

BIG ROUND LAKE

Big Round Lake has 3054 acres with a maximum depth of 74 feet. 70% of the lake is over 20 feet deep. Less than 10% of the lake is less than 3 feet deep. The average depth of Big Round Lake is 33 feet. The lake elevation is 1346 feet above sea level. There are approximately 98,000 Acre Feet of water present. There are two small DNR islands with a total shoreline of 0.35 miles. The largest DNR island on the north end can be camped on for one consecutive night at no charge-there are two campsites on this island. The rest of the lake has 19.88 miles of shoreline. Round Lake in general has the most expensive lake frontage in the immediate Hayward area.

Big Round Lake is a soft water, seepage lake with an outlet channel to Little round Lake and an intermittent small (dam controlled) inlet from Placid Lake. The lake level is poorly regulated by an inadequate “wood board” water control structure on Little Round Lake. The lake is in the Couderay River drainage system. Common fish species include muskellunge, walleye, smallmouth and largemouth bass, bluegill, black crappie, rock bass, perch, cisco, trout (recently stocked) and white suckers. In recent years some of the biggest Musky in the Hayward area has been taken from Round Lake. Other species in smaller numbers are northern pike, bluegills, bullheads, and minnows. Crayfish can be present in large numbers. Lots of tadpoles are seen in the summer. Eagles, bears, muskrat, bats, beaver, and otters can be seen. Multiple bird species including hummingbirds and Pileated Woodpeckers are present. The lake is occasionally speared for walleye in the spring by the LCO Tribe.

This is a large, deep (74 feet) clear water lake with very little aquatic vegetation. It is predominantly a sandy bottom lake with small boulders/rocks on the shoreline. Some sandbars are present. The water is in general cool with rare minimal to no late summer algae blooms. A few shallow bays can get weedy and mucky (Filter Bay e.g.). Only a few bogs, sedge meadow and tag alder swamps border the lake, and duck nesting is minor. There are several Loons that live and nest on the lake. There can be a lot of migratory birds in the spring and fall on the lake. There is less than 20 miles of shoreline with only four public boat landings. There is a small public beach on Hinton Bay off Peninsula Road.

Little Round Lake is south of Big Round Lake and is 229 acres in size with a maximum depth of 38 feet and a mean depth of 12 feet.

Squaw or Osprey Creek flows from Little Round Lake into Osprey (modern name) or Squaw Lake (historic name) which is 208 acres large with a maximum depth of 32 feet and a mean depth of 12 feet. This lake is less developed than Big or Little Round Lake at this time but there are at least two new good sized developments in initial phases (03/2006).

Maps: www.roundthelake.com/round_lake_maps.htm