



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. It supports some of the best Bass fishing in the area.

The 3 lakes are total about 480 acres with a maximum depth of ~80 feet.

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 Responsibilities

The direction of travel is counter clockwise.

The maximum speed limit is 55 mph.

All channels are designated as slow, no wake speed areas.

You must maintain a distance of 100 feet from docks, rafts, swimmers and anchored boats except at a no wake speed.

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

- There must be a designated spotter onboard.
- Persons being towed must wear life vests.
- You should only tow passengers from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset.

Please familiarize yourself with the right of way on the water in the MI handbook at <http://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/handbook/book.html>

The same drinking and driving laws that apply to driving also apply to boating in Michigan.

Non-Emergency Contacts:

Michigan DNR (517) 284-6000

Genesee County Sheriff (810) 257-3422

Safety and Etiquette

Tupper Lake is considered a mooring and swimming area especially on days when the lake is crowded. Its just too small for anything else so please consider this a slow no wake area. Remember it's the law that you must maintain slow no wake speeds within 100 feet of anchored or docked boats, swimmers, rafts and docks. Please no "HOT LAPS" in Tupper especially when boats are tied together or swimmers are in the water as this endangers the safety of everyone.

Please help keep our lake clean and free of litter, "Pack it in, Pack it out". If it's not a burden, pick up any trash you encounter.

Please be courteous and respectful of each other. You never know when you may need help, plus aren't you here to have fun?

Please be considerate of noise especially early and late in the day and while at the sandbar or drifting near residents homes.

While at the sandbar please leave room when possible for other boaters to park or get around the sandbar. Assist each other when landing, disembarking or trying to get around tight corners. Remember some people live on the rivers too.

Please be aware of the weather and plan appropriately. Storms on Ponemah come in severe and fast. If you launched your boat from the public access you will be waiting in line to get off the lake during inclement weather.

Thanks for your cooperation. -PST Lake Association-