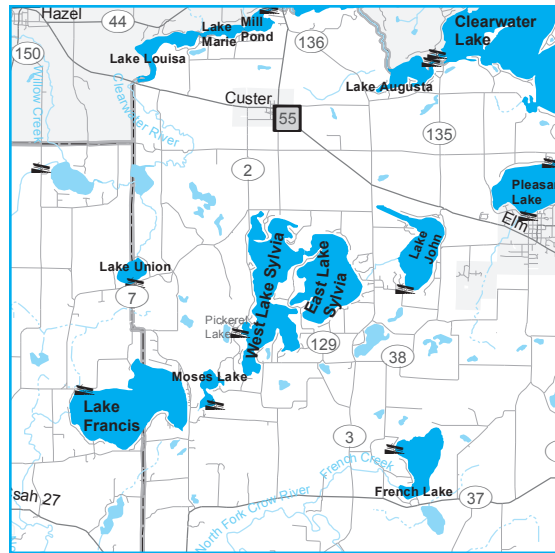


WEST LAKE SYLVIA

EAST LAKE SYLVIA

Wright County



Watershed: Crow

Surface area: 872 acres
Shorelength: 11.8 miles
Maximum depth: 88 feet
Mean depth: NA
Secchi disk (water clarity): NA
Water color: Pale green

Accessibility: State-owned public access with concrete ramp on west shore; twenty-five trailer spaces
Accommodations: Restrooms

Shoreland zoning: General dev.
Management class: Walleye-centrarchid
Ecological type: Centrarchid

Watershed: Crow

Surface area: 652 acres
Shorelength: 5.8 miles
Maximum depth: 78 feet
Mean depth: NA
Secchi disk (water clarity): 17.0 feet
Water color: Clear

Accessibility: Via navigable channel from West Sylvia (ramp on West Sylvia)
Accommodations: None

Shoreland zoning: General dev.
Management class: Walleye-centrarchid
Ecological type: Centrarchid-walleye

| FISH STOCKING DATA | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|------------|------------|--|
| year | species | size | # released | |
| 98 | Walleye | Fingerling | 3,270 | |
| 00 | Walleye | Yearling | 670 | |
| 01 | Walleye | Fingerling | 4,385 | |
| 03 | Walleye | Fingerling | 4,402 | |

| NET CATCH DATA | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Date: | Gill Nets | | Trap Nets | |
| | # per net | avg. fish weight (lbs.) | # per net | avg. fish weight (lbs.) |
| 7/29/02 | | | | |
| species | | | | |
| Black Bullhead | - | - | 0.2 | 0.76 |
| Black Crappie | 0.5 | 0.17 | 0.9 | 0.41 |
| Bluegill | 2.5 | 0.19 | 5.4 | 0.14 |
| Green Sunfish | 0.1 | 0.04 | - | - |
| Hybrid Sunfish | 2.1 | 0.17 | 1.9 | 0.26 |
| Largemouth Bass | 3.5 | 0.49 | 0.2 | 1.04 |
| Northern Pike | 6.4 | 1.68 | 0.3 | 1.18 |
| Pumpkin. Sunfish | 4.3 | 0.22 | 2.7 | 0.22 |
| Rock Bass | 2.4 | 0.40 | 0.6 | 0.40 |
| Walleye | 1.9 | 2.10 | - | - |
| Yellow Bullhead | 16.4 | 0.65 | 2.7 | 0.72 |
| Yellow Perch | 0.1 | 0.07 | - | - |

| LENGTH OF SELECTED SPECIES SAMPLED FROM ALL GEAR | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| species | Number of fish caught for the following length categories (inches): | | | | | | | Total |
| | 0-5 | 6-8 | 9-11 | 12-14 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | |
| Black Bullhead | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Black Crappie | 1 | 7 | 7 | - | - | - | - | 15 |
| Bluegill | 45 | 40 | - | - | - | - | - | 85 |
| Brown Bullhead | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 3 |
| Green Sunfish | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Hybrid Sunfish | 14 | 26 | - | - | - | - | - | 40 |
| Largemouth Bass | 1 | 11 | 12 | 6 | - | - | - | 30 |
| Northern Pike | - | - | 3 | 5 | 25 | 17 | 5 | 55 |
| Pumpkin. Sunfish | 24 | 42 | - | - | - | - | - | 66 |
| Rock Bass | 2 | 22 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 26 |
| Walleye | - | 1 | - | - | 11 | 3 | - | 15 |
| Yellow Bullhead | - | 14 | 123 | 26 | - | - | - | 163 |
| Yellow Perch | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |

FISHING INFORMATION: Twin Lake is gone, only a memory of past times. Now **East and West Sylvia** live as one lake set in a picturesque area of South Haven's rolling hills, still connected by a channel. Both bays are deep, clear and are home to some nice walleyes, pike, largemouth bass, crappies, tullibeas and other assorted panfish. Jim of Little Jim's Sports (900 Elm St. East, Annandale, MN 55302; (302) 274-5297) told us that both East and West Sylvia are good fishing basins, although the clear water can push the fish down deep during bright-light conditions. In fact, Jim says it is not uncommon to find fish down as deep as fifty to sixty feet. However, the bass and walleyes come up shallower early and late in the day — during low-light conditions — especially in spring and fall of the year. The largemouth can be found throughout both lake's weedbeds and other structure.

The East Sylvia island, and between the two north bays on West Sylvia, are a couple of popular spots year-round. The bays on the

| FISH STOCKING DATA | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|------------|------------|--|
| year | species | size | # released | |
| 98 | Walleye | Fingerling | 3,495 | |
| 00 | Walleye | Fingerling | 30 | |
| 00 | Walleye | Yearling | 416 | |
| 01 | Walleye | Fingerling | 4,938 | |
| 03 | Walleye | Fingerling | 2,635 | |

| NET CATCH DATA | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Date: | Gill Nets | | Trap Nets | |
| | # per net | avg. fish weight (lbs.) | # per net | avg. fish weight (lbs.) |
| 7/22/02 | | | | |
| species | | | | |
| Black Bullhead | 0.1 | 1.17 | - | - |
| Black Crappie | 0.3 | 0.49 | 0.2 | 0.40 |
| Bluegill | 3.0 | 0.16 | 5.4 | 0.14 |
| Green Sunfish | 0.9 | 0.06 | - | - |
| Hybrid Sunfish | 2.4 | 0.18 | 2.6 | 0.25 |
| Largemouth Bass | 5.1 | 0.59 | 0.3 | 0.29 |
| Northern Pike | 5.8 | 2.30 | 0.2 | 2.20 |
| Pumpkin. Sunfish | 14.0 | 0.22 | 4.0 | 0.23 |
| Rock Bass | 3.4 | 0.37 | 0.3 | 0.40 |
| Walleye | 1.9 | 2.83 | trace | 6.01 |
| Yellow Bullhead | 16.8 | 0.69 | 1.5 | 0.67 |
| Yellow Perch | 0.5 | 0.10 | - | - |

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| | 0-5 | 6-8 | 9-11 | 12-14 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | |
| Black Bullhead | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Black Crappie | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Bluegill | 43 | 46 | - | - | - | - | - | 89 |
| Green Sunfish | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 |
| Hybrid Sunfish | 20 | 30 | - | - | - | - | - | 50 |
| Largemouth Bass | - | 14 | 26 | 5 | - | - | - | 45 |
| Northern Pike | - | - | - | 2 | 10 | 24 | 12 | 48 |
| Pumpkin. Sunfish | 59 | 101 | - | - | - | - | - | 160 |
| Rock Bass | 2 | 26 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 30 |
| Walleye | - | 1 | 1 | - | 6 | 6 | 2 | 16 |
| Yellow Bullhead | 2 | 12 | 111 | 27 | - | - | - | 152 |
| Yellow Perch | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 |

north and south end of West Sylvia provide good crappie and bass habitat, as well. The sunken islands in Sylvia are productive for all gamefish. Leeches on light line with small hooks are effective for walleyes, but shiners rule in the winter. Deep-running cranks and jigs trolled around the deep weedlines will produce bass and pike. Small Flu-Flu jigs tipped with crappie minnows are the favored bait for papermouths, but they're hard to find until ice-out. Start out shallow and move deeper until you locate fish. And as mentioned previously, don't be afraid to go way down a little further than normal. Although fish are generally more active when they are in shallower water, they can be enticed into striking if you run a deep-diving crankbait or spoon in front of them. More natural colors for lures, jigs and crankbaits are fine on Sylvia with its tremendous water clarity.

