

ALL EYES ON THE WATER

Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species on Spider Lake

Spider Lake
Hubbard County, MN



Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Continue to Pose a Threat to Lakes in Hubbard County.

Eurasian Watermilfoil is present in Big Mantrap Lake, which is part of our watershed area. The DNR recently reported that Zebra Mussels have been confirmed in Long Lake in Park Rapids. The Spider Lake Board continues to plan for both prevention and treatment of AIS on our beloved Spider Lake, but we are asking for your help.

Prevention is key to maintaining the quality of wildlife and recreation we all enjoy on Spider Lake. One of the best defenses for preventing the spread of Zebra Mussels, Watermilfoil and other invasive species on Spider Lake is awareness and reporting by those of us who regularly use the lake. We need **ALL EYES ON THE WATER.**

Identifying and Reporting Common Aquatic Invasive Species

Zebra Mussels



- + Yellowish-brown clams up to 2 inches long
- + Light and dark stripes on their "D"-shaped bells
- + Damage ecosystems and remove plankton from water that young fish need for food

Eurasian Watermilfoil



- + Delicate, feather-like leaves arranged in circles of 3-5 around stem
- + Each leaf has 12-21 leaflet pairs
- + Forms dense mats that interfere with boating and swimming

Curly-Leaf Pondweed



- + Stiff, wavy leaves with fine-toothed edges
- + 1/2 inch wide and 2-3 inches long arranged alternately around the stem
- + Forms weed mats that shade out native plants

If you see evidence of AIS on Spider Lake, **contact Nicole Kovar with the DNR at 218-732-8960 x222 or nicole.kovar@state.mn.us**
Do not attempt to remove it on your own.

Additional Resources

Hubbard County AIS Program

http://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/ais/index.php

Minnesota DNR AIS Program

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/index.html>

University of Minnesota Invasive Species Research Center

<https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/>