Day Use Information

Rules & Visitor Information

Winnibigoshish Lake

This well-maintained 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.

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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.

Volunteer opportunities are available. Visit corpslakes.us/volunteer, www.volunteer.gov or Call 1-800-VOL-TEER (800-865-8337) for more information.

You may make reservations for campsites or day-use shelters on the day of arrival to six months in advance of arrival (rolling window) by calling 1-877-444-6777 (TDD: 1-877-833-6777) or visiting www.recreation.gov.

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Grand Rapids, Minnesota

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• 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.

• Campers must vacate the site by noon on the last day of their visit.

• 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 staff.

• Please do not cut, mark or peel any trees.

• 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.

• Vehicles and other equipment must be accommodated on the improved surface. Only one-wheeled camping unit is authorized per site.

• Vehicles, trailers and tents must be kept on gravel or paved surfaces and off of the grass.

• Off-road and all-terrain vehicles, or ATVs, are not allowed.

• Placing equipment on a campsite with the intent of saving the site for future use is prohibited.

• Please observe the rules concerning safe boating operations.

• Dispose of refuse and gray water in designated areas.

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For non-campers, the boat launch and picnic area is free of charge. A picnic shelter is available for use. Day use and visiting hours are between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.

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