

Deer Lake



Fish Species

Lake Trout; Steelhead

Species Description

Lake Trout and Rainbow Trout (steelhead) are stocked in Deer Lake by the DNR Fisheries Division. Lake Trout are stocked when retired broodstock are available from the hatcheries. Lake Trout range in size from 18-25 inches. Steelhead are stocked annually as yearlings.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:46.474826 / Long:-86.954847

Noteworthy

Deer Lake is a very aesthetic lake in both the summer and winter seasons. Pleasure boating in the summer is relatively quiet and winter time activity is primarily limited to property owners of the lake. Anglers can find Lake Trout along the southern shoreline in the wintertime through the ice or in one of the three deep basins of the lake. The deepest basin (75 feet) is on the far west end. Rainbow Trout (steelhead) are best caught in the late spring as they typically will head for the thermocline as the water warms. During the summer, steelhead anglers may use a lantern to attract plankton at night time. Anglers should fish with live bait when using this technique.

Fishing Regulations

Deer Lake is designated as Not Classified and does not have a lake type and is not listed as a gear restricted lake. It is open to fishing all year. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Stream Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide for minimum size requirements and possession limits for Lakes Not Classified.

Directions to Site

Starting in Munising, head west on M-28 about 18 miles. Deer Lake is located on the south side of the road and the DNR boat launch (sign) is just before the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) roadside park. Deer Lake can be accessed by boat at launch or by carry-in at the MDOT roadside park. Boat launch is hard surfaced with plenty of parking for vehicles and trailers.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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