



Riding Mountain
National Park

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Key Reminders :

- *All National Parks of Canada Fishing Regulations apply*
- A Riding Mountain National Park (RMNP) Fishing Permit is required to fish and possess fish
- It is unlawful to fish with or possess:
 - Hooks from which barbs have not been removed
 - Lead tackle weighing less than 50 grams
 - See page 7 for more details
- Respect wildlife when using water bodies and shorelines

Help Protect Our Lake

New measures to conserve the ecological integrity and to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in Riding Mountain National Park will require boaters to have their boat inspected for zebra mussels. A boat decontamination station will be available to boaters as necessary in the Boat Cove area.

RMNP Fishing Permits

Daily	\$9.80
Annual	\$34.30

Anglers must have a valid Riding Mountain National Park fishing permit. Note: a person who does not have a permit may fish in RMNP if they are under the age of 16 and accompanied by a valid permit holder who is 16 years of age or older. Their catch must be counted within the permit holder's daily limit. If a person under the age of 16 purchases their own permit, they are entitled to a full catch limit.

General Limits

Maximum daily catch & possession limits per species and combined catches:

pike (<i>only 1 may exceed 76 cm</i>)	3
walleye.....	2
perch.....	5
whitefish	5
lake trout	1
combined	5

Game Fish Distribution

Clear Lake – walleye, pike, whitefish, perch and lake trout

Lake Audy – pike, perch

Moon Lake – pike

Lake Katherine (*no motors*) – pike and perch

Whirlpool Lake (*no motors*) – pike and perch

Grayling Lake (*no motors*) – pike and perch



Fishing Seasons

Clear Lake & Lake Audy
May 15 to March 31

All other waters
May 15 to September 30

Areas Closed to Fishing

- ❌ South Lake and outlet stream into Clear Lake as marked by buoys
- ❌ East side of Marina
- ❌ Boat Cove launch site
- ❌ All designated swimming and diving areas marked with buoys
- ❌ Area up to 23 meters downstream from Lake Audy Dam and Whirlpool Weir/Fishway in accordance with *Fisheries Act* and regulations

Protect Our Lakes & Wildlife

Keep Invasive Species Out!

Parks Canada asks boaters and recreational users to do the following before launching or entering any Park waters:

1. CLEAN and inspect watercraft, trailer, aircraft, and all water-based equipment and gear. Remove all plants, animals, and mud. Rinse using high pressure and extremely hot tap water – preferably 50° C (120° F).

2. DRAIN all water from watercraft, equipment, and gear including, but not limited to, the motor, live-well, bilge, bait buckets, and totes before transporting.

3. DRY watercraft, trailer, and all water-based gear and equipment for at least eight days in July/August and 30 days in the spring/fall, or freeze for three days.

4. The disposal of excess bait within the park is prohibited.

This applies to boats, canoes, kayaks, wind-driven vessels, stand-up paddleboards, any other recreational watercraft, scuba gear, and children's beach toys.

Boat Launching Facilities

Both Lake Audy and Clear Lake have designated boat launching sites to maintain shoreline stability and manage aquatic invasive species.

Boat Emission Restrictions

Only electric motors, 4-stroke and direct fuel injected 2-stroke motors are permitted on Clear Lake, Lake Audy and Moon Lake. Motors are not permitted on any other lake in RMNP.

Personal watercraft are prohibited in RMNP

Ice Fishing

Ice fishing is allowed on Clear Lake and Lake Audy only

Clear Lake

- Over-snow vehicles may be used for the purpose of ice fishing. All other forms of motorized transportation are prohibited
- Over-snow vehicles may be launched from Boat Cove, Frith Beach, Spruces and the east end of the lake

Lake Audy

- Over-snow vehicles are not permitted
- Fishing huts are permitted but must be removed at the end of each day

Bait

Baits such as night crawlers, earthworms and leeches may be used as bait. The use and possession of live or dead fish (minnows), or fish parts are prohibited.

The disposal of excess bait within the park is also prohibited.

Cleaning fish

Don't create problem wildlife!

Always clean your catch well away from campsites, picnic sites, docks or other facilities. Use fish cleaning and disposal areas where available.

In the backcountry, where bear-proof garbage bins are not available, puncture the fish swim bladder (so entrails can sink) and deposit fish parts into deep water.

Respect our Neighbours

On Clear Lake, the shoreline of Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation (between Camp Wannakumbac and Aspen picnic area) is private property. Trespassing is not permitted.

Shoreline Habitat

Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations require boaters to restrict speed to less than 10km/h when operating 30m from shoreline.

Safety

All watercraft must comply with the *Small Vessels Regulations* pursuant to the Canada Shipping Act, carry proper safety equipment, and follow any additional restrictions and/or management directions as posted.

A Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) or equivalent proof of competency is required on board at all times.

Shoals are marked in Clear Lake, please use caution when navigating near shoal markers.

When Angling, it is Unlawful to:

- Continue fishing any day after having caught and retained the daily limit or combined limit of game fish
- Fish from two hours after sunset to one hour before sunrise
- Fish by any method other than angling
- Fish with or possess within 100m of park waters any of the following:
 - *Lead tackle weighing less than 50 grams/1.8 ounces including sinkers, jigs, lures and flies*
 - *Lures with more than 2 hooks (1 treble hook is equivalent to 1 hook)*
 - *A line capable of catching more than one fish at a time*
 - *Have in possession or fish with hooks from which barbs have not been removed*
- Fish with more than one line at a time
- Leave a fishing line unattended
- Allow your catch to spoil
- Sell, trade or barter any fish caught
- Fish in closed waters (see Areas Closed to Fishing on page 4)
- Alter, obstruct, or redirect the passage of fish
- Place live fish or fish eggs in any park waters, or transfer them between bodies of water inside or outside Riding Mountain National Park

Note: This brochure is NOT a complete listing of the *National Parks of Canada Fishing Regulations*. A complete version of the *National Parks of Canada Fishing Regulations* can be found at www.laws.justice.gc.ca

More information is also available from resource management officers, park wardens, the Riding Mountain Visitor Center and Friends of Riding Mountain National Park.

