

Aquatic Invasive Species Update Washington & Waukesha Counties



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Upcoming Trainings!!!

Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) Volunteer Trainings:

May 19th: VIRTUAL (Contact AIS Coordinator for ZOOM Link)

May 26th: 9am (Open to Anyone) 333 E Washington St. West Bend, WI 53095

June 1st: 430pm Washington County: 333 E Washington St. West Bend, WI 53095

June 3rd: 9am Waukesha County: 515 Moreland Rd, Waukesha 53188

June 5th: 9am VIRTUAL (contact AIS Coordinator for ZOOM Link)

Project RED: Riverine Early Detectors

June 1st: 1pm 333 E Washington St. West Bend, WI 53095

June 3rd: 1pm 515 Moreland Rd. Waukesha, WI 53188

Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN)

As needed. Contact AIS Coordinator to set up a date and time



We Are Hiring!!!

We are still hiring for ALL of the Waukesha County AIS summer intern positions which include the following:

2 County AIS Interns

6 Lake Specific CBCW Interns for the the following lakes- Silver, Lac La Belle, Golden, Ashippun, Geneeses, Nemahbins

Click the link below to start your application today!!!

[Waukesha County Jobs](#)

Photo Below: AIS Coordinator Samantha Lammers, Summer Interns Mohammad Kenj-Halabi, Steven Schwartz, Mackenzie Franz, and Jayne Jenks (Waukesha County)



Purple Loosestrife Update

If you would like more information about Purple Loosestrife, PL identification, or for PL Bio Control please visit the DNR website below:

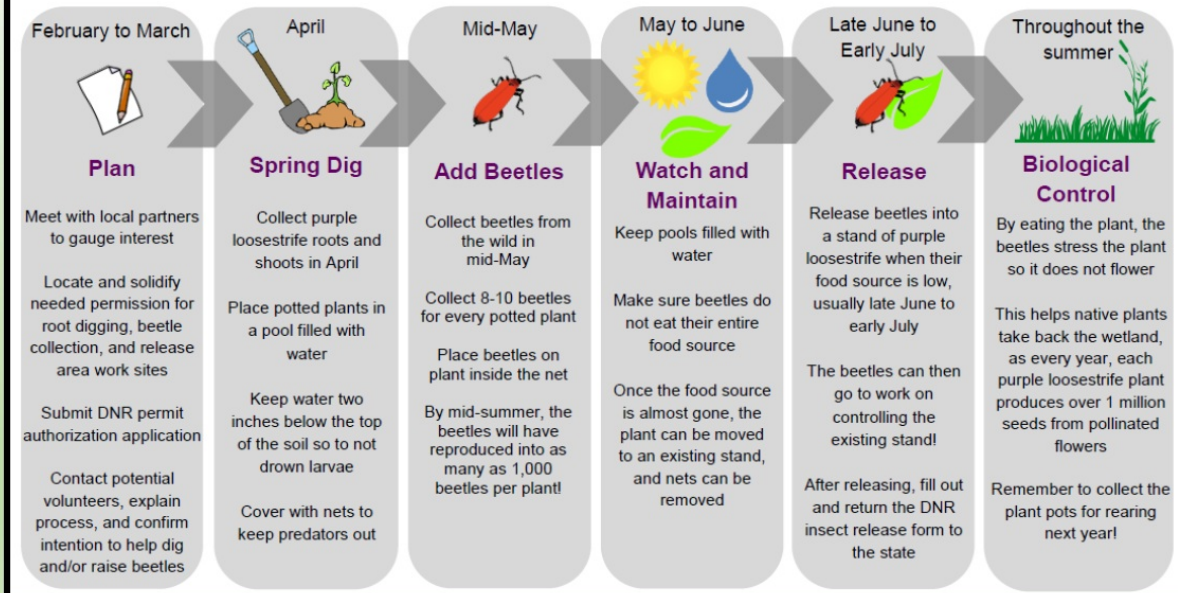
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Invasives/loosestrife.html>

Purple Loosestrife Biological Control

Helping Native Plants Battle Invasive Species



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Lake of the Month: Big Cedar Lake in Washington County

Photos Below: Left to Right: Map of Public Boat Landings, Hacker Drive Landing, Paradise Drive Landing



Facts and Figures:

Name: Cedar Lake

Waterbody ID (WBIC): 25300

Area: 937 ACRES

Maximum Depth: 105 feet

Mean Depth: 34 FEET

Bottom: 10% sand, 25% gravel, 0% rock, 65% muck

Hydrologic Lake Type: SPRING

County: Washington

Latitude, Longitude: 43.384172, -88.26262530

Fish Present: Panfish, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike and Walleye

Invasive Species Present: **Banded Mystery Snail, Chinese Mystery Snail, Curly-Leaf Pondweed, Eurasian Water-Milfoil, Rainbow Smelt, Zebra Mussel, Spiny Naiad**

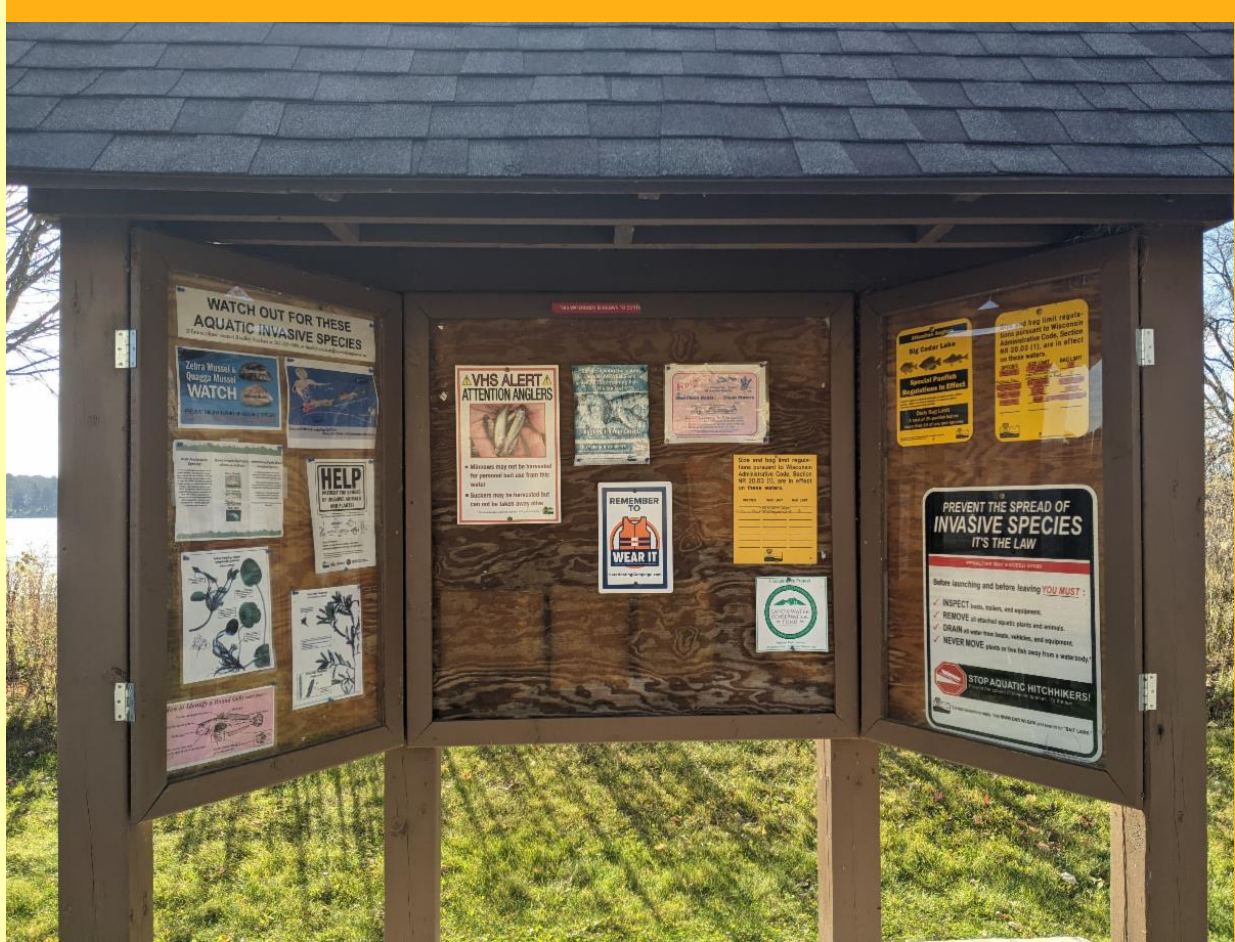
Photo Below: Boettcher Drive Public Launch



What makes Big Cedar Lake Unique?

- Cedar Lakes water source comes exclusively from rain, runoff, and springs! It does not have a river running into it. This contributes to the great quality of Cedar Lake's Water.
- Attached to Big Cedar Lake is Gilbert Lake, a 44 Arce lake with a maximum depth of 9 feet. Parts of Gilbert Lake can only be accessed by kayak or canoe which makes it a wonderful, peaceful paddle to view the Heron and Sandhill Crane nests which reside there.
- At the most Northern Point of Gilbert Lake lies the Indian Springs: two caverns that will open up underneath your canoe or kayak. The farther north you go on Cedar Lake, the more wild and wonderful the ecosystem becomes.
- "The south basin (the largest area and the largest depth) is closest to Milwaukee, and so it got populated with summer homes way back in the 19th century. Beyond the Channel, in the north basin, shoreline bullrushes persisted well into the second half of this century: frogs, turtles and fish spawning. The north end is still almost solid marsh grass." - Bruce Reynolds
- Because of Cedar Lakes size, water quality, and location, boating pressure has greatly increased in the past 20 years. This increase can have consequences on both safety and ecosystem stability. The current challenge for Cedar Lake is to ensure a safe and enjoyable boating experience for all while still maintaining water quality and preventing/controlling invasive species (both plant and animal).

Photo Below: Gonring Drive's Boat Landing Signage



AIS Prevention and Protection Efforts:

Big Cedar Lake has a strong and active Protection and Rehabilitation District (PRD) that works hard for the lake. The PRD has conducted its own CBCW program since 2019, doing boat inspections at multiple landings on Big Cedar as well as Ackerman's Grove at Little Cedar Lake. The Cedar Lake Yacht Club also trained 7 individuals in 2020 to do boat inspections during yacht club outings! Big Cedar Lake residents have taken us out on the lake many times to do Starry Stonewort Early Detection resulting in NO Starry Stonewort ever being found. In 2021, Big Cedar Lake will allow the public access to a CD3 boat wash station at the Goring Dr. Landing to further promote stopping the spread of AIS into and out of Cedar Lake.

A big thank you to Bruce Reynolds and Dave Baldus for the wonderful facts and unique perspective of Big Cedar Lake!!!

AIS Coordinator Message

Hello Washington and Waukesha Counties!
It is with a heavy heart that I am announcing my resignation as AIS Coordinator. I want to **THANK** you **ALL** for the communication, partnerships, and friendships that I have made over the course of this past year. I will greatly miss this position and all of the relationships we

have forged. We did GREAT work and I hope that you continue your passion and diligence for AIS commitment and prevention. My last day will be April 11, 2021 and I assure you that I am leaving my post to very capable hands. Thank you again and I wish you all the best!

-Your AIS Coordinator, Samantha Lammers

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The Aquatic Invasive Species Program is a cooperative effort between Washington & Waukesha Counties, supported by grant funds from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and a number of generous local lake groups working to control the spread of AIS. Thank you for your support!

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