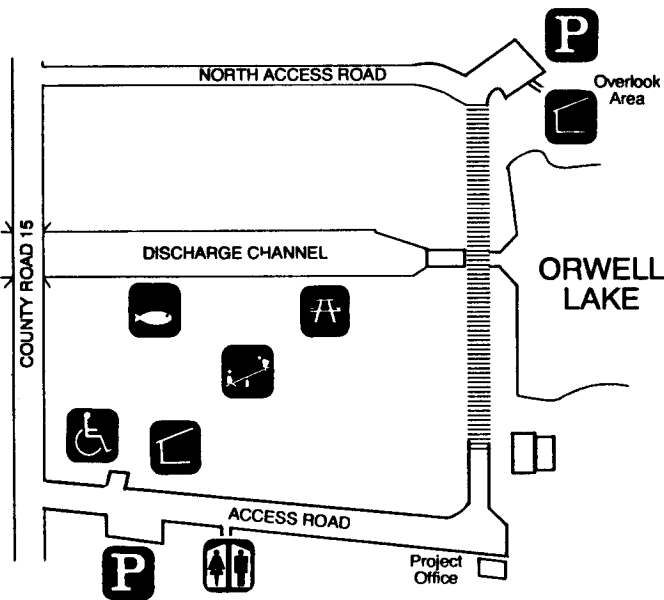


Day-Use Area Map



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| | Rest Rooms | | Playground |
| | Picnic Shelter | | Parking |
| | Handicap Facilities | | Picnic Area |
| | Tailwater Fishing | | Dam |

Hunting and Fishing

Orwell Lake is good for walleye, northern, crappie, and red horse sucker fishing and duck, goose, fox, pheasant, Hungarian partridge, and white-tailed deer hunting. Be sure to check with Corps of Engineers or Minnesota Department of Natural Resources personnel for the areas open to hunting and fishing.

Notable Phone Numbers

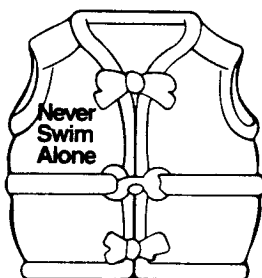
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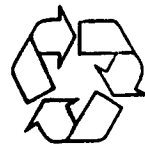
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Water Safety

Your safety is our concern while you visit Orwell Lake. Be sure and wear your Coast Guard-approved personal floatation device every time you are in or around the water.



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Orwell Lake

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Orwell Lake

Do you get excited watching wildlife in a natural setting? Do the mysteries of their actions entice you? If so, then the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recreation areas at Orwell Lake are the place for you.

Viewing wildlife from the recreation areas is easy because of a wildlife sanctuary located adjacent to the areas. This approximately 660-acre sanctuary, which is maintained by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, provides food and shelter for many animals all year long.

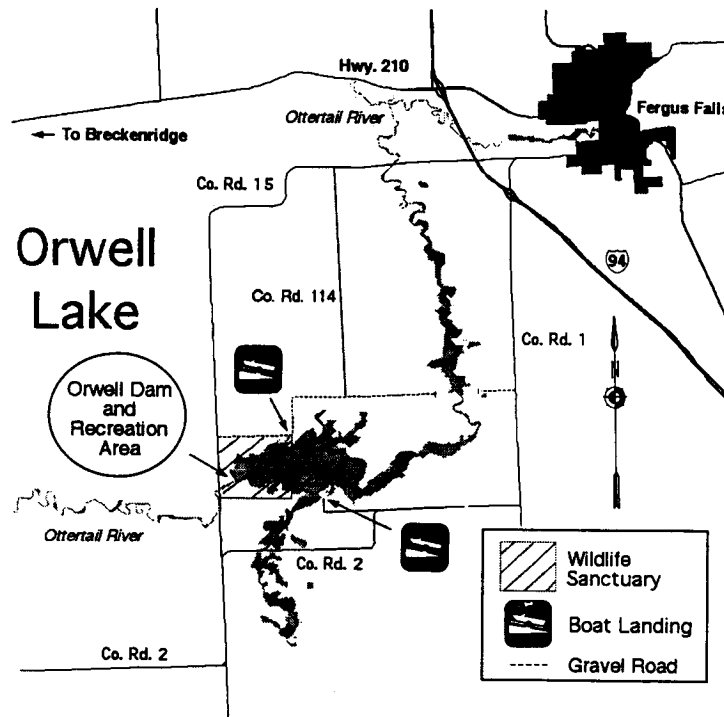
Although hunting and fishing are permitted in some areas of the project, these activities are not allowed in the sanctuary.

Recreation Facilities

Orwell Lake has two day-use areas for your enjoyment. One, located at the project's main entrance, has a picnic area, playground, privies and accessible picnic shelter. Tailwater bank fishing is very popular here.

You will find the second area, also called the overlook area, just north of the dam. This area, equipped with a picnic shelter, is excellent for viewing wildlife.

Location Map



Location

Orwell Lake is located 6 miles southwest of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, in Otter Tail County. This wildlife haven is 15-20 minutes from Interstate Highway 94 and only 30-45 minutes from Breckenridge, Minnesota, via Minnesota State Highway 210. See location map for details.

Lake Access

There are two boat accesses to Orwell Lake (see location map). Use of the south, primitive access, is exclusive to duck/flat-bottom boats. Use of the north access, equipped with concrete planks, is for the larger boats. The lake is limited to boats with motors of 10 horsepower or less.

The Purpose

The main purposes of the Orwell Lake Dam Project are flood control and water supply.

History

Congress authorized the construction of the Orwell Dam with the Flood Control Act of 1948.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began building the dam in May of 1951 and finished in July of 1953.

Lake

Drainage Area - 1,820 square miles
8,600 acre-feet of storage
(An acre-foot is the amount of water needed to cover an acre one foot deep)
20 miles of shoreline
4 miles long

Dam

Type - Rolled earth
Maximum Height - 47 feet
Top Width - 20 feet
Length - 1,355 feet