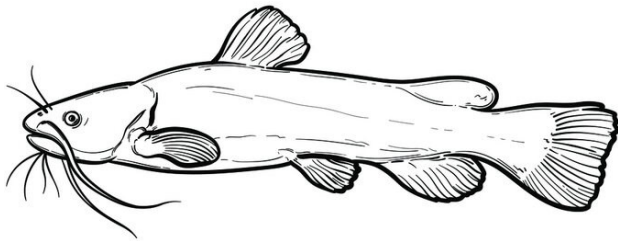


Becker (Stearns County)

OVERVIEW

Becker Lake is a 176-acre lake located near Richmond in Stearns County. It is part of the Sauk River Chain of Lakes (SRCL), formed by a dam in Cold Spring. Most of the lake is shallow and it has a maximum depth of 20 feet. The lake has a history of winterkill, and an aeration (bubbler type) system was installed in 1989 and effectively eliminated winterkill; however, the system was removed in 2010. The watershed is large and primary land uses are agriculture and pasture. The lake is not directly connected to the Sauk River and has better water quality and a more diverse aquatic plant community than most lakes within the chain. A public access is located on the Sauk River just east of Becker Lake. People can have significant impacts on lakes and the fish populations they support. Fish harvest, lakeshore development, removal of shoreline vegetation, and introductions of aquatic invasive species (AIS) can all adversely affect fish populations. In 2018, zebra mussels were identified in the Sauk River Chain of Lakes and in 2021 Eurasian water milfoil was identified in Horseshoe Lake. AIS can be moved from infested to non-infested waters by anglers,



ID: 73015600

County: Stearns

Near: Richmond

Area: 221.38 acres

Littoral area: 170 acres

Shore length: 5.92 miles

Mean depth: 2.2 feet

Maximum depth: 20 feet

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