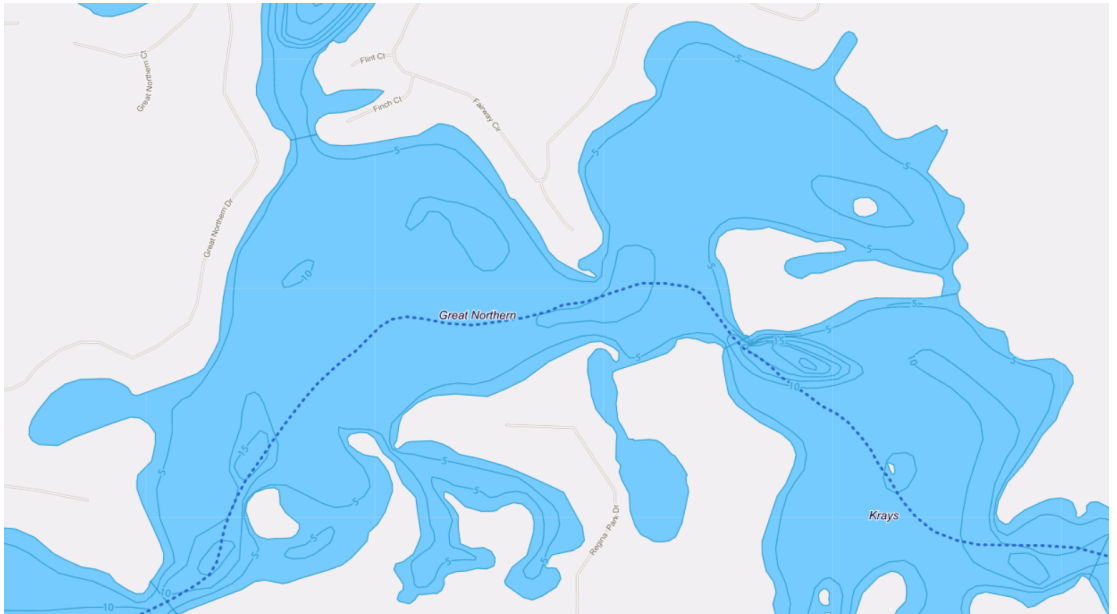


Great Northern (Stearns County)

OVERVIEW

The Sauk River Chain of Lakes (SRCL) is located in south central Minnesota, near the city of Richmond. A dam on the Sauk River at Cold Spring allows users to access over 3,200 acres by water. The Sauk River drains a large portion of central Minnesota before flowing through the



chain of lakes. Combined with drainage from the Long Lake sub watershed to the south, the total watershed of the chain is nearly 600,000 acres. Although non-point source pollution (agricultural runoff) continues to be a concern, some major contributors of nutrient loading (such as municipal wastewater discharge) were greatly reduced in the 1980's and 1990's. Efforts continue to be made to address existing non-point pollution sources, but most of the lakes in the chain remain classified as hypereutrophic.

ID: 73008300

County: Stearns

Near: Cold Spring

Area: 195.9 acres

Littoral area: 185.35 acres

Shore length: 6.03 miles

Mean depth: 6.1 feet

Maximum depth: 16.2 feet

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