

## Round Lake Beaches

The following is a brief history of how a beach was formed on Round Lake by a former Round Lake owner now deceased on the south shore of Big Round Lake. This is not recommended now and I believe is not legal without DNR permits.

About 30 years ago or so 3 “wing dams” or berms were made each with about a dump load or so (10 yards) of field stone perpendicular to the shore line. The fieldstone dam went out about 15-20 feet or so from the shore line in shallow water. Very quickly a sandy beach was formed by the wave action on the windward side of the dam. Presently the three beaches that he made in this manner are now several thousand feet in total size. Pictures show the mature beach with sand at the shoreline and grass and shrubs are now growing as well on the man made beach. The fieldstone berms or dams can still be seen on shore covered with decades of biological material and the fieldstone in the water originally is now completely covered with sand. Most of the original sunken fieldstone is covered with sand and beach.



Residua of fieldstone dam that once went 15 to 20 feet into water. The top left of picture shows few thousand square foot beach now present with mature cover.



This beach was made with fieldstone berm or dam and the water once went up to the old red deck by the shoreline. At the top

**upper left shows the other beach formed by a berm just beyond where the red deck is. The beach in the foreground was formed by a berm where picture was taken.**



**The shrubs are growing where a fieldstone berm is. The berm is covered with vegetation and there is a mound there now. The fieldstone that once protruded into the lake is covered with sand and now sunken. All of the visible beach in this picture was formed by this fieldstone berm.**



**Residua of fieldstone berm on shore.**



**Entire Beach was made by fieldstone berm which was located at the point in the top right of picture. The water used to go almost to tree line.**