

Lake Edward Lines

Newsletter of the Lake Edward Conservation Club

Shore Soil Contents:

100% Sand

Weed Line:

14 to 17 feet

Maximum Depth:

75 feet

Elevation:

1,203 feet

Water Clarity:

12 feet

Public Landing:

Southwest shore

Width:

2 miles

Length:

3 miles

Size:

2574 acres

Miles of Shoreline:

9.4 miles

% of water less than 15 feet:

59%

Acres less than 15 feet:

1,199 acres

Age:

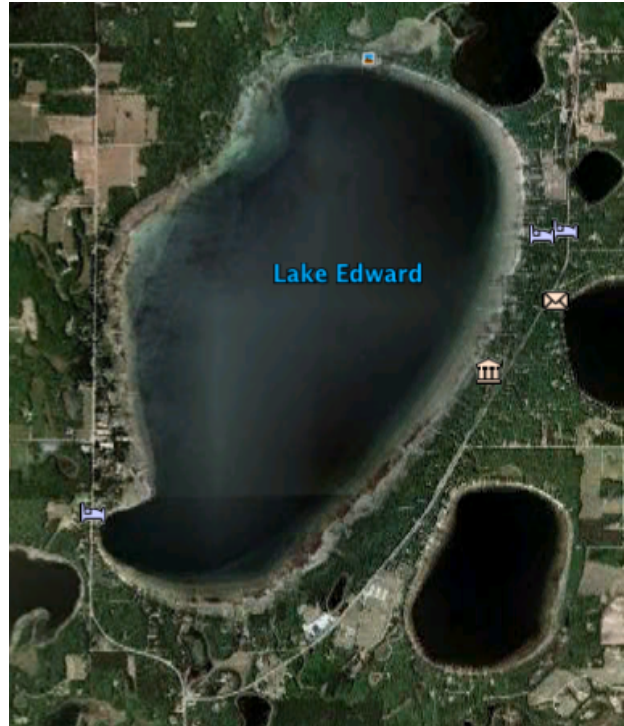
8,000 years old

Boat Ramp:

Concrete

LECC WEBSITE ADDRESS

<https://leccmn.org>



Lake Edward DNR ID # 18030500

The Lake Edward District Conservation Club, Inc. was formed and officially incorporated in 1949. Its primary focus at that time was to enhance the fishing and hunting for the residents on and around the lake and to support those enforcing game laws. The organization was successful but in later years failed to meet and function organizationally. In 1994, the organization was reactivated and a new board elected. The name was changed by dropping *district*. It is now officially Lake Edward Conservation Club, Inc. (LECC) and annual reports are filed

with the Minnesota Secretary of State. Membership is granted to those living on the lake permanently or part time and to those interested persons living in the area or using the lake. The LECC essentially functions as a lake association. The elected LECC board members meet or otherwise coordinate as needed to plan & complete projects. Two meetings are held each year. The annual membership meeting is held in June and an open board meeting is held in August. Attendance at both meetings is encouraged and welcomed.



Presidents report:

I am looking forward to another summer on Lake Edward and the board looks forward to seeing you at our two member meetings and the pot luck BBQ in July. We are really excited to have Ron Duy talk to us about Aquatic Invasive Species and how to protect our lake. Ron has been surveying the lake for Curly Leaf Pondweed and Starry Stonewort the past few years. This years survey results showed NONE of either. That is great news and a great outcome from the Curley Leaf Pondweed treatment we did two years ago. We will have more updates on the health of our lake and fisheries so I look forward to seeing you at the meetings or on the lake.

Paul McCullough

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Save the Dates

The Annual Member Meeting date and site have been confirmed. Join us at the Lake Edward Town Hall on June 28th. Pencil in June 28th on your calendars. All are welcome to attend. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. preceded by a social time at 9:30. Ron Duy from Central Minnesota Aquatics will address the group about AIS surveys on Lake Edward. Be informed. Join us June 28th at the Lake Edward Town Hall.

The wait is over. Lake season has started. Fishing, boating, swimming, waterskiing, and all other kinds of summer recreation has started. Time to relax and unwind. Many of you spent the winter in warmer climates, others enjoying the activities winter offers right here. Reports were it was a successful ice fishing year. Be it spring, summer, fall or winter, your LECC continues to work to improve our beautiful lake. The off season allowed your LECC officers the time to prepare a new lake directory, allowed us the opportunity to monitor the growing conditions for the dreaded Curly Leaf Pond Weed, allowed us time to inform and lobby local legislatures on issues impacting our lake, allowed us time to communicate to the DNR data to upgrade their lake database, allowed us to arrange for additional AIS monitoring on the busiest summer weekends and reserve sites for all our 2025 meetings.

May 2025 is Arbor Month. Arbor Day in Minnesota was April 25th. States can pick specific dates to celebrate. Minnesota chooses to celebrate Arbor Day in April. Moderate May temperatures provide the perfect conditions for young trees to take root and thrive, making it an ideal time to plant and celebrate trees in our communities.

Tips for tree planting

- **Choose the right tree and location.**
- **Plant it right** – Loosen roots, dig a hole twice as wide as the root ball, and make sure the top of the root ball is level with the ground.
- **Water** (youtu.be/a4hNIJxPxbg?si=5cvQfyd5h3WU_0LX) – Young trees need 15–25 gallons per week for the first few years.
- **Make a donut mulch ring** (youtu.be/Le05ExdzSIA?si=T9HldiYKEHFbAIVm) – Use a 3-inch-deep mulch ring, 3 feet wide, and keep it 3 inches away from the trunk. Avoid mulch “volcanoes” where the mulch is piled against the bark.

Visit the [DNR website](https://mndnr.gov/arbormonth) (mndnr.gov/arbormonth) for more planting tips. Also, follow the DNR on social media and post about planting it forward by using the hashtags **#PlantItForward** and **#ArborMonth2025**.

Easy Peasy

Tried to make it easy, tried to make it simple, tried to make it fast, tried to make it secure, tried to make it hassle free. Mission accomplished. We checked all the boxes. No matter your dues paying preference, we got you covered. The options have expanded when it comes to paying LECC dues. Whether traditional, or cutting edge there is a method that fits you. Ever make a purchase on Amazon? Then the new options will be a snap or I should say, a click away. Click here, click there, and voila, done! Go to our website at, <https://leccmn.org> click on the Pay Dues / Donate button. Choose if you want to pay by PayPal, Venmo, or use the Checkout option to get ApplePay, or pay by credit/debit card. For those who know how to use QR codes, try this easy way to pay your dues. Simply use your phone or tablet camera on the QR code and follow the link to a payment screen. Easy Peasy!

Have It Your Way

Option 1

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The PayPal logo is displayed in blue text on a yellow rectangular background.

Option 3

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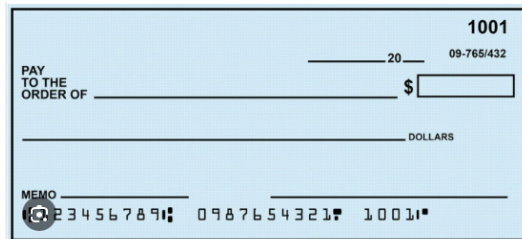
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Option 5



Option 6

A blank check form with fields for "PAY TO THE ORDER OF", "DOLLARS", "MEMO", and a MICR line at the bottom. The number "1001" is printed in the top right corner.

Option 1 Go to <https://leccmn.org> and click on

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Option 5 - If you live near one of the officers of the LECC. Stop over and hand them your dues.

Option 6 - Fill out the form on the next page and send it in with your check.

Dues Form 2025

Please fill out
the form below
and send your
check for
\$25.00 to:



Lake Edward Conservation Club

P.O. Box 134

Merrifield, MN 56465



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Name (please print) _____

I am a new member.

☐

I want to renew my membership.

☐

My contact information the LECC has on file is correct, no changes are needed.

☐

Some of my information has changed. My correct information is:

Lake Edward Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Cell phone # () _____

Home phone () _____

E-mail address _____ @ _____

_____ @ _____

LECC

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LECC Annual Dues



Amazing

I was looking for the in and the out on this, what I thought, was a maze and then realized there is no start and exit because it's not a maze, it is a QR code. The QR code plus your phone can do amazing things. Snap a picture of the QR code and let modern technology whisk you to the dues page. Use the QR code to pay your dues in a snap.

What do you get when you combine fishing and baseball? Answer, a hat.

Minnesota Twins offer special edition hats with DNR ticket package

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Minnesota Twins are once again partnering to offer Minnesota DNR Days at select games in 2025. Anyone with a 2025 Minnesota fishing or hunting license can access a ticket package that includes a special edition Twins fishing cap with a ticket purchase.

The 2025 Minnesota DNR Days partnership includes seven games:

- Saturday, May 24: Kansas City Royals
- Friday, June 20: Milwaukee Brewers
- Friday, July 11: Pittsburgh Pirates
- Tuesday, July 29: Boston Red Sox
- Saturday, Aug. 16: Detroit Tigers
- Sunday, Aug. 31: San Diego Padres
- Tuesday, Sept. 16: New York Yankees

Find game times and instructions for purchasing tickets on the [Minnesota DNR Days webpage](https://mndnr.gov/twins) (mndnr.gov/twins).

What's in a Name?

What's in a name? To look at an aerial map of the area I'm amazed to see all the lakes shown. If you've been around long enough and keep your ears open you might eavesdrop on some bar talk about a hot fishing tip on an area lake. That doesn't make us scurry for a map to see where the hot spot is. We know all of lakes. But what if the lake was nameless? Before the 1850's there were no maps to refer to. Just lots of bodies of water with no name. Early surveyors mapping the area out for roads and boundaries for new Indian reservations often came across many unnamed bodies of water. Making their map complete often meant naming the unnamed bodies of water. One of the first survey crews in the area was lead by a guy named Beldon in 1857. Some of the lake names on his map came from the names of families in the area. Might be the name of a mother-in-law or a wife or relative. Another surveyor in 1858, Darling, accepted the map Beldon completed and added to it when he completed his survey work. Looking at Beldon's map the body of water now Lake Edward was not named. When Darling completed his survey of the area in 1858, Lake Edward appears on his map. * We do not know to whom the "Edward" refers, sighted Carl A. Zapfee while doing his research for this book OLD TIMMERS II Stories of our Pioneers in the Cass and Crow Wing Lake Region. So was Edward named after someones mother in law or an early family in the area? Chances are we will never know who Lake Edward is named after.

Acknowledgments

The source for some of the information for the article on naming lakes came from the book OLDTIMERS.... By Carl A. Zappffe. The source for some of the information on the Lake Edward School House article came from OLDTIMMERS II by Carl A. Zapffe, the Brainerd Daily Dispatch and Mike Roberts.

Those Pesky Geese



About the only exercise I get at my advanced age is chasing geese off of my beachfront. Did you know it is illegal to harm geese, their eggs, or their nests in the United States without permission from the U.S. Fish and Wild Service (USFWS)? They are beautiful to look at, but at some point they wear out their welcome when they gang up and foul up my property with their feces. Luckily, Geese may be harassed or scared away without a permit as long as the geese, goslings, eggs, and nests are not harmed. So, I guess I'm still OK to run, or in my case, waddle, down to the beach at a pace which probably resembles a turtle crossing the road, wave my arms and shout at the pesky fowl to coax them to look for another site to deposit their droppings. I apologize if my exercise routine leads to the rascals deciding your beach is more attractive than staying on mine and witnessing an aging, overweight curmudgeon running around like a fool. My attempt to get rid of geese, according to the DNR web site, is called the avoidance method. Geese want to avoid my property because an old codger making a spectacle of himself is too much for them to handle. They look for better grazing and less harassment which maybe starts at your property line.

There are other legal methods to encourage geese to stay away. Geese like short grass to eat so growing a natural barrier of vegetation near the shore will make them think twice before gorging themselves on your grass. Tall grass or vegetation worries them because they think a predator might be hiding in wait. Physical barriers like a fence work, but remember geese are smart and it won't take them long to figure out they can go around the fence to eat grass. Decoys of predators work, but again geese are observant and intelligent and it won't take them long to figure out a one dimensional stationary piece of metal that looks like a fox isn't much of a threat. Some folks mix up a concoction of cinnamon oil and spray it around, but that is only temporary and needs to be reapplied often. Pinwheels or objects that move in a breeze can encourage them to stay clear. Some say motion activated sprinkler systems work as do animal audible motion detectors. Rather than try out any of these strategies, some of which come with a cost, I think I'll stick to my tried and true strategy of a mature, stumbling, whimsical, befuddled, off balance, old fogey trying to chase the geese over to your property. Oh, the DNR website did say there is one sure-fire solution, hunting. So, when hunting season begins get a license and have at it.

Egg

A breeding pair lays 2 - 9
eggs in a clutch

Gosling

Learn to fly anywhere
from 2 to 3 months
after hatching

Adult

About 70% to 90%
survive each year.

First-year geese have a slightly higher survival rate of **50 percent to 70 percent**. And while the probability of survival increases for adult birds, at best only about 50 percent to 70 percent of adult ducks and 70 percent to 90 percent of adult geese and swans survive each year.

Not Another Thing to Look For

They have they have their eyes on you. They have patience to wait for the perfect time to attack. You probably can't see them, but they are stalking you. When given the chance, they strike. One might not think something so small could be such a threat, but we have been alerted over the years to watch for ticks when out and about. These little guys pack a wallop. They are not just picking on you, they will settle for any warm blooded creature that dares to cross their path. Ticks live in grassy, brushy, or wooded areas. Almost any outdoor activity can expose you or your pets to infected ticks, such as camping, walking your dog, and gardening. Prevention still is the same, stay alert in high grass, tuck your socks over your pant legs, check yourself after coming in from outdoors. We've been warned for years to be on the lookout for Lyme disease spread by ticks.

Now we need to be doubly alert because the little critters are now known to spread another disease, **babesiosis**. **Babesiosis** is a rare and life-threatening infection of the red **blood cells** that's usually spread by **ticks**. It's caused by tiny **parasites** called Babesia. The kind that most often affects humans is called Babesia microti. They enter your bloodstream when you're bitten by an infected deer tick. To avoid babesiosis and other tick-borne diseases, the **CDC offers these tips**:

- Use **[insect repellents recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency](#)** (EPA) containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone. Treat clothing and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin. Permethrin can treat boots, clothing, and camping gear and remain protective through several washings.
- Wear light-colored pants and long-sleeved shirts and a hat during outdoor activities.
- Try to avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter. Walk in the center of trails.
- Check clothing, pets, backpacks, and gear for ticks after spending time outdoors.
- When you come indoors, remove shoes and put clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks.

Limiting exposure is the best strategy to reduce the risk of contacting Lyme or Babesia.

Removal hasn't changed. To remove a tick, use a fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick, as this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. Clean the bite area with rubbing alcohol or soap and water. Shower within two hours after coming indoors to help remove any unattached ticks. Use the opportunity for a full-body tick check. They are so small it is important to be vigilant.



The three stages of the blacklegged tick - an adult female, a nymph and larvae - were compared to a penny at a lab at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul
▲ Jeffrey Thompson | MPR News 2015

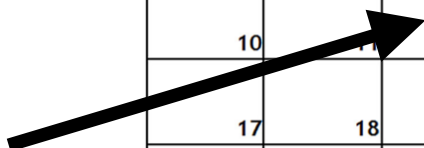
Oh, what difference a year makes

Last year all the water related activities we enjoy were extended by almost a full month. Mike Chapman, our Lake Edward official record keeper, reported to the DNR Tuesday, April 14th as ice out 2025 on Lake Edward. Last year ice out occurred almost exactly one month earlier. March 12th was “ice out” in 2024. November 27, 2024 was “ice in” day. If my math is correct it, means the lake was not navigable by boat from the 27th of November to the 14th of April, 138 days. Thanks Mike for documenting these dates for the DNR lake finder web site. You can check out past ice out dates for Lake Edward by going to <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/index.html>

MARCH 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Ice Out



The definition of “ice out” is defined as when one can travel from one end of the lake to another unhindered.

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Ice Out



Suckers, Shiners and Fatheads! Oh My!

Did you have a hard time getting the bait you wanted, when you wanted it last year? A few calls to local bait shops inquiring about supply issues this year say they are not having any problem with supply and anticipate regular deliveries from their suppliers. Does that mean everything is OK? There might be problems with certain bait at different times of the year. The Fathead spawning season is almost over and the ones that spawn die out, which happen to be the biggest in the batch. So the larger bait could possible be in shorter supply for a while. If a pond froze out over the winter, that would mean fewer of that species are available. There might be minor hiccups once in a while trying to get a specific size or type of minnow, but the bait shops I contacted don't foresee a problem.

Rearrange the letters to spell two words found in this newsletter.



e m o v n

Word
Scramble



p p a a l y



o o g e s

Fry

About the size of zooplankton. They are unable to swim and are carried by currents and waves. Fry are capable of feeding themselves.

Fingerling

A fish the size of a finger. Fingerlings as opposed to fry have developed scales and working fins.

Yearling

A small fish 5 to 6 inches long that as the name implies is a year old.

Check the boxes that are important to you.

Fish stocking	☐	Track loon populations from year to year	☐
AIS prevention	☐	Network with DNR to combat lake threats	☐
Water quality	☐	Provide a LECC web page	☐
Monitoring lake levels	☐	Lobby state and local leaders to enhance water quality issues	☐
Providing a lake directory	☐	Create and archive a history of the lake	☐
Support public access monitoring	☐	Attend annual meetings to get to know other residents	☐
Apply for grants to help the lake	☐	Locate lost gear blown away during a storm	☐
Newsletter	☐		

Each box you checked is a service the LECC provides. Make what is important to you happen, renew or become a LECC member today for just \$25.00.



Lucky is something we can't count on. I've heard many times folks say "I'd rather be lucky than good." If you've never lost anything, you have been lucky. For those of us that don't want to depend on luck, we have Nancy Fishcer. Nancy is the secretary of the LECC. Anyone that notifies her of a missing item lost in a storm or blown away at night, can be confident the rest of us will be notified by email to keep an eye out for your lost item. We know the system works because for a number of years now, this system has connected many an owner with their missing property. If you have been lucky and not needed to contact Nancy, lucky you. However, if you want to cover all your bases, here is the routine. When missing something, contact Nancy at **fischern55@gmail.com** and give her a description of the item. Hopefully, you and your missing item will be reunited. One caveat for this to work, we need your email address. Strictly for internal use only. You can count on being lucky or you can count on Nancy. My money is on Nancy.

Did You Know

Lemongrass contains citronella oil, which is a well-known insect repellent. Planting lemongrass can help keep ticks at bay, and it offers the added benefit of being a delicious culinary herb.

Sunfish and Crappie Daily Limit on Lake Edward in 2025



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The DNR monitors lakes and in some cases adjusts the daily limit to insure the fish population stays stable and healthy. Lake Edward is a lake that differs in limits on sunfish and crappies from some other lakes. The sign posted at the boat landing is a reminder of the current daily limits.

Fast Fact 1

At 2 years of age: Bluegill will likely fall between 6.5 and 8 inches. At 3 years of age: Bluegill will likely fall between 8 and 8.9 inches. At 4 years of age: Bluegill will likely fall between 8.7 and 9.4 inches. At 5 years or age: Bluegill will likely fall between 9.5 and 10 inches.

Fast Fact 2

Minnesota state record for sunfish: 1 lb. 12 oz. on the Zumbro River in 1994 and Green Lake in 2022.



Boat Parade

A popular activity on July 4th is the annual Lake Edward Boat Parade. Weather permitting we will assemble by the Cozy Bay Resort at 11:00 a.m. and circle the lake July 4th style. Don Rother will lead us on the hour long journey around the lake. Last year over 50 boats joined us in celebrating.

The three R's

Did you ever entertain at the lake? It can get hectic with lots of family and friends around. How many is too many? At what point does the pleasure of entertaining get to be too much? That number is obviously different for each family. Think back to the time you hosted the most guests at your place. Did the number top out at twenty? Would twenty five have been the limit? Can you imagine hosting a group of one hundred? I can't think about hosting that many. There is a place on the south side of the lake that hosted way more than one hundred. Imagine hosting sixty million. Not a typo, 60 million! Mike and Pat Roberts' vacation home is now what was once the Lake Edward school house. In the early 2000's, Mike and Pat decided it would be the perfect place to call a home away from home and spend time at the lake.

Around 125 years ago, the early residents of the area decided they needed a school to replace the room in the Bedore house (where the Jolly Roger resort now stands) and at the time was the place kids in the area came to get educated. With more and more families moving in the time was ripe for a schoolhouse and the Lake Edward Schoolhouse was built. After its life as a school house came to an end it stood unoccupied until Bill Roberts, Mike's dad, bought it and 100 feet of lakeshore for \$1,300.00. It served the Roberts family well; albeit with no electricity nor running water until Bill built a house on the south side of the lake. The old school house stood empty, that is until Mike and Pat decided to write its next chapter.

Now to get back to sixty million. When Mike and Pat researched to remodel the old school house in 2000, they contacted HGTV, Home and Garden Network. The producers of the show "Before and After" decided it would be the perfect project to focus on that season. The episodes that year chronicled the project from start to finish. The estimates are that sixty million viewers tuned in to view the remodel project that season. The past sounds of laughing kids and the recitation of multiplication tables filling the building has now been replaced by the rhythmical sounds of snoring from Mike taking leisurely naps on the porch. With an extensive remodel, the interior hardly resembles the place where numerous kids in the area learned reading, writing and arithmetic.

Before



After



If you care, leave it there

What does that mean? I saw the phrase while trolling for information on the DNR web site. The catch phrase is meant to alert us to not assume any newborn critter we see in the woods has been abandoned and need of our help to save it. We often assume the little guy is a goner unless we step in. Fawns are the most obvious creature to tug on our sympathies, but it applies to any creature birthed in the spring. Be it deer, rabbit or most any newborn. The mom is probably nearby foraging for food and has locked in on where she stashed her youngster to protect it from predators and will return to care for the tyke. Be assured deer fawns are likely fine even if they look abandoned or fragile. In the rare situation a fawn looks to be wounded or abandoned, do not transport it without talking to a wildlife rehabilitator. Moving a fawn can be detrimental to the animal and increase the risk of disease spread. There are cases where animals are visibly injured and need help. If you find an injured or distressed animal in the wild, the best strategy according to the DNR website is to contact a trained wildlife rehabilitation specialist and let them do what they were trained to do. It is illegal to care for an injured animal if we don't have the proper training. Where do you find a rehabilitation specialist? Good question. The only information I could find was on the Wild and Free web site, "If you need help with an injured or abandoned animal, call the Garrison Animal Hospital, 24-Hours at 320-692-4180." Wild and Free is a non-profit organization that is trained in treating injured wildlife.



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Do You Hear What I Hear?



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Birds are welcome visitors to our area as opposed to the bears. Many of you tracking the comings and goings of birds in our area over the years are experts at identifying a bird by sight or sound. For those of us not up to that level of expertise and only can identify the solitary trill of a loon, like me, may need help. I'm good at recognizing a loon calling to its mate, but lost at anything more complicated than that. Merlin to the rescue. There is now an app out there that can make you an expert at identification. Developed by Cornell Lab of Ornithology it can identify the birds you see or hear. That also sounds impressive. How much does it cost? It's free. Where do you get it? At the AOS or Google app store. No longer is there a need to scurry around your house looking to see where you left that thick

Audubon bird guide. Now just tap your phone and the unfamiliar bird you are gazing at can be identified. That thick pocket sized guidebook has now been reduced to a tenth of its size. The Audubon book that identified birds that sits on a coffee table gathering dust, can now be retired. One thing the Audubon book guide can't do is listen for bird songs. Merlin can. If you hear a bird that you have not heard before, click on the Merlin app for identification. See a bird that doesn't look familiar, click on the Merlin app. Merlin is a free app and highly rated. Sound like something you might use? Go to the app store, either AOS or Google depending on your device, and do a search for Merlin. Bird identification has now entered the digital age.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology web site states, "Identify the birds you see or hear with Merlin Bird ID." Might be worth a few minutes to download and give it a try.

We have a dedicated group of officers that find the time to advocate, research, monitor, report, and assess the needs of our lake. Not everyone can devote their time or talents to the LECC, life is busy. However, there is something the rest of us can do to further the mission of this organization and positively impact the quality of our lake and that is to make sure we are all current on our 2025 dues. Just as some folks prefer dark chocolate over milk chocolate, others like fall crisp days over sweltering hot summer days. Some of us prefer digital payments over pay by check. You can now pay your dues just as any purchase you make on the internet. PayPal? Yes. Venmo? Sure. If you've bought anything on Amazon, this is nothing new for you. No more addressing envelopes, licking stamps, writing out checks, and making a trip to the mailbox. Venmo and PayPal have arrived. Just enter your payment information on the secure site and in a nanosecond, you are current with your dues. Don't know Venmo from a vending machine, no problem, trustworthy Uncle Sam will get your dues to us as he has in the past. We got you covered, be it if you like the lick and stamp method or the digital approach. It couldn't be easier to just click and pay. We all can do our part to keep this lake the place we cherish and it starts with yearly dues. Take some time out of your busy schedule to pay your dues either digitally or running down to the mailbox. Do your part to help keep Lake Edward the place we know it to be.

New eagle pair, nest to be featured on popular Minnesota DNR EagleCam

Original camera will also remain on

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources EagleCam, with viewers in all 50 states and more than 150 countries, will feature a new location and pair of bald eagles when it goes live Thursday. The original EagleCam will also remain on during the coming season.

The new camera will focus on the nesting behavior of a breeding pair of bald eagles that have successfully and consistently nested in the area for at least four years, rearing several broods of eaglets. The original camera will continue to show the territory that includes the previous eagle pair whose nest fell April 2, 2023.

Both cameras can be viewed starting Thursday on the [DNR website \(mndnr.gov/eaglecam\)](https://mndnr.gov/eaglecam) and on the [DNR YouTube channel \(youtube.com/channel/UCkibG4ONyUmGlnOR3F3qq6Q\)](https://youtube.com/channel/UCkibG4ONyUmGlnOR3F3qq6Q). The webpage also includes a new video highlighting the installation of the new camera, the work of the DNR Nongame Wildlife Program and how anyone can donate to support the program. Since 2013, the Nongame Wildlife Program has provided the DNR EagleCam as another way to connect people with wildlife.

“While the DNR EagleCam brings Minnesota wildlife into homes and schools in an exciting and educational way, the Nongame Wildlife Program has helped restore and support populations of eagles, loons and many other species,” DNR Ecological and Water Resources Division Director Katie Smith said. “This vital work is supported by donations on our webpage, on state tax forms, and through bequests and other gifts.”

The new camera was installed at this new location because it was not possible to run electricity to the original EagleCam pair’s new nest. As with the original camera, Xcel Energy provided their services without charge, making this second camera possible.

EagleCam viewers are swept into the intimate lives of breeding birds, providing a virtual experience in nature. Research has shown that wildlife cameras provide the same mental health benefits as experiencing nature in-person. The DNR EagleCam goes live each November to show the eagle pair courting each other and upgrading their nest. They bring in new nesting material and large sticks each year as a bonding activity. The pair typically increase their activity at the nest as winter progresses and normally by mid-February will have two or three eggs, which the adults incubate for about 35 days. Both adults participate in incubating the eggs and caring for the chicks. Once the chicks hatch, the camera zooms in closely to follow the delicate process of raising bald eagle chicks.



Test your knowledge.

1. At what month do baby geese fly?
 - a) 2-3 months after hatching
 - b) 2-3 weeks after birth
 - c) 8 months
2. Which is a not a live bait?
 - a) Suckers
 - b) Rapala
 - c) Shiners
3. What is Venmo?
 - a) A way to pay dues digitally.
 - b) A vending machine that dispenses pop.
 - c) A newly discovered planet
4. What time is the July 4th parade?
 - a) 9:00
 - b) 11:00
 - c) 10:30
5. Did the fish limit of Edward change?
 - a) No, same as 2024
 - b) Yes.
 - c) Strictly catch and release.
6. What disease do ticks carry ?
 - a) Lyme
 - b) Babesiosis
 - c) Both a and b.
7. How can I pay my LECC dues digitally?
 - a) Venmo
 - b) US Mail
 - c) PayPal
8. Are LECC dues still only \$25.00 ?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
9. Where can I get an updated 2025 Lake Edward directory?
 - a) Come to the meeting on June 28
 - b) Barnes and Noble
 - c) Amazon
10. Are we finally done with zebra mussels?
 - a) No, clean and drain your boat
 - b) Maybe
 - c) Yes
11. When is special about 138?
 - a) Days lake not was not navigable.
 - b) Days lake was ice free
 - c) Days until July 4th parade.
12. What happens of June 28th ?
 - a) Annual spring meeting.
 - b) Total eclipse of the sun
 - c) Mosquitos come out for the season.
13. When is Picnic in the Park?
 - a) July 26 Saturday
 - b) July 4 Friday
 - c) June 28 Saturday
14. Lake Edward was named after....
 - a) First fishing guide in area
 - b) Unknown
 - c) Mother in law of first trapper in area

1. a
2. b
3. a
4. b
5. a
6. c
7. a and c
8. a
9. a
10. a
11. a
12. a
13. a
14. b

**Answers to
the Test
Your
Knowledge
Quiz.**

The
scrambled
words are
Venmo,
Paypal,
Goose

Calendar

June 28, Saturday Annual Member Meeting

Lake Edward Town Hall People Time 9:30 Meeting 10:00

July 4, Friday boat parade 11:00 meet at Cozy Bay, circle the lake clockwise. Don Rother will lead us. Listen for the blast of the air horn.

July 26, Picnic in the Park. Merrifield Lions Park 5:00

August 23, Saturday Member Meeting

Lake Edward Town Hall People Time 9:30 Meeting 10:00

See You There

It was such a success, we'll do it again. Our second LECC Social is in the works. Check your calendar and see if you have Saturday, July 26th open. That is the Picnic in the Park event at Merrifield Lions park at 5:00. Bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice. Brats and burgers provided. Come meet your fellow Lake Edward neighbors.



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