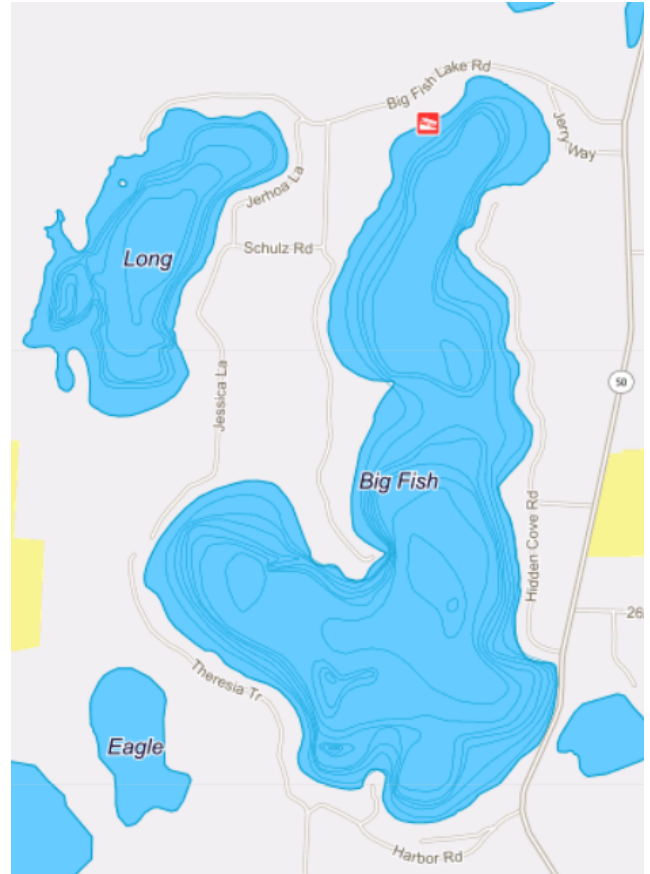


# Big Fish (Stearns County)

## OVERVIEW

Big Fish Lake, located 5 miles north of Cold Spring in central Stearns County, is a scenic, clear water lake that offers a variety of angling and recreational opportunities. It has a maximum depth of 70 feet and a small watershed with a high percentage of undeveloped forest and grassland and a modest amount of cultivated farmland. A public access is located on the north side of the lake and offers two tiers of parking. The lake supports a diverse aquatic plant community that provide important fish habitat as well as shoreline protection from erosion. Some of the more common submergent plant species include: coontail, northern watermilfoil, flatstem pondweed, water celery, and Canada waterweed. Emergent and floating leaf vegetation was found along 17% of the shoreline with cattail and white waterlily being the most common species. In 2020, the water quality of Big Fish Lake was excellent with clarity of 30 feet during the first week of August.



## Water Resources Helpful Links

Click on each of the below links to go to relevant and specific information

[Fisheries Survey](#)

[Water Clarity](#)

[Water Quality](#)

[Lake Depth](#)

[Area Recreational Compass](#)

[Aquatic Invasive Species Map](#)

**ID:** 7301600

**County:** Stearns

**Near:** Cold Spring

**Area:** 557.31 acres

**Littoral area:** 184 acres

**Shore length:** 5.91 miles

**Mean depth:** 26.4 feet

**Maximum depth:** 70 feet

