



Bone Lake Newsletter

Bone Lake — Once called Onondogacona which means lake of small pines

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BOAT LANDINGS UPDATE

Boat cleaning required by Polk County law

An amendment to the Polk County Illegal to Transport Ordinance in 2021 requires you to clean your boat *before launching, and before leaving* the landing when a cleaning station is available. The rule is designed to help control the spread of aquatic invasive species like zebra mussel, spiny water flea, Eurasian water milfoil and curly leaf pondweed.

Bone Lake has CD3 cleaning stations at the north and south landings, so cleaning your watercraft before launching and before leaving there is required. The CD3 stations include tools such as compressed air, vacuum, scrub brush, and grabber tools to help you *Clean, Drain and Dry* your watercraft. CD3 cleaning stations are also installed at Balsam Lake, Wapogasset/Bear Trap, and Half Moon lakes.

Area lakes with launches maintained by Polk County have cleaning stations with a bleach solution to spray your boat to eliminate any attached invasive animals like zebra mussel, and brushes and grabber tools to remove any visible plants and animals.

A new sign stating the rule will be installed by the county at all county landings including Bone Lake's north and south landings.

New traffic pattern

At our north landing, mandatory boat cleaning makes a change in traffic patterns necessary. New signs are being produced this spring to show everyone the way. Also, the new parking area will be striped.

The Luck Lions continue to maintain the landing and Don Langel Memorial Park. When launching or leaving, please remember to add a contribution at the "yellow pole" to help support improvements in the park.

At the south landing, plans are underway to widen the access, add gravel and replace the blocks in the water with a concrete pad. The District is working with the Town of Georgetown to complete these improvements this year.

Thank you for your patience and courtesy while everyone gets used to these changes. ■

See page 7 for more about improvements at the north landing.



PHOTO: PRAIRIE NURSERY

Swamp (Red) Milkweed *Asclepias incarnata*

An exceptional choice for pollinators and butterflies, the 3-5 ft. plant forms a stately clump with upright stems, long narrow leaves and clusters of fragrant pink flowers, followed by attractive seed pods for late season interest. A beautiful addition to a butterfly garden and excellent for low, moist areas and naturalizing the lakeshore.

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The new bi-county ordinance sign. Signs will be installed at all Polk County and Burnett County boat landings adjacent to the DNR Clean Drain Dry Never Move signs.