

# Long (South Basin) 11-0142-04

MN Lake ID: 11-0142-04  
 County: Cass  
 Ecoregion: Northern Lakes and Forests  
 Major Drainage Basin: Upper Mississippi River  
 Latitude/Longitude: 47.00472222 / -94.19638889  
 Water Body Type: Public Waters  
 Monitored Sites (Primary): 101  
 Monitored Sites (Secondary): 202

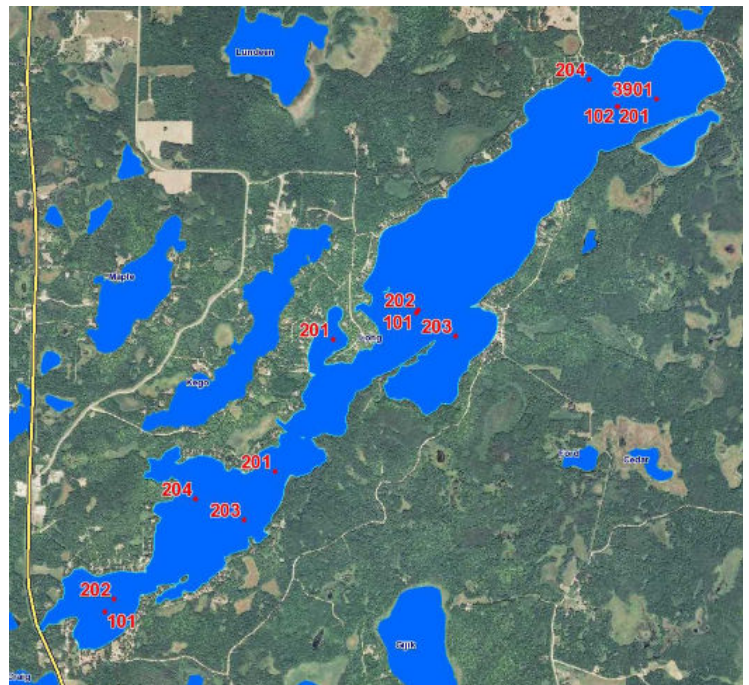
## Physical Characteristics

Surface area (acres): 272  
 Littoral area (acres): N/A  
 % Littoral area: N/A  
 Max depth (ft): 83 (m): 25.3  
 Mean depth (ft): N/A (m): N/A  
 Watershed size (acres): N/A

## Water Quality Characteristics - Historical Means

Years monitored: 2005, 2008-2009

Parameters	Primary Site 101
<b>Total Phosphorus Mean:</b>	12.1
<b>Total Phosphorus Min:</b>	8
<b>Total Phosphorus Max:</b>	17
<b>Number of Observations:</b>	10
<b>Chlorophyll-a Mean:</b>	2.2
<b>Chlorophyll-a Min:</b>	1
<b>Chlorophyll-a Max:</b>	4
<b>Number of Observations:</b>	10
<b>Secchi Depth Mean:</b>	20.8
<b>Secchi Depth Min:</b>	15
<b>Secchi Depth Max:</b>	32
<b>Number of Observations:</b>	10
<b>Trophic State Index Mean (Primary Site):</b>	36.3
<b>Trophic State:</b>	Oligotrophic



## 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 25<sup>th</sup> - 75<sup>th</sup> percentile range for data within each ecoregion.

Cass County is in the Northern Lakes and Forests Ecoregion.

**Long Lake – South Basin (Site 101)** compares to the ecoregion average ranges as indicated below:

Total Phosphorus:	Better than expected range, which indicates better than expected water quality for the area
Chlorophyll-a:	Better than expected range, which indicates better than 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 for to perform trend analysis for total phosphorus, chlorophyll *a*, or Secchi depth on Long Lake – South Basin (Site 101).

### Individual Lake Data Summary

County	MN Lake ID	Lake	Site	Date Range	Data Source
Cass	11-0142-04	Long (South Basin)	101 (Primary)	06-01-2008 - 09-30-2009	RMB Lab

Historical Mean						12.1	2.2	20.8	39	37	33	36
Date	Time	Site	Sampler	Lab Code	Data Source	TP ug/L	ChIA ug/L	Secchi Ft.	TSI Phos.	TSI ChlAL	TSI Secchi Ft.	TSI Avg.
<a href="#">6/8/2008</a>	1:20 PM	101	Alley/Lerom	78444	RMB Lab	10	1	25	37	31	31	33
<a href="#">6/30/2008</a>	9:40 AM	101	Alley/Lerom	80748	RMB Lab	8	1	32	34	31	27	31
<a href="#">7/28/2008</a>	9:40 AM	101	Alley/Lerom	83599	RMB Lab	15	2	22	43	37	33	38
<a href="#">8/17/2008</a>	1:45 PM	101	Alley/Lerom	85402	RMB Lab	11	2	17	39	37	36	37
<a href="#">9/8/2008</a>	9:30 AM	101	Alley/Lerom	86962	RMB Lab	11	4	16	39	44	37	40
Annual Mean						11	2	22.4	38	36	32	35
Date	Time	Site	Sampler	Lab Code	Data Source	TP ug/L	ChIA ug/L	Secchi Ft.	TSI Phos.	TSI ChlAL	TSI Secchi Ft.	TSI Avg.
<a href="#">5/31/2009</a>	11:30 AM	101	Alley/Lerom	98183	RMB Lab	17	3	20	45	41	34	40
<a href="#">6/22/2009</a>	10:00 AM	101	Alley/Lerom	101112	RMB Lab	12	1	25	40	31	31	34
<a href="#">7/13/2009</a>	9:37 AM	101	Lerom/Loeffler	103440	RMB Lab	11	2	18	39	37	35	37
<a href="#">8/10/2009</a>	9:47 AM	101	Lerom/Loeffler	107113	RMB Lab	15	3	15	43	41	38	41
<a href="#">9/14/2009</a>	9:45 AM	101	Alley/Loeffler	110790	RMB Lab	11	3	18	39	41	35	38
Annual Mean						13.2	2.4	19.2	41	38	34	38