

Girl 11-0174-00

MN Lake ID: 11-0174-00
 County: Cass
 Ecoregion: Northern Lakes and Forests
 Major Drainage Basin: Upper Mississippi River
 Latitude/Longitude: 46.98472222 / -94.22663889
 Water Body Type: Public Waters
 Monitored Sites (Primary): 101
 Monitored Sites (Secondary): N/A

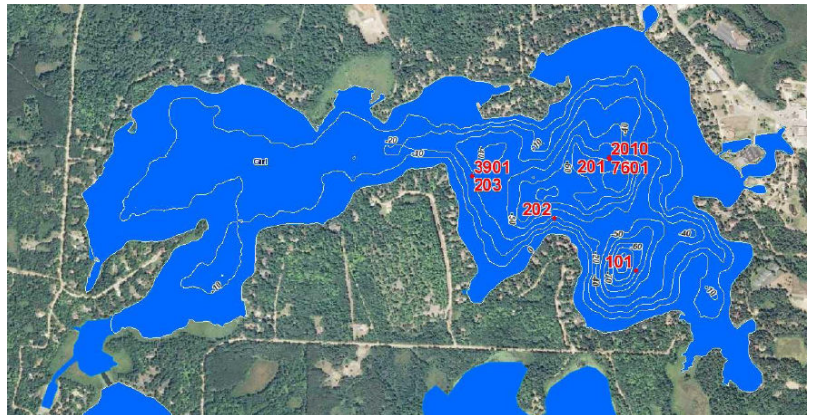
Physical Characteristics

Surface area (acres): 376
 Littoral area (acres): 222
 % Littoral area: 59%
 Max depth (ft): 65 (m): 19.8
 Mean depth (ft): 18 (m): 5.5
 Watershed size (acres): N/A

Water Quality Characteristics - Historical Means

Years monitored: 2008-2009

Parameters	Primary Site 101
Total Phosphorus Mean:	12.6
Total Phosphorus Min:	10
Total Phosphorus Max:	15
Number of Observations:	10
Chlorophyll-a Mean:	4.2
Chlorophyll-a Min:	1
Chlorophyll-a Max:	7
Number of Observations:	10
Secchi Depth Mean:	15.3
Secchi Depth Min:	13.5
Secchi Depth Max:	19.5
Number of Observations:	5
Trophic State Index Mean (Primary Site):	41.3
Trophic State:	Mesotrophic



Ecoregion Comparisons

Minnesota is divided into 7 ecoregions based on land use, vegetation, precipitation and geology. The MPCA has developed a way to determine the "average range" of water quality expected for lakes in each ecoregion.

From 1985-1988, the MPCA evaluated the lake water quality for chosen reference lakes. These reference lakes are not considered pristine, but are considered to have little human impact and therefore are representative of the typical lakes within the ecoregion. The "average range" refers to the 25th - 75th percentile range for data within each ecoregion.

Cass County is in the Northern Lakes and Forests Ecoregion.

Girl Lake compares to the ecoregion average ranges as indicated below:

Total Phosphorus:	Within expected range, which indicates expected water quality for the area
Chlorophyll-a:	Within expected range, which indicates expected water quality for the area
Secchi Depth:	Better than expected range, which indicates better than expected water quality for the area



Trend Analysis Report

For detecting trends, a minimum of 8-10 years of data with 4 or more readings per season are recommended. Minimum confidence accepted by the MPCA is 90%. This means that there is a 90% chance that the data are showing a true trend and a 10% chance that the trend is a random result of the data. Only short-term trends can be determined with just a few years of data, because there can be different wet years and dry years, water levels, weather, etc., that affect the water quality naturally.

There is not enough historical data to perform trend analysis for total phosphorus or chlorophyll *a* on Girl Lake. There is also not enough current transparency data to perform a trend analysis for Secchi depth.

Individual Lake Data Summary

County	MN Lake ID	Lake	Site	Date Range	Data Source
Cass	11-0174-00	Girl	101 (Primary)	06-01-2008 - 09-30-2009	RMB Lab

Historical Mean						12.6	4.2	15.3	40	43	38	41
Date	Time	Site	Sampler	Lab Code	Data Source	TP ug/L	ChlA ug/L	Secchi Ft.	TSI Phos.	TSI ChlAL	TSI Secchi Ft.	TSI Avg.
6/8/2008	10:15 AM	101	Gary Meyer	78422	RMB Lab	15	5	N/A	43	46	N/A	44
6/30/2008	7:45 AM	101	Gary Meyer	80732	RMB Lab	10	7	N/A	37	50	N/A	44
7/28/2008	8:10 AM	101	Gary Meyer	83596	RMB Lab	10	4	N/A	37	44	N/A	40
8/17/2008	8:19 AM	101	Gary Meyer	85405	RMB Lab	12	3	N/A	40	41	N/A	40
9/8/2008	8:00 AM	101	Gary Meyer	86966	RMB Lab	14	7	N/A	42	50	N/A	46
Annual Mean						12.2	5.2	N/A	39	46	N/A	42
Date	Time	Site	Sampler	Lab Code	Data Source	TP ug/L	ChlA ug/L	Secchi Ft.	TSI Phos.	TSI ChlAL	TSI Secchi Ft.	TSI Avg.
6/1/2009	8:40 AM	101	Keith Lorenson	98223	RMB Lab	15	1	15.5	43	31	38	37
6/21/2009	10:00 AM	101	Gary Meyer	101082	RMB Lab	12	3	19.5	40	41	34	38
7/12/2009	9:00 AM	101	Gary Meyer	103469	RMB Lab	11	4	13.5	39	44	40	41
8/10/2009	7:45 AM	101	Gary Meyer	107118	RMB Lab	14	5	14.5	42	46	39	42
9/13/2009	10:15 AM	101	Gary Meyer	110779	RMB Lab	13	3	13.5	41	41	40	41
Annual Mean						13	3.2	15.3	41	40	38	39