Leech Lake

The Leech Lake campground is located in the heart of the Chippewa National Forest in Federal Dam, Minnesota, and is best known for its fishing and boat access to Portage Bay on Leech Lake. Fishing opportunities are available for walleye, perch, bass, northern pike and musky.

Our campground includes well-maintained wooded campsites, clean restrooms, showers, handicap accessible facilities and a boat mooring area. Experience picturesque sunsets, autumn colors, visiting with other campers, or just peaceful evenings around the campfire.

Leech Lake fills a basin formed by receding glaciers. The 126,000 acre reservoir, formed upon the construction of the dam in 1884, controls the runoff from a 1,163 square mile drainage area, contains 316 miles of shoreline and encompasses about 14 natural lakes. Lake levels were raised approximately 2 feet with construction of the dam.

Day Use Information

• There is no designated swimming area. Possessing, using or displaying swimming aids is prohibited.
• Please use our recycling area whenever possible.
• No glass is allowed. Leave the leaves (as much as possible) in the trees and keep fireplaces and grills free of debris. Keep beer cans, plastic, bottles and other refuse out of the lakes and the Leech River (in current levels).
• Feed the deer and keep all food in the refrigerator or freezer. If you feed the deer, you may attract coyotes.
• Please keep all fires in the fireplace or grill. Unauthorized firewood in the campground will be removed and destroyed by Corps personnel.
• We offer a safe recreation area where the intent of saving the site for future use is noted for tent only or double sites). Owners are responsible for cleaning up all excrement.
• Camper checks-in are 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m. or 5-7 p.m.
• Campsite check-out is NOON. Campers need to be out of their site by NOON your visit to free up your site.
• Please respect the quiet hours of the campground: quiet hour is 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Please respect the campfire strict rule of the campground.
• Violations of the Campground Regulations may result in the revocation of camping privileges and equipment and or machinery may be removed and destroyed by Corps personnel.
• Pets are welcome, but please keep them on a physically leashed (no longer than 6 feet) leash. Please clean up all excrement.
• ATV, including golf carts and motorized scooters are not allowed on or near any paved or grassy areas and attended. Owners are responsible for clean-up of all excrement.
• Recreational scooters are not allowed on or near any paved or grassy areas and attended.
• Drive with care. Watch for pedestrians and Corps personnel, especially in the campground. Effective immediately, a maximum of 110,000 acres of primitive water will be open to the public but guests will need to have a Corps fire permit.
• It is a federal violation to remove any natural resource agency is permitted. Any firewood must be certified or approved by a state or federal natural resource agency.
• Firewood Alert! Only firewood certified or approved by a state or federal natural resource agency is permitted. Any wood not certified or approved may be removed and destroyed by Corps personnel. Please keep all firewood in the campground.

Leech Lake 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.

Volunteer opportunities are available. Visit corpsofengines.us/recreation.gov or calling 1-877-444-6777 (TDD: 1-877-865-6777) for more information.

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Emergency - Call 911

Thank You for visiting!

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You may make reservations for campsites or the picnic shelter up to six months in advance by visiting www.recreation.gov or calling 1-877-444-6777 (TDD: 1-877-865-6777).
**Rules & Visitor Information**

- **FIREWOOD ALERT!** Only firewood certified or approved by a state or federal natural resource agency is permitted. Any unauthorized firewood in the campground may be removed and destroyed by Corps of Engineers staff.

- Please keep all fires in the fireplace or grill. Please keep all fires in the fireplace or grill. You are welcome to camp for up to 14 days in a 30-day period. You will need reservations.

- Campsite check-out is NOON on the last day of your stay. You may use our picnic, boating and day use facilities to finish your visit.

- To help all guests enjoy the serenity of the northwoods, quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Please respect the privileges and privacy of others at all times.

- No fishing within 300 feet above or below the dam. Please check-in at the office from 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m. or 5-7 p.m.

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