

Iron River National Fish Hatchery



Quick Facts

- Iron River National Fish Hatchery was established in 1981
- The hatchery's primary objective is to produce native fish to aid in Great Lakes fisheries restoration efforts
- Seven permanent employees and eight intermittent employees
- Iron River annually produces 1.2 million yearling and 400,000 fall fingerling lake trout
- The hatchery annually produces 100,000 fingerling coaster brook trout
- Iron River annually produces 4 million lake trout eggs
- Iron River annually produces 1 million coaster brook trout eggs
- The hatchery assists Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge and Ashland Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office with restoration and management on Whittlesey Creek and within the Lake Superior basin

Public Use Opportunities

Self guided tours are available daily from dawn to dusk and staff guided tours can be arranged.

Most of the hatchery's 1,200 acres are open to hunting and other outdoor recreation.

Trails on the hatchery property are open to the public.

The hatchery hosts an open house every year in late summer.

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Directions

Take I-35 north from the Twin Cities to Duluth. Follow US HWY 2 east to Iron River. Once in Iron River, turn left (north) off US HWY 2 on to County Road A. Take County Road A north approximately 7 miles. Turn right (east) on to Fairview Road. Once on Fairview Road, drive east 1 mile. Fairview road ends at the Hatchery entrance.

