



Contest rules:

1. Only carp will be considered for prizes unless otherwise stated in the prize category
2. Only fish caught on Lake Gervais will be eligible for submission
3. All contest entries must be submitted before 12 pm to be considered for prizes
4. All entries must be weighed and measured by a RWMWD employee or volunteer. The weigh-in station will be located next to the boat dock on the northeast side of the lake
5. All entrants must check-in and register online or in person before competing
6. Fishing licenses are required for all individuals 16 years of age and older who plan to participate in the carp contest
7. Fishing licenses are not required for individuals under the age of 16

FAQs:

Why does this contest focus on carp?

Carp are invasive to Minnesota lakes. These bottom-feeding fish damage the lake's water quality by kicking up sediment, which increases phosphorus in the water and decreases water clarity. They also kill aquatic plants and habitat for game fish and waterfowl. Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District is hosting this event as part of their [ongoing work](#) to manage carp in Lake Gervais. The carp contest aims to educate the public on invasive carp and water quality in lakes.

Who is RWMWD?

Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD) works to improve and protect water resources in eastern Ramsey County and western Washington County, Minnesota. The organization works across municipal boundaries to manage about 65 square miles that eventually drain into the Mississippi River, including 20 lakes, five streams and over 1,000 wetlands. More information, along with an interactive project map, is available at: rwmwd.org.

Where am I allowed to fish?

Shoreline fishing is restricted to the areas on the attached map. Boats can fish anywhere within Lake Gervais.

When am I allowed to fish?

From 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, August 28th. Make sure to submit all of your fish by 12:00 pm!

How do I submit a fish?

Bring your fish to the weighing and measuring station near the boat launch and the public beach on Lake Gervais. RWMWD staff and volunteers will weigh, measure, and dispose of your fish.

Should I bring my own bait?

RWMWD will supply corn kernels to use for bait, if you choose to bring your own, you're welcome to do so.

Do I need a fishing license?

Yes. Fishing licenses are required for all individuals 16 years of age and older. If you do not have one, you can obtain one by visiting this website: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/licenses/online-sales.html>



Can I win more than one prize?

Participants are allowed to win one prize per

How will prizes be awarded?

Prizes will be awarded at the information tent, located near the public beach, as soon as the winners are determined after 12 pm. If a winner is unable to collect their prize, they can arrange a time to pick it up from the RWMWD office.

When is prize pickup?

Prize pickup will begin as winners are announced no later than 12:15 pm.