



# NO NEED TO FISH FOR ANSWERS:

# LEARN THE FACTS ON BOATING & FISHING

## FISHING QUESTIONS EXPLAINED

### Where can I fish?

Fishing access is located at Woods Creek Lake, Goose Lake from Horner Park off Council Trail & Willow Street, Willow Lake, Lake Scott, Larsen Pond, Turtle Pond, and Fen Lake at Barbara Key Park. Woods Creek Lake and Goose Lake are stocked seasonally with walleye, sunfish, perch, and catfish. [Catch and release is encouraged.](#)

### Do I need a permit?

Yes. Every person fishing from the shoreline or boat, on any lake property, within the Village needs a current Annual Fishing Permit or Daily Fishing Permit.

### What is the cost of permit fees?

Fishing Permit fees are approved by the Village Board of Trustees and are listed in the Comprehensive Fine and Fee Schedule in the Municipal Code. Current fees are also posted online at [www.lith.org](http://www.lith.org).

### How long is my permit valid?

The Annual Fishing Permit fee is due and payable on or after May 1st of each year. Issued annual permits expire on April 30 following the date of issue. The Daily Fishing Permit expires at 11:59 p.m. on the day issued.

### What are the fishing hours?

Village parks are open daily to the public during the hours from dawn to dusk with the exception of fishing throughout the year at the following park sites: Larsen Park, Nockels Park, Horner Park, Turtle Island, Echo Hill, Barbara Key Park and La Buy Park.

### Do children need a permit?

Children under 16 years of age do not require a fishing permit while in the company of a current fishing permit holder.

### Can I fish from the beaches?

Fishing is prohibited from the beach areas at all times, with the exception of Village sponsored events.

### I lost my permit. What should I do?

Replacement fishing permits may be obtained at Village Hall by filing a lost tag affidavit and paying a replacement fee.

### My fishing permit was revoked. Can I receive a refund?

Fishing permits are non-transferable and may be revoked when used by someone living outside of the family. No portion of the fee will be refunded when a fishing permit is revoked.

### What are the regulations for ice fishing?

The burning of charcoal, wood, or white gas on any lake within the Village is prohibited. Only devices fueled with propane can be used for warming or cooking purposes on any lake.

For additional information, refer to the Municipal Code (Chapter 8).

### Ice fishing shelters are permitted on the lakes pursuant to the following regulations:

- Ice fishing shelters must be commercially manufactured of lightweight materials, excluding wood. They must be portable and classified as being capable of housing no more than three persons.
- Shelters should not be left unattended upon the lake or adjacent public properties at any time except when a shelter is left on the lake overnight between Friday and Sunday, and only as long as the owner has a valid Fishing Permit and the owner's name and address is visibly affixed on the outside of the shelter.
- No person shall commence ice fishing on a section of any lake that has been, or is in the process of being, cleared and/or set up for ice skating purposes.



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#### **What watercraft is permitted on the lake?**

The term "boat" is defined in the Municipal Code as all watercraft, including but not limited to kayaks, canoes, stand up paddle boards, and sail boats. In order to protect the lakes, motorized boats are not allowed (with the exception of emergency boats and police patrol). Electric trolling motors used for propelling fishing boats are permitted.

#### **Do I need a permit?**

Boat Use Permits are required if you are planning to do any boating activities. Applications require proof of residency and IDNR registration for sail and trolling motors. Boat Use Permits are issued at the Village Hall during regular business hours and the Police Department during non-business hours.

#### **How long is my permit valid?**

The Annual Boat Use Permit fee is due and payable on or after May 1st of each year. Issued permits expire on April 30 following the date of issue. The Daily Boat Use Permit expires at 11:59 p.m. on the day issued.

#### **What is the cost of permit fees?**

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#### **Where should I place my stickers?**

Two current Boat Use stickers are provided by the Village and must be affixed to the front of each boat, one sticker on the port side and one sticker on the starboard side. Failure to display current stickers will deem a boat a public nuisance. Said boat may be removed from the lake and held by the Police Department, or its designated agent, until after payment of any applicable fees and penalties and until the boat can be returned to its owner.

#### **I'm part of a not for profit organization that regularly uses the lake for boating. Do I need a permit?**

All Not for Profit organizations that regularly use the lake for boating need to obtain Boat Use Permits but are exempt from the fee requirements.

#### **Where can I store my boat?**

The Village has two boat storage slip areas on Woods Creek Lake where residents can rent a Boat Storage Slip close to the boat launch sites. Nockels Park (149 Hilltop Dr.) has 14 slips and Turtle Island (290 Indian Trail) has 67 slips. Current slip renters have the option to renew their annual boat storage slip in mid-April each year. The first Monday in May at Village Hall, any available slips will be available on a first-come, first-served basis in person only.

No boat shall be stored on Village property except if proper authorization has been granted and an annual storage fee has been paid by the registered owner of the boat. Storage fees are approved by the Village Board of Trustees and are listed in the Comprehensive Fine and Fee Schedule in the Municipal Code.

#### **Do I need to sign a waiver?**

No person can operate any boat on any Village lake without first agreeing to waive and release the Village from all liability by signing a release form provided by the Village.

#### **An Important Safety Message**

All boats are prohibited from being launched or operated within designated swimming areas. Swimming or wading is prohibited in any stream, creek, lake or pond and all other public areas other than Indian Trail Beach and Butch Hagele Beach. Swimming is restricted to the areas designated by buoys.



# TAKE STEPS TO BOAT SAFELY

## CHECKLIST

### PLAN AHEAD BY BRINGING:

- One life jacket per person
- Paddle/oars as needed
- Sunscreen
- Water to stay hydrated
- First Aid kit
- Distress signal
- Bailer
- Lifebuoy
- Sound-producing device

### BEFORE YOU GO:

Visit [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) to check the latest weather forecast.



### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Find more information on safe boating practices from the National Safe Boating Council at: [safeboatingcampaign.com](http://safeboatingcampaign.com)

## SAFE BOATING TIPS

### SELECT A PROPER LIFE JACKET

Be sure that everyone wears a U.S. Coast Guard approved, properly fitting life jacket while boating. Brightly colored life jackets help increase visibility so others can easily see you on the water. When selecting a life jacket, remember to:

- Check for U.S. Coast Guard approval by reading the label
- Ensure a snug fit and fasten
- Select a comfortable model for good wearability

### MANAGE ENVIRONMENTAL STRESSORS

Environmental stressors may weaken your body and mind enough to make the risk of a boating accident much greater. Take care to consider the following factors:

- Overexposure to the sun
- Noise of the water, wind, and vessel
- Motion of the vessel
- Dehydration
- Alcohol and drug consumption

Please remember, Municipal Code 8.08 prohibits the possession or consumption of any alcoholic liquor in any parks, lakes, beaches, or public buildings within the Village.

### CHECK THE FORECAST

Always check the weather forecast before you head out to boat. Visit [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) for the latest updates from the National Weather Service before leaving shore and carefully observe changing weather while boating. Avoid potential hazards like:

- Heavy winds
- Thunder and lightning
- Extreme heat or UV rays (Remember to wear sunscreen)