

# Big Rice Lake



SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

LAURENTIAN RANGER DISTRICT

AURORA, MINNESOTA

## Features

- 3 drive-in rustic campsites with firegrates
- Suitable for small RVs and Tents
- Interpretive signs
- Vault toilet
- Wild ricing, duck hunting
- Boat launch for small fishing boats and canoes only.
- Large, shallow lake. 1870 acres. Maximum depth 5 feet.
- Big Rice Lake offers some fishing in the spring before the rice is up. It contains some Northern Pike, Yellow Perch and Suckers although it may freeze out some winters.
- Overnight camping allowed in campsites only. No drinking water available.



## Location

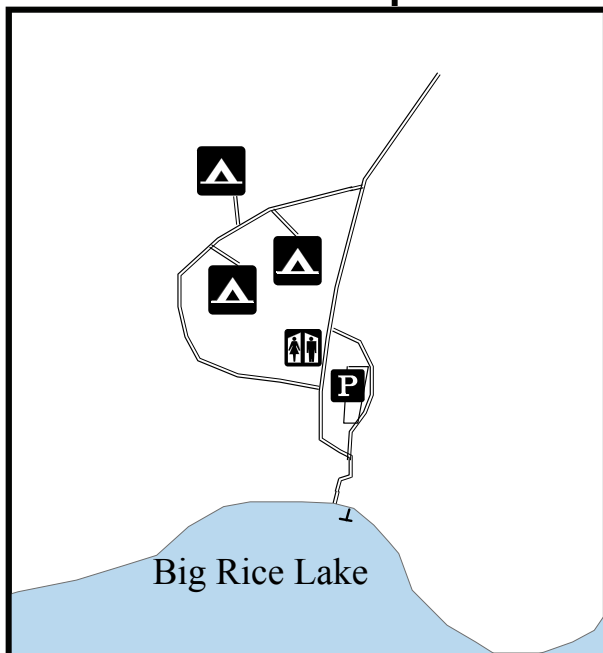
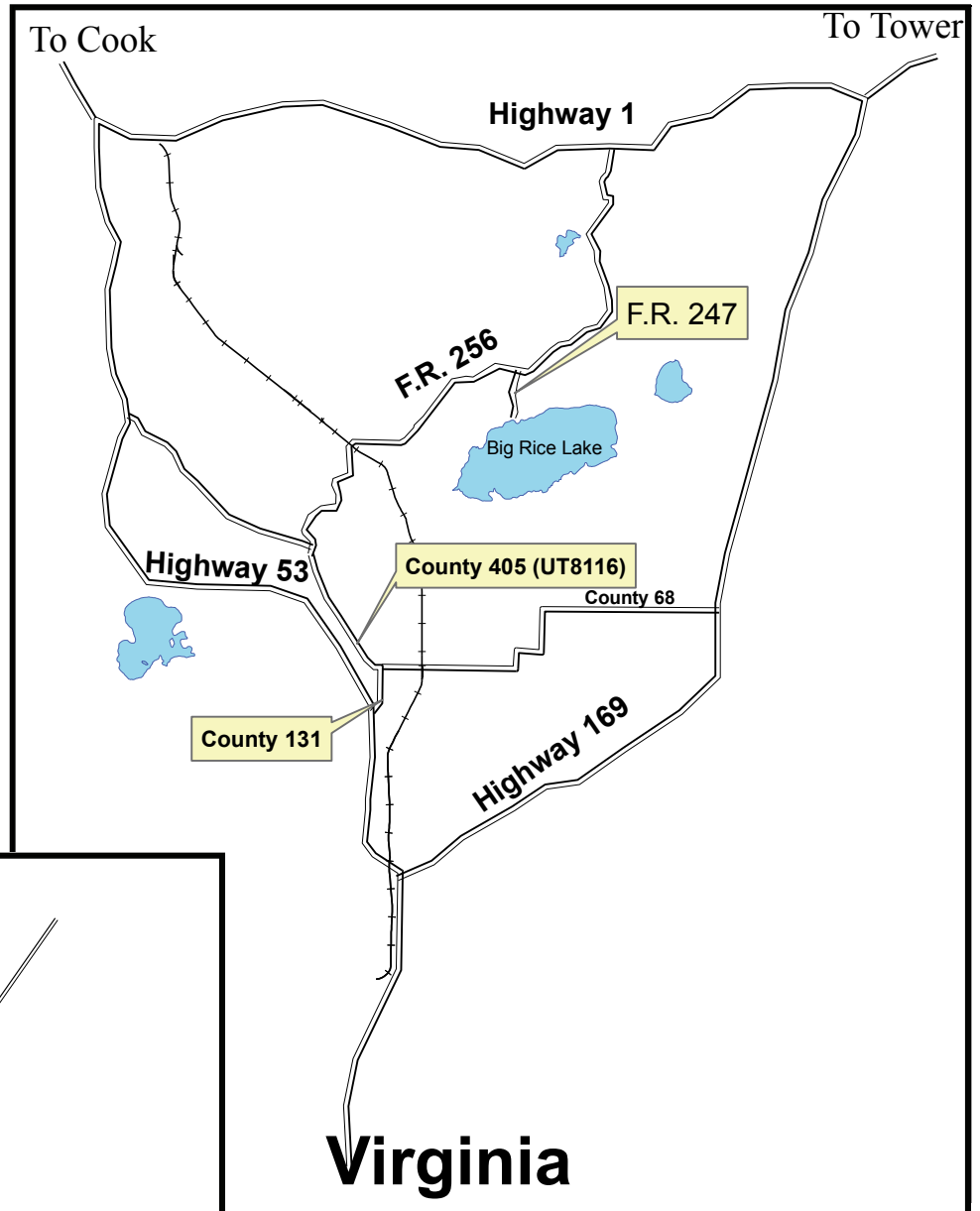
14 miles north of Virginia MN.

## Directions:

- From Virginia, take Highway 53 north for 8 miles to County Road 131.
- Turn right on County Road 131 for 1 mile.
- Turn left on County Road 68 for 0.3 mile.
- Go straight on Pelton Road County 405 (County 405 becomes UT8116) for 2 miles.
- Turn right on F.R. 256. This is a one-lane gravel road. Continue on for 6 miles.
- Turn right on F.R. 247. One mile to Big Rice Lake.

# Superior National Forest - Big Rice Lake

For 2000 years Big Rice Lake has been used as a wild rice harvesting and processing site. The rice crop was a major food source for Woodland Indians providing nutrition through the cold Minnesota winters. Big Rice Lake, located in the Superior National Forest, is still harvested providing some of the highest quality rice available in Northeastern Minnesota. The lake is also an important nesting and migration site for waterfowl and the rice is an important source of food for them.



## Need more information?

on the web at:  
[www.fs.usda.gov/superior](http://www.fs.usda.gov/superior)

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