



FEATURED SITE

AMBROSE LAKE

Ambrose Lake is reached by heading north on Fairview Road and then turning left on Houghton Creek Road until you reach the Campground.

ACCESS SITE

Access to Ambrose Lake is located at Ambrose Lake State Forest Campground.

TYPES OF FISH YOU WILL FIND

- Largemouth Bass
- Smallmouth Bass
- Panfish
- Pike



TIP

Ambrose Lake State Forest Campground has 25 first-come, first-serve sites. It has great fishing as well as a large trail head for all types of off-road vehicles.

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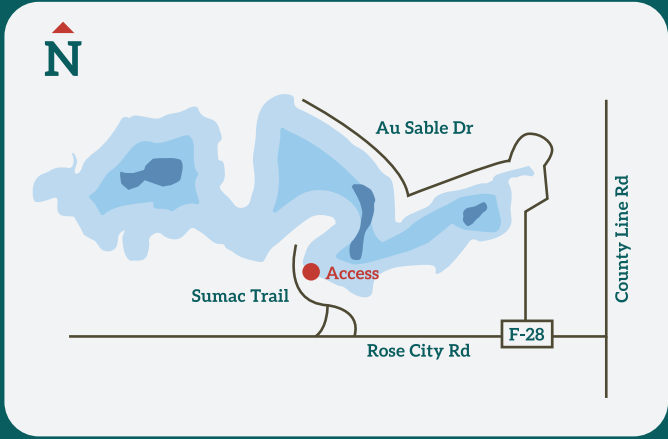
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AU SABLE LAKE

Au Sable Lake is located near Lupton. Take M-33 to Rose City Road (F-28) East, then turn left on Sumac Trail.

ACCESS SITE

Access to Au Sable Lake is located on Sumac Trail.

GEOGRAPHY

A small island dots Au Sable Lake.

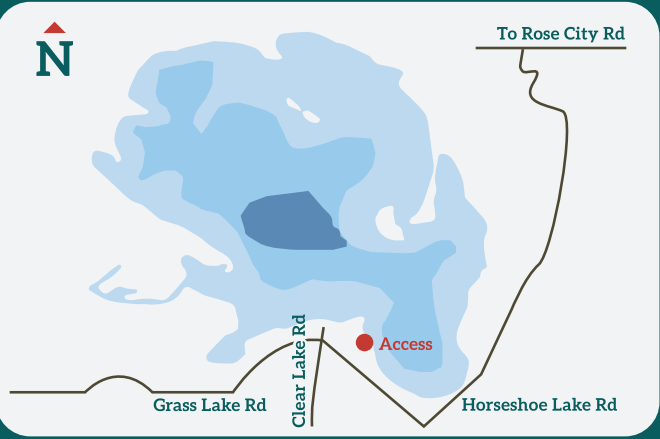
TYPES OF FISH YOU WILL FIND

- Bass
- Bullheads
- Crappie
- Panfish
- Perch
- Pike
- Walleye



TIP

On the NW side of the lake, follow the channel up to "Little Au Sable Lake", which has a similar fishery and a 30-foot depth.



CLEAR LAKE

Clear Lake is reached by taking I-75 to Exit 212, north on Business Loop 75 to Fairview Road, then left on Clear Lake Road to Grass Lake Road.

ACCESS SITE

Access to Clear Lake is located on Grass Lake Road.

GEOGRAPHY

Two small islands are found in Clear Lake, with a footbridge leading to one of them.

TYPES OF FISH YOU WILL FIND

- Bass
- Crappie
- Panfish
- Perch
- Pike
- Walleye



TIP

Try fishing around the islands and gravel beds during spring for bedding fish.



GEORGE LAKE

George Lake is reached by taking M-33, turn east on Rose City Road (F-28), right on Shady Shores Road (F-17), then left on Forest Drive.

ACCESS SITE

George Lake access is located on Forest Dr.

GEOGRAPHY

Wiggins Island is found in George Lake.

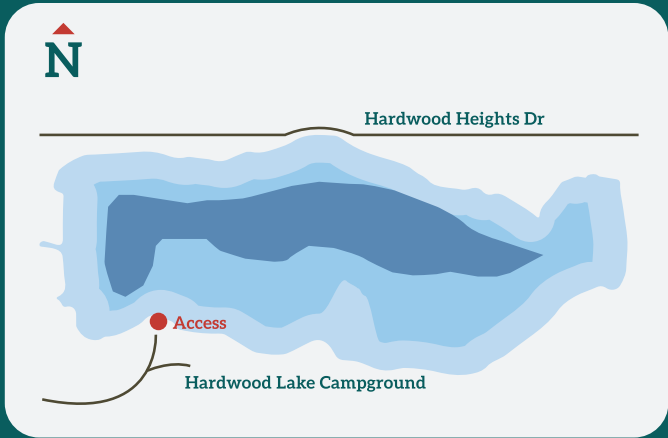
TYPES OF FISH YOU WILL FIND

- Bass
- Carp
- Crappie
- Muskie
- Panfish
- Perch
- Pike
- Walleye



TIP

Crappie can be caught near the feeder creeks with minnows.



HARDWOOD LAKE

Hardwood Lake is reached by taking M-55 east to Henderson Lake Road, then right to Hardwood Lake.

ACCESS SITE

Access to Hardwood Lake is located on Horseshoe Road, past the Hardwood Lake Campground site.

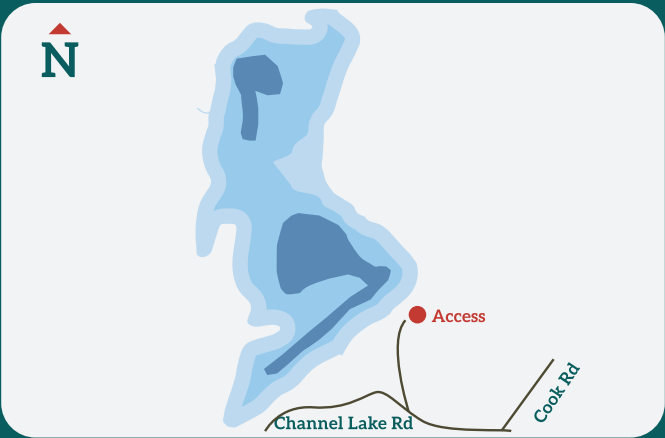
TYPES OF FISH YOU WILL FIND

- Bass
- Bullheads
- Carp
- Crappie
- Panfish
- Perch
- Pike
- Suckers



TIP

All species seem to have a pretty good size structure for the densities of the fish.



LAKE GEORGE

Lake George is reached by taking I-75 (exit 212), then south on Cook Road to Channel Lake Road, then turn right to Lake George. Lake George is close to I-75 and shopping in West Branch.

ACCESS SITE

Lake George access sites are easily found by following the state DNR access site signs.

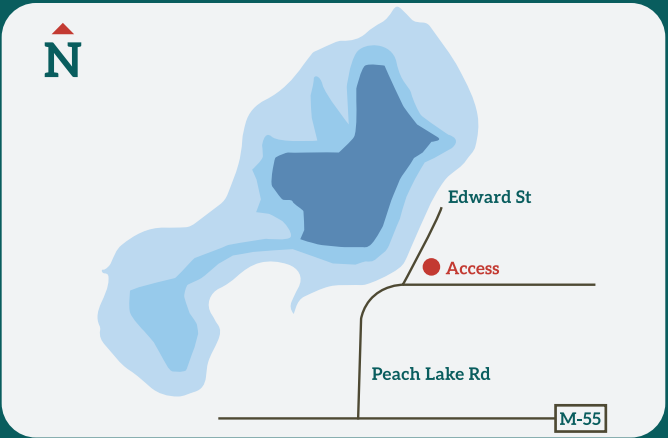
TYPES OF FISH YOU WILL FIND

- Bass
- Bullheads
- Panfish
- Perch
- Pike
- Rainbow Trout
- Suckers



TIP

Look for all species to be shallow early in the season, moving deeper when the water warms.



PEACH LAKE

Peach Lake is reached by taking M-55 to Peach Lake Road, then north to Edward Street.

ACCESS SITE

Peach Lake access sites are easily found by following state DNR access site signs.

GEOGRAPHY

Peach Lake has a maximum depth of 70 feet.

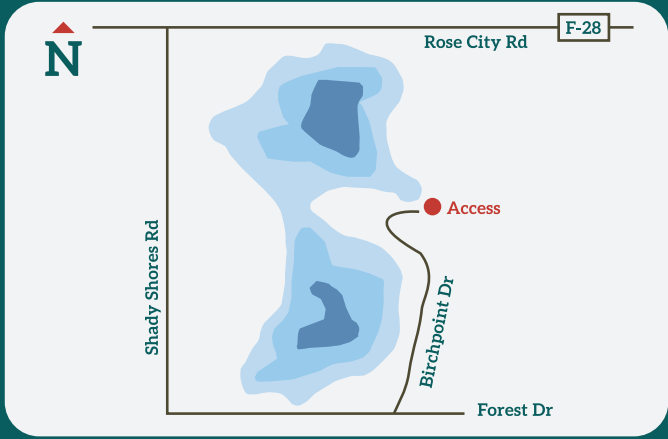
TYPES OF FISH YOU WILL FIND

- Bass
- Carp
- Crappie
- Panfish
- Pike
- Suckers
- Walleye



TIP

Some walleye success can be found just to the right of the public access.



RIFLE LAKE

Rifle Lake is reached by taking M-33 East on Rose City Road (F-28), right on Shady Shores Road (F-17), then left on Forest Drive to Birchpoint Drive.

ACCESS SITE

DNR access site to Rifle Lake is located along Birchpoint Drive.

GEOGRAPHY

Rifle Lake has a footprint of 183 acres.

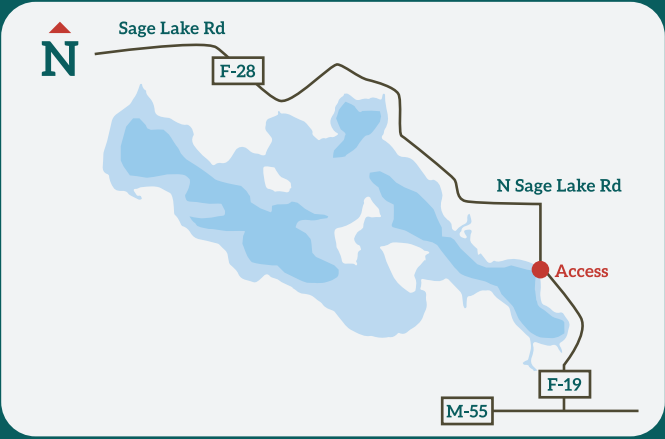
TYPES OF FISH YOU WILL FIND

- Bass
- Crappie
- Panfish
- Perch
- Pike
- Walleye



TIP

Rifle Lake is a relatively quiet lake with good fishing.



SAGE LAKE

Sage Lake is reached by taking M-55 East from West Branch to Sage Lake Road (F-19) North to Sage Lake.

ACCESS SITE

DNR access site to Sage Lake is located along Sage Lake Road.

GEOGRAPHY

Sage Lake is the largest lake in Ogemaw County and features three islands.

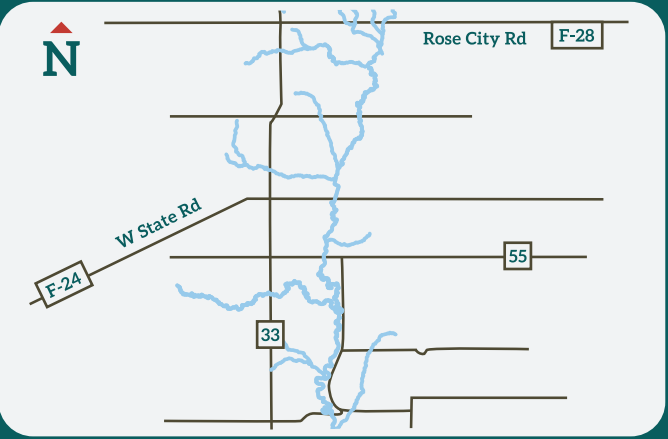
TYPES OF FISH YOU WILL FIND

- Bass
- Bullheads
- Bowfish
- Crappie
- Panfish
- Perch
- Pike
- Walleye



TIP

Crappie can be suspended in deep water on the northeast shore year round.



RIFLE RIVER

The Rifle River flows through Ogemaw County and is great for canoeing, tubing, fishing, and camping.

ACCESS SITE

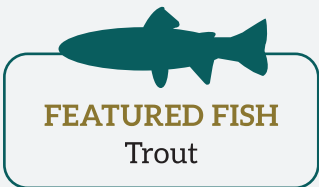
DNR access sites are located along the Rifle River Trail.

GEOGRAPHY

Rifle River originates at Devoe Lake in Ogemaw County at the Rifle River Recreation Area.

TYPES OF FISH YOU WILL FIND

- Brown Trout
- Brook Trout
- Rainbow Trout
- Salmon
- Steelhead
- Suckers



TIP

North of M-55 is best for brown trout, while south of M-55 is best for steelhead.