

OTTER LAKE

13671 Emmerson Airline Road
Girard, IL 62640

Phone: 217-627-2416
Fax: 217-627-2410

campground@otterlakewater.net



A Division of Otter Lake Water



Otter Lake Times

Newsletter

SPRING 2023

WELCOME BACK!

I trust everyone is ready for winter to come to an end and get back to Otter Lake. Winter was pretty mild and we are hoping spring is near.

Make sure to check out the calendar of events in this newsletter and join in the fun.

As always I am available almost anytime you have a question, please feel free to stop by the bait shop or call me.

Looking forward to another great camping season!

Dennis Ross

DATES WORTH MENTIONING

- March 1st** Campground Gates Reopen. Electric On.
Bait Shop Open : 7am - 3pm
(Closed Tues/Wed)
- March 31st** 2022 Boat Stickers expire.
2023 stickers available at the bait shop.
- April 15th** Water On - weather permitting
Bait Shop Open: 7 days a week, 7am - 7pm
- May 1st** 2nd Installment 2022 Lot Lease Payment
Due including Dock Fees (if applicable)



Spring Clean Up

These warm weekends are a great time to come out to the lake and clean up what old man winter left on your lot.



Leaves

If you rake leaves and bag them in **BROWN PAPER YARD WASTE BAGS** we will be happy to haul them away. Place them by the side of the road and call the bait shop and let us know they are there, we will be happy to pick them up.

Burning of leaves is not allowed before the water is back on.

Improvements

Spring is also the time many of you will be planning to make improvements on your campsite. Please fill out a building permit prior to beginning your project, locates are required ANY time you are going to put a shovel in the ground. To have utilities on your lot located you MUST mark the area to be excavated with white paint, and call the Bait Shop 2 full business days prior to beginning your work. White spray paint is available for purchase at the Bait Shop.

Firewood

If you currently have wood stacked directly on the ground please place it in a rack that will keep the firewood from being in direct contact with the ground.

Upcoming Projects:

- Construction of the North Campground shower house will begin as soon as the water is shut off this fall.



IMPORTANT NOTICE **LEASE ISSUES**

We had a few issues last fall with getting leases signed, getting copies of current drivers licenses, and getting late fee payments. Beginning this season any lease holder without a signed lease, current drivers license on file or unpaid late fees will lose their campsite.

No one wants to go through the process of revoking your lease, so please pay attention to the notices you receive.

Bait Shop/ Office Hours



March 1st - April 14th **Beginning April 15th**

HOURS OF OPERATION		
MON	7AM	3PM
TUE	CLOSED	
WED	CLOSED	
THU	7AM	3PM
FRI	7AM	3PM
SAT	7AM	3PM
SUN	7AM	3PM

HOURS OF OPERATION		
MON	7AM	7PM
TUE	7AM	7PM
WED	7AM	7PM
THU	7AM	7PM
FRI	7AM	7PM
SAT	7AM	7PM
SUN	7AM	7PM

*Water will be turned on April 15th, weather permitting. The new hours of operation starting on April 15th is dependent of the water being turned on.

Golf Cart & UTV Operators

- ◆ You must have a valid drivers license to operate a golf cart or UTV
- ◆ Every golf cart and UTV must have a current sticker.
- ◆ Please use extreme caution while operating you cart or UTV especially after dusk and on Emmerson Airline Road
- ◆ Failure to comply with this rule will result in the loss of the use of your golf cart or UTV for the remaining season

Blue Tanks

The Illinois Department of Public Health requires complete compliance with the laws governing **waste water (gray-water and black-water) discharge.**

FULL COMPLIANCE (100% of the campground) must meet following guidelines:

- ◆ All connections from camper to blue tank are to be sealed and/or tight fitting.
- ◆ All blue tanks and connecting hoses are to be above ground and easily visible.
- ◆ All drain lines are to be connected to blue tanks and/or capped at ends.
- ◆ No drain lines are to be observed or evident or discharging onto ground.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



OTTER OLYMPICS ARE BACK JUNE 24, 2023

Each Campground has a representative that will assist with organizing the events, teams, and judging.

N Campground - Richelle Loftus / S Campground - Melissa Pierson

W Campground - Pam Cuffle / SE Campground - **STILL NEEDED**

We are still in need of a representative from the SE Campground. If you are interested in being the SE representative, please let the Park Manager - Dennis Ross know.

We will have team t-shirts available for order in May.
More information to come. Stay tuned!

June 24th
OTTER OLYMPICS

July 1st
FIREWORKS
(at dusk)

July 2nd
CARDBOARD BOAT
& KAYAK RACES

August 26th
CAMPER
APPRECIATION
PARTY

September 2nd
DUCK BLIND
DRAWING