

Lake Sixteen, Orion Oaks County Park




Protecting our Freshwater Resource -

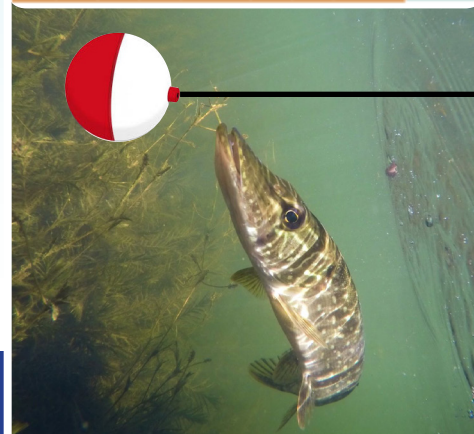
There are more than 1,400 lakes in Oakland County. These important freshwater resources provide fish habitat, recreation opportunities, flood mitigation and storm water control, and serve as potential sources for drinking water during emergencies. It is the mission of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission to preserve and protect these waters for our community.

The threat of Aquatic Invasive Species -

What makes a species “bad” for our lakes? Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) take over our lakes - growing rapidly to overabundance, crowding out native species and providing poor quality habitat and food sources for wildlife. These invaders accelerate the ‘aging’ of our lakes and reduce access for boating, fishing and swimming. Aquatic invasive species also present a significant threat to our native sport fishes, reducing their abundance.



	Addison Oaks	Groveland Oaks	Independence Oaks	Orion Oaks	Rose Oaks
# of lakes/ Total size in acres	3/39	1/30	1/68	1/91	6/91
Docks	•	•	•	•	
Boat rental	•	•	•		
Boat launch (no gas motors)	•	•	•	•	
Concessions	•	•			
Camping	•	•			
Shore fishing	•	•	•	•	
Dock fishing	•				•



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Protect our Oakland County Lakes!



CLEAN

DRAIN

DISPOSE

Prevent transport of aquatic invasive species.
Clean all recreational equipment.

DROP A LINE!

Find a map of Fishing opportunities at DestinationOakland.com

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Eurasian Watermilfoil



This aquatic invasive plant spreads rapidly and can invade an entire lake from a single fragment! It grows in large beds up to 15 feet tall and can cover acres of lake bottom. It resembles an underwater pine tree and blooms from spring to fall.

Curlyleaf Pondweed



This aquatic invasive plant grows completely underwater, blooming from fall to spring. It begins to die off in June, but can be seen growing in dense bushes in waters up to 30 feet deep! The leaves are crispy and wavy, like a potato chip.

Help protect our lakes!

Following these simple steps greatly reduce the chance of spreading invasive species - It's the law!

CLEAN all visible aquatic plants and other invasive species from watercraft, trailers, and equipment before and after entering any lake.



DRAIN equipment and watercraft (boat, ballast, tanks, bait containers, livewell, baitwell) and remove drain plugs before and after entering any lake.



DISPOSE of plant material and unwanted bait in the trash! It is illegal to release bait or aquatic animals into a waterbody. If you want to keep your bait, refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.



Starry Stonewort



This aquatic invasive looks like a plant but is actually a macro-alga. This alga spreads rapidly by hitching a ride on fishing gear, boats and trailers. Once it lands in a lake it takes over the bottom, quickly forming pillows reaching up from depths more than 15 feet.

Purple Loosestrife



This attractive aquatic invasive plant grows on the shoreline in the "emergent" habitat. It grows very rapidly and soon takes over the entire shoreline! Despite its eye-catching appeal, it provides poor habitat for native insects and shoreline inhabitants.