



Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use

2023 Nagawicka Lake Access Reconstruction Projects Frequently Asked Questions

Fast Facts about the Projects

The Nagawicka Lake Boat Launch and parking lot is located within Naga-Waukee Park on the eastern shore of Lake Nagawicka. This is the only completely public launch access to the 917-acre lake for boating, canoeing, kayaking, and fishing activities. There are four existing launch lanes, connected to an existing asphalt parking lot. The boat launch parking lot and ramp lanes were originally constructed in the 1960's. The southern half of the boat ramp was reconstructed in 2012/2013. The intention of this project is to maintain and improve existing launch and parking activities, and to improve pedestrian accessibility between the beach house, parking lot and boat launch.

When will the boat launch be closed this summer?

With the information that we have to date, the boat launch will be partially closed from February/March 2023-May 2023, and will be fully closed from September 5, 2023 through the end of December 2023. Please check the Waukesha County Park Alerts page - <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/parkalerts> for most up to date information.

Why not reconstruct the whole launch?

In order to make the most cost effective and efficient decisions regarding reconstruction of the boat launch at Nagawicka Lake, the county reviewed multiple reconstruction scenarios during the early stages of the project, including full reconstruction. Based on existing conditions, estimated costs and feasibility, it was determined that the south half of the existing boat launch is adequate for current and projected future use. It was also determined that the north half of the ramp is in need of repair.

How is the project being funded?

This project was awarded 50% funding through a WDNR Recreational Boating Facilities Grant. The remaining 50% of the project costs will be sourced from Waukesha County's Park Maintenance Budget and the County's Capital Project for Pavement Management.

When will construction begin?

The anticipated start of the Nagawicka Lake Boat Launch reconstruction project is February or March of 2023. The contractor schedule, as it is developed, may give more exact dates for specific components of the project. Please check the Waukesha County Park Alerts page- <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/parkalerts> for most up to date information. Partial access in the parking lot and to the southernmost boat launch will remain open throughout the reconstruction of the ramp.

Pending authorization, the Nagawicka Lake boat launch parking lot will be under construction and temporarily closed in the fall of 2023. At the boat launch parking lot, public access to the entire site, including lake access, will be closed starting September 5, 2023, and remain closed until construction is completed. Construction

completion is anticipated by December 2023. Please check the Waukesha County Park Alerts page - <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/parkalerts> for most up to date information.

Is there other boat launch access to Nagawicka Lake?

The City of Delafield has a public boat launch located at the end of Bleeker Street. This ramp is open to the public, however parking is limited to registered City of Delafield residents only. For more information on the Bleeker Street Ramp, please contact the Delafield City Clerk's office - <https://www.cityofdelafield.com/131/City-Clerk>.

What if I purchased an annual lake access membership but cannot use the Nagawicka Lake launch after Sept. 5 due to construction?

The lake access permit fees and annual memberships are to support the continued operation and maintenance of the boat launch site, ramps, dock, and parking lot. In addition to the Nagawicka Lake access, annual lake access memberships are valid for all County-owned lake access properties, including those at Pewaukee, Nemahbin, and School Section Lakes, all of which will remain open during the Nagawicka Lake launch closure.

How do I purchase a lake access permit?

Daily permits and annual lake access memberships can be purchased online through use of the Waukesha County Parks and Land Use Website at <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/parkentry>.

In-person purchase options are available by visiting the Waukesha County Courthouse – Park System Main Office- 515 W Moreland Blvd., Room AC260 or Retzer Nature Center- S14 W28167 Madison St.

Where can I find out more information about this project?

For more information about the Nagawicka Lake Access Launch Reconstruction Project, visit <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/current-park-projects/#NagawickaLake>.

For more information about the Nagawicka Lake Access Parking Lot and Boat Launch Reconstruction Projects, visit <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks/park-system/current-park-projects/#NagawickaLake>.

For questions or comments, you can call Waukesha County Park System at **(262) 548-7803**.