

## LAKE WAZEE

Thank you for joining us out at Lake Wazee! Beginning in the 1960's, this area was known as the Jackson County Iron Mine and produced approximately 850,000 tons of iron-rich taconite pellets each year. The 1980's brought a crash in the American steel market and in April of 1983, the Jackson County Mine turned off those pumps allowing what we now call Lake Wazee to form. Lake Wazee is recognized as the deepest inland lake in Wisconsin reaching a depth of 355 feet and averages 30-40 feet of visibility in the summer, making it an ideal location for every level of diver. For non-divers, there is a wonderful swimming beach, a grilling area, and a hiking/biking trails!

Divers can expect water temperatures in the 40's under the thermocline and in the 60's to 70's above it. We recommend a cold water wet suit or a dry suit, gloves, boots, and a hood. Additional items to consider are dive lights, a knife, and multiple tanks (the nearest fill station is at Wazee Sports Center in Black River Falls). You might consider bringing a lawn chair, rain gear, jacket, sturdy footwear, bug repellent, and a tarp to the dive sites. There are many restaurants in town for meals, but it's nice to bring a cooler packed with food, snacks, and beverages directly to the dive location.

The Jackson County Forestry and Parks department require that divers show a certification card as well as have their own dive float with flag. Park fees are:

- Admission fee: \$3/vehicle/day or \$25/vehicle/year
- Diver fee: \$10/day or \$75/year

### **Directions:**

From the Twin Cities:

Take I-94 east all the way to Black River Falls, WI. Take exit #116 onto Hwy. 54 heading east for 0.4 miles. Next, go east on W. Bauer Rd approximately 3.8 miles. Then head south on S. Brockway Rd. to the park entrance.

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# Wazee Lake Recreation Area Scuba Dive Map

