

Leech Lake

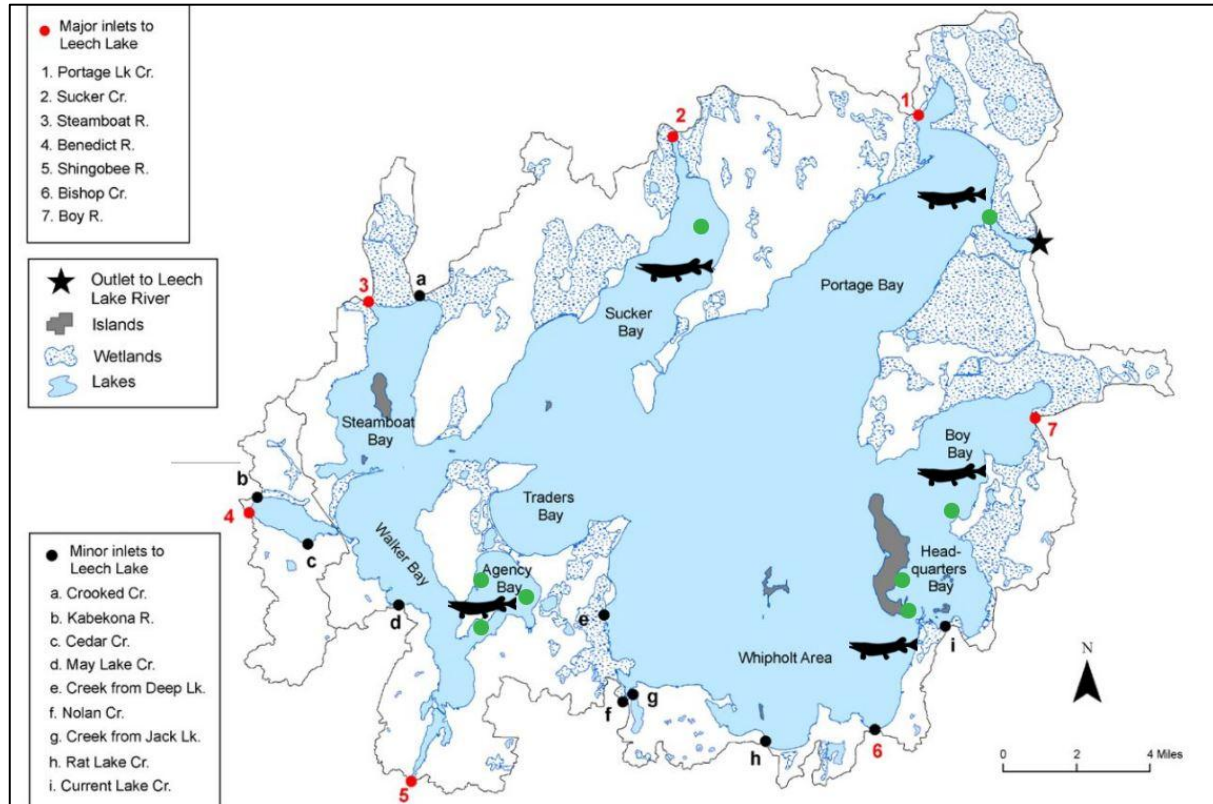
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Basic Leech Lake Facts

Leech Lake is one of the biggest lakes in Minnesota. The lake is located in Cass County near Walker. The lake is 103039.6 acres big and shoreline length 232.62 miles. The littoral area, how much weeds are in the lake, is 57,994 acres. The secchi disc reading, water clarity, is 8.2 feet.



Inlets and Outlets



What kind of species are in this lake

Leech lake is home to all sorts of different fish such as black crappie, bluegill, large and smallmouth bass, muskellunge, northern pike, eelpout, walleye, and yellow perch. These are just a few of the common types of fish. The lake is also filled with a lot of uncommon breeds such as black bullhead, tullibee and yellow bullhead. Leech lake is well known for winter eelpout fishing and walleye fishing year round.



DNR Standard Gill Net

The primary tool that guides fish management is the lake survey. Lake surveys consist of periodic monitoring of fish populations, water chemistry, and fish habitat. Lake survey data is used to track fish population trends, evaluate the effectiveness of management actions such as stocking, and establish realistic management goals for a given lake. On average, the Section of Fisheries conducts 650 lake surveys each year. Most of the important fishing lakes are surveyed once every 3-5 years.

Type Of Fish	Standard Gill Nets
Black Crappie	10
Blue Gill	22
Smallmouth Bass	1
Largemouth Bass	5
Muskellunge	1
Northern Pike	142
Yellow Perch	339
Walleye	327

Public Accesses

Leech lake has multiple well maintained public accesses. Some of the most popular ones include Erickson's Landing, Walker City Park Boat Landing, Shingobee Bay Public Access, Stony Point Access, Sucker Bay Access and Federal Dam Boat Landing. Accesses allow boats to easily enter and exit the lake.

A public boat Access is one of the main areas in the lake where invasive species can enter and exit the lake. In a big lake like Leech Lake, it's important that you make sure there are no weeds or water in your boat to spread into the water.

Slot Sizes and Limits

Leech Lake anglers will be able to keep a wider size range of walleye starting on the 2019 fishing opener.

New regulations, which will take effect Saturday, May 11, will remove the 20 to 26 inch protected slot and replace it with a regulation similar to the statewide regulation with a four-fish walleye limit, only one of which can be over 20 inches.

Currently, anglers on Leech Lake can keep four fish, but must immediately release any walleye that are within a 20 to 26-inch protected slot limit. Only one fish over 26 inches is allowed in possession. The four-fish walleye possession limit on Leech Lake has been in effect since 2005.

Ice out date

The definition of lake ice out can vary from lake to lake. For the citizen observers reporting data, ice out occurs when the lake is completely free of ice. Or, it may be when it is possible to navigate from point A to point B. Ice out may also be when a lake is 90 percent free of ice. Observers use consistent criteria from year to year when reporting lake ice out dates.

2019 Ice Out Date



Chase on the Lake Resort

Located within walking distance of the shops and restaurants of the historic town of Walker, Chase on the Lake is a great choice for those looking for a high-quality resort vacation in Minnesota. It's certainly a picturesque spot, its charm accentuated by its position overlooking Leech Lake, where guests can enjoy water sports such as kayaking, boating, and fishing (the lake's famous for its walleye), or swimming and sunbathing on the private beach. Other activities include on-site dining (be sure to try the alfresco and in-room options), a full-service spa, plus a heated indoor swimming pool with hot tub. Also fun is the resort's bowling alley. Come winter, the resort serves as a great base for winter sports, including skating, skiing (downhill and cross-country), as well as snowmobiling.



Oak Point Resort

This resort is not only home of beautiful two to three bedroom cabins but has that total backwoods feel. The resort has biking and hiking trails, swimming beaches, fishing and boating docks, kids actives, playgrounds, an entertaining and informational recreational room and so so so much more. The resort is year round so not only could you have an opportunity to open-water fish but ice fishing is a possibility as well. This resort is a fun family place to visit with great affordable prices.



Stocking summary

The following table is the result of Leech Lake stocking throughout the past ten years.

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[Walker Lake Fish Hatchery](#)

Year	Species	Size	Number	Pounds
2017	Muskellunge	Fry	112,878	4.6
2017	Muskellunge	Fingerlings	603	118.2
2014	Walleye	Fry	7,500,480	3.1
2013	Muskellunge	Fingerlings	620	66.7
2013	Walleye	Fry	6,555,032	62.5
2012	Walleye	Fry	7,501,632	62.0
2011	Walleye	Fry	22,021,332	188.0
2010	Walleye	Fry	22,501,355	176.5
2009	Muskellunge	Fingerlings	559	89.7
2009	Walleye	Fry	22,669,368	187.2

Invasive species

In 2016, The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed zebra mussels in their larval stage in two locations in Leech Lake in Cass County. The DNR has found no adult zebra mussels in the lake, but the locations and numbers of zebra mussel larvae, called veligers (VEL-uh-jers), indicate a reproducing population may be present.

The DNR confirmed more than 30 veligers from a sample collected in deep water off the shore of Portage Bay, on the northeast side of the 110,000-acre lake, and more than 40 veligers from a sample collected in the center of Kabekona Bay, on Leech Lake's western edge. No veligers were present in samples collected from three other sites between Portage and Kabekona bays. The two sites where veligers were confirmed are nearly 17 miles apart.

[Invasive Species](#)

Why you should visit Leech Lake

Leech Lake is just one of the 10,000 lakes in Minnesota. It's one of the biggest ones though. The lake is best known for the amount of walleye in the lake and after seeing how much the lake is stocked with it, it really does show. Not only does the lake have multiple amazing resorts but the lake has a huge amount of anglers from all around the U.S. just to catch a fish from one of Minnesota's well-known lakes in hopes to catch a record. If you pay a visit, that record holder just may be you.

