

## Bird Lake



### ***Fish Species***

Rainbow Trout

### ***Species Description***

This lake is stocked with approximately 9,000 yearling rainbow trout on an annual basis. Most anglers catch trout ranging in size from 8 to 10 inches and some reaching upwards of 12 inches. Occasionally a larger rainbow trout in the 16-18 inch size range is caught.

### ***Geographic Coordinates***

Lat:41.82816 / Long:-84.534363

### ***Noteworthy***

This is a small lake (114 acres) that provides a relatively quiet fishing experience, although there is some recreational boat traffic from residents around the lake. There is a concrete ramp with a paved parking lot suitable for small to medium size boats. Most successful trout anglers target the trout by fishing at night. After locating a school using electronic fish finders, they fish vertically with tight lines or use slip bobbers set at the depth where the fish are marked. Typical bait for the trout is corn or worms. Nice size bluegill and sometimes yellow perch may be caught at the same time with this method.

### ***Fishing Regulations***

Bird Lake is a designated Type C trout lake. Please refer to the Inland Trout and Salmon Lake Regulations in the current Michigan Fishing Guide.

### ***Directions to Site***

The boat launch for Deep Lake is located on the south side of the western basin of the lake off of Lewis Drive east of Bird Lake Road. To reach the lake from the intersection of US-127 and M-34 head south 3 miles on US-127 to Squawfield Road. Then go west 9 miles on Squawfield to Bird Lake Road. Go north on Bird Lake Road 1.2 miles to Lewis Road, then east 0.1 miles on Lewis Road to the boat launch entrance on your left. There is parking space for 10 boat trailers in the paved lot.

### ***Regional Visitor Information (URL)***

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