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Deer Lake Basin



Deer Lake Basin in Marquette County has earned a reputation as a fishery that hosts high catch rates of walleye and northern pike. This lake is comprised of two elongated basins that provide more than 900 acres of quality fishing water.

Boat fishing is best at Deer Lake Basin and shore fishing is allowed, although it is prohibited along the County Road shoulder along the lake edge. A vault toilet is available at the DNR boat launch.

Camping is not permitted at this site; however the Van Riper State Park has excellent facilities and is located only 15 miles to the west, following Highway US-41.

Fish Species

Walleye

- Season: May 15 to March 15
- Size limits: catch-and-release only
- Catch limit: catch-and-release only
- Bait: artificial bait only – no live bait (including worms) is permitted

Northern Pike

- Season: May 15 to March 15
- Size limits: catch-and-release only
- Catch limit: catch-and-release only
- Bait: artificial bait only – no live bait (including worms) is permitted



Deer Lake Basin Map

Directions

Deer Lake is located in Marquette County 12 miles due west of the city of Marquette, Michigan. Larger towns in the area include Ishpeming, Michigan two miles to the south and Negaunee, Michigan five miles to the east.

From Marquette travel west on Highway US-41 approximately 13 miles to the City of Ishpeming and proceed on US-41 to the traffic light intersection of US-41 and County Road 573/Deer Lake road (the National Ski Hall of Fame will be on your left [southeast] corner of the intersection). Turn right (north) on County Road 573 and travel approximately 3.6 miles and you arrive at the DNR public boat launch.