

Lake Traverse

White Rock Dam, which forms Mud Lake, is located at the extreme north end of the site and controls water flowing north on the Bois de Sioux River. Reservation Dam controls the pool level at Lake Traverse and the water flow north into Mud Lake; it also serves as a levee that separates the two lakes.

Browns Valley Dike lies on the southern most tip of the project and has one significant feature – it lies directly on the continental divide. This means all water north of the dike flows north to Hudson Bay and all water south of the dike flows south to eventually reach the Gulf of Mexico.

White Rock Dam

14,400-foot earthen embankment with three tainter gates
Crest elevation: 986 feet
Width at top: 26 feet
Height: 16 feet

Mud Lake

7.5 miles long; maximum width is 2.5 miles; average depth is 1.7 feet.
Pool capacity is 85,000 acres-feet.

Reservation Dam

Earthen embankment with an automated gate system
Length: 9,100
Crest elevation: 980 feet
Width at top: 26 feet
Height: 16 feet

Lake Traverse

Length: 16.5 miles
Maximum width: 1.75 miles
Average depth: 13.2 feet
Pool capacity: 164,500 acre-feet

Browns Valley Dike

Type: Earthen embankment with a box culvert
Length: 3,700 feet
Crest elevation: 987 feet
Width at top: 10 feet
Height: 16 feet

Emergency - Call 911

Thank you for visiting!

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

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

Thank you for helping us keep the park clean. We hope you enjoy your visit. While around water please use the buddy system.

Please recycle!

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Visitor Information

Do you get excited watching wildlife in a natural setting? Do the mysteries of their actions entice you? If so, then the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recreation area at Lake Traverse is the place for you. Recreation is available at Lake Traverse throughout the year.

In the spring, fishing is the main attraction. The project's shallow lakes are good for walleye, northern pike, bullheads, crappies and other various pan fish.

In the summer months you can do everything from fishing, boating and water-skiing to picnicking, nature watching and just relaxing. Many aquatic birds such as herons, egrets, grebes, pelicans and cormorants frequent the park at this time.

In fall, Lake Traverse is the place to be if you are a hunter. Duck, goose, fox, pheasant, Hungarian partridge and white-tailed deer hunting is also good within the region. Hunting is open to the public on the 1,512 acres of wildlife management areas but be sure to check with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



or Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for specific regulations for hunting and fishing

The cold, winter days are perfect for ice-fishing, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.



Recreation Facilities

The three recreation areas are all close to at least one of the eight boat ramps.

White Rock Dam facilities

- Picnic area with fully accessible picnic shelter
- Playground
- Fully accessible bathrooms
- Shoreline fishing area
- Drinking water

Reservation Control Dam facilities

- Picnic area
- Boat ramp for access to Mud Lake

Browns Valley Dike facilities

- Picnic area
- Shoreline fishing access
- Fully accessible bathrooms



Public boat-launching facilities may be found at several different locations on both sides of Lake Traverse. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks agency maintain these boat-launching facilities.

There are no overnight camping facilities on Corps land, however camping facilities are available at Traverse County Park located approximately six miles north of Browns Valley, Minnesota on County Highway 27. There are also other lodging and camping facilities available in the area.



Water Safety

Your safety is our number one priority while you visit Lake Traverse. Be sure to wear your U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket every time you are in or around the water.



LAKE TRAVERSE RECREATION AREA

