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# Otter Lake Times

## Newsletter

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Can you believe we are getting close to the end of the 2025 Season? Time sure does fly when you're having fun.

As we approach the end of the season, I just wanted to take the time to thank everyone for making my first year a good one. I hope the same is true for you all as well. As a camper you're a big part of what makes everyone's experience a good one.

Thank you all for your continued support, I appreciate each one of you. I am already looking forward to next year.

*Shannon Collins*  
Park Manager

### \* SAVE THE DATE \*

**Sept 2nd:** Bait Shop hours change:  
Thursday - Monday 7 am to 3 pm  
Closed on Tuesday & Wednesday

**Oct 15th:** Water off - Bath/Shower Houses Closed

**Nov 1st :** 2026 Leases & 1st Installment Due

**Dec 1st:** End of Season - Campground Closed



## Fall Clean Up

Soon the leaves will begin to fall. As you clean up your lot there are a couple options for your leaves. Mulching them with a lawn mower is always an option. You can also rake them and bag them in a brown paper leaf bag and leave them by the road for our crew to pick up. They must be in brown paper lawn bags. Leaves can be burned as long as the water has not been turned off in the campground.

The end of season is a great time to clean up around your site. If you have items that won't fit in the dumpster **DO NOT** place them on the ground next to the dumpster. You must take those items home or find another way to dispose of them.

*Your cooperation in this helps keep your campground the beautiful and enjoyable place we all love.*

## REMINDER - Electric News

Power will be left on now all winter for the campground. This means at the end of the camping season you will still have power at your camper. However, you will not receive an electric bill during the off-season, but you will see whatever usage you may have used over the winter months on your April bill.

As always, if you want to ensure there is no electric usage you need to unplug your main power from the electric pedestal.



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## 2026 Season Rate Changes

Lot Lease - increased from \$ 1,350 to \$1,380

Boat Dock - increased from \$ 110 to \$ 115

Boat Storage - increased from \$ 115 to \$ 120

*Check out Ordinance 2025-02 on our website for other fees/charges established by the Commission.*

## 2026 Invoices & Leases

Your lot leases and invoices are included with this newsletter. Be sure to get your lot leases signed and turned in to the bait shop office before November 1<sup>st</sup>.

A new lease **MUST** be signed each year and a current driver's license for each person listed on the lease must be on file, failure to do so will jeopardize your lease.

The 1<sup>st</sup> installment for the 2026 season is due by November 1st, 2025. Remember there is a \$15 late fee per day for all late payments. Payments must be processed through our office by November 1st, meaning any payments that are sent through the mail or bank authorization payments that are received after November 1st will be subject to late penalties.



## Water is scheduled to be shut off to the campground on October 15th



**A few winterizing reminders:** Water will be shut off on October 15th, depending on the weather. Updates will be given through our alert system, so be sure to sign up.

While getting your campsite ready for old man winter don't forget to cap your sewer line and your blue tanks.

Fire wood must be stored off the ground per IL Department of Public Health rules.

**Question:** Can I have a fire in a fire pit after the water is turned off?

**Answer:** Yes, but it must be kept under control with someone over 18 keeping watch on the fire at all times. A bucket of water close by is highly recommended.



**Question:** Can I burn leaves?

**Answer:** Yes, but **not** after the water goes off. You can also put your leaves in brown paper bags and place them at the road by your camper and we will haul them away.

## First time ever at Otter Lake....



I'm excited to bring campers a brand new benefit this fall!

For the first time ever, The Boat Dock & Colman's RV will be offering on-site RV winterizations right here at Otter Lake.

**Saturday  
October 25, 2025**

**\$ 159** includes antifreeze & labor  
no trip fees

This is the same low price they charge at the dealership, and they don't offer this service at any other campground. Spots will be limited, so act fast to get on the list!

**Call 217-793-7300**

ask for Lance to reserve your winterization today

## ON-SITE RV WINTERIZATION



### What You Will Need to Do:

- ⇒ Call and schedule your winterization - include your lot/site #
- ⇒ Do not bolt lock your RV
- ⇒ Make sure porch doors are accessible

That's it! Their technicians will handle the rest and ensure everything is locked when they leave.

It's that easy - no hauling, no hassle. I'm proud to continue bringing more value to our campers - don't miss out on this exclusive new service!