

**BOATING/FISHING RULES  
for The Nature Conservancy's Emiquon Preserve**

1. Any individual fishing and/or boating on the Preserve must carry a valid BOATING/FISHING PERMIT. No other access is allowed without a SPECIAL USE PERMIT.
2. BOATING/FISHING PERMITS are available from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Dickson Mounds Museum, 10956 N Dickson Mounds Rd, Lewistown, IL 61542.
3. Organized activities of more than 25 people require a SPECIAL USE PERMIT.
4. RESEARCH PERMITS, SPECIAL USE PERMITS, and WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS are available only from the Conservancy. RESEARCH and SPECIAL USE PERMITS should be requested from the Conservancy at the Emiquon Preserve Office, 11304 N. Prairie Road, Lewistown, IL, 61542 a minimum of 30 days before any proposed activities. WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMITS are available Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during waterfowl hunting season. For more details, contact the Conservancy office (phone 309.547.2730).
5. Hours are sunrise to sunset. No trespassing sunset to sunrise
6. Minors must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
7. No boating or fishing access before 1:00 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during waterfowl hunting
8. Harvest of fish must be for personal use only and not for sale.
9. The following are prohibited:
 

Bank fishing	Live bait except worms	Bow fishing
Tournaments	Swimming	Wading
Belly boats	Fish cleaning	Gas motors (not even on the boat)
Open fires	Camping	Alcohol
Littering	Pets	Dumping
Biking	Fireworks	Weapons
Off-road vehicles	Digging	
10. Collecting and/or removing the following is prohibited:
 

Rocks	Fossils	Animals	Artifacts
Plants	Plant materials		
11. Violation of any rules invalidates your permit and constitutes trespassing.
12. Regulations are subject to change without notice.
13. Fishing and boating are allowed only on the west half of Thompson Lake. All watercraft must remain west of the orange buoys that demarcate the approximate middle of Thompson Lake.
14. Only pole and line fishing allowed with a maximum of two (2) poles per person.
15. Only registered watercraft are allowed on the lake.
16. All gear must be removed daily.
17. All licensing requirements apply.
18. Fish harvest limits are:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum length</u>	<u>Limit</u>
Large Mouth Bass	18"	1
Crappie	9"	25
Channel Catfish		6
Bluegill (Lepomis)		25
Walleye/Sauger	14"	6



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