

Lakeside

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WINTER
PREPARATION**

From Your LPA President: Scott Ross

Greetings Lake Poinsett Members,

To improve communications with our members, the LPA board has added an additional newsletter in August. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and making the most of those long South Dakota days. With the longer days, the lake is experiencing increased boat and jet ski traffic, which is great for the economy and our community, but we need to remember boater courtesy.

Here are a few boating tips to make the rest of the summer safe and enjoyable:

- You should always give as much room as possible when overtaking a vessel. The depth conditions will determine just how much room you can give.
- Slow your speed to reduce your wake. A slower boat will get rocked by a faster boat's wake. If a boat is stationary, be considerate.
- Please give it a wide berth. Reduce speed so you don't swamp it. Stationary boats are usually used for fishing, swimming, etc.
- If you are being overtaken, reducing speed is also a good idea. Slowing your speed ensures the boat passing will not produce an even bigger wake.
- If you are being overtaken, remain on course. Retain speed or, if needed, slow down. You have as much responsibility to avoid a collision as the other boat.
- If you go by a boat head-on, both vessels should turn to starboard and pass port to port. If this is not possible, you must signal the other boaters or vice versa.
- A sailboat under sail will always have the right of way over a powerboat.
- Human-powered boats, like kayaks, have the right of way over any vessel. This includes sailboats.

Sincerely,
Scott L. Ross
President, Lake Poinsett Association



1ST ANNUAL
**LAKE POINSETT
ASSOCIATION**

**18 HOLE GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

8AM SHOTGUN START

TEAMS OF 4
DEADLINE TO REGISTER
MONDAY, JULY 31

LAKE REGION GOLF COURSE
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REGISTRATION BEGINS 7AM
TOURNAMENT START 8AM
LUNCH & PRIZES FOLLOWING

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by Kevin Kjergaard

The Lakeside Newsletter is published May through August for LPA members. Its primary purpose is to provide reliable information and help build knowledge to address challenges for our lake.

**Our mission is to
preserve the health and beauty of our lake
for future generations.**

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AIS Update



The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) has confirmed the presence of zebra mussels in Sand Lake National Refuge in Brown County.

"We discovered the presence of zebra mussels through snorkel survey, which is utilized on high risk and suspect waters," said Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator, Tanner Davis. "Due to the discovery in Sand Lake National Refuge and its connection to the James River, both Sand Lake National Refuge and the James River are now considered infested with zebra mussels."

GFP has implemented the Zebra Mussel Rapid Response Team to respond to this infestation. Through this response team GFP will notify anglers, boaters, and other recreational users of the zebra mussel presence within the lake. They will place high-profile signs on access areas, actively engage boaters using the infested water, reiterate information on decontamination requirements, and identify groups of people and entities that will be potentially affected by the infestation.

"Boaters and anglers in this area can expect to see additional reminders to 'clean, drain, dry' on physical signs, in their email inboxes, and on social media," said GFP Communications Manager, Nick Harrington.

"In addition to our messaging, watercraft inspection stations are set up across South Dakota," concluded Harrington. "Individuals are reminded if you see an inspection station, you have to stop and do your part."

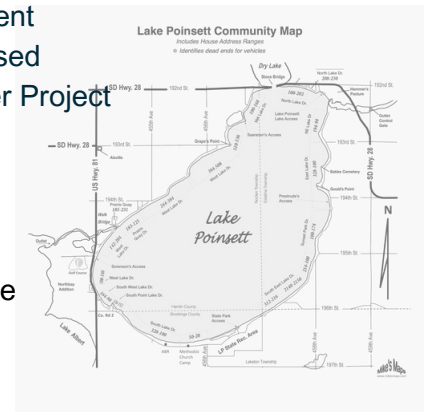
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LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN

A BLUEPRINT FOR LAKE POINSETT'S FUTURE



The Lake Poinsett Association is excited to announce the development of a Lake Poinsett Management/Master Plan. The process has been endorsed by the Lake Poinsett Sanitary District, the LPA, and the Lake Poinsett Water Project District. East Dakota Water Development District is the agent for the task force. Task force members include members of all three of the Lake Poinsett boards.



Banner and Associates, headquartered in Brookings, is the consultant and will produce the Management/Master Plan.

The plan will identify and prioritize critical needs and solutions for Lake Poinsett with a focus on water quality, water quantity, fish and wildlife habitat, tourism, recreation, economic development, roads, and land use. Once key needs are identified, the plan will identify solutions, costs, and funding sources from private, state, federal, and local sources.

Its goal is to help empower and give voice to Lake Poinsett constituents including area businesses, farmers, cabin owners, governmental entities, and agencies to work together to maximize, develop and build Lake Poinsett resources and opportunities.

The initial plan is expected to be written in 2024 will hopefully be a bible or handbook for understanding all of the forces impacting the lake.

Input from property owners around the lake is critical. Banner will conduct surveys, polling, and open and public meetings to identify key needs and priorities of LPA members.

Stay tuned for public meetings as early as September or October of 2023.

The purpose and vision of the management plan is to help steward and care for Lake Poinsett as a fragile and scarce resource. The plan will help provide Lake Poinsett residents and visitors a safe, enjoyable experience.

PRIOR TO PUBLIC INPUT IT IS THOUGHT THE PLAN WILL:

- Understand the sources of water into Lake Poinsett, what needs to be done within its watershed to protect the cleanliness of its water and options and priorities we as constituents of Lake Poinsett need to adopt to impact those entities enfranchised with the responsibility of clean water.
- Understand and prioritize those actions we can take to increase the use of sanitary sewer.
- Understand and prioritize those actions we can take to mitigate shoreline damage and siltation of Lake Poinsett.
- Understand our options to impact water quantity. Short of controlling rain, what options do we have of getting water out of Lake Poinsett when we have too much and getting water in when we have too little.
- Understand and prioritize actions we can take to mitigate the fact that Lake Poinsett is an endangered lake.
- Understand and prioritize those policies and actions we can take to improve fish and wildlife habitat.
- Understand and prioritize those actions we must take to improve our county and township roads.

CHECKLIST FOR CLOSING THE CABIN

➤➤➤ Closing a lake cabin for the season involves several important tasks to protect the property and ensure everything is in order for next season.

1. Clean and declutter: Thoroughly clean the cabin. Dispose of perishables items. Declutter to prevent pests and make the opening next season easier.
2. Unplug all appliances: This includes refrigerators, freezers, stoves, televisions, and other electronics.
3. Empty water lines: Drain all water lines, shut off the main water supply, drain the water heater, and open all faucets and drains until the water stops flowing.
4. Winterize plumbing: Use antifreeze designed for plumbing systems to prevent any remaining water from freezing in the pipes. Pour the antifreeze into toilet bowls, sink traps, and drains. Consider insulation or pipe sleeves for extra protection.
5. Protect against pests: Seal potential entry points to keep out mice, squirrels, and insects. Cover vents and chimneys with mesh or wire screens, and seal gaps in windows, doors, and foundation. Place mothballs or other deterrents in key areas.
6. Secure the cabin: Lock all doors and windows. Consider installing a security systems.
7. Store outdoor furniture and equipment: Clean and store grills, boats, or recreational equipment in a dry and secure location to prevent damage or theft.
8. Take inventory: Create a detailed inventory of items in the cabin, noting condition, repairs or replacements. This will help prepare for the next season.
9. Notify relevant parties: Inform service providers about the cabin's closure. This may include local caretakers, utility companies, or security companies.
10. Consider temperature control: Set the thermostat to an appropriate temperature to prevent extreme cold or heat from damaging the cabin or its contents.

By following these tips, you can properly close your lake cabin and ensure its protection until you return. ◀◀◀



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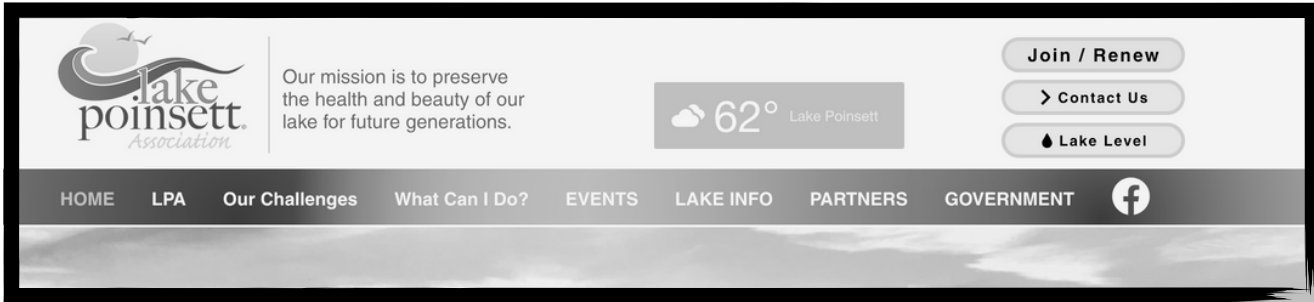
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➤➤➤ From water quality issues to events and lake activities, the LPA website is your portal to stay in touch even when you're not at the lake. The LPA website is just one of the ways we keep members informed about our lake. ◀◀◀

Members turn out for Beach Trash Bash

On July 8 LPA cleaned up litter from the four public lake accesses and beaches. The next generation of young lake lovers were out helping, too, and learned the importance of not littering.



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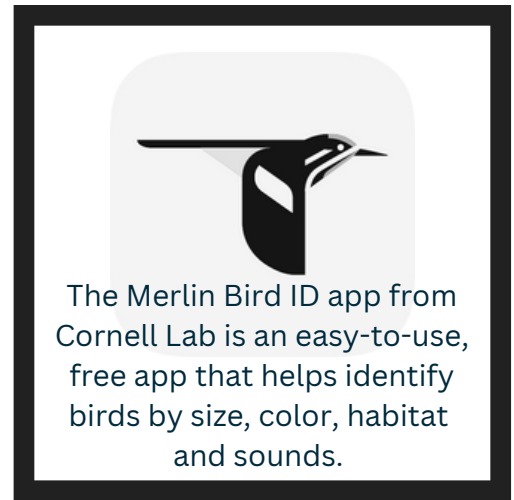
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LAKE BIRDS

OUR NEIGHBORS WITH WINGS

➤➤➤ The Lake Poinsett region is a haven for birds -- and bird lovers. Here are just a few examples of the bird species commonly found around lakes in eastern South Dakota. Keep in mind that bird populations can vary depending on the time of year and specific locations.

1. American White Pelican: These large, white birds with long bills and expansive wingspans are common lake visitors.
2. Double-crested Cormorant: Medium-sized birds with dark feathers and long necks, cormorants are often spotted perched on branches.
3. Canada Goose: Known for their distinctive black heads, long necks, and honking calls, Canada geese often gather in large flocks near lakeshores during migration.
4. Mallard: The most common ducks in North America, mallards have vibrant green heads, while females have mottled brown plumage.
5. Great Blue Heron: These tall wading birds have bluish-gray plumage, long legs, and a long, S-shaped neck. You'll find them patiently standing near the water's edge, waiting to catch fish or other small prey.
6. American Coot: Coots have dark bodies, white bills, and distinctive lobed toes. They have a unique way of running across the water's surface when taking off.
7. Ring-billed Gull: Ring-billed Gulls are medium-sized gulls with a gray and white plumage. They have a black ring around their bills, which gives them their name.
8. Common Tern: These agile birds have long, pointed wings, a forked tail, and a black cap on their heads.
9. Red-winged Blackbird: While not exclusively found near lakes, these birds frequently inhabit wetland areas surrounding lakes. Males have black feathers with red and yellow shoulder patches, while females have brown streaked plumage. They are known for their distinctive "conk-la-ree" song. ◀◀◀



Call for nominations

The Lake Poinsett Association is looking for enthusiastic new members for our Board of Directors.

The board meets the first Saturday of each month, either online or in-person.

Help shape the future of your lake!

Sign up today or nominate a neighbor.

Email your interest to:
directors@lakepoinsett.org



Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 5
9am - 10am
ABR Boathouse

- Join your lake neighbors
- Updates on "Healthy Lake" Project
 - Financial Update
 - Director Election
- Other issues of interest to members
 - Bring your questions

- Door Prizes! -

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