

OUTDOORS

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Fall fishing trip

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Participants of the Indus Recreation Club recently had a chance to wet a line at Jake and Dorothy Blake's trout pond in Birchdale. Tyler Fellows and Brett Nelson, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Office, Baudette, also came to the event to teach the kids about fish and fishing. They provided 24 fishing rods for students to use and gave out posters of "The Fish of Minnesota." Fellows

and Nelson also taught the kids how to caste their lures. The students took their fishing pretty seriously, judging by how quiet it got once they wet their lines, reported organizers. About seven fish were caught and bagged by the Blakes for the students to bring home for a meal. Hot dogs, chips, and beverages were provided by the Blakes. Organizers said the warm, sunny afternoon will be well remembered by the students as they sit in classrooms this winter.



A trout caught during the Indus Recreation Club outing to the Blake trout pond netted results.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Participants in the Indus Recreation Club fish at Jake and Dorothy Blake's trout pond in Birchdale.

Temporary off-highway vehicle trail closures begin in November

DNR STAFF REPORT

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will restrict recreational use of off-highway vehicles in some areas during the upcoming firearms deer hunting season. Vehicles affected by the restrictions include all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and registered off-road vehicles such as four-wheel drive trucks that are not being used in conjunction with deer hunting by a licensed deer hunter.

The restrictions, which apply to state forest trails and access routes but not to state forest roads, aim to protect recreational riders from potentially unsafe riding conditions and to minimize conflicts

between deer hunters and recreational riders who may inadvertently disturb them.

Licensed deer hunters may still use these routes in conjunction with their hunting activity:

- Before legal shooting time.
- From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- After legal shooting hours.

Effective dates of the recreational riding restrictions will be:

- Nov. 8–23 for the north-eastern Minnesota 100 Series deer season.
- Nov. 8–16 for the Minnesota 200 Series deer season.

Because recreational OHV trails located in southeastern Minnesota close Nov. 1 each year, no additional OHV riding re-

strictions are necessary in that part of the state.

While many recreational OHV riders have voluntarily opted not to ride forest trails during deer hunting and small-game seasons, recreational OHV riding has become a year-round sport for many. DNR officials remind everyone who visits Minnesota's state forests this fall to put safety first.

For more information, see the 2014 deer season map online at www.mndnr.gov (http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rfp/regulations/hunting/2014/deer_map.pdf) or contact the DNR Information Center at info.dnr@state.mn.us or 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A LOOK OUTSIDE



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Linda Pelland shared this photo of a moose standing just outside the window of her cabin on Withrow Point, Rainy Lake.

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