

# Starvation Lake

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## ***Fish Species***

Brown Trout; Rainbow Trout

## ***Species Description***

Starvation Lake is annually stocked with approximately 3,500 brown trout and 3,500 rainbow trout. The stocked trout are five to seven inches in length when stocked in the spring, but they grow rapidly. Many reach 10 inches in length by mid-summer. Trout of both species in the upper teens and even over 20 inches in length are commonly caught from this lake.

## ***Geographic Coordinates***

Lat:44.849907 / Long:-84.942746

## ***Noteworthy***

Most anglers fishing this 134 acre lake do so by trolling. The lake stratifies, so in the summer anglers need to fish in and below the thermocline. Anglers typically troll with body baits, spoons, cowbells, and sewn minnows. Some anglers use leadcore line or three-way sinker rigs to get lures deep enough. Some anglers fish with lanterns and bait at night and are also successful. Ice fishing for the stocked trout is also very popular on this lake. Minnows and small jigging spoons are the preferred ice fishing baits. The Starvation Lake public access site is administered by the Department of Natural Resources. The site has a paved boat launch with parking for seven vehicles. It also offers rustic toilets.

## ***Fishing Regulations***

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

## ***Directions to Site***

From US 131- turn right (east) off 131 onto Twin Lake Road. After four miles, turn left (north) onto Darragh Road (also known as County Road 571). After 1.5 miles turn right (east) onto Starvation Lake Road. After 6 miles, turn right (south) onto Kerby Lane. Proceed a short distance to the access site.

From I-75 take Exit 264 at Frederic. Proceed west on County Road 612 for 14 miles. Turn right (north) onto Sunset Trail and travel 6 miles. Turn right (west) onto Starvation Lake Road and travel 3/4 mile. Turn right (south) onto Kerby Lane and proceed a short distance to the access site.

## ***Regional Visitor Information (URL)***