

Forest County's Courtesy Code

Be Kind to Wildlife, Your Neighbors, & Your Lake

- Quiet hours and outdoor lights out after 10 pm (hours may vary by lake and local ordinance).
- Noise travels over water; be aware of your music volume.
- Because fireworks can negatively affect wildlife, family pets, and our lakes & rivers, private use is often restricted. Check local ordinances – some require permits. Fireworks are prohibited in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.
- Observe loons, eagles, and other wildlife from a long distance.
- Lead sinkers, weights, and shot can poison eagles, loons, and other wildlife – use non-lead tackle and shot.
- ATV's, UTV's, and snowmobiles should stay on marked trails and permitted roadways.

Watercraft Safety – OBEY THE LAWS, REGULATIONS, & RULES

- Stay at least 100 ft. from swimmers, anglers, other watercraft, rafts, and docks.
- Slow down and stay at least 200 ft. from shore when operating faster than "slow-no-wake" speed to keep people safe and protect shorelands from erosion.
- Wake boats, especially, may erode vulnerable shorelines when the distance to shore is not adequate to dissipate the wakes. Avoid multiple passes in the same area because they can cause long-lasting damage to shorelines, water quality, and lake bottoms.
- Water skiing & jet skiing hours are from 10 am - 5 pm (hours may vary by lake and local ordinance).
- Power Loading of Watercraft should be avoided – it creates holes in the landing area and disperses sediment into the lake.
- Provide one wearable personal flotation device per person.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters – OBEY THE LAWS, REGULATIONS, & RULES

- Prevent the spread of Eurasian Watermilfoil and other invasive species:
 - Clean your boat, motor, trailer, anchor and live well before entering a new water body and again as you leave it.
 - Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge tanks, live wells, and bait containers before leaving the water access.
- Dispose of unwanted bait and monofilament line in the trash, not on the ground or in the lake.
- Only purchase live bait from certified vendors.
- Avoid littering – carry your trash out as it can kill wildlife and pollute the surrounding area.

REPORT INVASIVE SPECIES VIOLATIONS TO THE DNR'S TIP LINE

1-800-847-9367

OTHER VIOLATIONS CAN BE REPORTED TO YOUR LOCAL DNR WARDEN

715-216-6396

Or

FOREST COUNTY SHERIFF

715-478-3331



Lake CPR – Be Courteous, Polite, & Respectful



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