

Birch Lake Back Country



SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

KAWISHIWI RANGER DISTRICT

ELY, MN 55731



Features

- 14 back country campsites with fire grates, tent pads, latrines and no permit required
- 4 boat ramps
- 1 Forest Service “fee” campground also on the lake
- Several full-service private resorts on the lake
- Can accommodate large boats
- 21-miles long and 7600-acre lake
- Many beautiful islands
- 80 miles of shoreline

Birch Lake is 8 miles south of Ely and 1 mile northeast of Babbitt. Public access to the Lake is available through 4 boat ramps.

- From Ely: Travel 8 miles south on State Highway 1 to Forest Road 429 (FR 429). Follow signs for the boat ramp at the Birch Lake Campground, 4 miles down FR 429. Another access is located within the South Kawishiwi River Campground, 11 miles south of Ely on State Highway 1 (3 miles beyond the turn off for the Birch Lake Campground).
- Near Babbitt: One boat ramp is located on the Country Club Road, 407 off of County Road 70. Another is located at the Babbitt Public Beach off County Road 623.



Leave No Trace Principles

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Minimize use and impact of fires.
5. Respect wildlife.
6. Leave what you find.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

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BIRCH LAKE BACK COUNTRY

Birch Lake back country sites offer camping opportunities similar to that of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness with fewer restrictions and no permits required. Birch Lake sites are accessible by any type of watercraft. Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis with one group per campsite.

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