

Fishing Regulations for Big Maggie Lake

Enforced by the Maggie Lakes Owners Association and the Big Maggie Frontage Owners. **Violation of MLOA lake rules and regulations are subject to fines as published on www.maggielakes.com and in the Maggie Lakes Welcome Packet.**

Bag limits are set by species:

Trout:

Under 10 inches: Release.
10 inches and over: 5 per day per parcel

Largemouth Bass:

Under 12 inches: release
14-16 inches: 4 per day per parcel
16-18 inches: release
Over 18 inches: 1 fish *per year* per parcel

Panfish (Bluegill, Sunfish, Pumpkinseed) and Yellow Perch:

Total limit of 15 in any combination of panfish and perch per day parcel

Panfish:

Under 9 inches: may be kept
9 inches to less than 10 inches: release
10 inches or greater in length: 1 *per year* per parcel

Yellow Perch:

Under 8 inches: may be kept
8 inches or greater: 1 per parcel per day

Additional regulations and recommendations:

1. Catch and release fishing is encouraged.
2. In order to prevent contamination by non-game species, the use of minnows and crayfish and other live bait, with the exception of worms is prohibited.
3. In an effort to reduce the mortality from deep hooking; a. Barbless hooks are recommended for all fishing,. b. If deep hooking occurs, it is recommended to cut the line and not try to remove the hook.
4. The intentional targeting and taking of fish on, or near, spawning beds is prohibited.
5. Only watercraft dedicated to be used solely on Big Maggie Lake and having an official Big Maggie Lake sticker displayed are allowed on this lake.
6. Ice fishing is permitted. However, shelters may not be left on the ice or the shore overnight. During the winter of 2024/25, there will be a trial period when frontage owners on Big Maggie may leave their shelters on the ice only when present at the lake. Shelters must be removed when an owner is away from the lake overnight. MLOA members who are not Big Maggie frontage owners must remove their shelters each day. All shelters must have identification on them including name, address, phone number and have a Big Maggie Lake Sticker visible.
7. Driving motorized vehicles on the ice is prohibited.

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