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Bare Hill Pond Carrying Capacity

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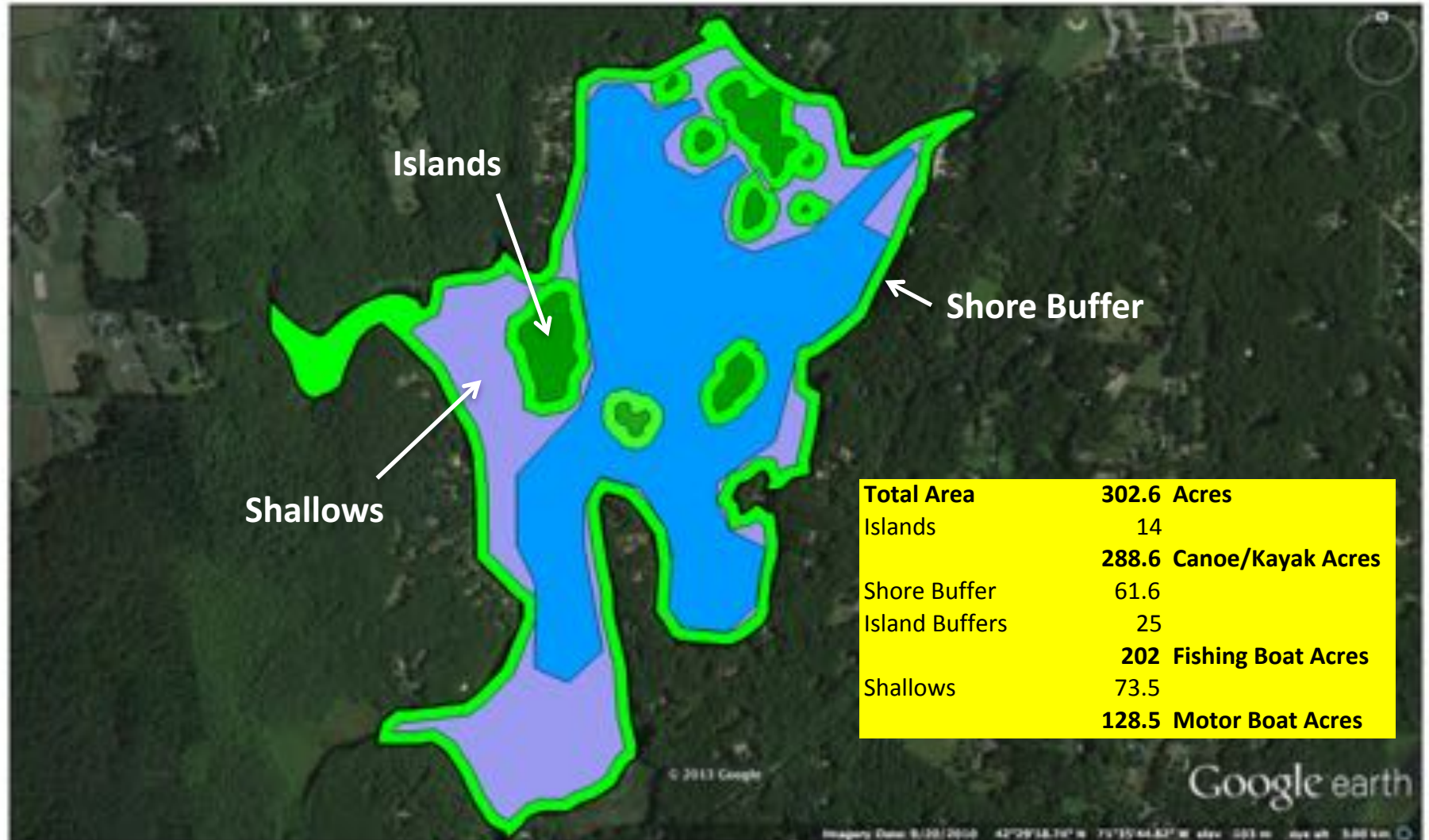
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An overcrowded lake.

Source: Wisconsin Lakes Partnership

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Literature on Lake Carrying Capacity

Summary of Optimum Boating Densities

Source	Suggested Density	Boating Uses
Ashton (1971)	5 to 9 acres/boat	All uses combined in Cass Lake
	4 to 9 acres/boat	All uses combined in Orchard Lake
	6 to 11 acres/boat	All uses combined in Union Lake
Kusler (1972)	40 acres/boat	Waterskiing - All uses combined
	20 acres/boat	Waterskiing
	15 acres/boat	Coordinated waterskiing
Jaakson et al. (1989)	20 acres/boat	Waterskiing and motorboat cruising
	10 acres/boat	Fishing
	8 acres/boat	Canoing, kayaking, sailing
	10 acres/boat	All uses combined
Wagner (1991)	25 acres/boat	All recreational activities
Warbach et al. (1994)	30 acres/boat	All motorized (> 5 HP) uses

Boating density adjustment equation (Bosley 2005). Used in controlled situations.

Equation 3

Boating Density Adjustment Equation

$$\text{Boating density (in acres)} = 10 + 5 * (\text{proportion of high-speed watercraft})$$

Acres/Boat	Motor/Large Sail Boats	Fishing/ Sunfish Boats	Canoe/Kayaks	All Combined
Ashton (1971)				11
Kusler (1972)	15			40
Jackson et al. (1989)	20	10	8	10
Wagner (1991)				25
Warbach et al. (1994)	30	30		
Bare Hill Pond (acres)	128.5	202	288.6	302.6

Max Boats				
Ashton (1971)				28
Kusler (1972)	9			8
Jackson et al. (1989)	6	20	36	30
Wagner (1991)				12
Warbach et al. (1994)	4	7		

Selected Standards	25	20	10	Acres/Boat
Max Boat Limit	5	10	29	Isolated

Combinations	5	4	8	17	Acres/Boat	17
	4	5	9	18		16
	3	6	9	18		16
	2	8	8	18		16
	1	9	8	18		16
	0	10	9	19		15
	0	9	11	20		15
	0	8	13	21		14
	0	7	15	22		13
	0	6	17	23		13
	0	5	19	24		12
	0	4	21	25		12
	0	3	23	26		11
	0	2	25	27		11
	0	1	27	28		10
	0	0	29	29		10

**Conservative
Capacity (1) of BHP
from Literature**

Less Restrictive Capacity (2) for BHP

	Motor/Large Sail Boats	Fishing/ Sunfish Boats	Canoe/Kayaks	All Combined
Bare Hill Pond (acres)	128.5	202	288.6	302.6
Selected Standards	25	20	10 Acres/Boat	
Calculated Boat Limit	5	10	29 Isolated	
Adjusted Standards	15	12	10	Due to req'd counter-clockwise path
Maximum BHP Boats	9	17	29 Isolated	

Adjustment due to counter clockwise path regulation (if monitored) using Equation 3 of Bosley 2005 Study.

Combinations	Open Water (OW)	Unused OW + Shallows	Unused OW +SH + Buffer	Total	Acres/Boat
	9	6	8	23	12
	8	7	8	23	12
	7	8	9	24	12
	6	9	9	24	12
	5	11	8	24	12
	4	12	8	24	12
	3	13	9	25	12
	2	14	9	25	12
	1	16	8	25	11
	0	17	8	25	11
	0	9	18	27	11
	0	8	19	27	11
	0	7	20	27	11
	0	6	22	28	10
	0	5	23	28	10
	0	4	24	28	10
	0	3	25	28	10
	0	2	26	28	10
	0	1	28	29	10
	0	0	29	29	10

2013 Bare Hill Pond Boat Survey

	Houses with Docks	Water Ski Boats	Other Boats	Canoes/kayaks (Avg. 2/House)
BHP survey by Kayak (06/29/13)				
Beach to Dam	3	2	2	6
Willow Rd Access	0	1	1	6
4 Acre Island	2	0	2	4
Green Erie	1	0	1	16
Turner Lane	17	7	5	34
Minister's Island	1	0	0	2
South Bay	27	14	5	54
Pennisula Rd	10	2	4	20
Sheep Island	5	1	2	10
Peninsula Rd to Beach	16	7	3	32
Park & Rec				
Outer Mooring Field		7/16*	3/0*	0
Slips		7/10*	2/0*	0
Inner Moorings& Canoe/Kayak Racks		0	14/24*	108/130*
Total Riparian Boats	82	48	44	292
Avg. Resident Launches		3	1	2
Avg. Non Resident Launches		3	0	0
TOTAL	82	54	45	294
Boats @ Peak (6/29/13 survey)		8	5	30
Boat @ Peak (*max capacity @ public access)		9	5	32

Equation 4: Estimated Number of Boats at Peak Use (Bosley 2005)

Total number of boats = 0.10*(# of riparian boats) + 0.50*(max. capacity at public access site)

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Equation 6: Percentage at Peak Use (Bosley 2005)

Carrying Capacity = Estimated number of boats at peak use / Optimal number of boats

Before 10am or after 8pm

	Water Ski	Other	Caanoes/Kayaks
Peak	1	7	12 Educated Guess
Optimal # of Boats	5	16	19 Adjusted to Peak
Carrying Capacity	20%	44%	63%

Summer 10am to 8pm

	Water Ski	Other	Caanoes/Kayaks
Peak	9	5	32 Based on Bosley 2005
Optimal # of Boats (1)	5	4	8
Optimal # of Boats (2)	9	6	9 Adjusted to Peak
Carring Capacity (1)	180%	125%	400%
Carrying Capacity (2)	100%	83%	356%

Spring/Fall 10am to 8pm

	Water Ski	Other	Caanoes/Kayaks
Peak	3	8	20 Educated Guess
Optimal # of Boats	5	13	15 Adjusted to Peak
Carrying Capacity	60%	62%	133%

Observations

1. The pond has excess capacity except in the summer motoring hours where it is over capacity.
2. Max capacity @ public access site needs to be managed in the Summer but not otherwise.
3. Counter-clockwise rotation needs to be monitored to use capacity (2) in summer.
4. Over capacity of canoes/kayaks is only a danger when combined with motor boating.

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