McQuade Safe Harbor

**Overview:** McQuade Safe Harbor is about 10 miles from Duluth along Lake Superior and is a 2009 SOBA award winning site. This accessible facility is unique in that it provides a public boat access location, shore fishing, and a small craft harbor. Lake Superior is known for its sudden and extreme weather changes, with 30 mile per hour winds and over 12 to 15 foot waves occurring frequently. When the weather turns for the worst McQuade is often a harbor of refuge for all types of boaters. At the harbor up to four recreational vessels can tie up during storms.

**Cooperating Agencies:** MN Department of Natural Resources, St. Louis County, City of Duluth, US Army Corps of Engineers, Duluth and Lakewood Townships.

**Upgrades and redevelopment:** 2008.


**Amenities:** Four ramps (50 x 14 feet with 5 foot minimum depth at ramp ends), four docks (two in the ramp area and two staging/emergency mooring docks), kayak launch, paved parking for 60 cars and trailers, public restrooms, three acre small craft harbor basin (basin depth has 8 foot minimum entry and main basin has 5 foot depth at dock and ramp ends), interpretive kiosk, accessible pedestrian tunnel under the highway, accessible shore fishing, accessible breakwater walk and viewing area, and red navigation light on east breakwater light.
Two Harbors

**Overview:** Two Harbors Protected Access is located along the Two Harbors downtown waterfront on Agate Bay. Two Harbors Access is the only place along the North Shore where there is the opportunity to view iron ore loading docks. 1000 foot freighters, or more commonly called ‘ore boats’, visit the loading facility before traveling to other areas of the Great Lakes. This access became a SOBA award winning site in 2012.

**Cooperating Agencies:** MN Department of Natural Resources and City of Two Harbors.

**Upgrades and redevelopment:** 2011.

**Cost:** $1,100,000.

**Amenities:** Three ramps (150 foot crib dock and two boarding docks), paved parking for 54 cars and trailers, vault toilets, U.S. Army Corps breakwater, close to downtown shops and restaurants, red navigation beacon on the end of the crib dock, accessible kayak launch and dock, accessible parking for two trailers at ramp area, picnic area, and walking trail along waterfront.

Abbott Road

**Overview:** Abbott Road public water access is located on Island Lake Reservoir. This is a noteworthy site because it is the most recently upgraded access site in the area. Improvements were made to the boat ramp and parking area, to AIS treatment spaces, and to storm water management.

**Cooperating Agencies:** MN Department of Natural Resources and MN Power and Light (MPL).

**Upgrades and redevelopment:** 2017 and 2018.

**Cost:** $376,502.

**Amenities:** Two ramps, two floating boarding docks, paved parking for 25 trailers and 13 single cars, seasonal portable toilet, accessible parking for one trailer and one single car, kiosk for MPL campsites, public water access signs, AIS station, AIS decontamination trailer parking, access to MPL campsites around the Island Lake.
**Boy Scout Landing**

**Overview:** Boy Scout Landing is located on the St. Louis River and is a very heavily used site due to its proximity to urban areas. This access site is on a unique area of the river that provides a great shore fishing location. Visitors can catch many different varieties of fish, such as walleye, northern, musky, and sturgeon. Back in the day this area was frequently used by Boy Scout groups who camped and canoed here. Thus, starting the common name of ‘Boy Scout Landing’.

**Cooperating Agencies:** MN Department of Natural Resources and City of Duluth Park and Recreation Department.

**Upgrades and redevelopment:** 2013.

**Cost:** $429,889.

**Amenities:** Two ramps, two floating boarding docks, one Minncor Industries T style fishing pier, paved parking for 20 cars and trailers, seasonal portable toilet, accessible parking for one trailer, public water access signs, and AIS station.
**Rice’s Point**

**Overview:** Rice’s Point was developed in the early 1980s with several upgrades since. The facility is located within the Duluth-Superior Harbor, under the Blatnik Bridge. This is a highly used access site that not only provides access to Duluth and Superior, but also to the St. Louis River. There are many different opportunities for boaters using Rice’s Point.

**Cooperating Agencies:** MN Department of Natural Resources, City of Duluth, MN Power, MN Department of Transportation, and Duluth Seaway Port Authority.

**Upgrades and redevelopment:** 1990.

**Cost:**

**Amenities:** Two protected launch ramps, two boarding docks, paved parking for 75 cars and trailers, restrooms, adjacent fishing pier, opportunity to view vessels, St. Louis River and Duluth-Superior Harbor access.

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**Boating Access Site Trip Route**