

Yahara Chain of Lakes Rules

- ✓ A lake access permit is required at designated launch sites to launch or park with or without a trailer. Permits are available at the launch site or online at www.reservedane.com/permits.aspx.
- ✓ A lake access permit is required *anytime you launch or land* a boat, ATV, personal watercraft, kayak, canoe or snowmobile at a designated lake access site *even if you don't park at that site*.
- ✓ SLOW NO WAKE for all watercraft within 200 feet of any shore on Lakes Mendota, Monona, Waubesa and Kegonsa.
- ✓ Operation of motorized vehicles on the ice may require special permits or flotation devices. For information on flotation requirements and inspection times, call 608-284-6878 or visit www.danesheriff.com/marine trail ice.aspx.

For more information about Dane County boating regulations, visit www.danesheriff.com/marine_trail.aspx.

For more information about state boating regulations, visit http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat/.

General Navigation Guidelines

Green and red buoys mark the edges of the channel. In flowing water, keep the red buoy on the right side of your boat when traveling upstream. Always stay in the channel for safest passage. Never boat in a restricted area (swim areas). White and black vertical stripes show the center of the channel. Pass close on the right side of this buoy.



center

channel

marker















restricted informational areas (swim areas, dams, no entry)

Navigation lights are required and must be displayed between sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility.

Invasives

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES

IT'S THE LAW!





Eurasian Water Milfoil and Zebra Mussel

- ✓ **INSPECT** boats, trailers and equipment.
- ✓ **REMOVE** all attached aquatic plants & animals.
- ✓ **DRAIN** all water from boat, vehicle & gear.
- ✓ **NEVER MOVE** plants or live fish from a lake.
- ✓ **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait in the trash.
- ✓ **BUY** minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer.

Safety

- Personal flotation devices (PFDs) work best when you WEAR THEM.
- Don't drink and drive on land *or* water.
- Be alert to changes in the weather.
- Boat batteries must be secured and both terminals covered.
- The boat registration number must be current and properly displayed, and the boat number certificate must be on board.
- Look for blue and white pier number signs and report nearby pier numbers as a location reference in an emergency.

Boater Safety Classes

Anyone born after 1989 is required to complete a boating safety course to legally operate a motorized boat or personal watercraft on Wisconsin waters. Boater safety classes and vessel safety checks are offered by:

Dane County Sheriff Marine & Trail Enforcement Bureau www.danesheriff.com/boatSafety.aspx, 608-284-6878

Madison Sail and Power Squadron http://madisonsquadron.org/, 608-274-0765

Local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary http://a09545.uscgaux.info/flotilla1.html

Wisconsin DNR

www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat, 888-936-7463

Lake Access Etiquette

1. Properly Display Lake Access Permit

Be sure to have your lake access permit purchased and properly displayed in your vehicle *before* launching any type of watercraft, ATV, or snowmobile.

2. Clear the Pier

Idle your boat outside the launching area whenever possible while you are waiting to pick up companions or while companions are retrieving the tow vehicle. When alone, tie off your boat on a non-launching pier or out of the way as far as possible so others can still launch while you are retrieving your vehicle.

3. Turn Your Headlights Off

During low light conditions, use only parking lights while backing in your trailer. Headlights blind other drivers using their side mirrors who are backing in on adjacent ramps.

4. Prepare Before You Launch

Wait to get in line until you are completely ready to launch. Before launching and after loading your boat, park in either a designated staging area or trailer parking stall.

5. Respect Launch Order

The order of vehicles in line determines the order of loading, NOT the order of boats at the pier. Don't pull your boat up to a launching pier until your trailer is in the water. Be ready, get on, get out.

6. Be Courteous and Respectful

If somebody in front of you is having problems or causing delays, ASK before proceeding around them, or better yet, offer to help them.

Tenney Lock Tips

- 1. Shut off motors while in the lock.
- 2. Keep your hands, feet, etc., inside the boat and remain seated. Boats will move around inside the locks while the water level changes.
- 3. Hang onto the chains provided on the walls of the lock chambers to help keep your boat in position.
- 4. No smoking is allowed in the lock chambers.
- 5. Stay in your boat.

For lock hours and lock use fee details, call 608-266-4364 or visit

www.countyofdane.com/lwrd/parks/tenney lock.aspx

Contact Info

Emergency911 (Cell: *911)

Dane County

Sheriff Marine and Trail Enforcement Bureau	
Marine Radio (Call "Sheriff's boat.")	Channel 16
All Non-Emergency Dispatch	608-255-2345
Ice Flotation Inspection Schedule for ATV an	d Snowmobiles:
www.danesheriff.com/marine_trail_ice.asp	<u>X</u>
Office of Lakes & Watersheds	608-224-3730

www.countyofdane.com/lwrd/parks/ Tenney Lock, Lake Levels, Weed Harvesting

On-Line Lake Access Permits:

www.reservedane.com/permits.aspx

Tenney Lock (summer months)......608-266-4364

Pubic Health Madison & Dane County..... 608-266-4821 Beach Monitoring Information:

www.publichealthmdc.com/environmental/water/beaches/

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

General Information 7am-10pm	888-936-7463
Wildlife, Recreation, Environmental Violations	800-847-9367
	Cell: #367
24-Hour Spill and Environmental Hazard	

Other Parks

City of Madison Parks	608-266-471
City of Monona Recreation	608-222-416
Governor Nelson State Park	
Lake Kegonsa State Park	608-873-969
City of Middleton Parks	

Lake Maps Courtesy of:





