

Meander Lake



SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

LACROIX RANGER DISTRICT

COOK, MINNESOTA



Location

Meander Lake is located on the Echo Trail, 32 miles northeast of Orr.

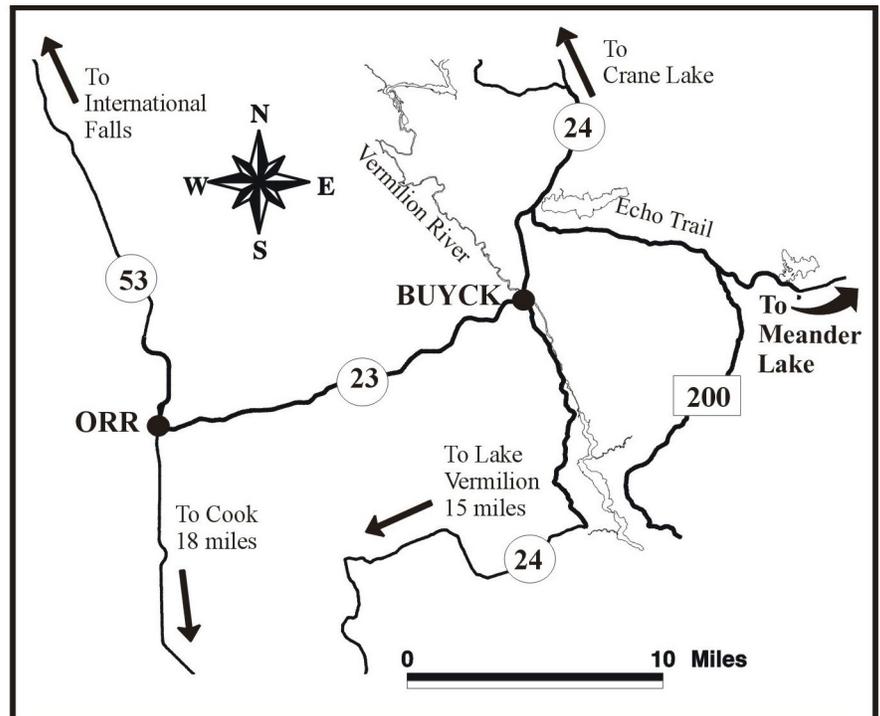
- From Orr, take St. Louis County 23 to Buyck (16 miles).
- At Buyck, County 23 turns into County 24. Continue on County 24 for 4 miles to the Echo Trail (County Road 116).
- Turn right, 20 miles to Meander Lake entrance road.
- Turn left onto the entrance road.

Features

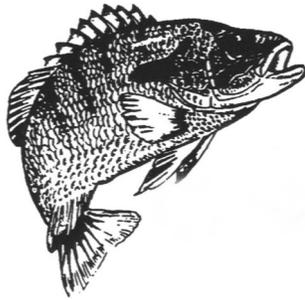
- 2 back country campsites with fire grate, tent pads and toilet
- Fishing pier
- Smallmouth bass fishing
- Blueberries (in season)



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Description

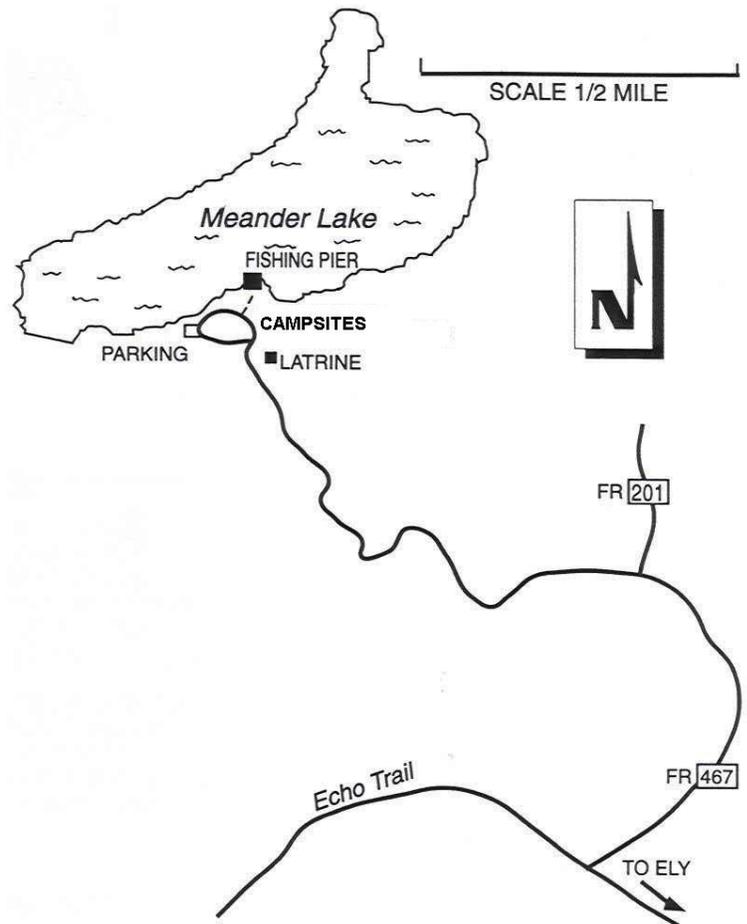
Fishing

This remote, clear lake is an excellent spot to take kids fishing. The lake is crowded with 6-10 inch smallmouth bass. What they lack in size, they make up for in their willingness to take the bait - a key criteria in finding a kid's fishing hole.

Fish from the rocks or pier at the end of the trail or from a canoe. It is a 150-yard portage from the parking area to the lake. Use a small bobber with a hook set at 3-4 feet deep or a small lead head jig tipped with a worm, leech or minnow.

Fire and Wind

Natural forces have not been kind to the Meander Lake area. In 1971 the Little Indian Sioux fire swept across 15,000 acres of the Superior National Forest. As you gaze across the lake from the picnic area, you can still see evidence of the blaze - dead white pine snags. A stand of jack pines around the campsite area escaped the flames only to fall prey to a powerful windstorm in July of 1988. A timber sale salvaged many of the blown down trees during the winter of 1988-89 and the area was replanted the following spring. A young jack pine stand is the only evidence now of the previous disturbances.



Blueberries

You won't see many large trees around Meander Lake, but it is a good blueberry picking spot. Blueberry plants thrive in open, sunlit areas such as those created by the fire and windstorms. So if you visit the Superior National Forest in mid-July to mid-August, don't forget your blueberry pails. Yields and ripening dates vary from year to year, so contact the LaCroix Ranger District office for the latest blueberry report.

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