

Sporley Lake



Fish Species

Brown Trout; Lake Trout; Splake

Species Description

Splake are the most popular species in Sporley Lake. Splake are stocked here annually by the DNR Fisheries Division and have shown good survival in DNR netting surveys. Anglers typically catch Splake up to 15 inches with most around 10 inches. Brown Trout are also stocked annually by DNR and provide more of a challenge to anglers. Brown Trout here can grow up to 22 inches with the majority in the 12-15 inch range. Stocked Lake Trout provide a deepwater fishery both in the summer and the winter. In the winter, Lake Trout are a popular target for anglers looking to shake off the dust and hit the ice. In addition to trout, Smallmouth Bass have become a popular species to target here when water temperatures get warm. This two-story fishery is diverse with good access for all.

Geographic Coordinates

Lat:46.336206 / Long:-87.346104

Noteworthy

Sporley Lake located not too far from Marquette offers opportunity to land some big trout and Splake without having to go to a Great Lake port. Jigging minnows in both the summer and winter time months is the most popular method to catch Splake and Lake Trout here. When water temperatures warm during the summer time months be sure to find the thermocline to find the fish. The water stratifies and trout species will move to the deeper parts of the lake to cool off. Max depth in the southern tier of the lake is about 60 feet.

Fishing Regulations

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

Directions to Site

Sporley Lake is located east of Gwinn. Coming from the M-28 and US-41 intersection in Harvey, head south on US-41 about 10.5 miles to M-94 and make a right. Follow M-94 for about 8 miles to Sporley Lake Road and make a left. Follow Sporley Lake Road for about 1.5 miles to a two-track drive on left with DNR boat launch sign for Sporley Lake, and make a left. Follow 0.4 miles to boat launch and parking area. This boat launch is improved with plenty of parking for vehicles and trailers.

Regional Visitor Information (URL)

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