Maceday Lake

Fish Species

Lake Trout; Rainbow Trout; Splake

Species Description

This lake is stocked annually with yearling splake and rainbow trout. Most anglers catch these fish ranging in size from 8 to 10 inches with some reaching upwards of 12 inches. Occasionally, Maceday Lake is stocked with adult lake trout that have ranged in size from 14 to 29 inches and weighing up to 7 pounds.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:42.681364 / Long:-83.429725

Noteworthy

Maceday Lake is very clear and reaches a maximum depth of 117 feet. This lake is a perfect size for small boat owners while providing enough fishable area to avoid recreation boaters when a little extra space is needed. In the spring and summer anglers troll the deep water in the center of the basin in the depth range of 60 to 100 feet. They troll cowbells, spoons and body baits using downriggers to control their depth. Maceday Lake is a popular recreation lake with moderately heavy boat traffic week nights and on weekends through the summer. It would be best to fish it during the early morning or later in the evening from a boat. In the winter anglers target trout using tip-ups with live bait and jigging spoons tipped with minnows. During the early ice conditions, anglers will fish in the shallow waters just out from the boat launch and move to deeper water as the winter progresses. During the late portions of the ice season anglers again move into the shallower depths to target trout.

Fishing Regulations

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

Directions to Site

The boat launch for Maceday Lake is located on the south end of the lake. To reach the lake from the intersection of M-59 and Williams Lake Road: head north on Williams Lake Road. Go past Pontiac Lake State Park and through the intersection of Williams Lake Road. The boat launch will be about 160 yards past the intersection, on the north side. There is a quality launch here but only enough