

Back Country Sites



SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

KAWISHIWI RANGER DISTRICT

ELY, MN 55731

Description

Imagine paddling to a remote campsite. **Back country sites can be found on many lakes that are outside of the BWCA Wilderness, yet within the National Forest boundaries.**

These sites offer many characteristics of BWCAW sites and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. However, a permit is not required and there are no camping fees. Back country sites offer fire grates, latrines and tent pads. Wells and electrical hook-ups are not available. Superior National Forest rules and regulations apply, as well as the Leave No Trace principals listed.

Always be considerate of others by keeping noise to a minimum. Individual lake maps showing site locations are available from Forest Services Offices or at outfitters in the area. Please respect the National Forest. **Leave No Trace** of your visit. If you pack it in, pack it out.



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Features

- 82 campsites
- Choice of 31 different lakes
- Fire grates, tent pads, latrines
- No camping fee
- Boat/canoe landing
- Fishing opportunities

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Use of fire grates helps protect the environment for future campers. Use only dead and down wood for campfires. **Never peel birch trees.** When you leave your site, all trash must be taken with you.

Be considerate of others and respect private property.

Through education and sound **Leave No Trace** practices, future generations will be able to enjoy the experience of a back country camping trip.

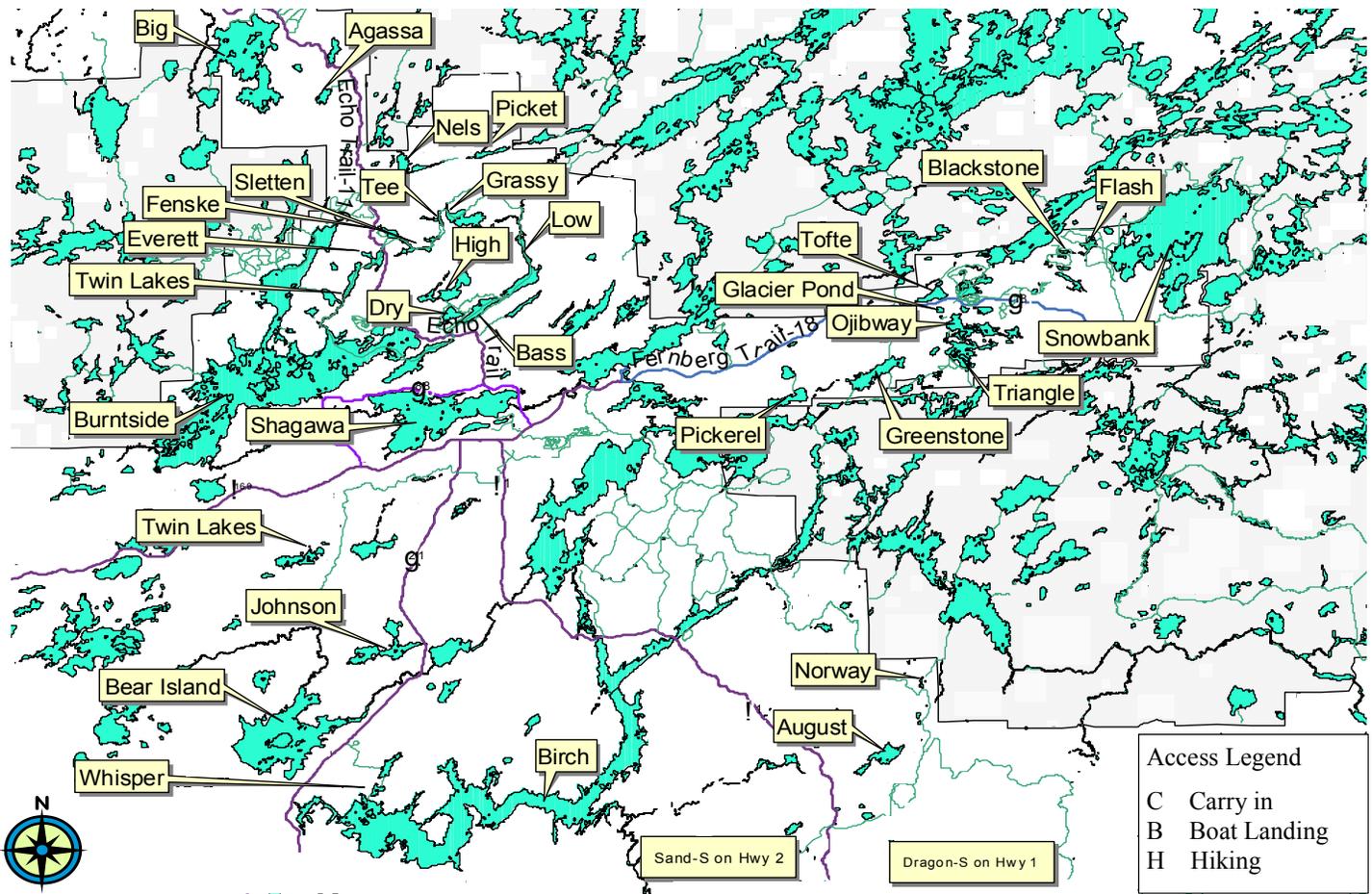
To identify the fish species in the individual lakes you may check on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website: www.dnr.state.mn.us and click on lake finder.

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Lakes	Sites	Access	Miles from Ely	Features
Agassa	1	C,H	13 mi NW, Echo Trail	Remote, 240 Rod Portage
August	1/2	C,B	25 mi SE, Hwy #1	Remote
Bass/High/Low/Dry	2/4/2/2	C,H/B/B	6 mi N, Echo Trail	Loop route, 240 Rod Portage
Bear Island	4	B	10 mi SW, Hwy #21	Sand beach, resorts
Big Lake	4	B	21 mi NW, Echo Trail	Larger boats, 3 island sites
Birch	15	B, H	12 mi S, Hwy #1	Resorts, campground
Blackstone	1	H	18 mi NE, Fernberg Trail	Hiking, bogs, vistas
Burntside	6	B	14 mi NW, Echo Trail	Resorts, Circle route
Everett/Twin Lakes	1/5	C/B	10 mi NW, Echo Trail	Circle route
Glacier Ponds	1	C	14 mi NE, Fernberg Trail	Trout Lake
Grassy/Tee/Sletten	2/1/1	C	14 mi N, Echo Trail	Remote, Circle route
Greenstone	2	C	12 mi NE, Fernberg Trail	Remote, steep 120 Rod portage
Johnson	1	B	6 mi SW, Hwy #21	Easy access
Nels /Picket	3/1	B/C	14 mi N, Echo Trail	Remote, BWCAW access
Norway	1	C	15 mi SE, Hwy #1	Trout Lake
Ojibway /Triangle	2/2	B/C	14 mi NE, Fernberg Trail	BWCAW access, Loop route
Pickerel	2	C	10 mi NE, Fernberg Trail	BWCAW access, 120 rod portage
Sand/Dragon(off map)	2/2	Drive-in/C	28 mi S, Hwy #2	Sand: Site near landing
Snowbank	3	B,H	20 mi NE, Fernberg Trail	BWCAW access
Tofte	4	C	14 mi NE, Fernberg Trail	Resort, trout lake
Twin Lakes	1	B	4 mi SW, FR #451	W. Twin: boat landing, island site
Whisper	1	C	11 mi SW Hwy. #21	Walk-in campsite, FR 903/191