

Summary of Rules Governing Bowfishing on Lake Minnetonka

Activity Guidelines ^(*)	LMCD 952-745-0789 www.lmcd@lmcd.org	MN DNR 651-296-6157 www.dnr.state.mn.us	LMCD 14 Member Cities Contact Information Below	
Compliance with Laws	Conducted in compliance with all state laws, rules, regulations, and local ordinances	Possession of bows and arrows for bowfishing is subject to local firearms and archery ordinances	Deephaven	952-474-4755
Prohibited Times and Dates	One-half hour after sunset to sunrise.	Monday after the last Sunday in February to the last day in April	Excelsior	952-474-5233
	November 15th through May 1st		Greenwood	952.474.6633
Prohibited Areas	<p><i>From Memorial Day through Labor Day from 10 a.m. on Friday through sunrise on Monday, and on public holidays in the following areas:</i></p> <p>High traffic areas including, but not limited to, anchorages, commercial marinas, public or municipal docks, charter boat ports-of-call, public launch ramps, and public swimming beaches</p> <p>The anchorage commonly known as Cruiser's Cove (northeast side of Big Island)</p> <p>The anchorage to the northeast of the channel between Maxwell and Crystal Bays</p> <p>Goose Island (Spring Park Bay)</p>	<p><i>From sunset to sunrise as follows:</i></p> <p>Within 150' of occupied structures</p> <p>Within 300' of campsite</p>	Minnetonka	952-939-8200
			Minnetonka Beach	952-471-8878
			Minnetrista	952-446-1660
			Mound	952-472-0603
			Orono	952-249-4600
Orders of Law Enforcement Officers	Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol and the law enforcement officers of any city bordering the Lake (listed herein) are authorized to use judgement in the ordering of a person to cease bowfishing at any location when in the interest of the public peace and safety to do so	Per State Law	Shorewood	952-960-7900
Prohibited Disposal of Fish	<p>Anywhere on the waters of Lake Minnetonka, its channels, tributaries or wetland area.</p> <p>Within 300' of the shoreline, except in private refuse containers or where remains are used as buried fertilizer by residents of the property</p> <p>At any public access point, except in containers designed for and specifically signed to allow fish disposal</p>	Shall not be returned to the water or left on the banks of any water	Spring Park	952-471-9051
			Tonka Bay	952-474-7994
			Victoria	952-443-4210
Tethered Lines	Per State Law	Required - Broadheads must have barbs for bowfishing	Wayzata	952-404-5300
Noise Level	Per State Law	<p>Night bowfishing total noise levels may not exceed 65 decibels on the "A" scale at a distance of 50' from the boat</p> <p>From sunset to sunrise, a person bowfishing with the assistance of a gasoline-powered motor must use a four-stroke powered generator</p>	Woodland	952-474-4755

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