

Clear Lake



Fish Species

Splake

Species Description

Splake (hybrid of a lake trout and brook trout) are the trout of choice at Clear Lake. DNR Fisheries Division stocks yearling (6-8 inches) splake annually at the lake. This is a popular lake to ice fish, and many of the splake are caught each year in the winter, especially at first ice. Anglers may catch fish in shallow at this time of year, or deep, they are sometimes very widespread. Anglers fishing the lake during open water typically catch splake by trolling. Growth for this type of trout is good, so yearling splake are typically 11-13 inches by their first fall living in the lake. The deep, cold, and highly oxygenated waters of the lake lend itself well to summer survival of this cold water species, thus many survive to age-2 and age-3. It is not uncommon to catch a 15-17 inch splake, and even fish 20-24 inches are present based on angler accounts and fisheries surveys by the DNR.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:45.124152 / Long:-84.186376

Noteworthy

This is a very aesthetic lake, about 100 acres in size or larger, but it does receive some water skiing activity in the summer. Fish mornings or evenings in the summer. Do not hesitate fishing high in the water column in the fall if trolling. A state park campground, a day use area, and plenty of adjacent state forest land make Clear Lake a good location for a family, or even a group of anglers looking for diverse regional opportunity.

Fishing Regulations

Clear Lake is a designated Type B trout lake. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Lake Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide.

Directions to Site

Clear Lake has two boat launches that are both in good condition for launching boats. The main launch has ample parking for boat trailers and is located on the west side of the lake. From Hwy M-33, take County Road 622 to the west and follow the signs along the west side of the lake to the boat launch. There is also a day use area along the south side of the state park that is attractive to non-anglers.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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