



Ponemah, Squaw and Tupper Lakes

Laws, Regulations, Boating Safety and Etiquette

Lake Facts

Lake Ponemah is an all sports lake adjoined by Squaw and Tupper with a number of channels and canals

The 3 lakes total about 480 acres with a max depth of ~80 feet an average of ~25 feet with numerous islands

The Shiawassee River enters near the public access in Lake Ponemah and exits on the north west side of Tupper Lake

Summary of Laws and Regulations

The general direction of travel is counter-clockwise

The maximum speed limit is 55 mph unless posted

All channels are designated as slow, no wake speed

Maintain a distance of 100 feet from docks, rafts, swimmers and anchored boats unless at a no wake speed

While towing skiers, tubes or anything similar observe the following safety measures and rules:

- There must be a designated spotter onboard
- Persons in tow must wear life vests

Boats have navigation lights and docking lights, they do not have headlights

Please familiarize yourself with the Michigan Boating rules and regulations at <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/rules-and-regs>

Non-Emergency Contacts:

DNR Law Enforcement Division (517) 284-6000

DNR Report All Poaching (RAP) (800) 292-7800

Genesee County Sheriff Marine Division (810) 257-3422



Safety and Etiquette

Tupper Lake is frequently used as a mooring and swimming area, mind your wake on busy summer days

The mooring buoys in Tupper are for public use as it's difficult to anchor, if you prefer privacy, do not use them

Be aware and respectful of paddlers as the Shiawassee river attracts many paddlers to this chain of lakes

At the sandbar be respectful of the residents, their property and anyone that may need to get around the sandbar

Do not ride on the bow of a boat underway, especially a pontoon boat as this is extremely dangerous

Please be considerate of noise early in the morning and late at night, not everyone enjoys your music

Please help keep our lake clean and free of litter, please secure your trash and do not let the wind take it

The restaurant and marina docks and parking lot are for restaurant patrons only, be respectful

Storms on the lakes come in severe and fast, plan accordingly as the public access quickly backs up

Please relay this information to your guests for everyone's safety

Thanks for your cooperation. -PST Lake Association-