

Spring
2020

Three Mile Lake

BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER ABOUT HAPPENINGS ON THE LAKE!

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The Drain!

That's water leaving the lake!

It's been a long road but the drain project is almost complete. The board signed a petition in April of 2019 to start the process of getting relief from the high water levels through the repair and improvement of the Three Mile Lake Drain. After some delays work started in March of 2020 with completion for April 2020. While it may take some time to see lake recede this new drain will essentially set the new MAXIMUM lake level so we'll never have to worry about the flooding we've seen the last couple of years!

Thank You to all those who supported the efforts especially those that granted the necessary easements on their land. *This picture is a temporary inlet for initial draining a more permanent inlet with filter will take it's place.*

2020 Lake Picnic *maybe*

The board is in search of a site to host the 2020 Lake Picnic and beyond. We **WERE** targeting the weekend of June 25th as to not interfere with the 4th of July holiday per some suggestions received last year—thank you all who made your voices heard! However given the state of the pandemic IF we have a picnic this year it will be **END OF SUMMER Mid-Late August**. Keep an eye on our website and emails for updates!



The association provides all the food, seating, portable bathroom, prizes etc—we just need a willing host with enough room. Don't worry you'll have plenty of help!

Email admin@threemilelakepawpaw.org if you are interested or call Jim Chlada 708-610-2065 or Chad Learned—269-779-3636

CHECK OUT THE NEW ONLINE STORE

By popular request we've opened an online store on our website for Three Mile Lake apparel and merchandise.

Shirt, Coffee Cups, Lake Bags, Pillows, Sweatshirts and more!

Everything is customizable and you can get many different brands styles etc. The prices go down significantly when you order in quantity and always check for a coupon.

This is the oldest aerial image we could find of the lake taken 3.26.1999 by the US Geological Survey.

Were you or your family here in 1999?





Sunrise

07:15am

Sunset

08:16pm

No Jet Ski



Operation

After:

07:16pm

Golf Cart



Hours:

07:45am -

07:46pm

New website resource. This is auto updated everyday to reflect the Sunrise / Sunset and the legal jet ski and golf cart hours. On the main landing page threemilelakepawpaw.org

Swim Raft



Golf Cart Regulations

Can I drive my golf cart around the lake?

This past year the lake association got some questions regarding golf cart usage on the roads around the lake. Of course the association does not set any of these “rules” or regulations but we wanted to let everyone know those guideline for those who are interested! Our township hasn’t added additional ordinances since the state guidance was updated 3-19-2019 so generally it is legal if follow

the below

Here’s the basics

An Operator

- Must be at least 16 and have a valid driver’s license.
- Must comply with signal requirements.
- Must ride as far to the right as possible.
- Is not required to wear a helmet. Golf Carts
- Shall not be operated on sidewalks.
- May not pass between lines of traffic.

- May travel at a maximum speed of 15 MPH.
- May not be operated in the time period 1/2 hour before sunset to 1/2 hour after sunrise.
- Are only permitted to operate on streets that are 30 MPH or less



Are there any regulations regarding the placement of swimrafts?

To help clarify some questions this past year regarding swim-rafts we’re providing some basic guidance based on MCL 324-80163 the state regulatory statue addressing hazards of navigation and recently expounded upon the The Michigan Riparian Magazine.

-Seasonal Swim Rafts do NOT generally require a state permit as long as they are not for commercial use.

-HOWEVER any permanent swim rafts that would stay out year round do require a permit per MCL 324.30103

Should/Can a swim raft have lights? There is not clear guidance on this issue it would depend on if the lights are causing a hazard to navigation or not. Just like you cannot use docking lights in normal operation of

your boat the intensity of the light would be a factor.

What about reflectors?

We highly recommend reflectors on any swim raft although that are not legally required. If your negligent placement or conditions of swim raft cause damage or injury you could be civilly or criminally liable.

How far out can my swim raft be and where can I anchor it?

There is not a specific distance out your swim raft can be just keep in mind it can’t be so far out as to interfere with normal navigation of the lake. Think if it’s preventing normal leisure activities you should move it back.

Placement: The only real rule here is that only riparian

owners can place a swim raft and it must be anchored to YOUR BOTTOMLANDS.

How far away do boats have to stay from my swim raft?

2 answers:

If operating ABOVE no wake speed 100ft.

If operating BELOW no wake speed there is no guideline.

Is there a size limit?

NOPE—as long as you don’t interfere with navigation or another riparian’s “reasonable use”

What can be on my swim raft?

ANYTHING! Except a roof and walls basically, than you would require a permit. Slides, trampolines, couches, TV’s in-laws all OK!



Recreation Passport Reminder

This is a reprinting from Fall Newsletter for anyone who may have missed it

Recreation Passport now required to access any state owned boat launch.

In 2019 you may have noticed the new sign requiring a recreation passport at the boat launch area. In speaking with the DNR on this 2019 is an education year but enforcement action will start next year 2020. Technically this means you cannot launch your boat without it or park onsite etc.

WHAT THE RECREATION PASSPORT IS

Michigan's Recreation Passport is your key to:

- Visiting more than 100 state parks and recreation areas.
- DNR boating access sites (or boat launches).
- Parking for rustic forest campgrounds and hundreds of miles of trails.
- Attending free family outdoor events and classes.



MICHIGAN RESIDENTS: You can get this with your license plate renewal. It shows on the sticker. It's \$11/year and then you get statewide access to any boat launch, state park etc. If you purchase NOT WITH YOUR ANNUAL RENEWAL its \$16 at a state park, office or online.

NON RESIDENTS: Annual non resident fee is \$33 the daily is \$9
You can purchase this online at Michigan.gov estore (search in google)



Pachner's Resort!

These are a couple of old pictures of Pachner's Resort which was located on the corner of 41st and Park St. That flat roofed "garage" used to be a little general store. The houses were available for seasonal rentals!. Thank you Roland Harring for providing this bit of history!

How great would it be to have a store back on the lake!?

Do you or your family have any historic pictures from the lake, we'd love to have them for the records, website, and to share. Email admin@threemilelakepawpaw.org or call Chad @ 269-779-3636





Your Board and Officers

Feel free to contact anyone of the board should you have any questions. Interested in joining? We have a spot open!

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Term Expiring</u>
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Director	Charlie Bear	269-657-7590	bearcsm@yahoo.com	2021
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Director	Nancy Benefiel	317-371-2706	nrossell2003@yahoo.com	2020

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admin@threemilelakepawpaw.org

Michigan's Fishing License Review



*The first lady Amy Learned—
Can you catch one bigger than this?*

**The 2020 Free Fishing
Weekend for summer:
June 13 & 14**

You must purchase a fishing license if you are 17 years of age or older to fish. If you are under 17, you may fish without a license, but you are required to observe all fishing rules and regulations. Any adult actively assisting a minor who does not have a license must have a fishing license. Please note, a license is required when targeting fish, amphibians, crustaceans and reptiles.

Michigan's annual fishing license is valid from March 1 of a given year through March 31 of the following year.

FISHING LICENSES - ALL-SPECIES FEES

- Resident Annual \$26
- Nonresident Annual \$76
- Senior Annual (Residents 65 or older or residents who are legally blind) \$11
- 24-hour (Resident or Nonresident) \$10
- 72-hour (Resident or Nonresident) \$30

TIP: You can purchase and DOWNLOAD your license online. The Learned's save a copy of the PDF to their phones so they are never without it and can't "forget" to bring it in the boat. Go to <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/>



Three Mile Lake Walk

A new tradition?

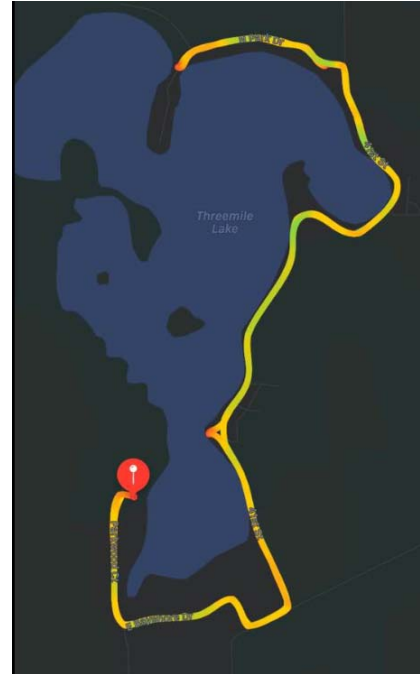
An invitation from the President:

I'd like to invite all the residents in and around the lake to join me for a nice stroll around the lake Saturdays starting in Mid May (Should the stay at home order be lifted by then—watch you emails). I'll be leaving my home on the southwest corner of the lake at about 8:30am and walking the lake down to the peninsula (hopefully to the end of it if the moat is gone! Join us anywhere along the route. If you'd rather ride your bike, mobility chair or hoverboard that's fine too! I may be biking myself at times. Conk out anytime. Having guests?, bring them along!

This will be a good time to socialize about local happenings. Ask any questions you have that "someone" may be able to answer.

No commitment needed just come along whenever you feel like. I may not be able to make 100% of these either but feel free to gossip about me while I'm gone!

Hope To See You Out There!



Lake Weed Treatment Schedule

Date	Description
4/13/2020	Water Quality
5/4/2020	Survey
5/18/2020	Weed and Algae Treatment
6/08/2020	Weed and Algae Treatment
7/13/2020	Weed and Algae Treatment & Ecoli
8/3/2020	Weed and Algae Treatment & Water Quality
9/7/2020	Phrag Optional & AVAS Survey



Please note due impacts related to COVID 19 as well as the newly installed and functioning lake drain this schedule will almost certainly be changed. Please keep an eye on the website for up to date treatment information and pay attention to the posted signs that appear prior to treatment.



<https://threemilelakepawpaw.org/lake-management-programs-at-three-mile>

What are the “rights” of riparian owners in Michigan?



To explore this one let's first answer what a “riparian owner” is. Simply put a riparian is someone who owns property on a bank or shore of an inland lake or stream.

We should probably start by saying none of this is legal advice and Only a court can adjudicate any disputes you may have. Take this As a general resource for riparian rights and their limitations as Well. History in this area has taught us that the definition and scope of many of these rights changes often.

BASIC RIGHTS:

- Access to the water of an inland lake or stream upon which they own riparian property
- Installation of a dock anchored to his riparian bottom land
- Anchorage of a boat on his bottom land and/or secure mooring to his dock
- Reasonable use of water from the lake or stream for strictly domestic purposes
- The right of accretions; meaning the ownership of the gradual accumulation of sand, silt or organic matter on riparian owned shoreline.

Thing you can't do..

- Anchor a raft or moor a boat on or above the bottom lands of another riparian owner
 - Install a dock of an unreasonable length and/or at an angle that interferes with or limits the navigability of the water body or the riparian rights of neighboring property owners
 - Dedicate the surface or any portion thereof of a lake or stream without a permit from the DEQ
 - Transfer riparian rights to another person
 - Restrict the use of the surface of a lake or stream by members of the public
 - Build a seawall or jetty closer to the water's edge than at the ordinary high-water mark
 - Construct a seawall without a DEQ permit
 - Dredge or place fill in a lake or stream without a permit from the DEQ
- Alter or modify their riparian shoreline or remove aquatic plants without a DEQ permit

FAQs

Can I walk the shoreline as long as I don't go past the “high water mark”?

Some people misinterpreted the ruling on this matter a few years back. In that ruling the Supreme court ruled that was legal for the GREAT LAKES. It does not apply to inland lakes. Simply put no you can't without permission. However you could swim in the water right along the shoreline..

Public Rights to Fishing and Mooring?

The public has the right to enjoy the water of the lake equal with the rights of riparian including fishing, swimming and recreational boating. Anyone can temporarily moor (anchor) their boat for those purposes, however overnight mooring is limited to riparian owners. The public can fish anywhere on the water including right next to your dock, if you have a concern about safety or someone potentially damaging your property we suggest you just talk calmly with them, in general our visitors and neighbors are very respectful and reasonable!





It's a new year and lake season in Michigan has just begun! A huge thanks to all our members last year and those that have already renewed this year we couldn't do it without you. Our memberships fees are the lowest of any lake in Southwest Michigan at only \$30 a year per residence. All those with property on the lake or deeded access are welcome to join.

The "Three Mile Lake Corporation" was incorporated on February 24, 2000. Our mission is to promote and to operate as a community of common interest, to try to preserve, protect and enhance the waters and watershed, land values, enjoyment of property and social relations of Three Mile Lake and Little Three Mile Lake.

We're a non-profit organization, no one gets compensated in anyway for being part of the board etc.,

Among other things we;

- ◆ Publish, maintain and update the website at threemilelakepawpaw.org
- ◆ Release this bi annual newsletter as well as supplemental newsletter for important topics (EX; drain information last year)
- ◆ Meet at least twice yearly to discuss any pertinent issues.
- ◆ Host the annual lake picnic, provide food, prizes, entertainment and fun!
- ◆ Maintain the master email list and routinely put out important updates.
- ◆ Serve as an informational resource for our members
- ◆ Coordinate with local government on issues affecting Three Mile Lake
- ◆ Administer the Lake Weed Treatment program with PLM, which has helped keep our waters nearly free of invasive species.

Whether you are a returning member from years past, or brand new to the lake please consider joining our Association we'd love to have you!

Go the website at threemilelakepawpaw.org and click BECOME A MEMBER—you can pay online or mail in a check! Or use the included form.





Friendly reminder that in Michigan you must keep your pet leashed when not contained on your property.

Be calm like a calm lake, then you will look beautiful like a beautiful calm lake!

Mehmet Murat ildan

A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature.

Henry David Thoreau

So lovely was the loneliness of a wild lake.

Edgar Allan Poe

Not every lake dreams to be an ocean. Blessed are the ones who are happy with whom they are.

Mehmet Murat ildan

Every lake belongs to the quietness desired by the swans.

Munia Khan

“Water creates so much beauty, life and mystery.”

— Fennel Hudson



Three Mile Lake Corporation Membership Form

Membership Year

Member Name(s)

Last Name

Lake Address

Paw Paw, MI 49079

Lake Phone Number

E-mail

Home Mailing Address (If Different)

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Cell Phone (Optional)

It is OK to use my Contact Information in the Lake Owner Directory?

YES

NO

*This directory is NOT
PUBLIC and only
shared with fellow
Lake Association
members*

Membership Dues are \$30 Per Family

Please make check or money order payable to:

Three Mile Lake Corporation

Mail To: Three Mile Lake Corporation, PO BOX 482, Paw Paw, MI 49079

Comments or issues you'd like the board to know? Please write them in here.

NOTICE 2020

PLM Lake and Land Management Corp
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 www.plmcorp.net



Three Mile Lake has been scheduled for the **week** of:

Date	Description	Date	Description
4/13/2020	Water Quality	7/13/2020	Weed & Algae Treatment & E.coli
5/4/2020	Survey	8/3/2020	Weed & Algae Treatment & Water Quality
5/18/2020	Weed & Algae Treatment	9/7/2020	AVAS Survey & Phrag Optional
6/8/2020	Weed & Algae Treatment		

EGLE permitting restrictions, national holidays, and/or weather conditions may influence the timing of treatments throughout the 2020 season. PLM treats each lake according to a schedule or season plan, established with the cooperation of your lake association, lake board or residents on the lake. The treatment schedule is approximate. Please watch your shoreline for the posting of the 8.5x11 inch, yellow or green signs. The signs will indicate the date of the treatment, the products used, and any restrictions on the use of treated water for swimming, watering lawns, etc.

The property owners in this area are planning to have the waters chemically treated to control lake weeds and/or algae. This notice is being circulated in accordance with Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) procedures. Below is a list of herbicides that **may** be applied to the lake and the associated use restrictions. On the day of treatment, signs will be posted along the shoreline within 100 feet of treatment areas that indicate what products were used and specific water use restrictions that apply:

Chemical product/active ingredient	Chemical trade name	Do Not Use this water for swimming or bathing until	Do Not Use this water for ornamentals or turf irrigation until	Do Not Use this water for domestic purposes or agriculture irrigation until	Do Not Use this water for livestock watering or similar purposes until
Glyphosate	Aqua Pro, Aquaneat	1 Day(s)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Endothall Diquat Dibromide	Aqua Strike	1 Day(s)	3 Day(s)	5 Day(s)	14 Day(s)
Endothall	Aquathol K, Hydrothol 191	1 Day(s)	N/A	14 Day(s)	14 Day(s)
Flumioxazin	Clipper, Schooner	1 Day(s)	3 Day(s)	5 Day(s)	N/A
Imazapyr	Habitat	1 Day(s)	120 Day(s)	120 Day(s)	N/A
Chelated Copper Herbicide	Komeen, Komeen Crystal, Nautique	1 Day(s)	N/A	N/A	N/A
2,4-D ester	Navigate 2,4-D	1 Day(s)	INDEF or until approved assay indicates a concentration of 100ppb or less for ornamentals; No restriction for established turf	INDEF or until approved assay indicates a concentration of 70ppb or less	N/A
Florpyrauxifen-Benzyl	ProcellaCOR EC 2x100	1 Day(s)	Site-specific recommendation* No restriction for established turf/grasses	N/A on domestic; assay indicates no detect at the water intake	N/A
Triclopyr liquid	Renovate 3	1 Day(s)	120 Day(s) or until approved assay indicates 1ppb or less; No restriction for established turf/grasses	120 Day(s) or until assay indicates 1ppb or less. N/A on domestic	N/A
Triclopyr granular	Renovate OTF	1 Day(s)	Site-specific recommendation* No restriction for established turf/grasses	120 Day(s) or until assay indicates 1ppb or less. N/A on domestic	N/A
Diquat Dibromide	Reward, Tribune	1 Day(s)	3 Day(s)	5 Day(s)	1 Day(s)
2,4-D amine Sculpin	Sculpin G	1 Day(s)	Site-specific recommendation* No restriction for established turf/grasses	N/A on domestic; assay indicates levels under 100ppb at the water intake	N/A

PLM Blue, Cygnet Select: water dye (tracer), **Copper Sulfate, Cutrine Plus-Ultra, Captain-XTR, Earthtec, SeClear and SeClear G, Formula F-30, K-Tea:** chelated copper, **Cygnet Plus, PolyAn:** Adjuvant, **Pak 27, AquaSticker, Green Clean L and Green Clean 5.0:** oxidizer, **AquaPrep:** enzymes & non-ionic surfactants, **M.D. pellets:** gram negative, naturally occurring bacteria. **PLM Enzyme:** enzymes, **Phoslock:** phosphorus locking technology.

No Restrictions on swimming, bathing, irrigation, domestic purposes or livestock watering.

For a complete listing of all product labels, please see our website.

N/A= Not Applicable INDEF= Indefinite

*Site-Specific recommendations to limit ornamental irrigation with ProcellaCOR, Renovate & Sculpin granular treated water will typically last 2-14 days. Contact PLM for further information.

The chemicals used for Aquatic Nuisance Control are registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy. The potential for damage to fish and other non-target organisms is minimal provided that the product is used as directed on the product label and the permit. To minimize the possible effects on health and the environment, the treated water is restricted for the above purposes.

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