Center Lake

Fish Species
Rainbow Trout

Species Description
Center Lake is stocked annually with approximately 2,000 Eagle Lake-strain yearling rainbow trout. When stocked in the spring, these fish are 6-7 inches in length. They grow quickly, and by mid-summer will be around 10 inches. Holdovers from the previous year will be 13-14 inches. Older fish exceeding 20 inches in length are also a possibility.

Geographic Coordinates
Lat:44.11064 / Long:-85.38796

Noteworthy
Center Lake is a small 40 acre inland lake that is suitable for canoes, kayaks, and small boats. Fisheries Division surveys show that the stocked rainbows survive and hold over well in this lake. The lake does stratify, so in the summer, fishing efforts should be concentrated in waters deeper than 20 feet. The rainbows can be caught shallower than that in the spring and fall when the water is cooler. Popular techniques include stealth trolling by paddling or electric motor. In the summer, night fishing with lanterns and bait below the thermocline can be productive. The rainbows can also be caught through the ice in the winter. Center Lake also hosts good populations of largemouth bass, bluegill, and black crappie. Most fishing on this lake is by boat, the only public shore fishing opportunities are at the small public access site. The Center Lake public access site is administered by Sherman Township. The site has a small gravel boat ramp, a swimming beach, and pit toilets.

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

Directions to Site
Center Lake is located approximately 5 miles east of the Village of Tustin, in Osceola County. From US 131, take exit 168 and head east on 20 Mile Road four miles. Then turn left (north) onto Gregg Road (also known as 160th Ave.). After one mile, turn right (east) onto 21 Mile Road. After one half mile, turn right (south) onto Center Lake Road. Go one half mile, and the road will dead-end into the