

Big Sand Lake

Acres 1,400

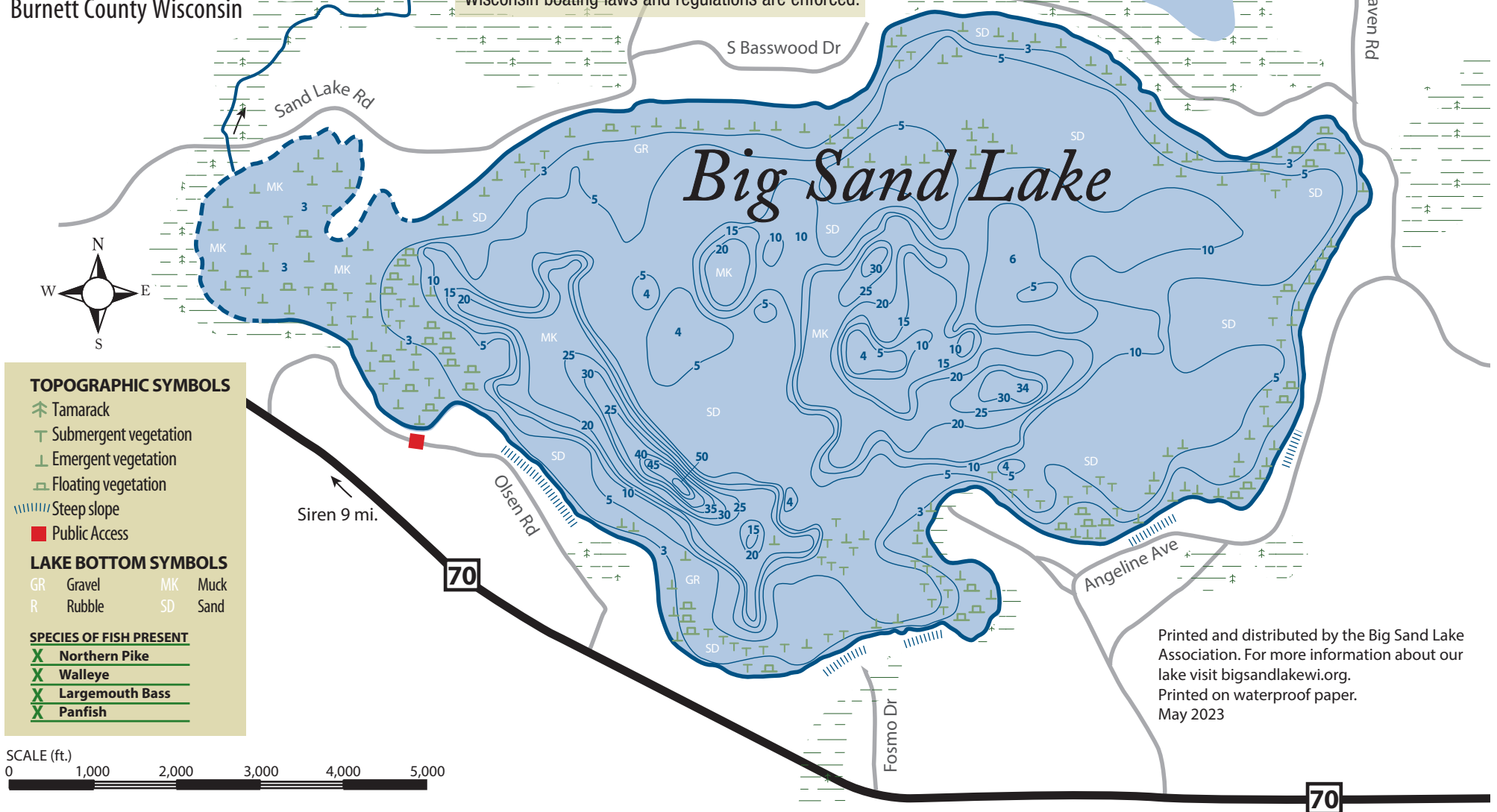
Total Shoreline: 7.6 miles

Maximum Depth: 55 feet

Burnett County Wisconsin

Personal Water Craft: SLOW NO WAKE
WITHIN 200 FT. OF ANY SHORELINE

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO
Wisconsin boating laws and regulations are enforced.

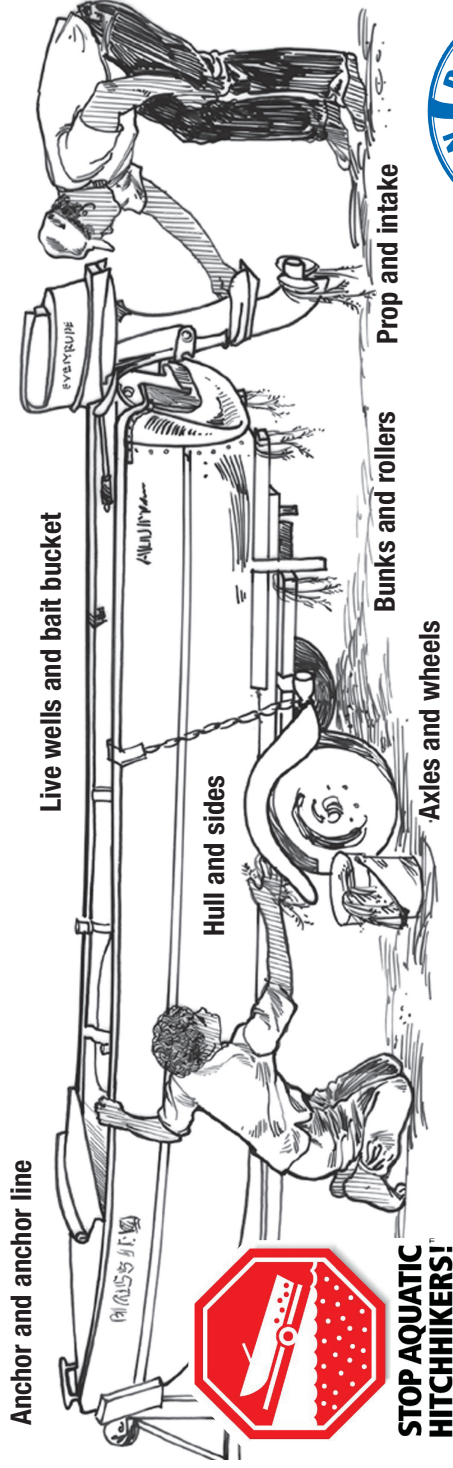


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BSLA recommends: harvesting of largemouth bass, harvesting of northern pike less than 14 inches in length, and catch and release of large bluegills.

It's up to you to stop aquatic hitchhikers...

Clean your boat and equipment to prevent the spread of invasive species!



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!**

**In Wisconsin it's the law*...
failure to follow these steps
can lead to fines up to \$2000.**

Aquatic invasive plants and animals such as Eurasian water milfoil, curly leaf pondweed, rusty crayfish, and zebra mussels are easily transported by boats and equipment as boaters travel from one lake to another. The fish disease Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) is easily spread when fish are transported from one waterbody to another.

It is important for all of us to follow these preventative steps for all water activities, not just boating and fishing.

Other activities include:

- Using personal watercraft
- Shore and fly-fishing
- Sailing
- Scuba diving
- Waterfowl hunting

Be diligent! Even small fragments, roots or seeds transported by your boat can grow and infest another lake.

Before you leave a body of water:

- **Inspect and remove** aquatic plants, animals, and mud from boats, trailers, and equipment before launching and before leaving the water access.
- **Drain all water** from boat, motor, bilge, live wells, bait buckets and other containers and equipment before leaving the water access.
- **Never move** plants or live fish away from a waterbody.
- **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash, not in the water or on land.
- **Buy** minnows from a Wisconsin licensed bait dealer.



Additional steps

Consider additional steps if you are leaving a lake that contains small organisms such as zebra mussels or spiny water fleas and will be launching on another body of water within 5 days:

- Spray or rinse your boat and equipment with hot or high pressure water to remove species not visible.
- Spray boats with a mixture of two tablespoons of household bleach to one gallon of water (10 minute contact time).

***State of Wisconsin: Section 30.715 WI Act 16** prohibits launching a boat or placing a boat or trailer in navigable waters if it has aquatic plants or animals attached.

***Burnett County Ordinance 2008-01:** prohibits transporting or operating on a public roadway any boat, boat trailer, or hunting, trapping, fishing, or boating equipment, including canoes, lines, anchors, nets, personal flotation devices, decoys, and waders if aquatic plants, terrestrial plants or aquatic animals are attached.

Burnett County Sheriff
715-349-2121
(non emergency)
EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. For more information check these sources:

DNR.WI.GOV/TOPIC/INVASIVES/BOAT.HTML, UWSP.EDU/CNR/UWEXLAKES, SEAGRANT.WISC.EDU, STOPAQUATICHITCHHIKERS.ORG

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