Welcome to Lake Minnetonka

Avoid these top ten common offenses

1. Life Jackets: For each person on board, carry one readily accessible Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III life jacket. Watercraft of 16 feet or longer must have one Type IV throwable device, such as a buoyant seat cushion. Note: Minnesota state law requires a life jacket be worn by children less than 10 years of age when aboard watercraft that is underway.

2. Under the influence/mandatory blood testing: No person shall operate any watercraft while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or controlled substance with a blood alcohol level of more than 0.08 percent as determined by a chemical test performed by a duly licensed or certified examiner. Watercraft operator is required to submit to chemical testing. Note: Laws prohibiting alcohol consumption by minors are enforced.

3. Fire extinguishers: All boats with enclosed fuel tanks must provide fire extinguishers and ventilation.

4. Registration: All motorized watercraft regardless of length and nonmotorized watercraft over 16 feet must be licensed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). More information at www.dnr.state.mn.us.

5. No riding on gunwales or deck farming: Prevent passengers from falling overboard. No person should ride on gunwales or deck farming over the bow or transom while boat is underway unless there are adequate guard rails.

6. No personal watercraft after hours: No personal watercraft means a watercraft less than 14 feet in length that uses a motor powering a water jet pump and that can be operated by persons sitting, standing or kneeling. Hours of operation for personal watercraft are 9:30 a.m. to one hour before sunset. Cannot operate more than 30 consecutive minutes in a single area.

7. Quiet Waters Areas: No person shall operate a motor-operated watercraft on quiet water areas of the lake at a speed in excess of 5 mph, or at a speed that results in more than a minimum wake. The area of the lake restricted to quiet waters are shown on the other side of this map.

8. Observer required for boats to tow persons: For a watercraft and operator to tow a person on water skis, an aquaplane, surfboard, saucer or similar device, an additional person – the observer – is required to continually observe the person being towed. The observer must be at least 12 years of age.

9. Navigational lights: When boating (underway) between sunset and sunrise, you must display proper navigational lights: a red light to port, a green light to starboard, and a white light to stern.

10. Speed limits: 40 mph during the daytime, 20 mph at night, and 5 mph in Quiet Water Areas and within 150 feet of shorelines, beaches, docks, anchored boats and swimmers.

At anchor, all boats must display a white light visible 160 degrees. Consult the Minnesota DNR Boating Guide for more details.

To report violations or accidents, contact local emergency services or Minnesota DNR Boating Safety (651-296-6111). All boating is at your own risk.

Prevent the transport of invasive species. A few simple, required actions can prevent them from spreading.
Lake Minnetonka
Hennepin County, Minnesota
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This map shows the lake Minnetonka with various facilities and areas marked. The map includes:
- Public Access
- Boat Service
- Snacks
- Bait
- Public Toilets
- Parking - vehicles with trailer
- Parking - cars only
- Parking - no trailer

Lake depth contours are shown in number of feet below the crest of Grays Bay Dam. Contact the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District for more information.

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You are responsible for your wake. Your wake should not endanger other boaters.

Water quality grades are the historic averages based on three.

Public Toilets
PICNIC AREA

Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail

Quiet Waters (Shaded Areas)

Three Rivers Parks Regional Trail

Regional or County Park

Municipal Boundary

Municipal Street

County Road

State or U.S. Highway

Trail

Dakota Rail Regional Trail

Lake Minnetonka Map 2016

Lake Minnetonka Conservation District

www.lmcd.org

Sheriff's Water Patrol

www.hennepinsheriff.org/water-patrol

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