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 Lake Traverse Project
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WATER SAFETY

Protect yourself and your family; think water safety at all times. Lake Traverse contains unmarked water hazards, such as rock reefs, for which the recreation user must remain alert. Remember to always wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket when you are boating, fishing, canoeing, water skiing, or any other activities in or around the water.



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PROJECT FEATURES

White Rock Dam - 14,400 foot earth embankment with three tainter gates.
Crest elevation: 986.00 ft.
Width at top: 26 ft.
Height: 16 ft.

The reservoir length (Mud Lake) is 7.5 miles; maximum width is 2.5 miles; average depth is 1.7 feet. Pool capacity is 85,000 acre-feet.

Reservation Dam - 9,100 foot earth embankment with automated gate system.
Crest elevation: 980.00 ft.
Width at top: 26 ft.
Height: 16 ft.

The reservoir length (Lake Traverse) is 16.5 miles with a maximum width of 1.75 miles and average depth of 13.2 feet. Pool capacity is 164,500 acre-feet.

Browns Valley Dike-3,700 foot earth embankment with a box culvert.
Crest elevation: 987.00 ft.
Width at top: 10 ft.
Height: 16 ft.

HISTORY

The Lake Traverse project was authorized by Congress in 1936 and completed and put into operation in December of 1941. Its purpose is to restrict water flow to the north during spring thaw that could cause severe flooding in the north because of frozen ground. The project is also used for water conservation and fish & wildlife preservation.

Thank you for helping us keep your park clean.
 We hope you enjoy your visit!



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LAKE TRAVERSE

If you really enjoy outdoor recreation, Lake Traverse is the place for you. You can recreate both actively and passively at Lake Traverse 365 days a year.

In the spring, fishing is the main attraction. The project's shallow lakes are good for walleye, northern pike, bullheads, crappies, and various other pan fish.

In the summer months you can do everything from fishing, boating, and water-skiing, to picnicking, nature watching, and just plain relaxing. Many aquatic birds such as herons, egrets, grebes, pelicans, and cormorants frequent the project at this time.

If you are a hunter, autumn at Lake Traverse is your time of year. The Corps of Engineers and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources regulate 1,512 acres of Wildlife Management Areas, which are open to public hunting.

These areas are good for duck, goose, pheasant, fox, Hungarian partridge, and white-tailed deer.



The popular wintertime activities at Lake Traverse are ice-fishing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling.

There are no overnight camping facilities on Corps Project land, however, Camping facilities are available at Traverse County Park located approximately six miles north of Browns Valley, Minnesota on county highway 27. There are also other lodging and camping facilities available in the area.

Lake Traverse Project is made up of two dams and one dike which impound two lakes.

White Rock Dam and the project office are located at the extreme north end of the project. The dam restricts water flow to the north and forms Mud Lake.

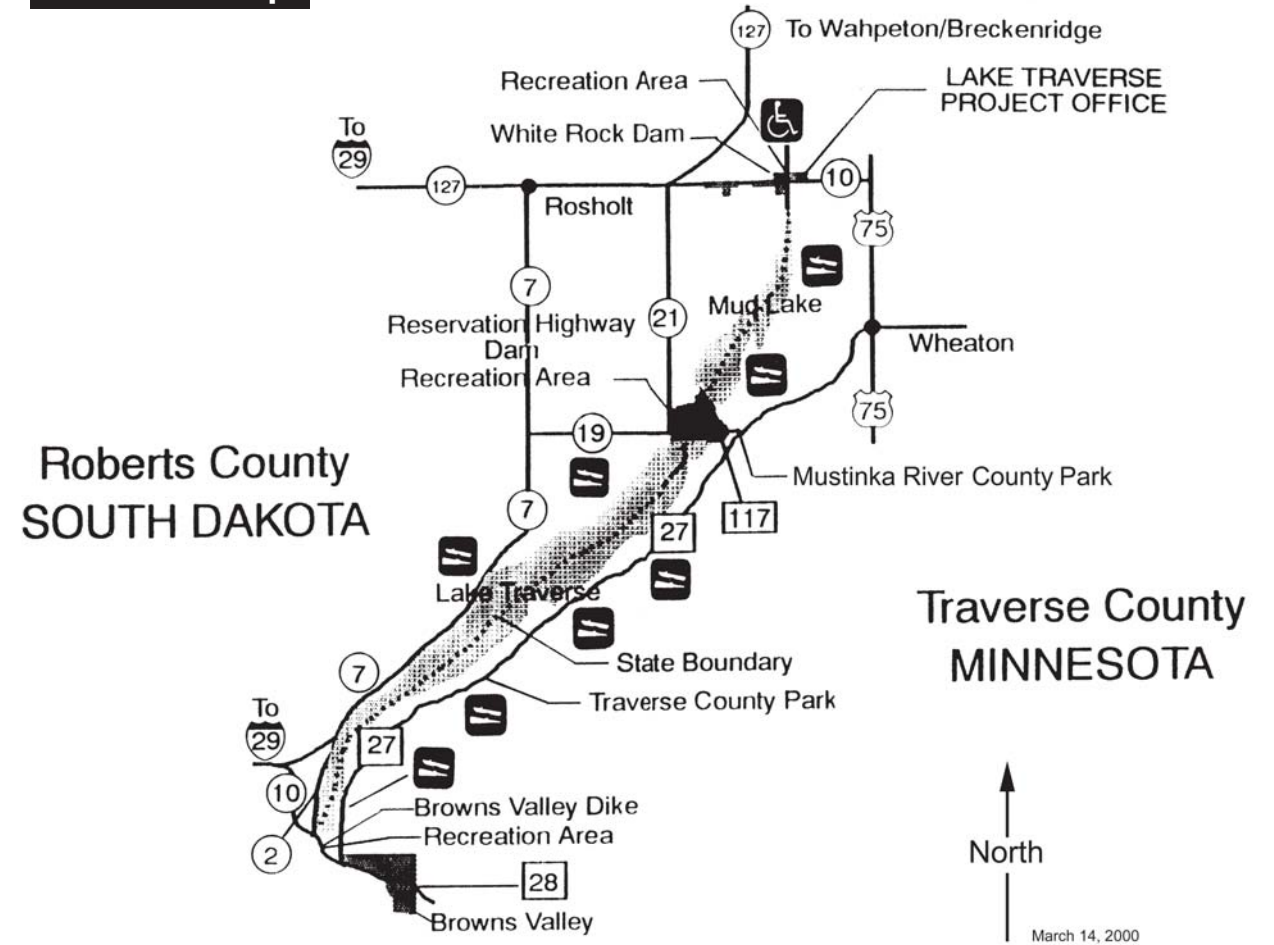
Reservation Control Dam restricts water flow to the north and forms a levee that separates Mud Lake and Lake Traverse.

Browns Valley Dike lies on the southernmost tip of the project and has one significant feature...Browns Valley Dike lies directly on the continental divide. This means all water north of the dike flows north to Hudson Bay and all water south of the dike flows south to eventually reach the Gulf of Mexico.



Handicap-accessible privies are located at all Day Use Recreation Areas.

Location Map



RECREATION FACILITIES

The facilities at White Rock Dam consist of a picnic area with a fully accessible picnic shelter, playground, fully accessible privies, shoreline fishing areas, and drinking water.

The facilities at Reservation Control Dam consist of a picnic area, fully accessible privies, playground, shoreline fishing areas, and a boat ramp for access to Mud Lake.

The public facilities at Browns Valley Dike consist of a picnic area, shoreline fishing access, and fully accessible privies.

Public boat-launching facilities may be found at several different locations on both sides of Lake Traverse. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks maintain these boat-launching facilities.