

# Welcome to Deer Lake

A Natural Treasure in Stevens County, Washington

Nestled in the picturesque landscapes of **Stevens County, Washington**, Deer Lake is a **pristine freshwater retreat** located just **35 miles north of Spokane** and **5 miles from Loon Lake**. With its **crystal-clear waters, abundant wildlife, and vibrant community**, the lake offers the perfect escape for outdoor enthusiasts, vacationers, and year-round residents alike.

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## Deer Lake at a Glance

- **Size & Depth:** Spanning **1,150 acres**, with a **maximum depth of 75 feet** and an **average depth of 52 feet**.
  - **Shoreline & Elevation:** The lake features **8.8 miles of shoreline** and sits at **2,485.5 feet** when full, with a seasonal depth variation of **2.5 feet**.
  - **Water Clarity & Climate:** Renowned for its **deep, clean water**, visibility reaches **25 feet on average**. The region averages **50 inches of snowfall annually**.
  - **Infrastructure:** Thanks to proactive community efforts, the lake has a **sewer and water system** encircling its shores.
  - **Residency:** A mix of **year-round and vacation homes**, with an **average resident age of 50 years old**. There are **approximately 450 waterfront lots**.
  - **Access & Amenities:**
    - The **main road does not fully encircle the lake**, but access points exist on the **southeast and west sides**.
    - **One private resort** is open to the public, along with various vacation rentals.
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## Outdoor Activities & Wildlife

Whether you seek adventure or relaxation, Deer Lake offers an abundance of activities:

- ✓ **Fishing** – Catch **bass (large and smallmouth), rainbow trout, brook trout, crappie, catfish, perch, mackinaw, and sunfish**. The **kokanee (silvers) population is dwindling** due to the discontinuation of stocking.
- ✓ **Boating & Swimming** – Enjoy the deep, refreshing waters for kayaking, paddleboarding, waterskiing, or a peaceful swim.
- ✓ **Hiking & Wildlife Viewing** – Explore the **750-acre wildlife refuge** on **N. Deer Lake Rd.**

✓ **Nature & Birdwatching** – Spot **bald eagles, ospreys, ducks, and migrating birds**, alongside native **deer, moose, black bears, bobcats, and cougars**.

The surrounding forests are rich with **native pines, tamarack, and cedar trees**, adding to the breathtaking scenery.

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## **Preserving Deer Lake: The Deer Lake Property Owners' Association (DLPOA)**

For over **50 years**, the **Deer Lake Property Owners' Association (DLPOA)** has been committed to protecting and enhancing the lake for **future generations**. With **over 400 members**, DLPOA is one of the largest property organizations in Washington.

### **Our Mission**





DLPOA actively works to:

- ✓ **Protect water purity** – Maintaining **clean, healthy** lake water.
- ✓ **Ensure safety** – Enhancing security, emergency response, and road safety.
- ✓ **Monitor development** – Encouraging responsible growth while preserving the lake's natural beauty.
- ✓ **Serve as a community voice** – Advocating for property owners with **local and state officials**.

### **Community Contributions & Achievements**

- **Sewer & Water System** – Installed decades ago, preventing environmental issues and saving property owners significant costs.
- **Roadside Cleanup** – Community-organized cleanups **twice a year**.
- **Dock Demolition Assistance** – Helping residents **safely and affordably** dispose of aging docks.
- **Safety Enhancements** – Installing **guard rails, speed limit signs, fire hydrants**, and increasing **law enforcement patrols** to prevent theft and vandalism.
- **Environmental Protection** – **Purchased wetlands in the narrows**, removing cattle that threatened water quality.
- **Fish Hatchery Support** – Annually releasing **fresh fish stock** into the lake.
- **Milfoil Control** – Early detection of **invasive aquatic plants**, with **oversight by the Lake Management District**.
- **Development Oversight** – Monitoring lakefront construction and collaborating with county officials.
- **Public Engagement** –
  - **Monthly forums (9 times a year)** with guest speakers from agencies like **County Commissioners, Fish & Game, Fire Dept., Utilities, and Sheriff's Office**.
  - **A community newsletter (mailed three times a year), events calendar, and an active website** ([www.dlpoa.com](http://www.dlpoa.com)) to keep residents informed.

## Annual Community Events

-  **Fourth of July Fireworks Show** – A spectacular lakeside tradition.
-  **Boat Parade** – A fun-filled event showcasing creative and festive watercraft.
-  **Community Parade** – Bringing families together for a memorable summer celebration.
-  **Pancake Breakfast** – A delicious gathering to connect with neighbors.

This and much more is what your low dues of \$20 helps to support! Please join DLPOA and reach out to learn how you can participate in the stewardship of our great lake.

Website: [www.dlpoa.com](http://www.dlpoa.com)

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## Plan Your Visit

Whether you're looking for a **serene retreat, a fishing haven, or an active community, Deer Lake is a true hidden gem** in Washington's great outdoors. With the dedicated efforts of the **Deer Lake Property Owners' Association**, the lake remains a **thriving, well-maintained, and cherished destination** for generations to come.

Come experience the beauty, adventure, and **strong community spirit** of Deer Lake!