

FAIRMONT LAKES

Lake George

84 Acres, 11 Feet Deep

A very productive lake, this shallow bowl retains an ample supply of walleyes, crappies, perch, and bluegills. In 2001, statistics revealed that walleye size ranged from 7 - 22 inches with several around 16 inches. Many crappies were sampled in the 7.5 - 9 inch range. The public fishing pier in Lincoln Park is a great fishing spot.

Sisseton Lake

140 Acres, 19 Feet Deep

Sisseton Lake's shoreline rock structure make it a good environment for breeding perch. In addition to deeper water, it has a weed line. This lake is good to excellent for walleye, large mouth bass, and bluegills. However, since it is connected with other lakes, fish movement is common.

Budd Lake

224 Acres, 23 Feet Deep

DNR surveys note an abundance of channel catfish which averaged 15.83 inches in length, with walleyes averaging 14.44 inches. This lake's small size and bowl-like basin make it great for fishing weed edges and breaks around the lake.

Hall Lake

513 Acres, 27 Feet Deep

Hall is noted for bass, however, it can be a sleeper

as few people are looking for them. Most of the activity here is toward walleyes, with the average length being 19.79 inches. The experts describe Hall lake as a "good overall fishery." In addition to walleye, Hall is noted for its perch, crappies, and northern pike. However, it is probably the best lake in Fairmont for catching catfish.

Amber Lake

180 Acres, 19 Feet Deep

The final member of Fairmont's Chain of Lakes is relatively featureless, but don't let that fool you, Amber is full of panfish. The east shoreline is great for both bass and northern pike. Channel catfish were also more abundant, averaging about 15 inches long, thus providing a bonus species.

COUNTY LAKES

Big Twin Lake

Southwest of Trimont

457 Acres, 18 Feet Deep

Big Twin Lake contains a good supply of walleyes, crappies, catfish, and bullheads. The lake has an aeration system, which allows it to avoid winter-kill. Many fishermen view this lake as one of the best sites for trophy caliber fish.

Cedar Lake

Northwest of Trimont

710 Acres, 7 Feet Deep

Cedar Lake is about as shallow and flat as they come. Surprisingly it had a gillnet count of 5.33 walleyes and the lake is not even managed for walleyes. Sampled walleyes weighed in at 2.72 pounds. Experts believe that walleyes are entering Cedar from nearby Fish lake which is regularly stocked.

Fox Lake

Northeast of Sherburn

1,041 Acres, 20 Feet Deep

Fox Lake is known for its great catfish population with a gillnet catch rate at 15.2 per set, and lengths ranging from 7.28 - 22.83 inches. Black and white crappies are also quite prevalent. Experts view Fox lake as a strong site for winter and spring crappies fishing. Tiger muskie were introduced in 1995 and are doing well, with many above 40 inches

South Silver Lake

South of Fairmont

245 Acres, 22 Feet Deep

Experts get excited about the largemouth bass population in South Silver. South Silver retains much better vegetation than other area lakes, thus explaining strong bass, bluegill, and crappie population. Crappie nets came up with fish averaging 9.5 inches in length. Walleye measured in gillnets varied in length from 11 inches - 26 inches. Also try the western edge for northerns.



COUNTY LAKES (CONT.)

Wilmert Lake

South of Fairmont

362 Acres, 8 Feet Deep

Like many of its neighbors, Wilmert Lake Holds a fabulous walleye population along with a nice number of crappies and bluegills. Even though Wilmert has a maximum depth of only 8 feet, don't write it off.

LOCAL SERVICES

Hall Lake Cabins

2410 Albion Avenue

507-235-9785

Cabins, Pontoon, Boat and Fish House Rentals

Hall Lake Bait and Tackle

1520 Albion Avenue

507-235-5225

Licenses, Fishing Tackle and Bait

Hy-Vee Foods

907 South State Street

507-238-4323

Licenses

Wal-Mart

1250 Goemann Road

507-235-2500

Licenses, Fishing Tackle and Bait

REGULATIONS

Fishing Licenses

Anyone 16 and older must have a license to fish in Minnesota.

Non-Resident Fishing Licenses

Individual 24 hour, 3 day and 7 day, as well as husband and wife 14 days and family season licenses are available.

Boats and Canoes

Must have licenses to be used on state waters. Minnesota honors licenses from other states if boat is not kept in Minnesota more than 90 consecutive days.

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