

# Welcome to the Sandy Lake Recreation Area

*This pamphlet provides you with general information and park rules that will ensure a pleasant and safe visit for all. Please check bulletin boards for more information.*

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

A public pay phone is available in the campground.

**EMERGENCY ..... 911**

CORPS OF ENGINEERS,  
SANDY LAKE ..... (218) 426-3482  
SHERIFF (AITKIN CTY) ..... 927-2138, 927-3993  
FIRE DEPT (MCGREGOR) ..... 768-2555  
AMBULANCE(AITKIN) ..... 927-3434, 927-2121  
(MCGREGOR) ..... 768-2555

## FIRST AID

The park staff is trained to provide First Aid and CPR.

## Camping

- Reservations may be made by calling 1-877-444-6777 or by visiting website [www.reserveusa.com](http://www.reserveusa.com).
- Open, reservable campsites are guaranteed available for two nights only without further reservations.
- Fees are collected by a ranger on patrol.
- Camping in the park is limited to 14 days in any 30-day period.
- Campers must vacate site by noon on the last day of their visit.
- Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Please respect the privileges and privacy of others at all times.
- Camping tents, trailers, and other equipment must be completely accommodated on the camping pad and driveway. Only one wheeled camping unit will be permitted per campsite.
- The unauthorized placement of camping equipment or other items on a campsite and/or personal appearance at a campsite for the purpose of reserving a campsite for future occupancy is prohibited.

**NOTICE:** All persons entering upon Government property do so at their own risk. The United States assumes no responsibility for their loss or injury from the acts or conduct of other persons on the premises.

## General Rules

*To ensure the enjoyment and safety of park users, we ask that you observe the following rules:*

- Fires are allowed in fireplaces or grills only.
- Please do not cut, mark, or peel any trees. Firewood is available at several locations in the campground.
- Drive with care and obey all posted traffic regulations. Motorized and trailered vehicles must be kept on gravel or paved surfaces.
- Off-road (ATV) vehicles are prohibited.
- Please observe the rules concerning safe boat operations. Boats may be beached at designated areas only.
- Pets are allowed but must be kept on a maximum 6-foot leash. Pets disturbing other campers must be removed from the park. Owners are responsible for cleanup of all excrement.
- The use or display of firearms, air rifles, bows and arrows, slingshots and fireworks is strictly prohibited.
- Please report any acts of vandalism, disturbances, or loss of personal property to the park ranger, manager or campground host.
- Refuse will be dumped and gray water will be drained in the designated areas only.
- Glass containers, aluminum cans and tabs, and pets, are not allowed on the swimming beach.
- Please utilize our recycle area whenever possible.

## Your Safety ■ Our Concern



*For more information contact:*

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Resource Manager,  
Sandy Lake Recreation Area  
HCR 4, Box 362  
McGregor, MN 55760-0192  
(218) 426-3482  
<http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil>**

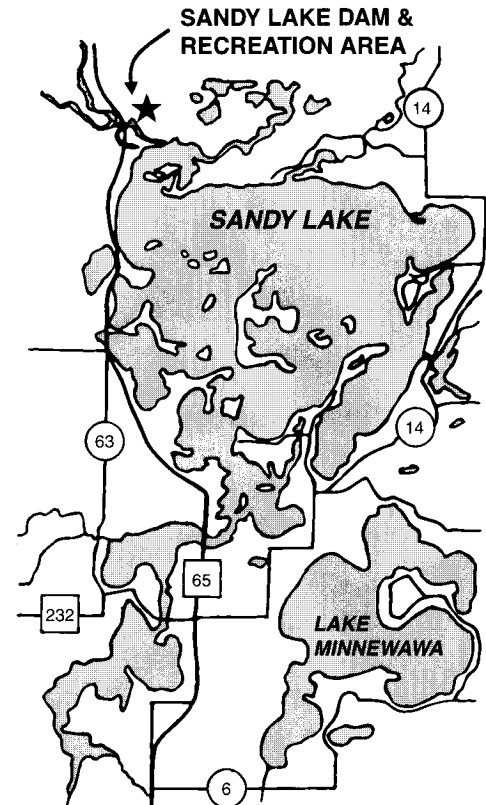


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St. Paul District

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**B**ig Sandy Lake (9,400 acres and 77 miles of shoreline) is located on the canoe route that linked Lake Superior and the Mississippi River. Archaeological evidence indicates that Native Americans had established villages on the lake after the glaciers retreated -- 10,000 years ago. The Northwest Fur Company established a major fur trading post at the western end of the lake in the late 1700's. Sandy Lake Dam, completed in 1895, controls the runoff from a 421 square mile drainage area including eight lakes. The old lock house has been renovated to display interpretive exhibits.



National Recreation Reservation Service

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LEGEND					
	Boat Ramp		Dump Station		Fishing
	Fish Cleaning		Interpretive		Information
	Office		Parking		Phone
	Picnic		Picnic Shelter		Playground
	Restroom		Shower		Swimming
	Wood		Trail		Tent Site
	Electric		Non-Electric		Reservable
	Double Site		Boat Beaching		

