

# Big Blue Lake



## ***Fish Species***

Lake Trout

## ***Species Description***

Big Blue Lake is annually stocked with approximately 1,000 lake trout. The stocked trout are 5-7 inches in length when stocked in the spring. They grow rapidly, and it is possible to catch lake trout up to 20 lbs from this lake. Most fish caught by anglers range from 2-8 lbs.

## ***Geographic Coordinates***

Lat:44.80357 / Long:-84.89409

## ***Noteworthy***

Lake trout can be caught from this 114 acre lake by trolling or jigging. The lake stratifies, so in the summer anglers need to fish below the thermocline. Anglers typically troll with body baits, spoons, cowbells, and sewn minnows. Some anglers use downriggers, leadcore line, or three-way sinker rigs to get lures deep enough. Vertical jigging with Swedish Pimple spoons or large twister tails also produces good results. Ice fishing for the stocked lake trout is also popular on this lake. Jigging spoons are the preferred ice fishing lures, but tipups baited with blue or grey shiners can also produce fish. Small boats will also be able to access North Blue Lake, which is attached to Big Blue by a shallow channel. North Blue Lake is stocked with 500 yearling lake trout annually, and it provides opportunity for lake trout fishing similar to that of Big Blue Lake. Other species present in Big Blue Lake include northern pike, lake herring, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch, and rock bass. The Big Blue Lake public access site is administered by the Department of Natural Resources. The site has a paved boat launch with parking for seven vehicles. It also offers pit toilets.

## ***Fishing Regulations***

Big Blue 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***

From M-72- go north on Bear Lake Road for 4.3 miles. Turn right (east) onto County Road 612. After 2 miles, turn left (north) onto Blue Lake Road. Proceed for 2.8 miles (road will be curvy)