

Public Boat Launch Ramp at Chippewa Lake

7830 Westfield Landing Road, Medina, OH 44256



Hours/Admission

What days per week is the ramp open?

The ramp is open seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. The ramp will be closed only when site conditions such as flooding or ice cover occur.

What hours may I fish the lake?

The lake is open to fishing at all times.

Is there an access fee?

There is no fee to access the lake.

Parking



How many parking places are there for trailers?

There are twenty-six parking spots for cars with trailers.

How many parking places are there for cars with kayaks, canoes, and other carry-in devices?

There are thirteen car-only spaces.

May I leave the trailer in the lot overnight if I am boating/fishing?

Boat trailers may be left in the parking lot while the boat owner is using the lake.

May I leave a boat on a trailer overnight in the parking area?

No, parking at the ramp is only for use while on the lake boating.

May I park on the grass?

Parking is not permitted in the grass. (The recently-seeded areas do not have grass established and are soft. Leaving the roadway may result in damage to seeded areas and cars getting stuck.)

Is the parking lot lighted?

Yes, the park district has installed solar lighting that lights the parking lots, rest room area, and the boat ramp.

Chippewa Lake Depth and Fish



What are the various depths of the lake?

The areas around the margins of the lake are very shallow. The deepest point on the lake

discovered so far is twenty-eight feet. The majority of the lake is between ten and eighteen feet deep. A bathemetric map of the lake is currently being developed by the Division of Wildlife. A copy of a map developed by the park district in 2007 is on the back of this brochure.

Is the lake stocked?

The lake has not been stocked. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife is in charge of fish management at the lake. Testing is being done to determine fish populations. If stocking is needed, it will be done in the future. O.D.N.R. will be responsible for establishing any bag limits or other limitations that may be needed.

What are the fishing limits?

All State of Ohio fishing rules apply to Chippewa Lake. Visit www.ohiodnr.com to see the fishing regulations. There are no special limits for the lake at this time. A valid fishing license is required.

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Watercraft/Docking

Is there a limit on boat size and horsepower?

Upon the waters of Chippewa lake, no vessel shall be propelled by a motor or combination of motors with a total combined horsepower rating in excess of 399 horsepower. The boat size is limited by the ability to launch from the ramp.

Are personal watercraft permitted?

Yes, personal watercraft are permitted at the lake subject to the Ohio watercraft laws.

Can I dock at any of the existing docks along the shore?

All docks on Chippewa Lake are private and may not be used by those visiting the lake on a daily basis.

Can I dock near the Krabill shelter and go up to the facility and/or picnic tables?

If you are able to find a spot to pull up to the shore, you may use the picnic tables on the shoreline or join an event at the shelter to which you have been invited.

May I fish from the shore near the dock/ramp?

Parking is limited; however, if space is available in the car-only lot, you may fish from the shoreline near the ramp. Fishing from the courtesy dock is not permitted or within 50 feet of the ramp.

Law Enforcement



Will the lake be patrolled?

Park rangers have been trained in watercraft enforcement by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft and will be patrolling the lake on a regular basis. In addition, Division of Watercraft officers will periodically patrol as well as Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife officers. Visit www.ohiodnr.com to view Ohio boating laws.

Who do I call if I witness a problem?

In an emergency, dial 911. For non-emergencies, dial the Medina County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at 330-725-6631 and ask for a ranger to be dispatched.

Is alcohol allowed on Chippewa Lake?

No. Alcohol is prohibited in open areas of park property, including Chippewa Lake.

Amenities

Is there a picnic area near the ramp?

No, due to grant restrictions, there are no picnic facilities at the ramp.

Is there a rest room near the ramp?

Yes, the park district placed a vault-style rest room at the ramp site.

Can I reserve any of the ramp/dock area for picnics?

We do not take reservations at the ramp area.

Can I swim at the ramp area?

Public swimming is permitted from boats in the boater swim areas only. Due to safety concerns, swimming is prohibited along shorelines and/or in the middle of the lake. Beaches on the east side of the lake are restricted for local village residents only.



Medina County Park District
Chippewa Lake Bathymetric Map -- Site #14
Lafayette and Westfield Townships, Ohio



-- Depths are based on normal summer pool elevation of 987.0' NGVD29

-- Contour intervals are in 2' increments

-- Contours and depths shown on this map may change with fluctuating lake levels and alteration of the lake bottom

- Park District Property
- 10' Bathymetry
- 2' Bathymetry
- 300' Line

Information derived from Medina County GIS data, Medina County Park District parcel records, 2012 Bing Maps aerial imagery web mapping service, and Rolling & Hocevar, Inc's 2007 Bathymetric Survey; NAD 1927 State Plane Ohio North
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THIS MAP IS NOT SUITABLE FOR NAVIGATION

1 inch = 800 feet

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