

Lake Frances Owners, Inc.
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PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GEESE

The growing concern about the Lake Frances goose population continues to be an important issue. If you'd like to learn more about the negative impacts of resident geese, you can visit:

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/resident-canada-geese-along-the-waterfront/>

Both Canada geese and Muscovy ducks are considered non-native species and have harmful effects on our lake ecosystem. A single goose can produce up to two pounds of waste per day, and the droppings from one goose contain roughly 25 times more fecal bacteria than human waste.

Overcrowding also creates safety concerns for residents and increases the risk of disease transmission among local waterfowl. Illnesses such as duck plague, avian cholera, and avian botulism can spread quickly and cause significant mortality—not only in geese but in other bird species as well.

For the past seven years, we have worked to educate Lake Frances members about the consequences of feeding geese and Muscovy ducks, yet their numbers continue to rise. After consulting with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), we confirmed that because these birds are considered non-native on our lake, they are not regulated by DNR or federal agencies. As a result, we have been granted permission to implement population-control measures.

If you are concerned and notice a goose or Muscovy duck nest with eggs, please be aware that Lake Frances is registered for nest addling via

<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/waterfowl/cgoose/nestegg.html>

We have also secured a Special Goose Permit for Lethal Control via

www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/waterfowl/cgoose/lethalcontrol.html

Thank you for your attention to this matter.