

Lake Access Rules for The Nature Conservancy's Emiquon Preserve

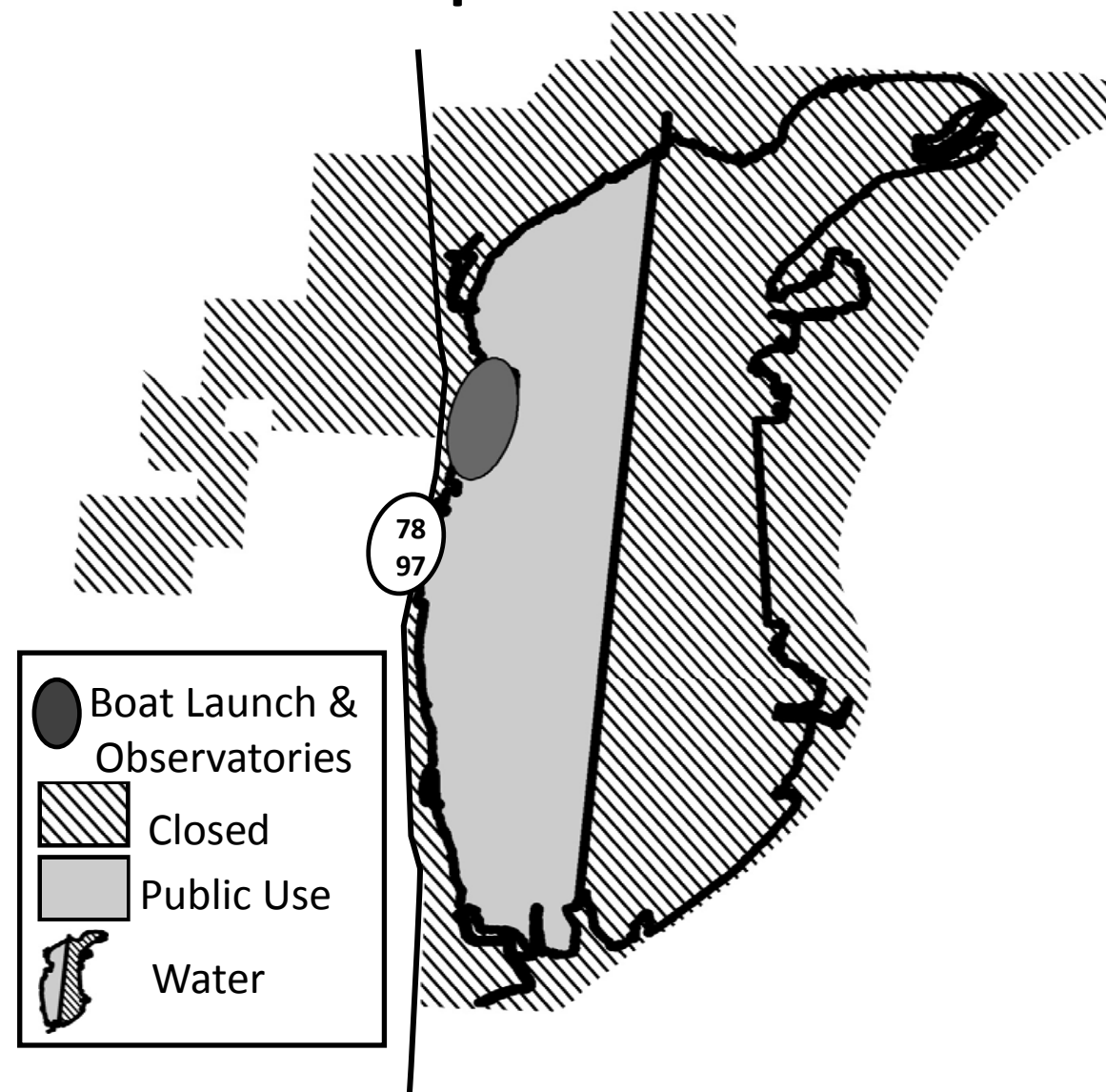
The Emiquon Preserve is private property owned and managed by the Illinois Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

- Individuals boating and/or fishing and/or ice-skating on the Preserve must have a valid Lake Access Permit Application and Liability Waiver on file with the Conservancy and must carry a valid Conservancy LAKE ACCESS PERMIT. No other public access is allowed without Conservancy permission except for access to the Observatories and associated trail/walkway and roadway.
- LAKE ACCESS PERMITS are available from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Dickson Mounds Museum, 10956 N Dickson Mounds Rd, Lewistown, IL 61542.
- Organized boating/fishing/ice skating activities of more than 25 people require a SPECIAL USE PERMIT available at The Nature Conservancy's Illinois River Program Office at Emiquon.
- Lake Access hours are sunrise to sunset. No entry allowed sunset to sunrise.
- Minors must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older and authorized by the minor's parent or legal guardian.
- No boating, fishing or ice skating access before 12:00 pm during waterfowl hunting season. Lake users should be aware that hunting might occur on the Preserve other times as well.
- Harvest of fish must be for personal use only and not for sale.
- No bank fishing.
- No gas motors (not even on the boat) including ice augers.
- No live bait except worms.
- No fish cleaning.
- Collecting and/or removing the following is prohibited:

Rocks	Fossils	Animals (other than fish)
Plants	Plant materials	Artifacts
- Violation of any rules invalidates your permit and constitutes trespassing.
- These rules and regulations are subject to change without notice.
- The Conservancy reserves the right to close the Preserve to any or all visitors by posting.
- The public is allowed only on the west half of Thompson Lake. The public must remain west of the orange buoys that demarcate the approximate middle of Thompson Lake (see adjacent map).
- Only bow or pole and line fishing allowed with a maximum of two (2) poles per person.
- Only registered watercraft allowed on the lake and all state requirements and regulations apply.
- All gear must be removed daily.
- Fish harvest limits are:

Species	Minimum length	Daily limit
Largemouth Bass	18"	1
Crappie	9"	25
Channel Catfish		6
Bluegill (Lepomis species)		25
Walleye/Sauger	14"	6
- No alcohol

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• In case of emergency, it is approximately 6 miles to the nearest hospital – Mason District Hospital in Havana at (309) 543-4431 or call 911
 • To contact The Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police call the Fulton County Sheriff at (309) 547-2277
 Failure to follow all rules and/or carry your current permit can be cause for immediate removal from property and having your permit revoked.