



Found – boat lift

Found by Dalecarlia peninsula on east side (near bay sometimes called Church Camp). Address is 28237 432nd Pl. Cell number is 651-346-9410. Thank you.



Lost – surf board and Maui mat

1. Lost an orange and white phase 5 scamp surf board. Please call Jared Lundgren 612-636-2151 if you have found it.

2. Lost a Maui mat. Orange and aqua colored, about 6 x 12 feet. Please call Reed Nelson at his cell: 612.840.8650

Thank you.

Water Patrol Presence on Farm Island Lake

Dan Asmus, of the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol, has asked the FILIA board to pass along this information as a public service announcement - that they will increase their patrol hours on Farm Island Lake to monitor wake boat and Personal Watercraft (PWC, jet skis, etc.) activity. He also asks you to contact the Water Patrol if you see or hear activity that requires their attention, and if possible, please take pictures and/or videos. Their number is the same as the sheriff's office: 218-927-7435.

A friendly reminder that PWC can only operate from 9:30 AM to 1 hour before sunset. Please be respectful of people using the lake.

Membership

We have 226 paid members as of September 10, 2021. We are 10 shy of beating last year's membership. A membership application form can be found on our website and is also included with this mailing, and you can pay online. Yearly dues are \$25, and membership is voluntary. Be sure to include your email address on the application.

Not sure if you paid your membership dues? A current member list is on your website at FarmIslandLake.org or send an email to FILIALake@gmail.com.



Lake Level

Board member Bill Haroldson took the latest lake level at 1254.05 feet. For reference, OHWL is 1255.50 feet.

Trouble getting your boat off the lift

Both south and north landings are accessible, but it gets very shallow quickly when you leave the landing. Lake property owners need to be aware and use caution. The lake is low and will get lower without sufficient rain. See list of lake service providers below for help getting your boat off the lift.

DNR List of Permitted Lake Service Providers who install and remove docks and lifts

Lake service providers who install and remove docks and lifts for hire are required by the DNR to be trained and have a permit. Use the link below and select Aitkin and Crow Wing for a list of permitted lake service providers. The list appears at the bottom of the web page.

https://webapps11.dnr.state.mn.us/aquatic_invasive_species_training/lake_service_provider_permits/public_website_list.

The list of permitted lake service providers is made available for the convenience of the public only. Farm Island Lake Improvement Association, The State of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources neither endorse the services listed nor accept any liability arising from the use of the services listed.

DNR - Safety on the water a prerequisite for successful boating as summer turns to fall

September 3, 2021

Labor Day weekend marks the end of the recreational boating season for many Minnesotans, but it is imperative they don't let their guard down as the season draws to a close.

This year already has been the deadliest in more than a decade on the state's waterways, highlighting the need for people to be safe as they hit the water for the long weekend.

"We know it'll be a busy weekend on the water, and more than likely a busy fall as well," said Lt. Adam Block, state boating law administrator for the DNR Enforcement Division. "Having a safety-focused mindset is the best way people can ensure a fun and successful trip on the water."

So far this year, 17 people have lost their lives in boating accidents in Minnesota, which is the highest number since 2005. Most of fatal boating incidents in any given year occur during the cold-water periods of the spring and fall, which means people who venture out in September and beyond need to be extra vigilant about their safety.

"As the water temperature begins to drop, it's vital that anyone on or near the water is prepared for an unexpected fall into the water," said Col. Rodmen Smith, DNR Enforcement Division director. "We say it all the time, but it bears repeating: There's no better way to stay safe on the water than wearing a life jacket."

Boaters should heed the following safety reminders as they hit the water:

- Wear a life jacket (foam life jackets are more effective than inflatables during the cold-water season).
- Distribute weight in the boat evenly and abide by manufacturer's weight limits to reduce the likelihood of falling overboard.
- Have a means of communication. Boaters also should let other people know where they're going and when they plan to return.
- Watch the weather to avoid shifting winds or storms.
- Keep in mind that even strong swimmers can be incapacitated quickly after a fall into cold water.
- Wear an engine cut-off device if the boat is equipped with one.

DNR - Aquatic plant regulations

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/apg/regulations.html>

Many people need to clear a path for access in out of property. What is to be done with the weeds being removed.

Under Minnesota law, aquatic plants growing in public waters are the property of the state. Because of their value to the lake ecosystem, they may not be destroyed or transplanted unless authorized by the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources as stipulated in the Aquatic Plant Management Rules. A "public water" is generally any body of water 2.5 acres or larger within an incorporated city limit, or 10 acres or larger in rural areas. If you are unsure whether a particular lake is public, please contact your local [Aquatic Plant Management Permitting Staff](#) PDF .

Activities NOT allowed:

- Excavating the lake bottom for aquatic plant control
- [Use of hydraulic jets](#) PDF
- Destroying or preventing the growth of aquatic plants by using lake bottom barriers.
- Removing aquatic vegetation within posted fish-spawning areas.
- Removing aquatic plants from an undeveloped shoreline.
- Removing aquatic plants where they do not interfere with swimming, boating, or other recreation.

Control methods which MUST HAVE a permit

- Destruction of any [emergent vegetation](#) (for example, cattails and bulrushes).
- Cutting or pulling by hand, or by mechanical means, [submerged vegetation](#) in an area larger than 2,500 square feet.
- Applying herbicides or algaecides.
- Moving or removing a bog of any size that is free-floating or lodged in any area other than its place of origin in public waters.
- Transplanting aquatic plants into public waters.
- Use of [automated aquatic plant control devices](#) (such as the Crary WeedRoller).
- Physical removal of [floating-leaf vegetation](#) from an area larger than a channel 15 feet wide extending to open water.

When a permit is NOT needed

If you are a lakeshore property owner who wants to create or maintain a swimming or boat-docking area, you may cut or pull [submerged vegetation](#), such as Elodea, without a DNR permit under certain conditions:

- First, the area to be cleared must be no larger than 2,500 square feet.
- Second, the cleared area must not extend more than 50 feet along the shoreline or one-half the length of your shoreline, whichever is less.
- The 2,500 square foot area may also include a boat channel up to 15 feet wide, and as long as necessary to reach open water (the boat channel is in addition to the 2,500 square feet allowed). The cutting or pulling may be done by hand or with hand-operated or powered equipment that **does not significantly alter the course, current, or cross-section of the lake bottom**. Such control cannot be done with draglines, bulldozers, [hydraulic jets](#), suction dredges, automated aquatic plant control devices, or other powered earth-moving equipment.
- **After you have cut or pulled aquatic plants, you must dispose of them on land to prevent them from drifting onto your neighbor's property or washing back into the lake.**

In [floating-leaf vegetation](#) a lake shore property owner may maintain a channel 15 foot wide extending to open water by mechanical means without a permit. Any other destruction of floating-leaf vegetation requires a permit. If you have questions on control activities that do not require a permit, please contact your local [aquatic plant specialist](#) PDF .

If you plan to dispose of the aquatic vegetation someplace other than on your property you will need to download the [aquatic plant transport authorization form](#) PDF. This form allows you to transport the aquatic vegetation to a suitable location for disposal.

A DNR permit is not needed to gather aquatic plants for personal use (except for wild rice) or for constructing a shooting or observation blind.

Apply for a permit online

Fees for aquatic plant management permit depend upon the kind of control that you are doing, but generally will run about \$35.

Fee Information: The aquatic plant management fee information in the table below is provided for your reference. Maximum permit fees apply when multiple applicants are applying for a permit on a single application. **Do not send payment with your application.** You will receive an invoice from the DNR once staff have received and confirmed that you require a permit, and determined the appropriate fee. *If you apply for two or more treatment types ONLY THE LARGEST FEE WILL APPLY.*

DNR reminds off-highway vehicle riders to prioritize their safety

OHV riders also need to take precautions to avoid inadvertently setting fires

As the busy fall season for riding off-highway vehicles (OHV) approaches, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds all riders to prioritize safety.

Like 2020, when the number of OHVs registered in Minnesota increased markedly, DNR conservation officers report this year has been an exceptionally busy one throughout the state. While there's plenty of OHV activity year-round, there tends to be a September surge that lasts until the snow starts falling. And, unfortunately, people die every fall in OHV-related crashes.

“Our goal is that every rider return home safely at the end of every ride,” said Capt. Jon Paurus, safety training education manager for the DNR Enforcement Division. “Riding an OHV is a great way for people of all ages to experience Minnesota’s outdoors, but riders have to prioritize safety at all times during every ride.”

Twelve people had died in OHV-related crashes as of Aug. 19. The majority of those were on Class 1 all-terrain vehicles (ATV), but four were riding the larger Class II vehicles that are becoming increasingly popular. The number of fatalities is up from the 10-year average of about 11 at the same time of year.

Among the most common violations conservation officers have seen this year is youth riders not wearing helmets. All riders under the age of 18 must wear a DOT-approved helmet, and it's recommended all riders wear one. Other ways riders can help ensure a safe ride include:

- Ride only on designated trails. Stay to the right and travel at a safe speed.
- Ride sober.
- Wear protective gear including goggles, long sleeves, long pants, over-the-ankle boots, gloves and a DOT-approved helmet.
- If an OHV comes with factory installed seatbelts, wear them.
- Avoid riding on paved roads except to cross. Do it safely and ensure it's permitted by law.
- Actively supervise young riders as OHVs aren't toys.
- Complete a safety education course.
- Ride on trails and avoid parking over dry grass to reduce the risk of inadvertently starting a wildfire.

For more tips on safe riding, see mndnr.gov/ohv/atv-safety.html

- The FILIA Board Members, in order to fulfill our mission of stewardship for Farm Island Lake. strive to maintain good communications and collaborative efforts with lake association members and Aitkin County and state agencies such as the DNR, Aitkin Area Fisheries, Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District, and Invasive Species Specialist, to name a few.
- When government, local agency and county information is included we are serving as the messenger to keep you informed of their activities concerning Farm Island Lake.
- The FILIA board members act in good faith as volunteers and assume no responsibility for the boat parade or any other FILIA activity.

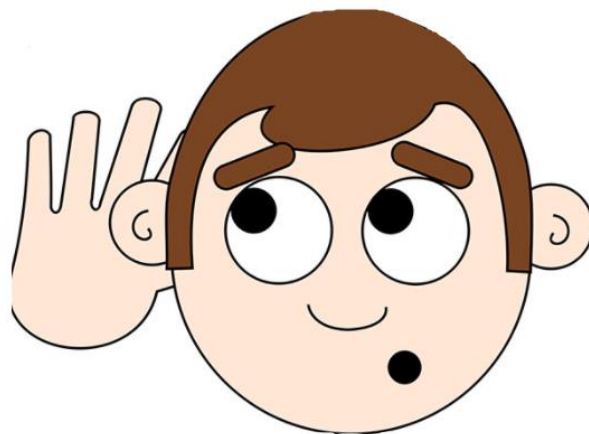
DNR Boating and Fishing Guide is on our website

Check it out for Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) regulations, such as time-of-day usage, age restrictions; life jacket information, water navigation, paddling safety, scuba diving safety, when an aquatic plant management permit is not needed, rescue breathing, etc. On our website under [Useful Information](#).

Noise can travel on the lake. When you're talking in a boat be mindful that your voice can carry and people on other boats or on the shore may hear what you're saying.



This holds true for boat radios – the noise from a loud radio can travel far across the lake. Please be noise-considerate of others. We all are here to enjoy the lake.



2022 Calendar of FILIA Events

*Spring Board Meeting	Saturday, May 7, 9:00 am	The Joint Tavern & Eatery
Annual Association Meeting	Saturday, June 18, 9-11:00 am	Hazelton Town Hall
4th of July Boat Parade	Saturday, July 2, Noon	FIL South Public Access
*Fall Board Meeting	Monday, Sept 5, 9:00 am	The Joint Tavern & Eatery

Hazelton Town Hall is located on east side of US Hwy 169, a few miles south of Tame Fish Lake Rd.

*Only board members attend the Board Meetings.

The annual meeting is held the 3rd Saturday of June each year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dennis Kraimer..... President	Jim Hausauer	Denise Noling
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Cheryl McDonough ... Treasurer/Secretary	Bill Haroldson	Mike Harrington

FILIA Website

There is a lot of information on the FILIA website. This site map includes the links to the various pages on the website. FarmIslandLake.org

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- Current and past newsletters, Gillnet Survey Results
- List of Board of Directors, Shore Captains, Meeting dates
- Financial reports, current and past

Be sure we have your email addresses to ensure receipt of newsletters and email updates throughout the year.



Be Well. Be safe. Have fun!

Sincerely,
Cheryl McDonough & Board Members
FILIA Treasurer/Secretary
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[Your comments are welcome.](#)

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Clean In Clean Out

When boating or fishing in Minnesota, protect your waters by following state aquatic invasive species laws.

1. **CLEAN** all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland.

2. **DRAIN** water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait containers, motor) *and* drain bilge, live well and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreline property. **Keep drain plugs out** and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/invasives/q_and_a_drain_plug_law_20110609.pdf

3. **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, and worms, in the trash. It is illegal to release bait into a waterbody or release aquatic animals from one waterbody to another. If you want to keep your bait, you must refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

KNOW THE LAW: You may not...

- Transport watercraft without removing the drain plug.
- Arrive at lake access with drain plug in place.
- Transport aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species on any roadway.
- Launch a watercraft with prohibited species attached.
- Transport water from Minnesota lakes or rivers.
- Release bait into the water.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Spray, rinse, dry — Some invasive species are small and difficult to see at the access. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody, especially after leaving zebra mussel and spiny waterflea infested waters:

- **Spray** with high-pressure water
- **Rinse** with very hot water*
- **Dry** for at least 5 days

Run motor and personal watercraft for a few seconds to discharge water before leaving a water access.

Transport fish on ice — be prepared, bring a cooler.

* These water temperatures will kill zebra mussels and some other AIS: 120°F for at least 2 minutes; or 140°F for at least 10 seconds

Report suspicious infestations

If you suspect a new infestation of an invasive plant or animal, take a photo and note the location, or save a specimen and report it to a local [DNR invasive species contact](#).

More information at https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/preventspread_watercraft.html



FILIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FarmIslandLake.org

BECOME A MEMBER AND HELP PRESERVE AND ENHANCE FARM ISLAND LAKE

Dues are **\$25.00** a year per property owner from January to December.

You can pay online at your FILIA website, or bring this form to the annual meeting, or mail it to:

Farm Island Lake Improvement Association (or FILIA)

Date: _____

PO Box 135

Aitkin, MN 56431

Name _____

Home

Address _____

No need to write your home address if your correct address is on your check.

Lake

Address _____

Phone-best year-round contact

phone(s) _____

Email-best year-round contact

email(s) _____

Your email addresses will be used to send you newsletters and other FILIA news. It will not be sold or shared.

Additional money for the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Fund \$ _____

Thank you for your membership!