

General Info

Power Loading: No Power Loading.

Boaters should winch their craft onto boat trailers instead of powering their boat onto the trailer. Boat ramps throughout the state are being badly damaged by boaters who power their boats onto the boat trailer. The strong currents created by the boat's propeller causes severe erosion and wash out at the end of the ramp. This condition, in turn, can also cause damage to boat trailers. The Department of Natural Resources is attempting to repair as many of the damaged ramps as possible, but the best solution to the problem lies with the boater who refrains from this practice.

Anti-drunk boating law is in effect!

Michigan watercraft operators can be convicted of operating while impaired or under the influence of alcohol.

*Under the new law, the Secretary of State's office must keep a record of boating convictions.

* Boaters must submit to chemical tests by law enforcement officers upon request.

* Conviction of drunk boating charges brings stiff penalties:

-Suspension of boating privileges from 6 months to indefinite;

-Fines up to \$5,000;

-Jail sentences up to 5 years; and/or

-Community service up to 90 days.



The information used in this directory is from the Recreational Boating Information System published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

For information or assistance on this contact:
MDNR, Parks and Recreation Division,
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****Not all boat landings are listed****

Boat Launches Mecosta County



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<u>Lake Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Skid Piers</u>	<u>Bathroom</u>	<u>Water Acreage</u>
Lake Mecosta	4 Miles North of Altona	Yes	Yes	297
Rogers Pond	3 Miles North of Stanwood	Yes	Yes	512
Chippewa Lake	At Chippewa Lake Village	Yes	Yes	770
Haymarsh Lake Flooding	3 Miles West of Chippewa Lake			250
Pretty Lake	5 Miles East of Rodney	Yes	Yes	120
Townline Lake	3 Miles Northeast of Big Rapids	Yes	Yes	120
Clear Lake	3 Miles West of Rodney	Yes	Yes	130
Hillview Lake	3 Miles Northwest of Rodney		Yes	123
Brockway Lake	3 Miles South of Altona			22
River Bends Bluffs (Muskegon River)	3 Miles North of Stanwood		Yes	N/A
Jensen Lake	3 Miles Northeast of Rodney	Yes	Yes	270
Former Rustford Pond (Little Muskegon River)	2 Miles Southwest of Altona			20
Lowers Evans Lake (Martiny Lake Flooding)	4 Miles Northeast of Rodney	Yes	Yes	2,080
Big Evans Lake (Martiny Lake Flooding)	4 Miles East of Chippewa Lake	Yes	Yes	2,080
Upper Evans Lake (Martiny Lake Flooding)	4 Miles East of Chippewa Lake		Yes	2,080
Winchester Dam (Martiny Lake Flooding)	6 Miles East of Chippewa Lake	Yes	Yes	2,080
Bergess /Pickerel Lake	5 Miles Northeast of Big Rapids		Yes	60
Tubbs Island SFCG (Martiny Lake Flooding)	5 Miles Southeast of Chippewa Lake		Yes	2,080
Brower Park Marina (Hardy Dam Pond)	5 Miles West of Stanwood	Yes	Yes	3,750
Pars Park (Muskegon River)	2 Miles North of Paris			N/A
Alma Lake	5 Miles Northeast of Big Rapids			15
131 Bridge (Muskegon River)	3 Miles Northeast Of Stanwood	Yes	Yes	N/A
Morley Pond (Little Muskegon River)	1/2 Miles East of Morley		Yes	N/A