

Lake Plantagenet

the

Newsletter



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What your board is working on:

Go to our website:

<https://www.lakeplantagenet.org/>

and our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lakeplantagenet/>



Check out the Signs at the Access:



Annual Picnic/Meeting:

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Sept. 3 – 4:00 meeting / 5:00 dinner – Eagles

The Fourth of July



Watercraft Parade –

1:00 P.M. Boys' camp to Girls' camp clockwise. Everyone is welcome to join in, weather permitting.

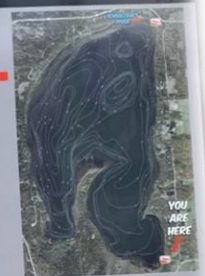
Lake Plantagenet: Enjoy and Protect It

BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

1. CLEAN 2. DRAIN 3. DRY

Why Is This Lake Special?

Lake Plantagenet is 2,531 acres with a max depth of 85 ft. The Schoolcraft River flows into and out of the lake. From here, the Schoolcraft River flows north until it meets the Mississippi River west of the City of Bemidji. The lake was named after a line of English Kings by Henry Rowe Schoolcraft in 1832. As with all lakes, it is vulnerable to aquatic invasive species.



THESE INCLUDE



STARRY STONEWORT



EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL



ZEBRA MUSSELS

Free Watercraft Decontamination
2400 Middle School Drive (behind Target)
Open 7 days a week: 10 am to 6 pm
218-760-8519

Please call at least 10 minutes in advance to allow for equipment set-up.
For other decon sites: www.mndnr.gov/decon

Please enjoy the lake and treat it and the shoreline with respect. Avoid boating and recreating in the bulrushes and shallow areas, where loons and other birds like to nest.



Thank you

to these people who have

already PAID their LPLA memberships for 2023:

David & Betty **Ambers**, Bob & Jill **Anderson**, Alane & Peter **Aube**, Gene & Rosemary **Bakke**, Joan **Bakke**, Darrin **Boese**, Paul & Trish **Brewinski**, Jeff & Christine **Brown**, Sue & Gary **Bruns**, Alan & Susan **Colliander**, Tom **D'Albani** & Jane **Kilgore**, Pat & Mary **Delmore**, LaVon & Robert **Dennistoun**, Darice & Mark **Dwyer**, Penny & Jared **Echternach**, Tim & Leann **Engelstad**, Beth & Brad **Fleahman**, Debra **Gackle**, Steve & Jan **Holley**, Keith & Eileen **Horton**, Tony & Annette **Jackson**, John & Delphine **Jacobson**, Kathleen & Mike **Jones**, Karen & Alan **Katz**, Barb & Dan **Koller**, Mike & Dawn **Kovacovich**, Gretchen **Knutson** & Kyle **Resler**, Kristy & Paul **Leppinga**, Rolf & Lisa **Lund**, Marilou & Jim **Maciey**, Rich & Erin **Morehouse**, Clint & Patty **Mueller**, Krystie **North**, John & Jenny **Nozar**, Liv & Norm **Paffrath**, Karen **Page**, Jamie & Tony **Popp**, Christine & Chris **Reak**, Pam & Dave **Rice**, Tim & Pam **Ross**, Karen & Paul **Sakariassen**, Riki & Bill **Scheela**, Kathy & Brian **Scholl**, Lee & Polly **Scotland**, Jerry & Judy **Schue**, Allison & Beau **Seeger**, Glen & Michelle **Siebel**, Shari **Sigoloff** & Michel **Rawitscher**, Glennell & Peter **Spangler**, Renee & Joel **St.Germain**, Vicki & Steven **Sukup**, Joey & Larry **Sunquist**, Casey & Jon **Thiel**, Lisa & Mark **Teigland**, David & Kathleen **Towley**, Stephanie & Jason **Towley**, Juan & Stacie **Turcios**, Lin & Joel **Ward**, Moe & Marleen **Webb**, Geri & Jay **Wilimek**, Bruce & Judy **Wilson**

**Membership Dues & AIS
Watercraft Inspection Donation
Lake Plantagenet Landowner's Association Form**

Annual membership dues are only \$30 (\$20 for Associate Member) and due each calendar year. Please print, fill out the information, and mail the following form along with your payment to:

LPLA, Box 1641, Bemidji, MN. 56619

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Mailing Address _____
Email Address (please print) _____ Phone _____

I have enclosed the following:

- _____ \$30 check payable to the LPLA for my annual dues.
- _____ A donation of \$ _____ payable to LPLA for the 2023 AIS Watercraft Inspection Program

Alternative option to make a donation that is tax deductible:

We have partnered with Northwest Minnesota Foundation, a community foundation with the mission of *Building Better Lives* in northwest Minnesota. Make your charitable tax deduction payable to the **NMF/Lake Plantagenet Landowner's Association Fund**. Your check must be mailed to: Northwest Minnesota Foundation, 201 3rd St. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. Please visit their website <http://www.nwmf.org/ways-to-give/> for other charitable giving options to further our lake associations mission.

Volunteer Information

I am interested in the following:

- ___ Board Member ___ Membership ___ Aquatic Invasive Species ___ Loon Program
- ___ Water Quality ___ Land Use ___ Shoreline Restoration
- ___ Social Committee ___ Website ___ Fisheries

Stay in Touch!

One of our goals as an association it to keep you informed about the ongoing efforts to fulfill the mission of the LPLA. We also want to hear from you! Do you have some great sunset pictures? Do you have a pair of loons nesting near your lakeshore? Did you catch a big fish? Send stories and photos to us or post them on our Facebook page.



LAKESHORE INFORMATION:

by Sue Bruns

With a later than average ice-out on the heels of a winter like a houseguest who doesn't know when to leave, we're all eager to get out in our yards and gardens, on our lakeshores, and onto the water. There are, of course, limits as to what can be done and guidelines for what should be done to your lakeshore if you want to establish natural shorelines and control erosion and still have usable, viewable lakeshore.

If you intend to remove vegetation, bring in sand for a beach, cut down trees to open up a view of the lake, or alter low lying areas that provide a filter between your home and the lake and you are not certain as to what you can or can't do and whether a permit is required and from whom, check with the DNR, Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation, Beltrami County SWC.

If you are interested in shoreline restoration, there are guidelines and recommendations for restoring ecosystems, these same sites have information for this as well. You can find numerous sources that explain the importance of native plants and their effect on controlling erosion and filtering the water as well as providing critical natural habitat.

There are also a number of private companies that offer evaluations and plans for shoreline restoration which the property owner can then implement. Homeowners can also apply for grants from the State of Minnesota to offset the costs of shoreline restoration. The State provides soil and water districts with grant money that can be used for restoration projects.

One such company, **Prairie Restorations**, recently contacted the LPLA offering to provide assessments at no charge. While the LPLA Board is not endorsing any one company, we want to inform LPLA members of the offer. Prairie Restorations, Inc., has been in the business since 1977. The company offers free consultations with prescheduled events that involve blocks of time for experts to visit properties, assess situations, and provide recommendations for the best restoration plans. The property owners then have the option to contract with Prairie Restorations, to follow up on their own, or to do nothing at all.

If a number of lake property owners are interested in having their lakeshore assessed for restoration, LPLA can coordinate a scheduled event with Prairie Restorations.

Some Links:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/index.html>

<https://www.hubbardswcd.org/>

<http://www.co.beltrami.mn.us/Departments/SWCD/>



Are you interested in monitoring rainfall? Consider volunteering.

Hubbard County SWCD has a rural rainfall monitoring network throughout Hubbard County that was begun in 1978. Each month volunteers record rainfall and snowfall daily and then submit their reports to the SWCD office who sends the compiled data to the Office of State Climatology. Monitors are supplied with stamped, self-addressed envelopes and monitoring forms, so there is no cost to the volunteer. A rain gauge is also supplied. From time to time a volunteer may retire from the network, so new monitors are needed. If you are interested in being a rainfall monitor, please call the office for more information.

(Helga is one of the townships listed on their website as needing rain monitors, but SWCD welcomes volunteers from all townships.)

<https://hubbard-county-swcd-watershed-education-hub-hcswcd.hub.arcgis.com/pages/citizen-scienceandoutreach>



Garage Sale Day: Saturday, June 17

Contact **Moe Webb** if you want to participate in the Sale Day: 218-766-1015 or dlelemen@paulbunyan.net

Lake Plantagenet Landowner's Association Board Members:

Paul Brewinski-President

Mike Kovacovich-vice-president

Clint Mueller-treasurer

Sue Bruns-secretary

Lin Ward- newsletter

Board members: Bob Anderson, Krystie North, Jane Kilgore and Moe Webb

My My view of the lake



Swans on the north side *photo by Sue Bruns



Joel Ward kayaking with a pair of swans.*



Spring comes to the lake...*
*Photos by Lin Ward



ICE OUT -MAY 4TH AND FULL MOON!*
*Photo by Polly Scotland