Protect Our Lakes & Waters

Aquatic invasive species (AIS):

- threaten water quality,
- harm fish populations,
- damage infrastructure,
- impact water recreation.

Stop the spread of AIS.
Clean, drain, and dry your watercraft and water gear.

Boating Restrictions

Clear Lake, Lake Audy, and Moon Lake

These motors allowed:

- Electric motors
- 4 stroke motors
- Direct fuel injected 2-stroke motors.

All other lakes and waterbodies:

Motors not allowed.

Boat launch sites help keep shorelines stable and help manage AIS. Use designated boat launch sites. Visit our website for current boating and launch information, and updates on how to prevent the spread of AIS:
parks.canada.ca/riding-aquatics

Winter Fishing

- You may ice fish on Clear Lake and Lake Audy.
- You may use one line at a time per person, no more.
- Do not leave your line unattended.
- *National Parks of Canada Fishing Regulations* apply. Know them and follow them.
- Daily catch limits apply.
- You may not drive cars and trucks on the ice surface of any lake in the park.

Clear Lake

- You may place a winter ice fishing hut on the lake ice until March 15 or earlier if ice is no longer safe.
- Ensure your owner contact information is visible on the outside of your hut.
- You may use over-snow vehicles for the purpose of ice fishing only on Clear Lake. Contact us for more information.

Lake Audy

- Remove your fishing hut at the end of each day.
- You may not use over-snow vehicles on Lake Audy.

Contact Us

Riding Mountain National Park Call Centre

Telephone: **204-848-7275**

Email: **rmnp.info@pc.gc.ca**

Visit our website for more information on fishing in Riding Mountain National Park:

parks.canada.ca/riding-fishing

Report violations and suspicious activities:

Parks Canada Dispatch: 1-877-852-3100

Riding Mountain
National Park

Fishing
Regulations Summary

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National Parks of Canada Fishing Regulations Summary

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:

- Fish without a valid national park fishing permit.
- Fish with or possess within 100 metres of park waters the following:
  - live or dead fish, leeches, and fish parts for use as bait.
  - hooks with barbs. Remove or pinch all barbs.
  - any lead tackle (sinkers, jigs, lures, and flies) under 50 grams.
  - lures with more than two gang hooks.
  - a line capable of catching more than one fish at one time.
- Fish by any method other than angling.
- Fish with more than one line at a time.
- Leave a fishing line unattended.
- Fish from 2 hours after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
- Sell, trade, or barter any fish caught.
- Harass fish by throwing objects or impeding their movements.
- Continue fishing after having caught and retained the maximum daily catch and possession limit.
- Allow your catch to spoil or waste.

You may use earthworms and nightcrawlers for bait.

NOTE: This brochure is a summary of the fishing regulations. It is **NOT** a complete listing of *National Parks Fishing Regulations*.

For a complete listing go to:
laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._1120

Fishing Permits

Provincial fishing licenses are not valid in national parks. You must possess a national park fishing permit to fish in Riding Mountain national Park.

Anyone under the age of 16 may fish in the national parks without a permit if accompanied by a national park fishing permit holder 16 years of age or older. In this case, the permit holder's daily limit includes the catch of the youth without a permit.

Daily Catch and Possession Limits

Northern Pike (only one may exceed 76 cm)	3
Walleye	2
Yellow perch	5
Lake whitefish	5
Maximum combined daily catch and possession limit	5

Smallmouth bass*: **NO LIMIT**. Smallmouth bass do not count in the daily catch and possession limit.

You must identify your catch. If you do not know what fish you have caught, release the fish immediately.

* Fishing permit holders at Riding Mountain National Park may take part in the fisheries management control of smallmouth bass. Smallmouth bass are not native to Clear Lake. Kill and keep all small mouth bass.

Report your catch to Parks Canada at **204-396-4579** or **pc.ais-riding.pc@pc.gc.ca**

Fishing Season

The first day of an open season may fall on a Sunday or Monday in any year. The open season begins on the Saturday right before that Sunday or Monday when this happens.

The last day of an open season may fall on a Friday or Saturday in any year. The open season ends on the Sunday right after that Friday or Saturday when this happens.

Clear Lake & Lake Audy:
May 15 to March 31

All other waters:
May 15 to September 30

Areas Closed to Fishing

You cannot fish in these areas:

- Swimming areas and marinas.
- South Lake and outlet stream into Clear Lake.
- The area from Lake Audy Dam and Whirlpool Weir-Fishway, to 23 metres downstream.

Respect our Neighbours

Respect the Keeseekoowenin First Nation shoreline.

Do not trespass on this private land.

Catch and Release

Help Fish Survive:

- Shorten the time you play a fish.
  A fish played too long may not survive.
- Keep the fish in the water until you release it.
- Gently hold the fish with bare, wet hands.
  Keep fingers away from the gills.
  Do not squeeze or injure the fish.
- Gently remove the hook with needle-nosed pliers. Cut the leader if the hook is deep and do not pull the hook out. The hook will decompose over time.
- Hold the fish in the water. Gently move it back and forth. This help revive the fish as water moves past the gills. Face the fish upstream in flowing water. Let the fish go when it begins to struggle.
- Fish will not survive when bleeding. Kill bleeding fish. These fish are part of your catch limit.
- Single hooks are best for catch and release. Single hooks release with greater ease.