

# Zebra Mussel Suitable Waters for Washburn County

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While zebra mussels can be harmful to lakes, there are limits to where they can thrive. One of the key physical characteristics is the amount of calcium in the water column. At least seven studies have identified calcium levels as the limiting factor in determining if zebra mussels can reproduce and thrive in our lakes and rivers. A recent study by university researchers identified three classes of waters related to zebra mussels. They are not suitable, borderline suitable, and suitable. The list as it applies to Washburn County's lakes rivers is below. For people who love maps, you can view **the Invasive Species Interactive Mapping System** by going to: <http://www.aissmartprevention.wisc.edu/mappingtool.php>

## SUITABLE

Bean Brook Spring  
Bean Lake  
Beaver Lodge Pond  
Big Bass Lake  
Bond Lake  
Dilley Lake  
Gull Creek Springs  
Hay Lake  
Little Devil Lake  
Long Lake  
Lutz Lake  
Mackay Springs  
McKenzie Lake  
Mud Lake  
Pokegama Lake

Potato Lake  
Randall Lake  
Rice Lake  
Rocky Ridge Lake  
Sawyer Creek Springs  
Slim Lake  
Spooner Lake  
Spring Lake  
Spring Lake  
Tony Lake  
Tozer Lake  
Tozer Springs  
Trego Lake  
Unnamed (several)  
Westenberg Spring  
Whalen Lake  
Whalen Springs

## BORDERLINE SUITABLE

Balsam Lake  
Bass Lake  
Bear Lake  
Big Devil Lake  
Birch Lake  
Casey Lake  
Chicog Lake  
Chippanazie Lake  
Cranberry Lake  
Cyclone Lake  
Deer Lake  
Devils Lake  
Dunn Lake  
Ellsworth Lake  
Evergreen Lake  
Gilmore Lake  
Goose Lake  
Gull Lake  
Hointville Lake  
Horseshoe Lake  
Island Lake  
Lake Nancy  
Leisure Lake  
Little Bass Lake



Little Bass Lake  
Little Casey Lake  
Little Spooner Lake  
Loon Lake  
Lower Kimball Lake  
Lower McKenzie Lake  
Matthews Lake  
McKinley Lake  
Middle Kimball Lake  
Middle McKenzie Lake  
Oak Lake  
Pear Lake  
Pickerel Lake  
Red Cedar Lake  
Slim Creek Flowage  
Spring Lake  
Totagatic Flowage  
Tranus Lake  
Unnamed (several)

