

AIS Boat Cleaning Stations at Lake Vermilion

Hours of Operation

The 2016 boat cleaning station season runs from Jun 10 through Oct 23.

Hours of operation are subject to change. Please check info at www.BoatCleaningStation.com for the latest schedule.

If the Lake Vermilion boat cleaning stations are not open when you need service, please consider any of the nearby locations below.



www.BoatCleaningStation.com

Lake Vermilion Locations	Hours of Operation (Subject to change. Please check info at www.BoatCleaningStation.com for the latest schedule)	
	Country Store Parking Lot A full-service convenience store Gas, bait, tackle, groceries, snacks 320 Highway 53, Cook MN 55723 218-666-2272	Monday – Thursday
Friday		12:00 noon – 6:00 pm
Saturday		12:00 noon – 6:00 pm
Sunday		9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Y Store Parking Lot A full-service convenience store Gas, bait, tackle, groceries, snacks 6368 Highway 169, Tower MN 55790 218-753-3868	Monday – Thursday	Not open
	Friday	12:00 noon – 6:00 pm
	Saturday	12:00 noon – 6:00 pm
	Sunday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Nearby Locations	Hours of Operation (Subject to change. Please check info at www.BoatCleaningStation.com for the latest schedule)	
	Ely Chamber of Commerce Parking Lot Intersection of Hwy 169 and Hwy 1 Ely MN 55731	Monday – Thursday
Friday – Sunday		10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Van Vac Public Boat Access Adjacent to Camp Van Vac on Burntside Lake Van Vac Rd (Hwy 404), Ely MN 55731	Monday – Wednesday	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
	Thursday – Sunday	6:00 am – 8:00 pm

Don't Move AIS When Visiting Lake Vermilion

Lake Vermilion is known for its clean water, great fishing, and incredible recreational opportunities. We hope to keep it that way for your future visits and for future generations.

There are several invasive species that are causing problems in Minnesota lakes and rivers. Aquatic invasive species (AIS) such as Eurasian watermilfoil, zebra mussels, and spiny waterfleas can harm fish habitats and disrupt water recreation activities. Boaters and anglers often unknowingly transport these species as they travel to different lakes and rivers.

At Lake Vermilion, we are especially focused on zebra mussels and spiny waterfleas. Yes, "spinys" are already here, but we still need your help to prevent zebra mussels and to avoid the re-introduction of spinys in new areas.



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!**

Before Your Trip

Please keep these points in mind before your trip. In Minnesota, it's the law! Don't risk tickets and fines.

- ✓ **Inspect and Clean.** Inspect your boating equipment. Clean visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels and other prohibited species off of watercraft, trailers, and equipment before transporting away from any water access.
- ✓ **Drain.** Drain water from the bilge, live wells, motor, bait wells, and ballast tanks while on land **before** leaving any water access or shoreline property. Tilt motor down to drain water. Personal watercraft users should briefly run the powertrain to expel all water.
- ✓ **Drain Plug.** Keep drain plug out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.
- ✓ **Bait.** Dispose of all unwanted bait in the trash. Or drain water from bait containers and replenish with bottled or tap water. Never release your live bait into a waterbody, or release aquatic animals from one waterbody into another. Do not dispose of your bait on the ground, which is considered littering.

During Your Trip

As you near Lake Vermilion, please consider stopping for a free boat inspection and cleaning at one of the boat and trailer cleaning stations in the area. While this service is voluntary, it is highly recommended if your boat was recently in infested waters, especially those with zebra mussels. For hours of operation, call ahead or check www.BoatCleaningStation.com.

Once you complete this inspection and cleaning, your boat will be sealed as "clean." While the seal does not eliminate the need for a launch-site inspection, it is likely to streamline the process when the launch is busy and get you on the water a bit quicker upon arrival at your resort, campground, or public access.

Upon Arrival

Be sure all your drain plugs are open when you arrive.

As you prepare to launch your boat, a trained AIS inspector will ask where your boat has been recently and how long it's been out of the water. The inspector will encourage you to participate in the AIS inspection, showing you what's important to look for.

If an inspector finds something that needs to be removed or drained before launch, the inspector will explain the situation to the boat owner and ask the owner if they would like some assistance, for example, removing the vegetation or draining the bait well. In most cases, the owner and inspector would work together to fix the situation.

If a trained inspector is not on duty when you arrive, you will need to rely on the knowledge you gained when an inspector helped you in the past. Please be careful to inspect, clean and drain all your equipment before launch.