



## FISHING AT LAKE MINNEWASTA

Cast a line and catch a big one! Fishing at Lake Minnewasta is a year round activity. The most popular species caught here are Black Crappie, Northern Pike, and White Sucker. Lake Minnewasta is a renowned lake for trophy Black Crappie.

### A fishing License is required and can be purchased online.

Fishing is not permitted in the beach area for safety reasons. Popular places to fish are from the rocks at the canoe launch, off the Lake Minnewasta trail, and from a boat.

### 2021 Ice Fishing Season

A fishing license is required and can be purchased online. Ice fishing shelters/shacks must be removed by March 14, 2021 on the Red River, by March 31 in the rest of the Southern Division and by April 15 in the Northwest, North Central and Northeast Divisions of Manitoba, or when requested to do so by a Conservation Officer due to unsafe ice conditions. All ice fishing shelters/shacks must clearly display the owner's name and address. Shelters must be stored or disposed of away from the shore and on private property. Manitoba Parks and Protected Spaces branch requires that ice fishing shelters in provincial parks meet size, location and use standards. For more information including specific details, please contact your local Manitoba Conservation Office (Manitou District Office – 204-242-2950).

**BUY LICENSE**

[View the Manitoba Angler's Guide](#)  
[Hunt Fish Manitoba: Go Fishing Guide](#)  
[Review Lake Minnewasta Boating Guidelines](#)

PROTECT MANITOBA'S WATERS AND RESOURCES

# STOP AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

**IN THE OPEN-WATER SEASON... BEFORE ENTERING A WATER BODY, you need to...**

- ensure watercraft (e.g., canoe, power boat) and water-related equipment (e.g., fishing gear, bait container) are free of AIS, aquatic plants (e.g., weeds, algae) and mud.
- drain any residual water from the watercraft and water-related equipment on land away from the water body. This includes water in bait containers.
- ensure the water-related equipment that were last used in **another** water body than the one you are entering are dried completely OR decontaminated.

**AFTER EXITING A WATER BODY and at the shore, you need to...**

- remove AIS and aquatic plants (e.g., weeds, algae) from watercraft and water-related equipment.
- drain all water from the watercraft and water-related equipment.
- open/remove drain plugs/valves and leave them open while transporting watercraft over land.

**WHEN LEAVING AN AIS CONTROL ZONE, in addition to the exiting steps above, you need to...**

- obtain a Transportation Authorization if you cannot remove the AIS **before** leaving the shore.
- dispose of all remaining bait (e.g., live or dead) in the trash **before** leaving the shore.
- decontaminate watercraft and water-related equipment **before** placing them into **another** water body. Note: if returning to the same water body on the next trip, decontamination is not required.

To decontaminate in the open-water season, you can:

- visit a provincial Watercraft Inspection Station. There is no cost for this service.

**OR**

- follow the Approved Decontamination Methods (Schedule B and C) in the Aquatic Invasive Species Regulation.

**NEED MORE INFORMATION?**

**Manitoba.ca/StopAIS**  
or call (toll-free): **1-87-STOP AIS-0**  
(1-877-867-2470)

**Be part of the solution and do your part.**

**In Manitoba:**

- you must be free of AIS
- set fines for AIS offences are in effect year-round

**IN THE WINTER (ICE-COVERED) SEASON... BEFORE ENTERING A WATER BODY, you need to...**

- ensure water-related equipment are free of AIS, aquatic plants (e.g., weeds), and mud.
- drain any residual water on land away from the water body. This includes water in bait containers.
- ensure all water-related equipment (e.g., fishing gear, auger, ice scooper) that were last used in **another** water body than the one you are entering are dried completely (preferably indoors) OR decontaminated (e.g., let all items freeze outside for three days at -10°C or colder).

**AFTER EXITING A WATER BODY and at the shore, you need to...**

- remove AIS and aquatic plants (e.g., weeds) from water-related equipment.
- drain all water. This includes water in bait containers. Note: water in its frozen form does not need to be removed.

**WHEN LEAVING AN AIS CONTROL ZONE, in addition to the exiting steps above, you need to...**

- dispose of all remaining bait (e.g., live or dead) in the trash **before** leaving the shore.
- decontaminate all water-related equipment (e.g., fishing gear, auger, ice scooper) **before** placing them into **another** water body. Note: if returning to the same water body on the next trip, decontamination is not required.

To decontaminate in the winter, you can:

- freeze all water-related equipment for at least three days at -10°C or colder.

**OR**

- follow the Approved Decontamination Methods (Schedule C) in the Aquatic Invasive Species Regulation.

**AND** ensure all water-related equipment are dried completely **before** placing them into **another** water body.

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