

Hickory Hills Landowners, Inc.

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Dear Residents,

The leftmost portion of the Island Road beach has been selected again this year as the alternate boat launch for 2019. This will be accessed via Park Street Terrace.

Kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, etc... will not be inspected and may enter the lake from our beaches and resident shorelines with valid boat stickers.

All non-resident watercrafts of all kinds are prohibited from entering the lake.

2018 YELLOW Boat stickers expire April 30, 2019

Please remember, beginning May 1, 2019, watercraft will need this year's BLUE 2019 boat stickers affixed to your watercraft to get through the Boat Launch

Please make the boat marina's job easy when delivering your boat past April and have your new sticker ready for the Inspector.

All watercraft must keep a distance of 50 ft from the former Boat ramp cove to prevent the further spread of Fanwort.

2019 Boat Launch Procedure & Schedule:

OPEN: April 20 through May 4 – Saturdays, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am to 2pm.

OPEN: Saturday, May 11th from 9am to 2pm.

OPEN: Memorial Day Weekend, May 25, 26, 27 from 9am to 5pm.

OPEN: Weekends June 1 & 2 and June 8 & 9 from 9am to 11am & from 3pm to 5pm.

OPEN: Open **7 days per week** from Friday, June 14 through Monday, September 2, from 9am to 11am & from 3pm to 5pm.

HHL Board of Directors is aware there may be a few residents for whom the inspection schedule is inadequate. For these few individuals, the launch will be open by appointment, on a case-by-case basis, depending upon inspector availability, for an additional fee of \$15. Please try to provide at least at 24-hr notice so that we may accommodate everyone's schedules. The fee for this service is payable, in cash, to the Inspector at time of entry.

In order to request this special treatment, please email the HHL office or leave a message with the HHL office voicemail that includes Name, Address and contact phone number so that an inspector can contact you and schedule a time to launch your boat at the main beach.

The launch will be staffed by a trained weed watcher. All boats & trailers must be certified clean by the owner / operator and will be thoroughly inspected for weeds. Trailers with ANY seeds, weeds, etc... will not be allowed into the lake.

Residents using their own trailers may access the ramp at any time during the hours of operation.

Residents using boat dealers for entry must schedule with the dealer in accord with these HHL protocols.

PLEASE NOTE: WATER LEVELS MAY BE LOW!

Be cautious if you're going to put your boat in the water before the levels are at a normal Spring/Summer high. You could damage your prop or boat if run into the lake floor due to low water levels.

Please keep in mind, there are more than 200 boats requiring ramp access and we are trying to balance the best interests of the lake with all those who enjoy it.

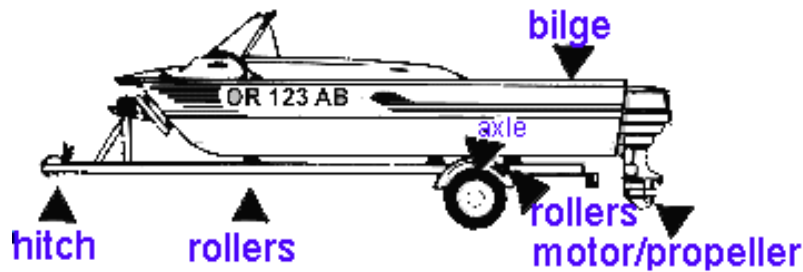
Questions can be sent via email to hickoryhills@net1plus.com or by contacting the HHL Office at 978-582-6365.

Happy boating!

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When bringing your boat in and out of the water, here's the list of the easiest places for Invasive Weeds to hitch hike their way into our lake with you! Please be diligent cleaning and inspecting your own boats before entering.



**Interested in helping us control the Invasive Weed Fanwort in our Lake?
Join our Survey or DASH Teams Today!!**

DASH TEAMS volunteer a couple times per month. We also keep a list of people wanting to help when a team member has to cancel. These volunteers are JUST as important as our regular one's, so please let us know if you're interested!

Teams are made up of 4 to 5 people per team. 2 or 3 people are on top of the boat while 2 divers are in the water scuba diving, sucking up the plant with the DASH hose.

SURVEY TEAMS – Each team's goal is to fanwort survey once per week in their assigned zone (preferably on a sunny, clear, calm day). If a team has 4 people, that's just once per month. Mornings or late afternoon seem to work best to view it. Wearing polarized glasses also makes it easier. The use of fish finders for deep areas works great!

Please join us. We can't remove this invasive weed from our lake if we don't know where it is.

TEAM CAPTAINS - Team captains answer any questions and create a team schedule to follow.

If you haven't received a survey schedule for your zone, just email your captain or fanwort@hickoryhillslake.com.

Some zones may be looking for a Captain

If you're interested in becoming a Team Captain, please let us know. WE NEED YOU!

MARKERS – Surveyors use "H" shaped orange and yellow plastic markers to mark each grouping of plant(s) in the lake. Simply release the weight from the marker and drop it into the water. The string will unravel on its own and stop when the weight hits the lake bottom. Markers are located in milkcrates identified on our map here: <http://hickoryhillslake.com/map>

Making markers takes a lot of time and money. Please return ALL markers to milkcrates at the end of the season!



NEW IN 2019! COMMUNICATE LOCATION – If you find Fanwort or even if you're not sure but think it's a possibility, please drop a marker about 5 feet in front of the plant (**shore, plant, marker**), then report the location at <http://hickoryhillslake.com/fanwort> - Not a member of a Survey Team with markers or a map, just call the office or email fanwort@hickoryhillslake.com to report it. We can send you maps too, just ask. Thank you for volunteering!

This is What Fanwort Looks Like

