

Winnibigoshish Lake

The Corps of Engineers began construction of the original timber dam at “Winni” in 1881. It was put into operation in 1884. Nearly 2 million feet of white and Norway pine cut from the lakeshore were used in the construction of the pilings, dams and other structures. The project employed 300 skilled and unskilled laborers, including local Chippewa Indians. In 1882, the Corps announced that “the Winnibigoshish Dam is the inauguration of the reservoir system for the entire country.”



Emergency - Call 911

Thank You for visiting!

Lake Winnibigoshish Recreation Area is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Our trained staff is here to assist you and we welcome your comments and suggestions.



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To make reservations for campsites or day-use shelters go to [Recreation.gov](https://www.Recreation.gov) or Toll Free 877-444-6777

For more information contact:
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Pokegama Recreation Area
34385 U.S. Highway 2
Grand Rapids, MN 55744-9663
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WINNIBIGOSHISH LAKE RECREATION AREA
Grand Rapids, Minnesota



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Visitor Information

- **FIREWOOD ALERT!** Only firewood certified or approved by a state or federal natural resource agency is permitted. Certified firewood is available for purchase in the campground. Any unauthorized firewood in the campground may be removed and destroyed by Corps staff.
- Please do not cut, mark or peel any trees.
- Vehicles/trailers must be kept on gravel or paved surfaces.
- Off-road and All Terrain Vehicles, or ATVs, are not allowed.
- Please observe the rules concerning safe boating operations.
- Pets are welcome but please keep them leashed (no longer than 6 feet) and attended. Owners are responsible for cleanup of all excrement.
- The use or display of firearms, air rifles, bow and arrows, slingshots and fireworks is not permitted.
- Please report any disturbances, vandalism or loss of property to the park ranger, manager or campground host.



Camping at Winnibigoshish

This well maintained, clean recreation area offers camping, boating, picnicking, fishing and playground areas. The campsites are located east of the Mississippi River and Winnibigoshish Dam. A majority of the campsites are available for reservation. All have access to electricity. There is also a campsite and restroom accessible to those who are mobility impaired.

Lake Winnibigoshish is one of the premier walleye, perch and muskie lakes in the state. Fishing is allowed from the shoreline, as well as from boats. There is one boat ramp that leads into the Mississippi River for a cool and relaxing day.



Campground Rules

- You may make reservations up to six months (rolling window) in advance by calling 1-877-444-6777 (TDD: 1-877-833-6777) or visiting www.recreation.gov.
- Vacant, reservable campsites may be available for up to two days without a reservation.
- Pay camping fees at the drop box immediately after occupying a site.
- Campers must vacate the site by noon on the last day of their visit.
- Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Please respect the privileges and privacy of others.
- Vehicles and other equipment must be accommodated on the improved surface. Only one wheeled-camping unit is authorized per site.
- Placing equipment on a campsite with the intent of saving the site for future use is prohibited.
- Dispose of refuse and gray water in designated areas.



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	Accessible		Boat Ramp		Dump Station
	Fish Cleaning		Parking		Phone
	Picnic Shelter		Playground		Restroom
	Waste		Water		Non-Reservable, Electric
	Reservable, Electric		Trail		

