

NEWSLETTER

Red Lake Watershed District



Impoundment Operation

Amidst this summer's persistent rainfall and resulting high water levels, there is significant public interest in the operational status of the Red Lake Watershed District's water impoundments. All impoundment besides those listed below have remained open.

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July 2024

Black River Impoundment

Moose River North & South

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

Blue - Green Algae & Lake Sampling

The RLWD has continued to check for blue-green algae and test for toxins in several prominent lakes. Specifically, Maple Lake, Cross Lake, and Oak Lake have been tested due to potential algae blooms.

Blue-green algae are microscopic organisms that can multiply rapidly in warm, nutrient-rich waters. These algae can produce toxins harmful to humans, pets, and wildlife, posing a significant ecological and health risk if proper precautions are not taken.

Algal toxins were found in Oak Lake and were low in Maple Lake in July 2024. Check <https://www.rldwatersheds.org/bluegreenalgae> for updates on recent blue-green algae reports and testing. Remember when in doubt, stay out!



High flows in the Red Lake River at Thief River Falls

Reinvest In Minnesota : Grand Marais Creek

Upcoming Events

Date: 08-08-24
9:00 am
RLWD District Office
Board Meeting
Open to the public. For more information call 28-681-5800

Date: 08-22-24
9:00 am
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Board Meeting
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Check us out on
Facebook for
more information!

Red Lake Watershed District.



Prairie Rose

In an effort to preserve the natural beauty and ecological balance of the Grand Marais Creek area, the Red Lake Watershed District has been involved with the "Reinvest in Minnesota" program since 2020.

The "Reinvest in Minnesota" program, administered by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, aims to protect and enhance the state's natural resources

Noxious weeds pose a significant threat to native ecosystems by outcompeting indigenous plants and disrupting local biodiversity. Through monitoring and management practices, the Red Lake Watershed District has identified several troublesome species in the Grade Maris Creek area. These include; Canadian Thistle and Leafy Spurge. Information about these and other noxious weeds can be found online at the Minnesota's Department of Agriculture's '*Noxious Weed List*'

In contrast, the efforts to promote native species have been equally impactful. Numerous native flora and grasses have been found within the area such as; Big Bluestem, prairie clovers, goldenrods, common milkweed, swamp milkweed, Black-eyed Susan, yarrow, False Aster, Panicle Aster, Canadian Anemone, Jack in the Pulpit, Maximillian sunflower, bee-balm, flax, Smooth Ox-Eye, Prairie Rose, prairie Coneflower and much more!



Swamp Milkweed



Black-eyed Susan



Purple Prairie Clover

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