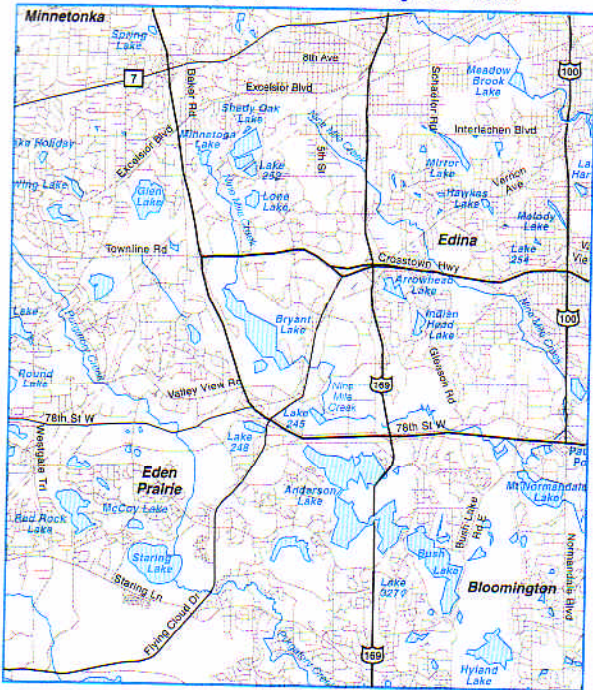


# BRYANT LAKE

## Hennepin County

Bordered by Bryant Lake Regional Park



**Area map pg / coord:** 7 / H-12  
**Watershed:** Mississippi Lower MN  
**Secchi disk (water clarity):** 5.4 feet  
**Water color:** Green

**Surface area:** 161 acres  
**Shorelength:** 3.2 miles  
**Maximum depth:** 45 feet  
**Mean depth:** 17 feet

**Accessibility:** County-owned public access on east shore in park  
**Boat ramp:** Concrete  
**Parking:** Ten trailer spaces  
**Accommodations:** Park, fishing pier, boat rental, camping, picnicking, restrooms

**Shoreland zoning classification:** Recreational development  
**Management class:** Centrarchid  
**Ecological type:** Centrarchid

### FISH STOCKING DATA

year	species	size	# released
98	Tiger Muskellunge	Fry	19,520
99	Tiger Muskellunge	Fry	20,538
01	Tiger Muskellunge	Fingerling	197

**FISHING INFORMATION:** The Bryant Lake fishery is varied and holds many larger-than-average individuals. Northern pike aren't numerous, but they average a hefty six pounds and many are over thirty inches long. Hybrid muskies are stocked every third year and also show good growth rates. Near lunker-size bass roam the waters of Bryant, as well as many black crappies that are growing to a decent file size. Bluegills are numerous but only average in size.

Panfish or predators? The 'gills and crappies prefer the west shoreline in the spring, as the water there warms a little quicker. Stay away from the shore and cast into the shallows with light line and a fixed, casting bobber a couple of feet above a panfish lure tipped with a small leech, minnow or worm tidbit. As you slowly reel in the bobber will stand when the hungry bluegill or crappie bites. Go up and down the shorelines. As summer comes, the crappies will roam deeper water, down to twenty feet. Bryant Lake has lily pads all over where the bass are found, and they'll also roam the bulrushes and outer weedlines. Northern pike and muskie cruise the outer weedline, too, but there's a nice little rocky structure on the east side of the lake — in the northeast area of the middle basin — which attracts all of Bryant's species throughout the year. Work around it, carefully, and then follow the weedline south to the choke channel. Bass, northern, crappie, and maybe even a muskie sneak through there frequently. Because the bottom of Bryant drops off fairly quickly around most of the lake, most of the fishing action occurs within and just beyond the weedline, not in the middle of any of the bays.

"... but he says the biggest pike usually surprise anglers in deep water when they're targeting something else."

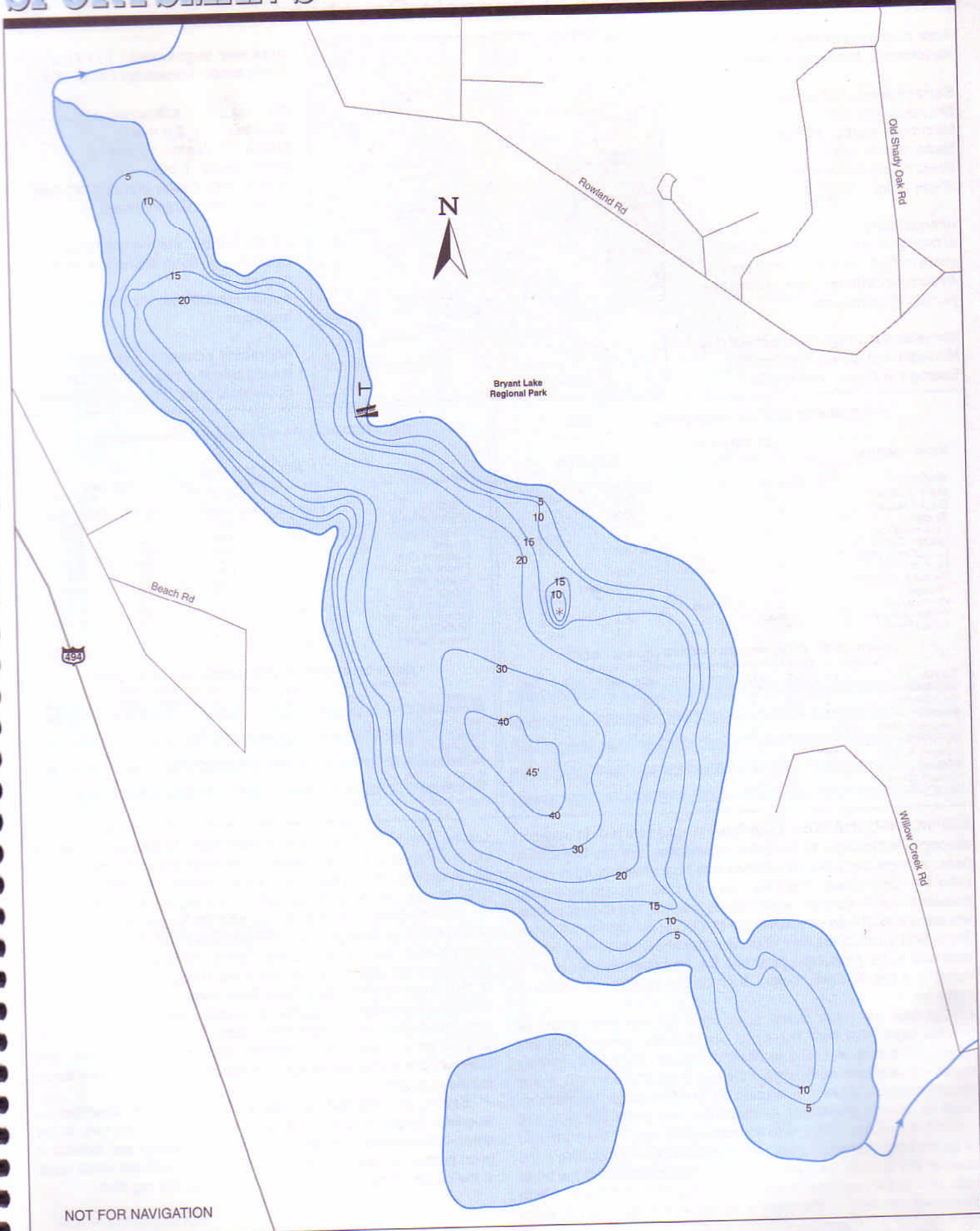
### NET CATCH DATA

Date:	species	Gill Nets		Trap Nets	
		# per net	avg. fish wt. (lbs.)	# per net	avg. fish wt. (lbs.)
7/19/99	Black Bullhead	0.2	0.20	0.2	0.48
	Black Crappie	15.7	0.17	1.9	0.18
	Bluegill	25.0	0.09	110.9	0.08
	Common Carp	0.8	4.21	0.1	3.64
	Golden Shiner	6.2	0.11	1.6	0.07
	Hybrid Sunfish	-	-	2.7	0.11
	Largemouth Bass	0.5	0.89	0.2	0.52
	Northern Pike	0.8	5.40	0.1	3.53
	Pumpkin. Sunfish	0.2	0.05	1.8	0.07
	Tiger Muskellunge	0.3	4.19	0.1	11.0
	Yellow Bullhead	1.2	1.38	1.8	1.11
	Yellow Perch	9.8	0.09	1.7	0.11

### LENGTH OF SELECTED SPECIES SAMPLED FROM ALL GEAR

Number of fish caught for the following length categories (inches):

species	0-5	6-8	9-11	12-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	>30	Total
Black Bullhead	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Black Crappie	3	108	-	-	-	-	-	-	111
Bluegill	421	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	433
Hybrid Sunfish	20	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Largemouth Bass	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	5
Northern Pike	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	6
Pumpkin. Sunfish	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Tiger Muskellunge	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
Yellow Bullhead	-	-	7	16	-	-	-	-	23
Yellow Perch	20	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	74



NOT FOR NAVIGATION