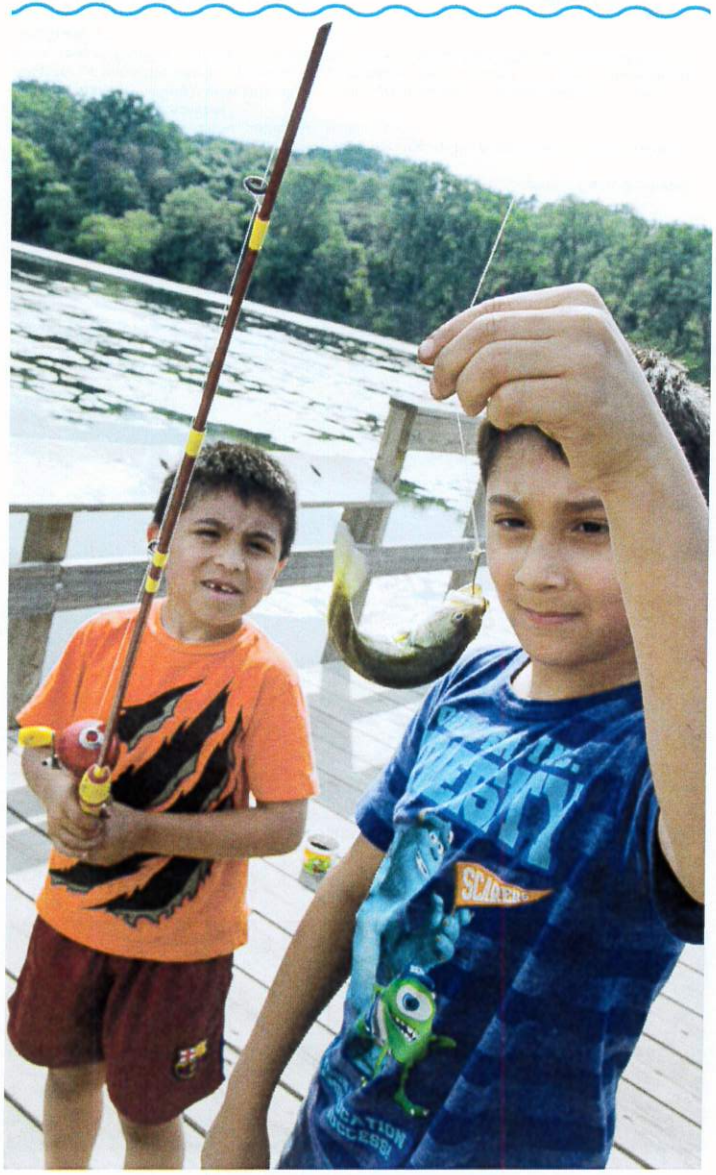
Location: Wirth Lake, Minneapolis, MN 55405
Latitude/Longitude: 44.97959, -93.32295
Depth: 25 feet **Size:** 40 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing pier, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, swimming beach, walking path, canoe launch
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Wirth Lake is conveniently located near many neighborhoods, making fishing a readily available pastime for surrounding youth. The pier on the east side of the lake provides opportunities to catch many of the game fish present in Wirth Lake. Although shoreline fishing access is not available around the entire lake, there are great spots along the shore just north of the pier.



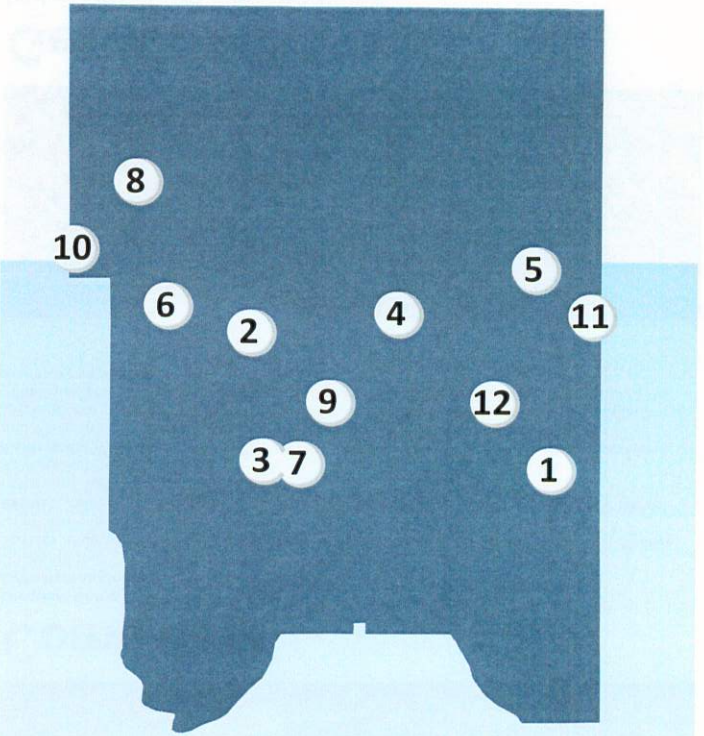
Wolfe Lake

Location: 3700 Monterey Drive, St. Louis Park, MN 55416
Latitude/Longitude: 44.93719, -93.34167
Depth: 25 feet **Size:** 3 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing pier, pavilions, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, shore fishing blocks, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Wolfe Lake is a beautiful example of how a shoreline restoration project can thrive in the middle of the Twin Cities. This restoration has enhanced wildlife habitat, decreased erosion, and provided numerous learning opportunities about the great outdoors to the residents of the Twin Cities. Many game species make this a favorite family fishing destination.





Ramsey County

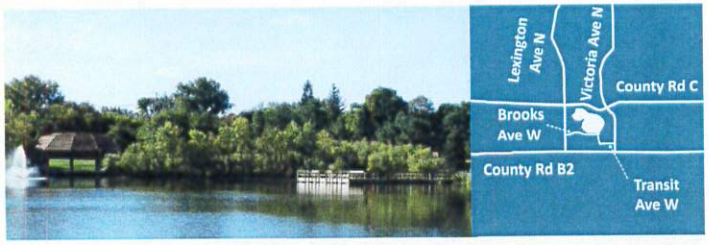


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Beaver Lake

Location: Beaver Lake Park, St. Paul, MN 55119
Latitude/Longitude: 44.9738, -93.00849
Depth: 11 feet **Size:** 86 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Yellow Perch, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Ball fields, excellent parking, fishing pier, grills, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, shore fishing blocks, restrooms, volleyball, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: As one of the more popular FiN lakes, the fishing pier can get crowded at Beaver Lake. Try fishing from the south shore or the shore fishing stations to the north of the fishing pier. Bluegill and Channel Catfish are regularly stocked in this lake.



Bennett Lake

Location: Bennett Lake, Roseville, MN 55113
Latitude/Longitude: 45.01786, -93.14599
Depth: 9 feet **Size:** 29 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Common Carp, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Ball fields, bandstand, fishing pier, good parking, grills, picnic shelter, picnic tables, restrooms, playground, tennis, volleyball, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: The fishing pier at this lake provides great access to deeper water for fishing. A loop trail around the lake also provides anglers many opportunities to fish from shore and try new areas to find fish that are biting. Bennett Lake is stocked with Bluegill, Channel Catfish and Walleyes.



Como Lake

Location: Como Lake, St. Paul, MN 55103
Latitude/Longitude: 44.98144, -93.14393
Depth: 15 feet **Size:** 67 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Northern Pike, Walleye, Common Carp, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Concessions, fishing pier, good parking, grills, pavilion, picnic shelter, picnic tables, restrooms, walking path, canoe launch
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Walleyes, Northern Pike and Largemouth Bass are all found in this urban lake and there are many locations around the lakeshore to target them. The fishing pier on the southern shoreline is a popular spot to fish and can get anglers past the thick aquatic vegetation in late summer. In addition to fishing, Como Park has a multitude of other amenities for visitors.



Gervais Mill Pond

Location: Gervais Mill Park, Little Canada, MN 55117
Latitude/Longitude: 45.02496, -93.07686
Depth: 12 feet **Size:** 6 acres
Species: Bluegill, Bullhead
Extras: Good parking, hiking trails, nature viewing, two fishing piers, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: Extensive walking trails take visitors around the park and to the two fishing piers located on the pond. Birds and wildlife are attracted to the native plantings throughout the park. Bluegill are stocked into this pond and other species such as Walleye and Largemouth Bass occasionally get into the pond from nearby Gervais Lake.



Handlos Pond

Location: Lakewood Hills Park, White Bear Lake, MN 55110
Latitude/Longitude: 45.04024, -93.01308.
Depth: 8 feet **Size:** 9 acres
Species: Bluegill, Bullhead
Extras: Ball fields, excellent parking, fishing pier, grills, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, sledding, soccer, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Handlos is a small pond that is stocked with Bluegill, and the fishing pier is the best location for fishing from on this lake since it allows you to cast into deeper water. If the fish aren't biting, spend an afternoon enjoying the other park facilities, such as the baseball fields or the kids' playground.



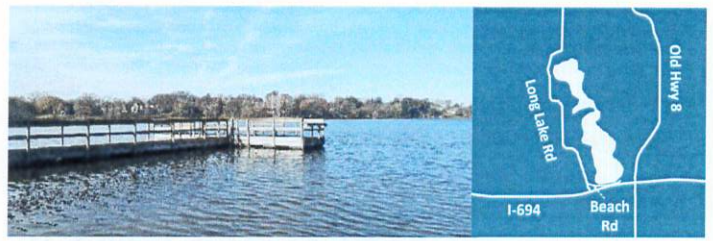
Langton Lake

Location: 1950 County Road C2 W, Roseville, MN 55113
Latitude/Longitude: 45.02757, -93.1834
Depth: 6 feet **Size:** 21 acres
Species: Bluegill, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing pier, nature viewing, playground, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Langton is stocked with Bluegill that can quickly grow to a large size over the summer in this highly productive pond. Try angling from the path that bisects the lake or from the fishing pier and you may be pleasantly surprised by the size of fish in late summer.



Loeb Lake

Location: Marydale Park, St. Paul, MN 55117
Latitude/Longitude: 44.97528, -93.1259
Depth: 28 feet **Size:** 8.5 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Walleye, Bullhead
Extras: Fishing pier, good parking, grills, picnic tables, playground, shore fishing blocks, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: Loeb is a deep little lake in St. Paul that offers the opportunity to catch Walleye, Largemouth Bass and Channel Catfish. A walking path loops around the lake and provides access to shore fishing sites as well as the fishing pier. Large Bluegill are typically stocked in the fall. An aeration system is also operated by the city of St. Paul to prevent fish winterkills, so check ice conditions before wintertime activities.



Long Lake

Location: 611 Beach Road, New Brighton, MN 55112
Latitude/Longitude: 45.06704, -93.1972
Depth: 30 feet **Size:** 173 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Yellow Perch
Extras: Fishing pier, restroom, parking lot, boat launch
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: At the south end of Long Lake in New Brighton, a boat access and fishing pier provide convenient shore-fishing access with nearby parking and restrooms. Long Lake Regional Park at the northeast end of the lake includes a picnic shelter, playground, and public beach. A paved trail connects the north and south ends of the park, offering additional shoreline access for anglers along the route.



McCarrons Lake

Location: 1845 Rice St., St. Paul, MN 55113
Latitude/Longitude: 44.99643, -93.10655
Depth: 57 feet **Size:** 68 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing pier, boat landing, picnic area, nature viewing, beach, restrooms
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: The lake has a history of partial winterkills that sometime reduce the number of small panfish back to sustainable levels of abundance. Ramsey County operates and maintains a 15-acre county park on the east side of the lake that includes approximately 900 feet of shoreline and a beach on the east shore. The park is fully developed and includes a boat launch with parking for 8 car/boat trailers. The park has trail connections to municipal trails and it functions as a trailhead for the Trout Brook Regional Trail.



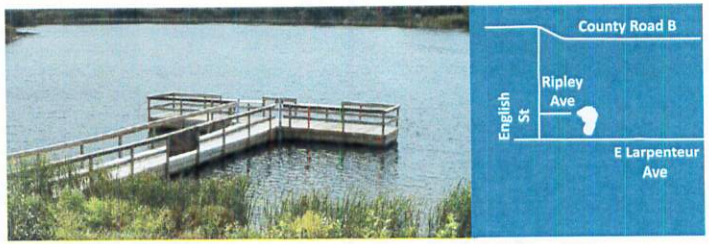
Silver Lake (West)

Location: Silverwood Park, St. Anthony, MN 55421
Latitude/Longitude: 45.04663, -93.22789
Depth: 47 feet **Size:** 70 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Walleye, Yellow Perch
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing pier, boat landing, picnic area, nature viewing, walking trails, beach, restrooms
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: A large portion of the lakeshore is operated by Three Rivers Park District, who provides ample shore fishing locations as well as a canoe livery and launching area. The City of Columbia Heights operates a small swimming beach in the northwest corner of the lake and a small public boat launch located in the southwest corner of the lake.



Silver Lake (East)

Location: Silver Lake Beach, St. Paul, MN 55109
Latitude/Longitude: 45.02327, -92.99128
Depth: 18 feet **Size:** 72 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Pumpkinseed, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Yellow Perch
Extras: Excellent parking, two fishing piers, boat landing, picnic area, nature viewing, walking trails, beach, restrooms
ADA Accessibility: Excellent, tennis courts
Comments: A North St. Paul City Park on the south shore contains a swimming beach and fishing pier, while a Maplewood City Park on the north shore contains a concrete boat ramp and fishing pier. The lake is heavily vegetated and shallow with a predominant Northern Pike, Largemouth Bass, and Bluegill fish community.

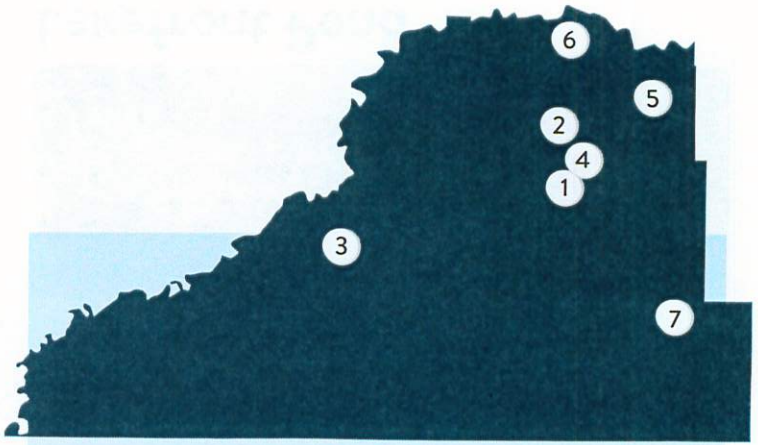


Wakefield Lake

Location: Wakefield Lake, Maplewood, MN 55109
Latitude/Longitude: 44.99752, -93.03511
Depth: 9 feet **Size:** 22.5 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Northern Pike, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Ball fields, excellent parking, fishing pier, grills, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, sledding, shore fishing blocks, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Wakefield is stocked with Bluegill that you can fish for from the shore fishing stations around the lake or from the fishing pier. Use the fishing pier to get into deeper water and past the aquatic vegetation that can become thick in mid-summer.



Scott County



1. Crystal Lake
2. Jeffers Pond
3. Jordan Mill Pond
4. Lakefront Pond
5. McColl Pond
6. Quarry Lake
7. Sweetbrier Lake



Crystal Lake

Location: Village Lake Drive and Panama Ave, Prior Lake, MN 55372
Latitude/Longitude: 44.701527, -93.443808
Depth: 26 feet **Size:** 31 acres
Species: Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike
Extras: Fair parking, fishing pier, picnic shelter, picnic tables, walking trails
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: Crystal Lake is a great place to fish in both the summer and the winter. During the winter, be aware of the aeration system that creates open ice but helps the fish to survive. With the high abundance of Largemouth Bass and Bluegill, Crystal Lake provides a great place to introduce a young angler to their first fish. The fishing pier on the south side of the lake adds access to the deeper waters of this lake.



Jeffers Pond

Location: Jeffers Pond Park, Prior Lake, MN 55372
Latitude/Longitude: 44.74272, -93.44818
Depth: 70 feet **Size:** 10 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Yellow Perch, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Jeffers Elementary, ballfield, wooded walking trails, benches boardwalk and fishing pier
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: Enjoy the scenic natural setting around Jeffers Pond in the City of Prior Lake. Walking trails circumnavigate the pond and include a bridge boardwalk over a rocky outflow stream for good waterfowl and wildlife viewing. Fishing at Jeffers Pond may result in catching a variety of sportfish species, including Largemouth Bass and Black Crappie.



Jordan Mill Pond

Location: Mill Pond Swimming Beach, Jordan, MN 55352
Latitude/Longitude: 44.66302, -93.6294
Depth: 18 feet **Size:** 18 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing pier, grills, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, swimming beach, shore fishing blocks, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Jordan Mill Pond is an ideal place to take the family fishing. The surrounding park as well as the newly added shoreline restoration have improved the water quality of Jordan Mill Pond and have created habitat for game fish to reproduce. This pond is a beautiful place to launch a canoe and cast for Largemouth Bass.



Lakefront Pond

Location: Lakefront Park, Prior Lake, MN 55372
Latitude/Longitude: 44.7194, -93.4232
Depth: 5 feet **Size:** 14 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Amphitheater, ball fields, basketball, excellent parking, fishing pier, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, soccer, tennis, walking path
Accessibility: Good
Comments: With the game fish species that have been stocked into Lakefront Pond, this park can provide the overall experience for a family that wants to enjoy the outdoors. The fishing pier provides great access to fishing and the 3-mile trail system helps expose youth to a variety of wildlife.



McColl Pond

Location: 13550 Dakota Ave S, Savage, MN 55378
Latitude/Longitude: 44.75607, -93.36414
Depth: 11 feet **Size:** 23 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Ball fields, excellent parking, fishing pier, grills, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Enjoy the many learning opportunities at McColl Pond in the City of Savage. Walking trails weave through native prairie landscapes exposing youth to habitat and wildlife they may not experience anywhere else in the Twin Cities. Fishing at McColl Pond may result in an excited child catching Bluegill, Largemouth Bass and Channel Catfish. An aeration system is also operated on the lake to prevent fish winterkills, so check ice conditions before wintertime activities.



Quarry Lake

Location: Quarry Lake, Shakopee, MN 55379
Latitude/Longitude: 44.79215, -93.43851
Depth: 50 feet **Size:** 70 acres
Species: Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout
Extras: Fishing pier, walking trail, picnic tables, restrooms, playground, mountain biking trails, additional shoreline access
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Quarry Lake is a former sand/gravel pit, located totally within the City of Shakopee's Quarry Lake Park. It is managed as a "put and take" trout fishery. Lake access is through the park and subject to Shakopee's park hours, rules, and city code. Quarry Lake is a designated trout lake. Reference the current fishing regulations guide for license requirements, seasons, and bait restrictions.



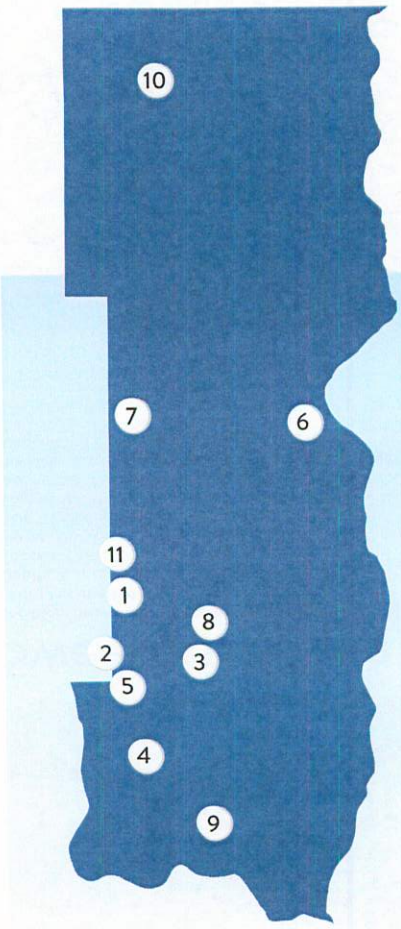
Sweetbrier Lake

Location: Sweetbrier Lake, New Market Township, MN 55044
Latitude/Longitude: 44.62191, -93.34606
Depth: 16 feet **Size:** 20 acres
Species: Bluegill, Largemouth Bass
Extras: Disc Golf Course, fishing pier, grills, picnic shelter, playground
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: The surrounding park and disc golf course on the southern shore of Sweetbrier lake make for a fun family afternoon of activities. A fishing pier offers shore access into the clear water of Sweetbrier where anglers of all ages may reel in abundant Bluegill and Largemouth Bass.





Washington County



1. Battle Creek
2. Carver Lake
3. Colby Lake
4. Hidden Valley Pond
5. La Lake
6. Lily Lake
7. Lost Lake
8. Powers Lake
9. Ravine Lake
10. Shields Lake
11. Tanners Lake



Battle Creek

Location: 255 Meadow Lane, Woodbury, MN 55125
Latitude/Longitude: 44.94363, -92.97575
Depth: 14 feet **Size:** 106 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Common Carp, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Fair parking, fishing pier, grills, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: The fishing pier on the west shore provides the best fishing from shore in the summer. A boat access allows anglers to explore more areas of this 100 acre lake (10 hp motor limit). Battle Creek is a popular ice fishing lake for Northern Pike during the winter months.



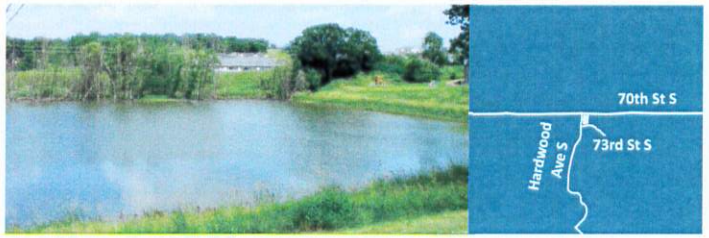
Carver Lake

Location: Carver Lake Park, Woodbury, MN 55125
Latitude/Longitude: 44.90395, -92.97946
Depth: 36 feet **Size:** 50 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Fire ring, fishing pier, good parking, grills, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, swimming, volleyball, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: Carver Lake is a great place for a day outdoors to enjoy the surrounding hills and deep, clear water. A fishing pier provides angling access, and there is a boardwalk that runs along the shore. Try the swimming beach if you want to take a break on a hot day.



Colby Lake

Location: Edgewater Park, Woodbury, MN 55125
Latitude/Longitude: 44.90275, -92.90999
Depth: 11 feet **Size:** 71 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, Bullhead
Extras: Basketball, good parking, fishing pier, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, tennis, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Colby fishing pier is on the south end that connects to the loop trail around the lake. The FiN Program stocked Channel Catfish in 2012 in addition to Bluegill and they should grow rapidly in this eutrophic lake. Come and check out these improvements and more at this lake in the heart of Woodbury. An aeration system is also operated on the lake to prevent fish winterkills, so check ice conditions before wintertime activities.



Hidden Valley Pond

Location: Hardwood Ave S and 73rd St. S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016
Latitude/Longitude: 44.84685, -92.95906.
Depth: 11 feet **Size:** 3 acres
Species: Bluegill, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Fair parking, fishing pier, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: Hidden Valley Pond is stocked with Bluegill. A fishing pier gives anglers more access to deeper water in this lake. The City of Cottage Grove sponsors a popular fishing clinic each year at this pond. A fishing pier in the pond just south of 70th Street gives anglers more access to deeper water within this pond.



La Lake

Location: La Lake, Woodbury, MN 55129
Latitude/Longitude: 44.89067, -92.97111
Depth: 10 feet **Size:** 41.5 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Walleye
Extras: No fishing pier, only accessible through hiking trail, small parking lot, unpaved walking path
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: La Lake in Woodbury is a smaller, shallow basin with natural shoreline and two public access points (north off Bailey Road, south via Military Road). While the current development of park amenities and trails is underway, the lake already offers a quieter shore-fishing experience. Anglers seeking a less-crowded spot within the metro area may enjoy this natural-setting lake.



Lily Lake

Location: Lily Lake Park, Stillwater, MN 55082
Latitude/Longitude: 45.04624, -92.82025
Depth: 51 feet **Size:** 43.7 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Ball fields, basketball, boat landing (electric only), fishing pier, grills, good parking, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, tennis, volleyball
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Lily Lake provides a great fishing resource right in Stillwater. Northern Pike are occasionally stocked in the winter and Bluegill are very abundant and provide plenty of action for first time anglers.



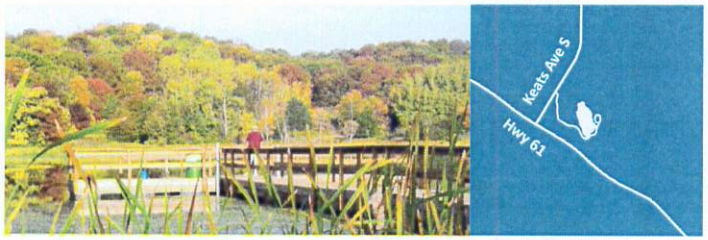
Lost Lake

Location: Lost Lake Fishing Pier, Mahtomedi, MN 55115
Latitude/Longitude: 45.05202, -92.96481
Depth: 26 feet **Size:** 22 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Fishing pier, good parking, grills, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, volleyball, walking path
ADA Accessibility: Fair
Comments: The deep, clear waters of Lost Lake are a result of the diverse native plant community found in this lake. Fish such as Northern Pike and Largemouth Bass thrive in this type of habitat, providing a thrill to the lucky angler that hooks one.



Powers Lake

Location: Powers Lake, Woodbury, MN 55129
Latitude/Longitude: 44.9273, -92.90439
Depth: 41 feet **Size:** 58 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Carry-in access (electric only), fishing pier, good parking, grills, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, walking path
Accessibility: Good
Comments: Powers Lake, one of the best fishing lakes in Woodbury, has multiple species of game fish, good water quality and easy access. Try fishing for Largemouth Bass and Northern Pike along the edge of the weedline that develops in the summer.



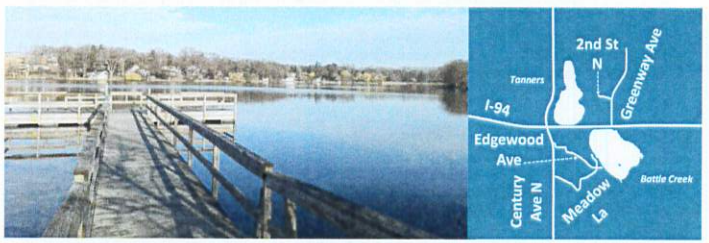
Ravine Lake

Location: Ravine Park Playground, Cottage Grove, MN 55016
Latitude/Longitude: 44.80594, -92.90016
Depth: 15 feet **Size:** 27.2 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Walleye, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Excellent parking, fishing pier, grills, hiking trails, nature viewing, picnic shelter, picnic tables, playground, restrooms, shore fishing blocks, walking path, vehicle entrance fee
ADA Accessibility: Good
Comments: Ravine is a great little lake that can produce large Bluegill, Walleyes and Largemouth Bass. Tucked away in a valley, Ravine offers great bird watching for herons, egrets, hawks and eagles. A fishing pier makes it easy to get past the aquatic vegetation and into deeper water. A daily or annual vehicle pass is required to enter the park.



Shields Lake

Location: Shields Lake Park, Forest Lake, MN 55025
Latitude/Longitude: 45.25383, -92.94273
Depth: 27 feet **Size:** 26 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Bullhead, Pumpkinseed
Extras: Parking is poor, picnic tables, fishing pier, carry in boat access
ADA Accessibility: Poor
Comments: Even though no formal boat launch exists anglers are able to portage canoes and small boats from the parking area down the hill to the lake. Shields Lake is restricted to electric trolling motors only. A fishing pier provides shore fishing access. A winter aeration system has been in place since 1995.



Tanners Lake

Location: 400 Glenbrook Ave N, Oakdale, MN 55128
Latitude/Longitude: 44.952667, -92.979199
Depth: 46 feet **Size:** 74.5 acres
Species: Bluegill, Black Crappie, Northern Pike, Walleye, Largemouth Bass Pumpkinseed, Green Sunfish
Extras: Fishing pier, parking, beach, picnic shelter, playground, boat launch
ADA Accessibility: Excellent
Comments: Located only minutes from downtown St. Paul, Tanners Lake provides an excellent place to fish in the Metro area. Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, and Black Crappie can be caught from the fishing pier, while a swimming beach, playground, and picnic shelter within Tanners Lake Park provide other fun opportunities for the whole family.
Tanners Lake is known to have mercury and PFOS contaminants. Please refer to the Minnesota Department of Health Fish Consumption Guidelines before eating fish from this lake.



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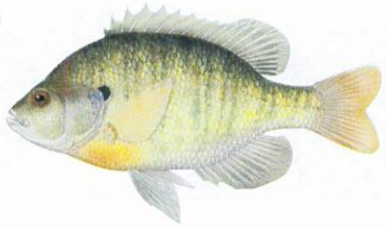
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Minnesota State
Record Bluegill
1 lbs. 13 oz.

My largest Bluegill

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Bluegill

The Bluegill has a round, flat body that is 4 to 10 inches long. The body is greenish-blue in color with an orange belly. The solid blue/black "ear" spot distinguishes the Bluegill from other sunfish species. This fish is a great target species for youth. Try fishing off a pier using corn or worms as bait and you will have a fun day of fishing!

Minnesota State
Record Pumpkinseed
1 lbs. 5 oz.

My largest Pumpkinseed

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Pumpkinseed

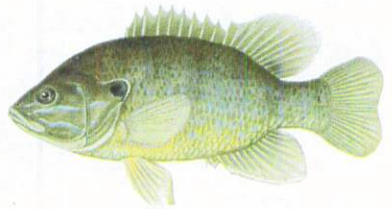
The Pumpkinseed is another common fish you will catch when taking youth fishing. Their round, flat body is about 4 to 8 inches in length. The distinguishing characteristic of this species is its bright red "ear" spot.

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Minnesota State
Record Green Sunfish
1 lbs. 4 oz.

My largest Green Sunfish

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Green Sunfish

Green Sunfish look like Bluegill however they have a more elongated body. Their mouths are larger than other sunfish species. They are typically 3 to 6 inches long and have fins that are green in color with white edges.

Minnesota State
Record Rainbow Trout
16 lbs. 6 oz.

My largest Rainbow Trout

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Rainbow Trout

The Rainbow Trout was introduced to Minnesota in the late 1800s and is native to Western North America. It has a pink stripe along the middle of its body, and its sides, back, fins, and tail are covered in dark spots. They prefer cool, clear water and can be caught on flies or spoons.

Minnesota State
Record Brown Trout
16 lbs. 12 oz.

My largest Brown Trout

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Brown Trout

The Brown trout was introduced to Minnesota in the late 1800s and is native to Germany. It has a golden-brown to olive-black body with large dark spots on its sides and dorsal fin. A distinguishing characteristic are the reddish spots with light rings or halos scattered on a Brown Trout's sides. Brown trout can tolerate warmer water than other trout species. It is a hard to catch fish but it may feed more aggressively on cloudy or rainy days.

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Minnesota State Record Brook Trout
6 lbs. 5 oz.

My largest Brook Trout

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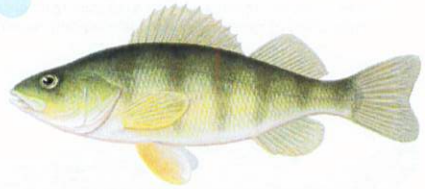
Brook Trout

The Brook trout is native to Minnesota. It can be found in cool clear streams and some small lakes with sand/gravel bottoms and moderate vegetation. It is less selective about bait than the Brown or Rainbow Trout but is more sensitive to habitat degradation and warm water than those species.

Minnesota State Record Yellow Perch:
3 lbs. 4 oz..

My largest Yellow Perch:

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Yellow Perch

The Yellow Perch has a round, long body much like the Walleye but has a distinctive yellow body covered in dark vertical bars with orange fins. Yellow Perch can grow to be 6 to 14 inches long. Yellow Perch swim in large schools in open water during the day and congregate near vegetation just off the bottom of the lake at night. They are usually caught with small jigs and live bait.

Minnesota State Record Northern Pike:
45 lbs. 12 oz..

My largest Northern Pike:

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Northern Pike

The Northern Pike has a long, cylindrical body. It can grow from 12 to 40 inches and has light marks on its dark body. This species has over 750 teeth to feed on small- to medium-sized fish. Northern Pike are ambush predators that are caught on lures or minnows.

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Minnesota State Record Muskellunge:
55 lbs. 14 oz.

My largest Muskellunge:

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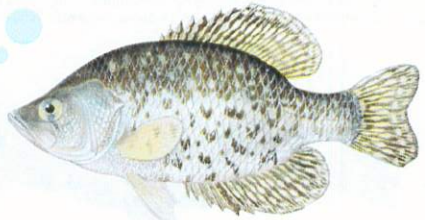
Muskellunge

The Muskellunge looks a lot like the Northern Pike however it has dark spots or bars on a lighter background. They also grow larger, anywhere from 12 to 50 inches. The Muskellunge is a very elusive fish that can be caught in clear, vegetated lakes using large lures.

Minnesota State Record Black Crappie:
3 lbs. 13 oz.

My largest Black Crappie:

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Black Crappie

Like the sunfish, the Black Crappie has a round, flat body. Its body length can vary from 6 to 14 inches. The sides of its body are silvery-white with black speckling. Black Crappies can also be caught off a pier using small minnows or various colors of artificial bait.

Minnesota State Record White Crappie:
3 lbs. 15 oz.

My largest White Crappie:

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White Crappie

Although the White Crappie is shaped like the Black Crappie, its coloration varies. Instead of black speckles on a silvery-white background, the White Crappie has black vertical bars. White Crappies are less common but may be found in several FiN lakes.

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Minnesota State Record Largemouth Bass: 8 lbs. 15 oz.

My largest Largemouth Bass: _____

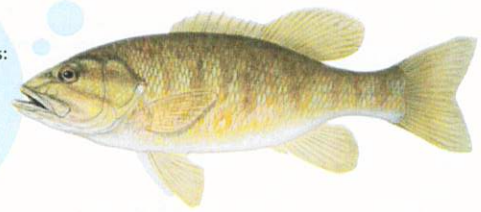


Largemouth Bass

The Largemouth Bass is a member of the sunfish family and is found in many FiN ponds. This fish has a large jaw that extends beyond the eye and can grow anywhere from 6 to 24 inches in length. It is green in color with a dark lateral stripe on the side of its body. To target Largemouth Bass, try fishing with plastic worms near lily pads.

Minnesota State Record Smallmouth Bass: 8 lbs.

My largest Smallmouth Bass: _____

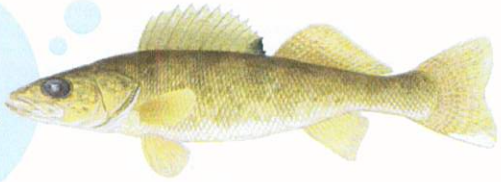


Smallmouth Bass

The Smallmouth Bass also has a large jaw but its upper lip only extends to the middle of the eye. This fish has a bronze colored body with dark vertical bars. Smallmouth Bass are found near rocks and boulders or near submersed woody debris. Common in many rivers in Minnesota, Smallmouth Bass grow to be 6 to 20 inches long and are present in some FiN ponds.

Minnesota State Record Walleye: 17 lbs. 8 oz.

My largest Walleye: _____



Walleye

The Walleye is the Minnesota state fish and is torpedo-shaped. It has a white belly with a distinguishing white tip on the lower lobe of the tail fin. The large, glassy eye is where this fish gets its name. They can grow anywhere from 10 to 30 inches long. Try fishing for Walleyes with leeches or minnows at dusk in open, deep pools.

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Minnesota State Record Channel Catfish: 38 lbs.

My largest Channel Catfish: _____



Channel Catfish

Channel Catfish are a long, smoothed-skinned fish with barbels and a forked tail. They can grow to be 10 to 30 inches long and are found in larger streams and rivers. Several FiN ponds are stocked with Channel Catfish which can be distinguished from a bullhead by the "V" shaped notch in the tail. This fish can be caught off the bottom and under cover with stink baits, worms, minnows or other baits. Channel Catfish have taste buds over their entire body.

Minnesota State Record Black Bullhead: 3 lbs. 13 oz.

My largest Black Bullhead: _____



Black Bullhead

The Black Bullhead is similar to catfish, however it has a flat, square tail. It has black barbels and can grow from 4 to 14 inches long. Black Bullheads are found in almost every FiN pond and are easily caught using worms.

Minnesota State Record White Bass: 4 lbs. 8 oz.

My largest White Bass: _____



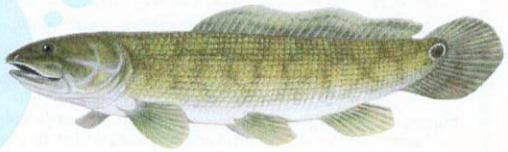
White Bass

White Bass have a silvery-white body that is high and flat shaped with a two-part dorsal fin. They can grow to be 6 to 16 inches long and are covered in black, horizontal stripes. The best fishing time for this species is in the spring or midsummer when you can catch them on jigs or minnows.

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Minnesota State Record Bowfin: 19 lbs. 10 oz.

My largest Bowfin: _____



Bowfin (Dogfish)

The Bowfin, or dogfish, has a long soft-rayed dorsal fin and a spot at the base of its tail fin. Its body is an emerald green or brownish in color. It can grow from 8 to 25 inches long and has a bony plate, called the gular plate, on the underside of its jaw. Bowfin are found in vegetated habitat and can be caught using lures and minnows.

Minnesota State Record Common Carp: 55 lbs. 5 oz.

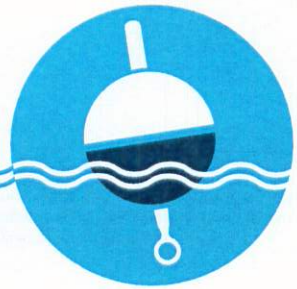
My largest Common Carp: _____



Common Carp

The Common Carp is the largest member of the minnow family, growing from 12 to 36 inches. The two whiskers on its mouth make this fish easy to identify. Its body is pale gold in color and is covered with large scales. Try fishing on the bottom using corn or worms as bait.

Angler Resources



Angler Code of Ethics:

1. Take only what you need, keep only what you will eat and never wastefully discard any fish; it is illegal.
2. Think of the fish first. If you plan to release the fish, handle it gently and return it to the water. Never throw it into the water.
3. Respect everyone fishing around you.
4. Do not litter. Clean up old fishing line, hooks and bait containers even if they are not yours so they do not end up in the water.
5. Know the rules of the lake you are fishing so you do not keep under-sized fish or too many fish. Also be sure to follow park rules.

Remember, our lakes and rivers belong to everyone and we all must do our part to preserve them for future generations. Enjoy the great fishing opportunities presented to you and always follow the angler code of ethics when you are fishing.

How to Fish

Spring is the best season to catch fish due to the fish being hungry after the long winter, being more active due to warmer waters and laying their eggs near shore. As soon as the ice has melted off the lakes, sunfish and crappies are a great species to fish for. The Walleye and Northern Pike season is not legally open until mid-May while bass and muskie season begins in late May or early June. Cloudy and rainy days are good fishing days, however, never be near a lake during a thunderstorm with lightning.

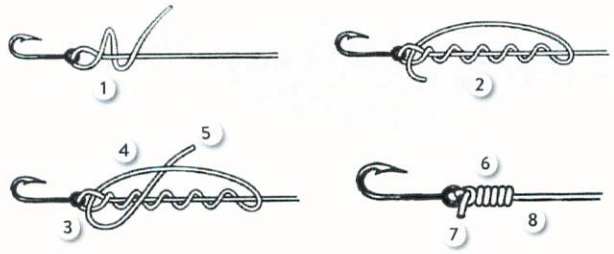
Summer shore fishing is a little more difficult due to thick near shore vegetation and fish moving to deeper, cooler waters away from shore. Try fishing in the early morning or evening as well as river fishing since rivers tend to have cooler waters and less vegetation.

Fall is another great time to fish due to cooling water temperatures, vegetation die offs and fish aggressively feeding to prepare for winter. Winter ice fishing is a great way to catch crappies and sunfish. Try a bucket of minnows or some waxworms to catch fish during the winter months.

Tying an Improved Clinch Knot

The clinch knot is probably the most popular fishing knot used today. When properly tied, the clinch knot is very strong and it won't slip. This is a versatile fishing knot, and it can also be used to attach lures to your fishing line.

1. Thread one end of the line through the eye of the hook.
2. Wrap the line around itself five times to make five twists. Fishing tackle manufacturers have found that five wraps of the line work best. With fewer than five wraps, fish might pull out the knot. With more than five wraps, the line may break.
3. Take the tag (loose) end of the line and put it through the first twist, near the hook.
4. Notice the new loop you have made. Take the same tag end and pass it through the new loop. (This is the "improved" part of the knot that prevents it from slipping.)
5. Drop this end.
6. Slide the whole knot down to the hook.
7. Gently tug on the end you previously dropped.
8. Neaten the knot. It's important to make sure the knot is "neat," or that the coils are tightly lined up. If there are loose wraps, or wraps on both sides of the eye, the knot may snag and break.
9. Voila! There should be neatly stacked coils lined up next to the eye.



Lead Tackle

The tackle industry, recognizing a growing awareness and concern about lead in the environment, has begun to create tungsten, glass, copper, steel, tin, bismuth, or plastic sinkers. Consider using non-lead tackle when you go fishing.

Here's what you can do to help:

- Ask local sporting good stores to stock nonlead fishing tackle.
- Spread the word by telling other anglers about the problem.
- Dispose of old lead sinkers and jigs properly by locating a drop-off location.

See DNR Web site for more information.



Fishing Tips for the Beginning Angler

Do I need a license?
If you are age 16 or older and/or assisting a child with fishing, you need a Minnesota angling license. Licenses can be purchased at sporting goods stores, bait stores, convenience and retail stores, online at mndnr.gov or by phone at 888-665-4236. Be sure to follow the fishing regulations.

Safety
Your safety is very important. When going on a fishing trip, young children should always fish with an adult. If you are fishing from a boat or canoe, ALWAYS wear a life jacket. Children under 10 years of age are required by law to wear a life jacket while in a watercraft in Minnesota. If weather turns stormy, make sure you get away from the water. Because the sun reflects off the water surface, it is a good idea to wear sunscreen and sunglasses. Be aware of where your hook is at all times – it is sharp! Do not let it swing around and always look behind you before casting to avoid injuring someone else.

Where should I fish?
A good place to start fishing is the public fishing piers located on many lakes. If fish are not biting, try a new spot. Sometimes it is a matter of casting on the other side of the pier to find the hot spot. Walk along shore but do not trespass. Try fishing near plants and trees in the water, in shady areas or around rocks.

What equipment should I fish with?
A beginner fishing rod and reel is a great, all-purpose set-up to begin your fishing journey. The tackle you use should be sized to the type of fish you are trying to catch. For panfish, use a small hook and for larger fish like bass or Northern Pike, use a bigger hook or lure. A sinker will keep your bait down near the lake or river bottom where most fish swim. Place a weight about 10 inches up from your hook and only use enough to sink your bait. To help indicate a fish is on, place a bobber on your line.

What bait should I use?
You will probably have your best luck fishing with earthworms. Pinch a one- or two-inch piece of worm and thread it on your hook. Different species of minnows can be used to catch Black Crappies as well as Northern Pike and Walleyes. If live bait is not available for purchase near you, try digging for your own worms under logs and rocks or use canned corn, pieces of a hot dog or even marshmallows.

What if my line gets tangled?
Your line will get tangled often when you are a new angler, however, do not let it discourage you! Take a few minutes to try to untangle it and if that does not work, cut the line and retie the hook. Be sure to give your line a good tug to make sure the knot will not slip off the hook.

What if I catch a fish?
Before handling a fish, always get your hands wet to prevent taking off the slimy protective coating on the outside of the fish. Because most fish have fin spines that can poke your hand, always handle the fish carefully but firmly. Be cautious about putting your fingers in the fish's mouth as some fish like Northern Pike and Walleyes have sharp teeth. If the hook is in too deep to get out, cut the line about an inch from the fish's mouth and let the fish go. It is easier to leave it in rather than cause internal damage when trying to get it out. If you plan to release the fish, make sure to return it to the water as quickly as possible.

What kind of fish is it?
The images throughout this booklet show some of the more common fish found in area lakes and ponds.

Are the fish safe to eat?
Generally the fish are safe to eat, however the Minnesota Department of Health lets people know how often fish can be safely eaten. They recommend women who are or may become pregnant and children can eat Bluegill and crappies once per week and generally eat other fish species once per month. For others, there are no restrictions for eating Bluegill or Black Crappies and other fish species can be eaten once per week. For lake-specific advice, check mndnr.gov/lakefind/ or visit health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/fish/faq.html for additional health advisory information. Only keep what you need and place fish on ice until you get home.

Be courteous...
Do not litter or throw old fishing line and tackle in the lake. Always follow the park rules where you are fishing. Fishing can be a very relaxing pastime so be courteous while you are fishing around other anglers.

Take a break
Fishing with children is a lot of fun but can be challenging as well. Make sure to bring snacks, take them for a walk, go to the playground and look for other wildlife like birds and turtles. Make fishing part of a fun, healthy outing and remember that you will not always catch a fish, but there are countless ways to enjoy the great outdoors!



Angler Diary

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Body of water _____ City: _____
Species: _____ Fishing buddy: _____
Length/Weight: _____ Bait/Lure used: _____
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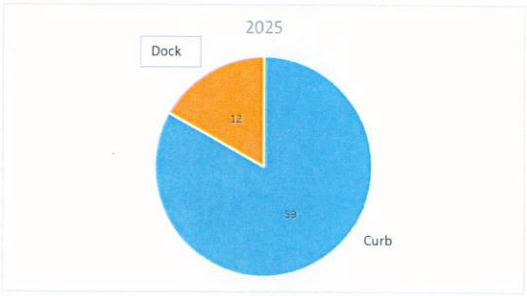
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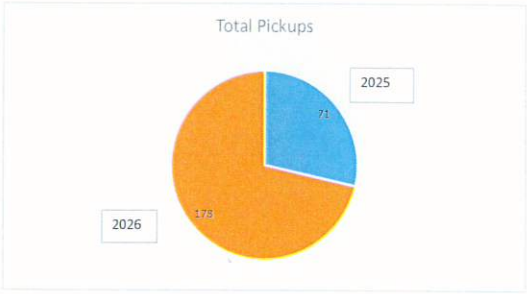
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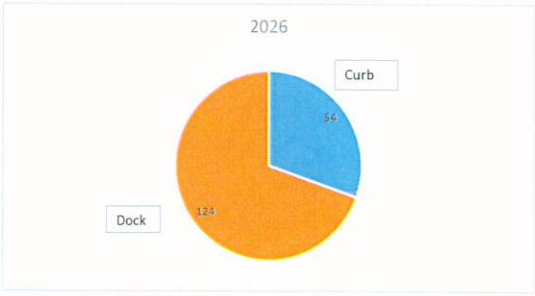
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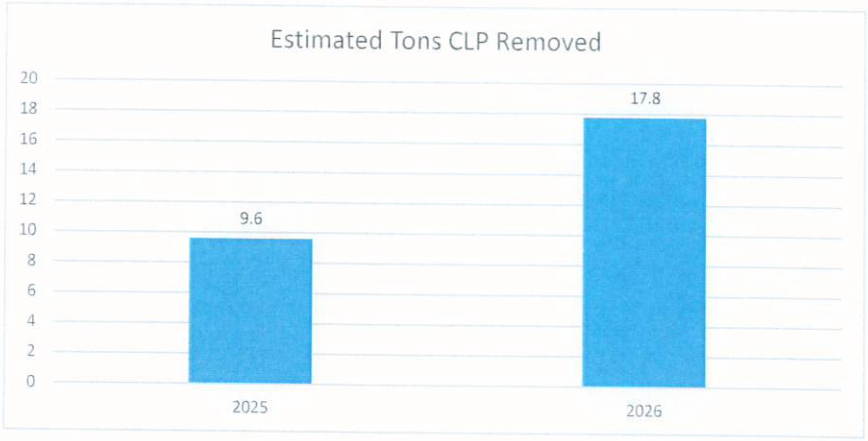
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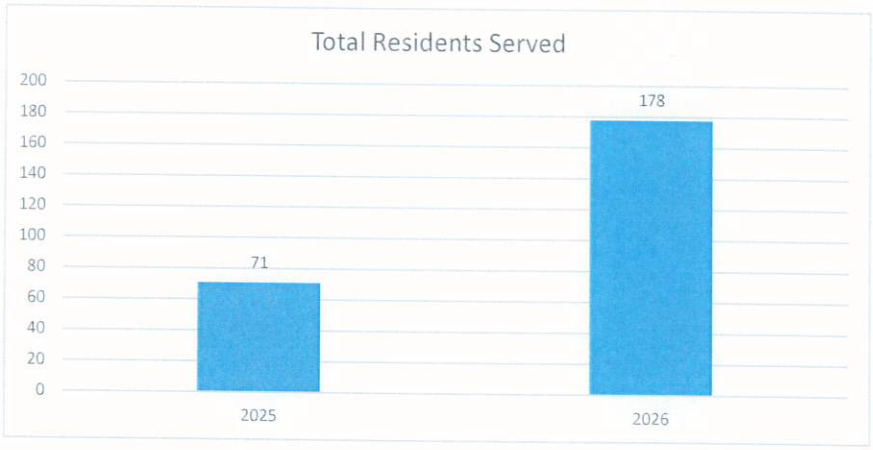
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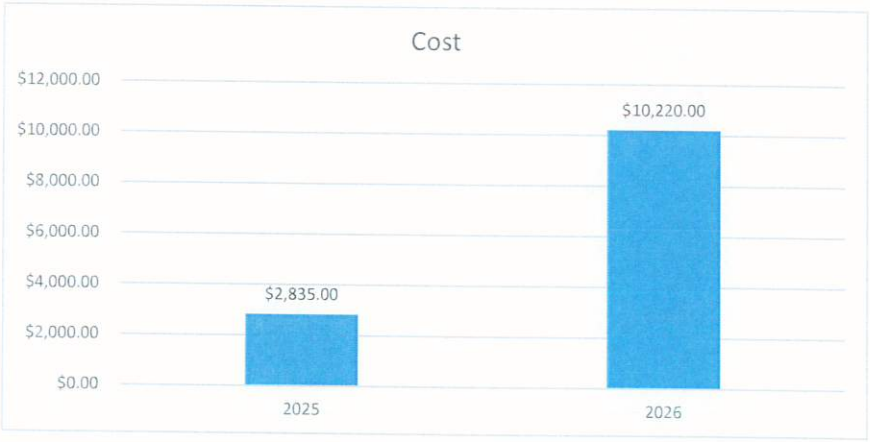







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