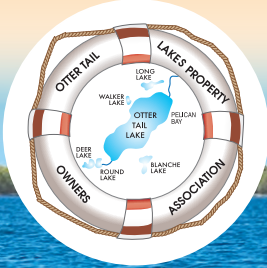
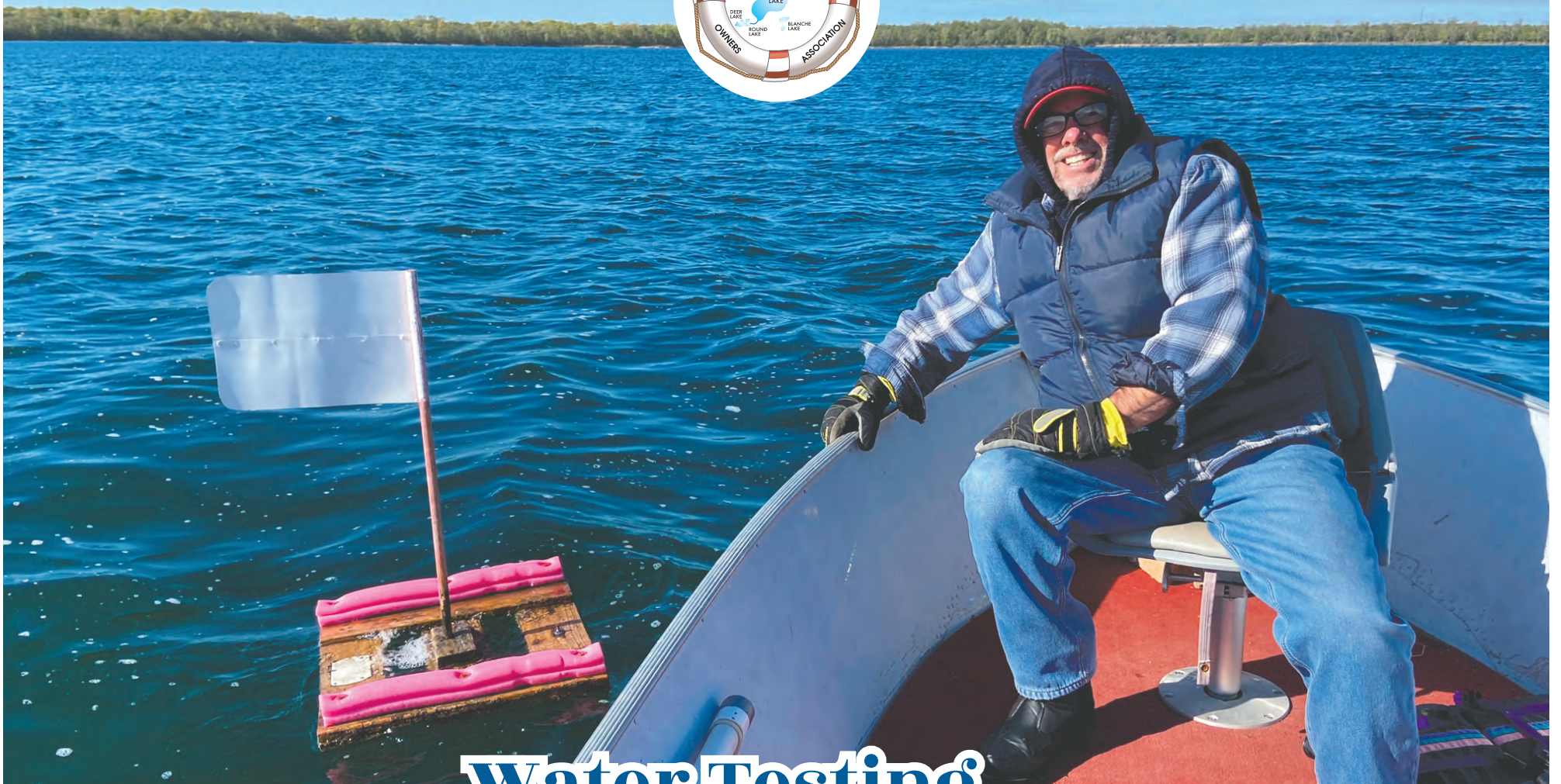


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Water Tester, Ken Wentz, on Blanche Lake
PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MARY JO WENTZ

Water Testing Underway!

May 21st was the first water testing of this season...as you can see it was a cold one! It goes to show the great dedication of our water testers.

MAY RESULTS

Long Lake: 3ft | Walker Lake: 6.5 ft
Deer Lake: 18.5ft | Round Lake: 12.5ft
Blanche Lake: 25ft

Ottertail Lake: No information to report at time of publication

ANNUAL MEETING FOR OTLPOA COMING UP!

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, AMOR

Coffee, Juice, & Rolls served at 8:30am | Meeting at 9:00am

OTLPOA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS HAVE BEEN MAILED.

If you do not receive a renewal form, you are encouraged to let us know immediately. Renewal forms can be found on page 3 please fill out and mail to: PO Box 21, Battle Lake, MN 56515 or you can visit

www.OTLPOA.com

and under the membership section pay online.

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OTTER TAIL LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (OTLPOA) MISSION STATEMENT

The object and purpose of this corporation shall be to promote the community welfare and civic development of all areas of Otter Tail County bordering on or approximate to the shoreline of Otter Tail Lake and such other land areas further removed therefrom as its members shall from time to time determine, and to assist the property owners within said area in the preservation of their civic areas and those of Otter Tail Lake itself, including the planting and promulgation of fish therein and the protection and preservation of wildlife on the land areas adjacent to Otter Tail Lake as may be determined by the members, to promote and develop the horticultural development of the areas described, to promote the cultural and social lives of the inhabitants of said area and to provide a vehicle by which legal or political problems common to the areas and the inhabitants thereof, including tax problems, may be resolved in any manner provided by law for the common welfare of the members of this corporation; and to that and this corporation may acquire by purchase or other means such real or personal property as may be necessary in carrying out its stated objectives and to mortgage or sell or exchange the same and to do any and all other acts permitted by the laws of the State of Minnesota in furtherance of its stated purposes.

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president's corner

Roger Anderson | OTLPOA President



Hello everyone!

Wind and rain seemed to be the theme for May for Ottertail lakes this year. We have endured a lot of both, especially Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day Weekend. Many had trees down, branches and debris all over the yards, dock sections missing, boat and pontoon covers ripped and torn. We even had our flagpole snapped in two; I found our flag in

the shallows near our dock. This all made for a busy Tuesday of clean-up and repair. Remember, after storms like this and throughout the summer, if you find items that don't belong to you (dock sections, life jackets, and, yes, even flags), please contact OTLPOA Lost and Found. If you are unable to locate your lost items, or unable to return something to the rightful owner, please email a photo and/or description to secretary@otlpoa.com. We had neighbors we didn't even know return a few of our dock sections and were very appreciative!

In spite of stormy weather, we do have many things to be thankful for. The water levels are back to even higher than normal for this time of year. The fishing opener on area lakes was very successful. Many reported that it was the best opening fishing weekend in quite some time.

Get involved! OTLPOA is excited to announce that we are working

on a new website. This new design will provide our members with even more information about happenings in the lakes area. It is our goal to keep this website current and increase communication for our members. We are asking each of our members to become more engaged and involved by contributing to website contents and let us know what you think should be included. We are also seeking two new OTLPOA Directors. Please consider becoming a board member.

Please join us for OTLPOA Annual Meeting on June 25th at Zion Lutheran Church in Amor. Continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 am, meeting will follow at 9:00.

As always, continue to be good stewards of our lakes. More information is at www.dnr.state.mn.us.

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OTTER TAIL LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MARK YOUR Calendars

June 23rd | July 28th
Aug. 25th | Sept. 22nd | Oct 27th
Annual meeting June 25th

**Monthly Meetings
now begin
at 6:30pm**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Inc. 2022 Membership (Check one)

Property Owner Member: _____ **Associate Member:** _____
(Owners Lake Property) (Does not own lake property or shares ownership)

**Name of Property Owner living
at lake property address:** _____

Address of Property _____ House/Street # _____
(this is the blue house number/street for your lake home) City/State Zip _____

Summer "mailing" address (5/15 – 8/30): _____ House/Street # _____
(must be valid US Postal deliverable address) City/State Zip _____

Winter mailing address (9/1-5/15): _____ House/Street # _____
City/State Zip _____

Email: (please print legibly) _____
Notification of date for tent caterpillar/worm spraying, updates of possible lake changing issues, etc. (If you don't personally have an email address, you can substitute one for a family member who will let you know of these notifications).
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Annual Dues (Jan.-Dec.)

- Membership \$35.00
- Foundation \$10.00
- Worm Payment \$30.00

Includes \$10 donation to OTLPOA Foundation \$ 75.00

Additional support for the Foundation (tax deductible)

\$10.00 _____ \$20.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ Other _____ \$ _____

The OTLPOA Foundation was established to obtain financial resources to maintain water quality for recreation, fishing, and enjoyment when Government resources are not provided.

(Total enclosed) \$ _____

Make check payable to: OTLPOA and mail to: PO Box 21, Battle Lake, MN 56515
Or visit www.OTLPOA.com to pay by credit card (under the membership section)

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What lake related topic or issue is most important to you? How do you think our Association can help?

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Five issues of Lakeshore News

Lakeshore directory that is published every two years

Continental breakfast at the Annual Meetings

Representation at Minnesota Lakes & Rivers -&- Coalition of Lake Associations (which includes water testing of our lakes)

Establishment of AIS monitoring system (ILIDS)



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To report a violation, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, call toll-free 1-800-652-9093 or key in #TIP on your cell phone. Another option is to go online and fill out a form at

www.dnr.state.mn.us/enforcement/tipreportingform.html.

Round Lake News

The winter of 2018-19, Round Lake suffered significant fish winter-kill of all species. The only species seen that spring were the smaller northern, most likely all male (according to the DNR) and a few young largemouth bass. This historic event (an almost total fish die-off/winter kill) started the process of restocking our lake with game fish as we are not part of the Otter Tail river chain of Blanche, Deer, Long, Pelican Bay, Otter Tail, and Walker that shares fish stocked by the DNR. We are in our 4th year of the stocking process. The lake is doing well. Many anglers and 'fish watchers' have reported all species thriving. We also have a shared newsletter with emails and contacts of property owners if help is needed for future conservation efforts.

Thank you to the association, donors, and advocates that helped with this initiative.



Tips from Wilson

*We dogs love the lakes
as much as our humans do!*

We dogs may need extra reminders from our owners to keep our barks to a minimum, so that others can enjoy their time at the lake, too.

Also, we LOVE to explore the lakes. The smells! The people! The other dogs! But, it's best that our owners keep us on a leash and not leave us outside unattended, so that we don't get lost.

Board Meeting Minutes

Ottertail Lake's Property Owner's Association, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

Apr. 28th, 2022 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by President Anderson. Members present: Wentz, Kemling, Long, Hunke, Overturf, Gerken, Ness, Snyder and Simdorn Absent: Oxberry, Mourtisen, Rizk

Approval of Agenda - unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes - unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Bills - Approved unanimously as distributed, except for 2 bills for 831 Web.

Need more information on what these were for.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Pres. Anderson introduced Howard Fullhart from DNR. He discussed the plans for Ottertail Lake Fish Passage project. He described how it would be done and plans going forward. Discussions on how this would impact water levels on Ottertail and other lakes within our association. The board will be gathering more information to pass on to membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership - Wentz reported we have 904 members at this time.

Auditing/Finance - Audit for 2021 and budget for 2022 will be completed for next board meeting.

DNR/GOV'T - nothing at this time.

Water Testing/COLA - Nothing at this time.

Communications - Pictures and content needed for Lakeshore News.

Website - website committee is getting more pricing and content information. Discussion about what information does the board want on the website? Email to go out to ask each board member to respond with ideas. Will report more to board at May meeting.

Worm - nothing at this time

Foundation - Discussed needing more collaboration and information from foundation board

Social - discussed annual meeting, evening meeting? Will gather ideas and report back for May meeting.

OTLPOA board meetings will now start at 6:30PM instead of 7PM.

OLD BUSINESS - 2022 directory will be done by Battle Lake Review, they will contact advertisers and hope to have it ready for annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed river issues along Tail of the Otter in Ottertail City, weeds and silt make passage almost impossible during low water. Two groups are working on ideas, the city of Ottertail is involved as well.

Board has heard from many members regarding high valuations on their properties. Property owners can call their county commissioners and the Assessor's office's to make their views known. The Otter Tail county website has good information as well.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:28PM.

Next meeting is May 26th 6:30PM

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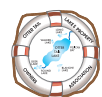
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Men's Prayer Breakfast - 1st Saturday 7:00 am
Potluck Dinner - 2nd Sunday

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Sunday Mass 8:30am, May - September

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Saturday Mass 4:00pm, May - September
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Our Lady of the Lake - Battle Lake

Sunday Mass 10:30 am

LAKES AREA Church Directory 2022

 Indicates Barrier-Free Access

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Battle Lake Campus:
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Sunday School 9:00 am
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Coffee Fellowship: 9:00 am
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Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays



Sverdrup Lutheran Church

PO Box 70
209 Southern Ave. E., Underwood
Tammy Jacobson, Pastor
Church—218-826-6919
Worship 9:00 am

Tingvold Lutheran Church

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September 1-May 31: Service 11:00 am
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Rod Turnquist, Pastor
Church—218-367-2270
Worship 8:45 am
Coffee Fellowship following Worship

Richville United Methodist Church

130 SW 1st Ave., Richville
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Church—218-346-5656
Worship 10:30 am
Coffee Fellowship following Worship 2nd & 4th Sunday

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Swimming lessons are provided by OTLPOA foundation and Association and are taught by staff from Fergus Falls Area YMCA instructors. Kids or adults successfully completing a class are reimbursed for cost of lessons. The goal of the OTLPOA foundation and association is to prevent any tragic incidents on our lakes.

Swimming lessons will meet five times for 45 minutes each time. (Preschool lessons are 30 minutes each.) Instructors will not have much time between lessons, so swimmers are asked to be ready to begin their lesson immediately at their start time. Parents are encouraged to stay and watch lessons. If parents leave the swimming area during lessons, they are asked to be back promptly at the end of the lesson. Instructors will not be able to supervise swimmers in the water who are not in a lesson. Swimming lessons meet regardless of weather. If it is unsafe to swim due to weather,safety skills will be taught in the shelter located near each beach.

LOCATIONS

Ottertail Lake at Amor Park Beach and West Battle Lake across from Lions Park in Battle Lake. Advance registrations only. No registrations at the beach. *Spots held only upon payment*

Preschool (approximate ages 2 1/2 to 5 years): Learn water adjustment skills, front and back float. Learn to move in the water on front and back. Learn to be comfortable in the water. Lessons meet Monday through Friday, five lessons of 30 minutes each. Limited enrollment; register early.

Level 1 Introduction to Water Skills (approximate ages 5-7): This level is ideal for the child who has not had previous swim instruction or is unable or uncomfortable with putting their entire face in the water. The purpose of this level is for students to become more comfortable in the water. Students will become proficient in skills such as entering and exiting the water safely, submerging entire face, using a life jacket, and beginning front and back float.

Level 2 Fundamental Aquatic Skills (approximate ages 7 & 8): This level is ideal for the child who is able to put their face in the water but is unable to independently float on their front and back. The purpose of this level is for students to begin to develop fundamental water skills. In this level,students will learn to swim unaided 15 feet on either their front or back as well as entering the water by jumping or stepping from the side, treading water, roll over from back to front and front to back.

Level 3 Stroke Development (approximate ages 8 & 9): In this level, students will continue to build on the fundamentals learned in the previous levels. The skills mastered in this level include rotary breathing, front and back crawl, butterfly kick and body motion, standing or kneeling dive, survival float, tread water for 30 seconds, as well as emergency situation Check Call Care.

Level 4 Stroke Improvement (approximate ages 9 & 10): In this level, students develop confidence in the skills learned in previous levels as well as improve other aquatic skills. The skills mastered in this level include swimming 25 yards of front and back crawl as well as 15 yards of butterfly,breaststroke, and elementary backstroke. In addition to these skills, water safety will also be implemented through the learning of a throwing assist, safe diving rules, and how to care for a choking victim.

Level 5 Stroke Refinement (approximate ages 9-12): In this level, students will further coordinate and refine skills they have learned in past levels. Students will master the following skills: front and back crawl, sidestroke, breaststroke, front flip turn, and elementary backstroke.

Level 6 Swimming and Skill Proficiency (approximate ages 11-13): In this level, students will focus on endurance and stroke technique. The purpose of this level is for students to refine strokes and be able to swim with ease,efficiency, power and effectiveness over great distances. Some skills for lifeguarding and fitness will be taught.

Red Cross Swimming Lessons Fergus Falls Area Family YMCA Staff

Please check one in the column below and please circle the level.

June 27-July 1: Ottertail Lake, Amor Park
___ 3:15-3:45pm Level Preschool
___ 3:15-4:00pm Level 1 3/4
___ 4:05-4:50pm Level 2 5/6
___ 4:05-4:35pm Level Preschool

July 11-15: Ottertail Lake, Amor Park
___ 3:15-4:00pm Level 2 3
___ 3:15-3:45pm Level Preschool
___ 4:05-4:50pm Level 1 4 5/6

July 18-22 West Battle Lake
___ 3:15-4:00pm Level 1 2 3
___ 4:05-4:50pm Level 2 3
___ 4:05-4:35pm Level Preschool

July 25-29 West Battle Lake
___ 1:00-1:30pm Level Preschool
___ 1:00-1:45pm Level 1 3
___ 1:50-2:35pm Level 2 4 5/6
___ 2:50-3:35pm Level 1 2
___ 2:50-3:20pm Level Preschool
___ 3:40-4:25pm Level 1 2 3

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Address _____

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work _____

2nd Contact _____ Cell _____
work _____

Please attach payment. Checks can be made payable to Battle Lake Community Education and mailed to Battle Lake Community Education, 402 W. Summit, Battle Lake, MN 56515.

YMCA staff and Battle Lake Public School will take every step possible to provide adequate supervision. However, as with any physical activity, there is a certain amount of risk of injury. The participating individual, parent, or guardian agrees not to hold the YMCA, Battle Lake School, employees, contractors, and volunteers responsible for claims resulting from training, attendance in, or participation in swimming lessons.

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Questions about specific swimming skills and placement in class, please contact Beth at 218-739-4489 ext. 211.

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DNR Offers Advice for Dealing With Storm Damaged Trees

MINNESOTA DNR NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

June 2, 2022

For more information: Contact the DNR Information Center by email or call 888-646-6367.

Cleanup following a storm can be an overwhelming task for homeowners. If trees have been damaged, knowing which to save and which to remove can enhance people's safety and the survival of remaining trees, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

WHEN ADDRESSING STORM-DAMAGED TREES:

DO:

- Use caution when approaching damaged trees. If there are downed wires, stay clear and call 911.
- Carefully inspect standing trees for damage and address hazardous trees first. Hazardous trees have detached or loosely hanging branches and split or cracked trunks that can cause injury or damage to property.
- Remove trees if more than 50% of the trunk or live branches in the crown are damaged, the tree is unnaturally leaning or roots are damaged, or the tree could injury people or damage property. If you're unsure if a tree should be removed or can be saved, consult with a certified arborist.
- Assess the size of the tree and pruning job and play it safe. Consult a certified arborist on medium and large branches, or whole tree removal.
- Use proper pruning techniques to remove small, broken limbs by cutting just outside the branch collar, but limit pruning to the minimum amount necessary to address safety risks. Too much pruning can weaken an already stressed tree – and many trees are stressed due to last year's drought.
- Make sure damaged trees get rain or are watered weekly to help them repair and rebuild. Be careful not to overwater, especially in heavy clay soils – the equivalent of 1 inch per week is ideal.
- Monitor damaged trees in upcoming years to make sure they don't decay or become a hazard.

DON'T:

- Be rushed by promises of bargains from inexperienced or unqualified tree service providers. Ask for references and proof of insurance.
- Repair a broken branch or fork of a tree with tape, wire, bolts or other wraps. The wound will not heal, and the split will invite decay and further weaken the tree. Cabling or bracing should only be performed by a certified arborist and inspected annually.
- Remove the tops of trees. This makes the tree more susceptible to insects and disease, and promotes the growth of new branches that are weakly attached.
- Apply paint or dressing to wounds, as these materials interfere with a tree's natural wound sealing process.
- Remove small, leaning trees. Trees less than 15 feet tall may survive if they are gently pulled back into place. Press out air spaces in the loosened soil. The tree can then be staked for up to a year.
- Fertilize stressed or damaged trees. Fertilizer can trigger rapid but weak growth and deplete the tree's energy reserves that are needed to recover from damage.



Damage From Memorial Weekend Storm
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Annual Meeting for Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Saturday, June 25, 2022

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AIS inspector inspecting pontoon going into Blanche Lake

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Decontamination Unit Added to Otter Tail Lake Sportsman Public Water Access

Otter Tail County will place a decontamination unit at the Otter Tail Lake Sportsman Public Water Access 1.5 miles south of downtown Ottortail City off of Minnesota State Highway 78. The site will be staffed starting June 10th Friday through Sunday between the hours of 7 AM and 5 PM.

Additionally, boaters can have courtesy decontaminations done at dozens of locations around the state. The decontamination units and DNR-authorized watercraft inspectors can help you comply with invasive species laws and reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species.

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Jun 23	OTLPOA Board Meeting
Jun 25	OTLPOA Annual Meeting
Jul 7-9	Pelican Fest (Pelican Rapids)
Jul 8	Relay for Life of East Otter Tail County (Perham)
Jul 9-10	Phelps Mill Arts Festival
Jul 14	Shop Move 'n Groove (Downtown Fergus Falls)
Jul 15	2022 Studio Tour - Art of the Lakes
Jul 16	Ottertail Business & Community Association Annual Auction
Jul 20-23	West Otter Tail County Fair (Fergus Falls)
Jul 21-24	East Otter Tail County Fair (Perham)
Jul 22-24	Wenonga Days (Battle Lake)
Jul 24	Wenonga Days 5K/10K Run & Walk (Battle Lake)
Jul 24	West Central Jr. Livestock Show (Fergus Falls)
Jul 28	OTLPOA Board Meeting
Aug 4-6	WE Fest (Detroit Lakes)
Aug 5-7	Parkers Prairie Fall Festival and Bull Ride
Aug 6	Rail Trails 100 Bike Tour (Fergus Falls)
Aug 12-14	Vergas Looney Days
Aug 12	Demo Derby (Ottertail City)
Aug 13	Art & Craft Affair (Battle Lake)
Aug 13	Otter Fest (Ottertail City)
Aug 13-14	Perham Pioneer Days
Aug 25	OTLPOA Board Meeting
Aug 26-27	Barnsville Potato Days Festival
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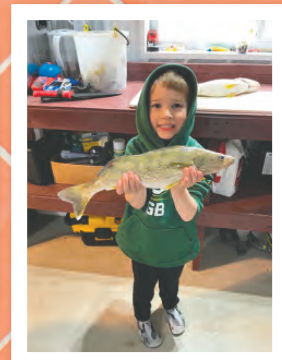
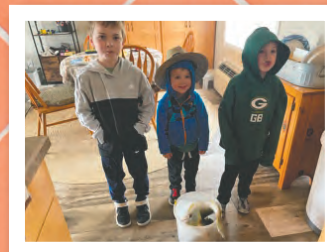
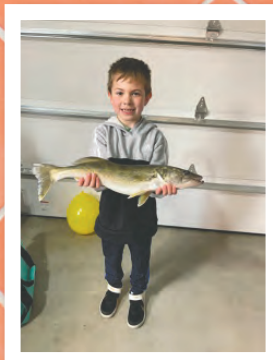
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Otter Tail Twp		5/20/22	HARMS FARM STORAGE LLC	RICKY & DIANA FUDER	52500	Residential



Little Free Library on Arbor Loop at Blanche Lake
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Maplewood State Park



PARK HIGHLIGHTS

- Camping
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Horseback Trails

HORSE CAMPING:

Campsites in the equestrian campgrounds can be reserved by phone or online. Some sites are able to accommodate additional campers (up to three). Please contact the park for approval. To reserve by phone, call 866-85PARKS.

FIREWOOD RESTRICTIONS INFORMATION:

Minnesota has enacted legislation that restricts firewood being brought to or used on DNR lands. Complete information and lists of vendors and locations where approved firewood is available are posted on the DNR Web site.

BIRDERS:

Bird Checklist available on our website for Maplewood State Park.



- The maple forest turns brilliant shades of orange, gold, and red in the fall.
- Eight major lakes and many ponds offer water lovers places to swim, fish, boat, and simply relax.
- Lake Lida has a sandy beach and large picnic areas for visitors.
- Drive along the scenic route to observe the wildlife: the park is host to 150 bird species and 50 species of mammals.
- The extensive trail system attracts hikers, horseback riders, and cross-country skiers.
- The only entrance to the park is located off highway 108 east of Pelican Rapids.

Lodging

- Camper Cabins, 5 cabins. Three year-round cabins with electricity; one of these is wheelchair accessible. Also one seasonal cabin with electricity and one seasonal cabin without electricity. The accessible cabin sleeps 5; the other four cabins sleep 6. Pets not allowed. More information on camper cabins.

Recreation Facilities

- Picnic Area with picnic shelter
- Picnic Shelter Open Shelter Available for rent.
- Golf Course 3 within 10 miles

Camping

- Drive-in Sites, 71 sites
- Electric Sites, 32 sites
- RV Length Limit 50' Length is measured from front of tow vehicle to rear of vehicle being towed.
- Backpack Sites, 3 sites
- Horse Camp, 24 sites, 200 Maximum Capacity. For reservations, contact the state park reservation service by phone or online. Some sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Group Camp, 1 Site - Accommodates up to 30 people. Site located in a remote, semi-wooded area between Bass and Beers Lakes. Vault toilets available. Water is approximately ½ mile away. Drive-in site that will accommodate tents, small trailers, or campers.

When staff are present, the Ranger Station will be open intermittently open for window service. No official office hours currently available. Use the self-registration kiosk at the park office. Leave a message if you get our voicemail, and we'll call you back.

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WATER & DRINKING WATER: Off in the campground for the season until May 13, 2022. Water is available year-round at the park office.

BATHROOM FACILITIES: Trail center restrooms are open year-round! Modern restroom facilities in the campground are closed for season until May 13, 2022. Vault toilets in the park are open year-round. Facilities are wheelchair accessible.

SHOWERS: Closed for season until May 13, 2022. Showers are wheelchair accessible.

DUMP STATION: None.

CAMPGROUNDS: Cart-in campground is open year-round. Camper Cabins and Yurts are open year-round, but just weekends between November 1 and March 31. The group camp is closed until May 13, 2022. Canoe sites are closed for season until April 29, 2022.

ELECTRIC SITES: One RV electric site is available after October 4 by calling the park. All camper cabins have electricity. *Special Notes for RV Campers: There is no RV camping in park in summer.*

TRAIL NOTES: The park has 11 miles of hiking trail, 5.2 miles of surfaced bike trail and 3.2 miles of mountain bike trails. In winter, park maintains 8 miles of groomed, easy to intermediate level cross-country ski trails, Snowshoeing is allowed alongside but not on groomed ski trails.

SEASON RENTALS: Bicycle, rowboat, canoe, kayak, paddleboat, and stand up paddleboard rental is open until October 25, 2021. Winter rentals (cross-country skis and snowshoes) are not available.

Nestled in the transition zone between prairie and hardwood forest, Glendalough offers a true respite from civilization. Crystal clear Annie Battle Lake is a 335-acre, non-motorized "Heritage Fishery" that provides a tranquil fishing experience second to none. Special regulations sustain a steady supply of large sunfish, crappie, and the occasional walleye for the frying pan, and large bass for the camera. Near the pristine shores of this lake are a cart-in campground and canoe-in campsites, all free from the traffic and noise of traditional drive-in camping.

Annie can also be the starting point for an exploration of the park by canoe or kayak on the connecting creeks. The restored historic Glendalough lodge on the north side of the lake details the park's history as a private retreat and game farm for the Minneapolis Tribune.

A paved bike trail loop and numerous hiking trails, including two interpretive trails, meander along five lakes, through rich woods and blooming prairies. Wildlife abounds year-round, and there are many observation decks along the trails. Trails are groomed in winter for skiing and snowshoeing. Picnicking and swimming is available on two sandy lakes.

NATURALIST PROGRAMS & PARK TOURS: Park shares a naturalist with Lake Carlos State Park. Call park office for more information.

BUILDINGS & ATTRACTIONS: Molly outdoor Picnic Shelter, historic Lodge, and Dining Hall are now available to rent and can be reserved by calling the park.

PARK HIGHLIGHTS

Cart-in Tent Camping • Wildlife Observation
Heritage Fishing/Large Panfish • Hiking
Sandy Swimming Beach • Equipment Rentals
Canoeing on Chain of Lakes

Hours: Best time to contact the park is:
Daily from 1pm - 4pm
218-864-0110 • fax: 218-864-0587
email: glendalough.statepark@state.mn.us
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SUBMITTED BY LANA OUREN

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We hope to do a Grand Opening Labor Day weekend (lemonade, rock painting, etc.). If you have books in good condition and are willing to share, drop them off at the Corner Store and I will cycle them through or book bomb another library!

A big thank you to Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Foundation who paid for the materials and expenses to get things started and The Corner Store for supporting literacy.

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WHAT IS THE LEGAL LIMIT WHEN BOATING WHILE INTOXICATED?

The alcohol concentration for impaired operation is .08. Operating a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance (or its metabolite), or other illegal chemical is unlawful.

WHAT IS THE PENALTY?

Operators who are impaired may be required to take tests by an enforcement officer. There is a penalty for refusal. BWI convictions and refusals are recorded on the violator's driver's license record. Most of the BWI law is now found in the motor vehicle statutes, and first time violators (no prior DWIs of any kind) who are convicted are subject to:

- up to a \$1,000 fine plus surcharges
- possible jail time
- loss of motorboat operating privileges for 90 days during the boating season, after conviction and written notification by the DNR

In addition, persons who refuse testing will also be subject to a separate and more severe criminal charge for refusal and loss of their motorboat operating privileges for one year, immediately upon refusal.

ELEVATED OFFENSES

If any of the following aggravating factors are involved, the offense automatically becomes a gross misdemeanor (a 4th conviction in 10 years can result in a felony penalty):

- an alcohol concentration of .20 or more
- prior DWI conviction(s) or refusal(s) of any kind in the past 10 years
- there is a child less than 16 years of age on board

Penalties will increase with any of the aggravating factors or a refusal, and can include the following:

- a higher fine
- mandatory jail time
- loss of motor vehicle drivers license
- loss of motor vehicle plates
- forfeiture of the motorboat and trailer being operated at the time of arrest

BE RESPONSIBLE

The BWI law does not prohibit drinking alcoholic beverages aboard boats nor having an open bottle. The law applies to operators of motorboats that are not anchored, beached, moored, docked or being rowed or propelled by non-mechanical means at the time of the offense.

Alcohol impairs judgment and reaction time on the water just as it does when driving a car, even more so because of the sun, heat, wind, noise and the vibrations of the boat. If you boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol you are endangering your life and the lives of others. No one should ever be injured or killed because someone chose to drink and boat.

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DNR officials say all boaters have a role to play in keeping Minnesota's lakes and rivers safe.

"We've seen almost-unprecedented pressure on our state's waterways the past few years, and there's no reason to think anything will be different this year," said Lt. Adam Block, Enforcement Division boating law administrator. "It's great to see people enjoying the best of our natural resources but before they do, we ask them to take a few moments to ensure every boat ride is a safe boat ride."

With boaters of all experience and skill levels sharing Minnesota's waterways, it's up to every boater to do their part to ensure everyone makes it home at the end of the day. These safety tips can help make the start of the summer boating season fun, memorable and safe:

WEAR A LIFE JACKET, DON'T JUST BRING IT. Ninety percent of boating fatality victims in the state weren't wearing a life jacket. While the law requires children under 10 to wear a life jacket while the boat is underway, wearing a life jacket is the best way boaters of all ages can help ensure they get home safely.

LEAVE THE ALCOHOL ON SHORE. Not only is boating under the influence illegal, it's also the single greatest factor in fatal boating accidents.

CHECK SAFETY EQUIPMENT. Make sure life jackets fit and are in good condition, and check to ensure your boat's navigation lights, sound-producing devices, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors are in good condition. Also, inspect the engine cut-off lanyard and make sure to wear it when the boat is underway.

PAY ATTENTION TO HIGH WATER. Water levels in waterways throughout the state are high this year. High water can make access

difficult, but also present safety risks by hiding hazards beneath the water's surface.

OWN YOUR WAKE. Large wakes can have environmental consequences (causing shoreline erosion, for example) and present dangers to other boaters, paddlers and swimmers.

BRUSH UP ON THE RULES. Read the 2022 Minnesota Boating Guide (mndnr.gov/Regulations/BoatWater) and take an online education course (mndnr.gov/Safety/BoatWater/Education.html) to help increase your knowledge. More information, including boater education requirements and information on safe boating, is on the boat and water safety page of the DNR website (gov/Safety/BoatWater)

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Campfire Safety



Whether you're in a state forest or in your backyard, campfires should be constructed and maintained with safety in mind. Use a designated fire ring or build a campfire in an area cleared of combustible materials 5 feet in all directions around the fire. Campfires must be 3 feet or less in diameter and not more than 3 feet in height.

BUILDING AND PUTTING OUT A CAMPFIRE

- Think before you strike. Check the burning restrictions for your area before lighting a campfire.
- Select a level spot a safe distance away from trees, low overhead branches, shrubs, dry grass, or logs to prevent the fire from escaping, and clear all combustibles within 5 feet.
- Have a shovel and water available at the campfire site for extinguishing campfires.
- Supervise the fire at all times. Even a light breeze could cause the fire to spread.
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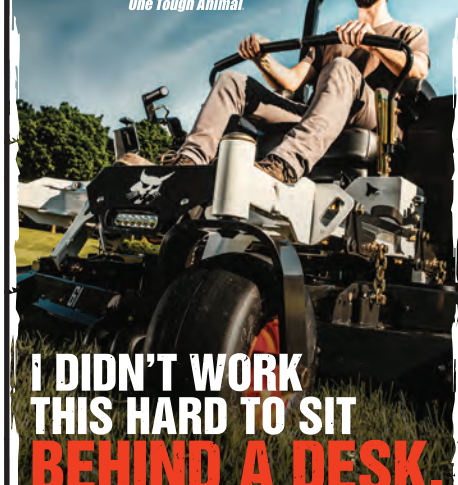
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