

Lake Access Rules

The Nature Conservancy's Emiquon Preserve

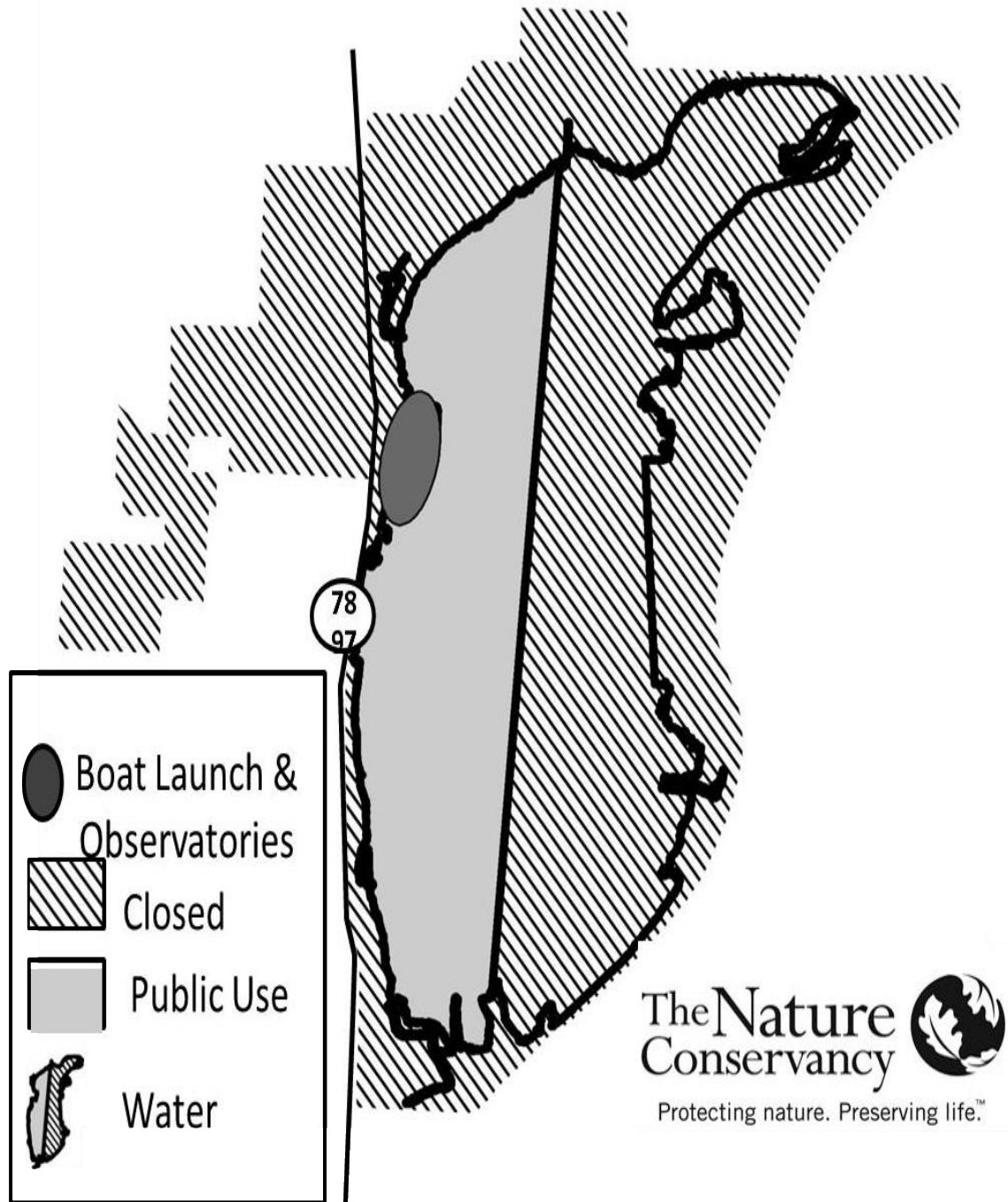
The Emiquon Preserve in Fulton County (The "Preserve"), Illinois is private property owned and managed by the Illinois Chapter of the Nature Conservancy (The "Conservancy"). The Conservancy is issuing **Lake Access Permits** for the Preserve to allow limited access by the public for the enjoyment of the west half of Thompson Lake for designated activities.

Lake access rules for The Nature Conservancy's Emiquon Preserve:

1. Any and all individuals using Thompson Lake at the Emiquon Preserve must have a valid **Liability Waiver** on file with the Conservancy and must carry a valid **Waiver Identification Card**. No other public access is allowed on the Preserve without the Conservancy's permission except for access to the Observatories and associated walking trail.
2. **Liability Waivers/Waiver Identification Cards** and registration instructions are provided at the small shed in our Visitor Use Area.
3. Currently the Conservancy does not charge a fee for **Lake Access**. Becoming a member of the Conservancy is encouraged.
4. Organized **Lake Access** activities of more than 25 people require a separate Special Use Permit.
5. Hours are sunrise to sunset. No entry allowed sunset to sunrise. The Conservancy reserves the right to close the Lake to any or all visitors on certain days or times by posting.
6. Minors must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older, and their Liability Waiver and Waiver Identification Card must be signed by the minor's parent, legal guardian, or adult designee of the parent or guardian.
7. No **Lake Access** before **12:00PM** during waterfowl hunting season. In addition, Lake users should be aware that hunting may occur on the Lake at other times as well.
8. Harvest of fish must be for personal use only and not for sale.
9. The use of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs)(utility vehicles, ATVs, Segways, golf carts, etc) on this property has been assessed in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. OPDMDs are prohibited.
10. Permitted **Lake Access** activities are limited to: boating and pole-and-line fishing (maximum of 2 poles per person).
11. **The Following are prohibited:** Bank fishing; gas motors (not even on the boat) including ice augers; live bait except worms; fish cleaning; alcohol; pets; camping; tournaments; littering; open fires; fireworks; digging; dumping; weapons; swimming; and wading.
12. **Collecting and/or removing the following are prohibited:** rocks; plants; fossils; plant materials; animals (other than legally taken fish) and artifacts.
13. Violations of laws or failing to abide by written rules or instructions from Conservancy staff or designees constitutes trespassing and may cause **Lake Access** privileges to be revoked.
14. These rules and regulations are subject to change without notice.
15. Only registered watercraft are allowed on the Lake
16. The public is allowed only on the west half of Thompson Lake. The public must remain west of the buoys that demarcate the approximate middle of Thompson Lake.
17. All gear must be removed from the Lake each day
18. All state licensing requirement and regulations apply
19. Fish harvest limits are:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Length</u>	<u>Daily Limit</u>
Largemouth Bass	18"	1
Crappie	9"	25
Channel Catfish		6
Bluegill (Lepomis species)		25
Walleye/Sauger	14"	6

Lake Access Boating and Fishing Map for The Nature Conservancy's Emiquon Preserve



Hunting map will be available during waterfowl season online or at Drawing during waterfowl hunting season.

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