

Hello Farm Island Lake!

July 4th Boat Parade is this Saturday July 2nd

The July 4th boat parade is this Saturday July 2nd. It starts at noon at the south public access, so please get there before noon. The direction of the parade this year will be counter-clockwise - headed east.

The boat parade has a large audience and its purpose is to celebrate America's independence. When decorating your watercraft, we ask that people be courteous and focus on the fun, and that your decorations are kind and respectful of all others.

The parade typically takes over an hour to complete. Please stay with the parade through to the end so all the folks can enjoy the decorations. Practice safe boating, don't follow too closely, and please be respectful to fellow parade participants and parade spectators. Have fun decorating your watercraft. Some of you were pictured in the local Aitkin newspaper last year!

Happy 4th of July!

DNR Farm Island Lake Fish survey results

DNR Results from the fall electrofishing. The fish were the largest we have seen and about average levels of abundance. This should lead to another decent year class. It looks like the two year olds (last fall) had also grown fast and are likely contributing to anglers' catches this spring as 3 year olds. So far so good.

The DNR will be back on the lake with another standard fish survey next summer (2023).

Loon parents and chicks

Just a friendly reminder, if you see Loon parents with their babies, please give them space. As fun as it is to observe them, they need their space and to not feel threatened. Getting too close can be detrimental to the Loon family.

We have 168 paid members. The current membership list is on your website at FarmIslandLake.org. A membership application form is below, and can be found on our website, or you can pay online. Yearly dues are \$25 and membership is voluntary. Be sure to include your email address on the application or email it to us so you will receive the newsletters and emailed updates.

Prevent aquatic invasive species spread

Regardless of the activity—boating, paddling, fishing, moving shoreline equipment, using recreational gear on the water, or caring for aquarium pets or water gardens—everyone can do their part and take several simple actions to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Be sure to follow Minnesota laws:

- Clean watercraft, trailers and equipment to remove aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.
- Drain all water and leave drain plugs out during transport.

- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.
- Never release bait, plants or aquarium pets into Minnesota waters.
- Dry docks, lifts and rafts for 21 days before moving them from one water body to another.

For more information on the Minnesota law, which holds true whether or not a lake is listed as infested – go to this online link. <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/laws.html>

Be sure to inform your visitors and neighbors of this important Minnesota regulation, which is also important and necessary to keep our lake clean and free of invasive species.

And take these additional steps to reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species whenever possible:

- Decontaminate watercraft and equipment – find free stations on the Courtesy Decontamination page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/Decon).
- Spray with high-pressure water or rinse with very hot water (120 degrees for at least two minutes or 140 degrees for at least 10 seconds).
- Dry watercraft and equipment for at least five days before using in another water body.

People should contact our DNR aquatic invasive species specialist if they think they have found any invasive species that has not already been confirmed in a lake or river. Tim Plude | Invasive Species Specialist | Phone: 218-203-4354 | Email: timothy.plude@state.mn.us.

More information is available on the Aquatic Invasive Species page of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/AIS).

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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 and Board Members

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FILIA is a non-profit organization.

- *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. We do not sponsor the boat parade; we announce the event.*

Cut and mail this application along with your dues.....

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 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 \$ _____