

Crystal Lake Beulah Boat Launch



Fish Species

Lake Trout; Rainbow Trout

Species Description

Crystal Lake is annually stocked with approximately 20,000 rainbow trout and 60,000 lake trout, and has excellent fisheries for both species. The lake trout can exceed 20 lbs, while the rainbows can exceed ten lbs. Crystal Lake also hosts a self-sustaining population of coho salmon, which can reach five to six lbs. Other popular species present in Crystal Lake include smallmouth bass, yellow perch, rock bass, northern pike, and burbot, lake whitefish, and rainbow smelt.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:44.63006 / Long:-86.09545

Noteworthy

Crystal Lake is a very large (10,000 acres) inland lake in close proximity to Lake Michigan, so it is often subjected to heavy winds and can be dangerous to fish under those conditions. In the summer, most anglers fish Crystal Lake by trolling with Great Lakes techniques, including downriggers, divers, leadcore lines, etc. Lures used usually include spoons and plugs, although cowbells also take lake trout. Vertical jigging with jigging spoons or large twister tails can also be productive for the lakers. Ice fishing is also very popular on this lake. Lake trout are typically caught through the ice by jigging with jigging spoons, or by fishing tip ups baited with smelt, grey shiners, or blue shiners. The rainbow trout are targeted by ice anglers near creek mouths, and are usually caught on spawn or minnows. Cold Creek is the largest tributary to Crystal Lake, and it flows in just 100 yards from the Beulah Boat Launch. In the spring and fall, anglers fish off the beach and are very successful catching coho salmon, rainbow trout, and lake trout. Still fishing with spawn is the most popular technique, although some fish are taken by casting with spoons. The Beulah public access site is administered by the village of Beulah. The site has a paved boat launch with parking for approximately 8 vehicles with trailers. Shore fishing is possible here, either from the beach or off the public fishing pier.

Fishing Regulations

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

Directions to Site