

Avalon Lake



Fish Species

Splake

Species Description

Splake (hybrid of a lake trout and brook trout) are the trout of choice at Avalon Lake. DNR Fisheries Division stocks yearling (6-8 inches) splake annually at the lake. This is a popular location to ice fish, and many of the splake are caught each year in the winter, especially at first ice. Anglers fishing the lake during open water typically catch splake by trolling. Other species such as rainbow trout, brown trout, or lake trout are occasionally stocked in Avalon Lake to increase trout diversity, but splake are by far the most common.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:45.104356 / Long:-83.945049

Noteworthy

This is a very aesthetic lake, about 372 acres in size with a developed shoreline, and it does receive considerable boating and skiing activity in the summer. Winter is by far the best time to target trout on this lake. Growth for trout is good, so yearling splake are typically 11-13 inches by their first fall living in the lake. The deep, cold, and highly oxygenated waters of the lake lend itself well to summer survival of this cold water species, thus many survive to age-2 and age-3. It is not uncommon to catch a 15-17 inch splake, and even fish 20-24 inches are present based on angler accounts and fisheries surveys by the DNR.

Fishing Regulations

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

Directions to Site

Avalon Lake has a sizable DNR public boat launch on the east side of the lake. It is accessible from the town of Hillman by taking County Road (CR) 451 north of town, then going west and north on CR-459 along the east shore of the lake where signs will direct the angler to the boat launch. There is parking for a number of boat trailers.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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