



Welcome to Bangs Lake in Wauconda, Illinois!

Bangs Lake is one of Lake County’s finest recreational lakes. The lake is approximately 306 acres in size and is enjoyed by fishermen, skiers, and recreational boaters.

The Wauconda Police Department Marine Unit monitors compliance with all laws regarding boating registration, operations, conservation and fishing regulations, and conducts boat safety inspections. The Marine Unit also oversees year-round lake activities, including fishing, snowmobiling, and various special events.

The Marine Unit consists of sworn Police Officers with powers of enforcement and arrest as specified by state law and local ordinance. Their primary mission is to help ensure that all users of Bangs Lake can enjoy the lake to its fullest potential in a safe and pleasant manner by the monitoring of fishing, boating and all other activities on the lake.

INSPECTION PERMIT FEES

All funds collected from boat inspection and ice shelter permit fees will be deposited in the Marine Fund, which is used exclusively for patrolling, promotion of safety, fish restocking and maintenance of Bangs Lake 92.108(F)

ICE SHELTER PERMIT FEES

SEASONAL DAILY \$25.00

SEASONAL PERMANENT \$45.00

2024 BOAT INSPECTION FEES

<i>Horsepower Rating</i>	<i>Annual Fee</i>	<i>25.00 late fee after July 3rd</i>
More than 0.0 to 9.9	\$50.00	\$75.00
10.0 to 39.9	\$70.00	\$95.00
40.0 to 74.9	\$100.00	\$125.00
75.0 to 140.0	\$130.00	\$155.00
Over 140.0	\$160.00	\$185.00

SUMMARY OF GENERAL BOATING OPERATION

(NOTE: The following is a summary only and is not meant to be all-inclusive)

SPEED LIMITS – A maximum speed limit of 30 mph exists on Bangs Lake and is radar enforced 92.097(F).

NO WAKE HOURS – A no-wake speed limit (less than 5 mph) exists in all areas of the lake between SUNSET and 10:00 a.m. 92.097(E).

LIFE JACKETS (Age)– All persons under the age of 13 years shall wear a Type I, II, III or V Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times while on watercraft underway on the lake 92.069(F).

LIFE JACKETS (Activity) - All persons water-skiing (92.069), operators and passengers of personal watercraft, specialty prop-craft and similar water craft (625 ILCS 45/4-1) must wear a Type I, II, III or V PFD while engaged in these water activities.

INSPECTION – All duly authorized personnel may board and inspect any boat at any time for the purpose of determining if this Chapter is being complied with. Vessels underway must immediately stop upon being hailed by an authorized person 92.043(A) and 625 ILCS 45/2-2.

TOWING – No person operating any type of watercraft, including personal watercraft and specialty prop-craft, that is towing persons involved in water-skiing, aquaplaning, or similar activity, may operate within 100 feet of any occupied anchored boat, personal watercraft, specialty prop-craft, marked swimming area or public boat landing 92.098(J).

FLAG - The operator of any watercraft that is towing a person or persons shall display on the watercraft a bright or brilliant orange flag measuring not less than 12 inches per side. The flag shall be displayed at the highest point of the area surrounding the boat's or watercraft's helm as to be visible from all directions, continuously, while the person or persons being towed depart the boat or watercraft in preparation for towing and until reentry into the boat or watercraft when the activity has ceased. Display of the flag for purposes other than the activity described in this section is prohibited. 92.098(M)

CARELESS OPERATION – No person shall operate any motorboat, personal watercraft, specialty prop-craft or sailboat in a careless manner so as to be indifferent to the person or property of others, or to operate at excessive speed 92.090.

RECKLESS OPERATION – No person shall operate any watercraft, or manipulate any water ski, aquaplane or similar device in such a manner as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person, weave through congested traffic, jump the wake of another vessel unreasonably or unnecessarily close to

the other vessel, or operate any watercraft so as to approach or pass another watercraft in such a manner or at such a rate of speed as to create a hazardous wake or wash, or operate any watercraft in such an unreasonable manner by turning across the path of another watercraft in such a close proximity as to cause said vessel to use evasive action to avoid a collision 92.091.

HOURS OF ACTIVITY – Water skiing, aquaplaning or similar activities, and the operation of personal watercraft and specialty prop-craft are permitted only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and SUNSET and prohibited when the waters are too crowded with watercraft or water skiers and such fact is properly announced to the public by any Police Official of the Village 92.098(B).

DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC – All water skiing and similar activities, and all personal watercraft and specialty prop-craft shall travel in a counter-clockwise direction around the lake 92.098(E).

SAFE DISTANCE – No person who is operating any type of watercraft that is towing persons engaged in water skiing, aquaplaning or a similar activity, may get within 100 feet of any occupied anchored boat, any personal watercraft or specialty prop-craft, or any marked swimming area or public boat landing 92.098(J). No person who is water skiing or engaged in a similar activity may get within 100 feet of a personal watercraft or specialty prop-craft or allow the tow rope to get within 100 feet of a personal watercraft or specialty prop-craft 92.098(K). It is illegal to operate a personal watercraft or similar craft within 100 feet of the following:

1. Another boat towing a skier or person engaged in a similar activity.
2. The tow rope of another motorboat towing a skier or person engaged in a similar activity.
3. A person involved in skiing or a similar activity 92.098(I)

AGE OF OPERATORS - No person under 10 years of age may operate a motorboat, personal watercraft or specialty prop-craft. Persons at least 10 years of age and less than 12 years of age may operate a motorboat, personal watercraft or specialty prop-craft only if they are accompanied on the motorboat, personal watercraft or specialty prop-craft and under the direct control of a parent or guardian or a person of at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian. Persons at least 12 years of age and less than 18 years of age may operate a motorboat, personal watercraft or specialty prop-craft only if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian or a person of at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian or such motorboat, personal watercraft or specialty prop-craft operator is in possession of a boating safety certificate issued by the Department of Conservation Division of Law Enforcement, authorizing the holder to operate a motorboat, personal watercraft or specialty prop-craft 92.092(A).

Violations of this section done with the knowledge of a parent or guardian shall be deemed a violation by the parent or guardian 92.092(B).

FISHING REGULATIONS

SPEED AND SAFE OPERATION REGULATIONS ON FROZEN WATER

– It is unlawful for any person to operate any ATV, Snowmobile or Motorized Conveyance on the surface of any frozen lake or frozen water located wholly or partly within the village limits at a speed in excess of 50 miles per hour. Between sunset and 10:00A.M., speed shall be reduced to a maximum of 15 miles per hour. Reduced speed shall also be in effect at any time such ATV or Snowmobile is within 100 feet or less of any structure or person on the frozen water. At that time, speed shall be reduced to the minimum required to maintain forward movement. **It is unlawful for any person to operate an ATV or a Snowmobile in a reckless or negligent manner at any time.** 92.097 (G)

<i>Species</i>	<i>Daily Limit</i>	<i>Length</i>
Northern Pike	1	Minimum 36"
Muskellunge	1	Minimum 36"
Bass – Large and Small Mouth	0	Catch & Release Only
Walleye	2	14" to 16" SLOT
Panfish	10	Minimum 6"
Perch	10	Minimum 8"
Black Crappie	8	Minimum 10"

ICE SHELTER / SHANTY REGULATIONS

All persons intending to use any ice fishing shelter or shanty on the surface of any frozen waters within the Village of Wauconda must register their name and address with the Wauconda Police Department and file an application for a fishing shelter registration number prior to erecting any shelter. All shelters shall be marked and identified as required by ordinance, and are subject to inspection. Shelters shall also have reflective markings and shall be anchored to the surface of the frozen water as required in Chapter 92, 92.003 and 92.004.

ALL ACTIVITIES ON THE WATERS OR SURFACE OF BANGS LAKE OR ANY BODY OF WATER WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN THE VILLAGE OF WAUCONDA ARE DONE AT THE PARTICIPANTS' OWN RISK. THE VILLAGE OF WAUCONDA ASSUMES NO LIABILITY FOR SAID USE.