



## Ice Fishing, Snow Shoe Hiking and Snow Man Building on Minsi Lake

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UPPER MT. BETHEL - It's been a few years since anybody has been walking across Minsi Lake on the ice because of warmer winters and the construction of the new dam. But this past week I talked to some people who spent the day on the lake fishing, snow shoe hiking and building snowmen.

A father and son team started at the west shore trail entrance and hiked half way around the lake, then came out onto the lake and hiked across to the west shore parking lot. "The snow pack was great, made it easy to walk on with our snow shoes" they said.

The fishermen also father and son were headed out to the south jetty, just about mid lake to fish the deepest part. They had a sled full of equipment including some smaller more modern snow shoes. "these new shoes are less bulky and easier to walk in" they said. "We're headed down to the deeper part of the lake where we saw people catching fish the other day we were here."

Joining our conversation was Zac Rudd a waterways conservation officer who I've known over the years who was talking with fishermen at the lake that day. "I'm reminding everybody that trout season for harvesting was over on the 15th this month for this year, so it's catch and release only" said Rudd.

"Due to the new one date opening for all of PA. we had to close it early to be able to get in all the stocking for the April 3rd date."

The weather will be starting to warm up soon so if you go out on the lake be safe, prepared and bring a friend.



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