

. Walworth County Lakes

The Walworth County Lakes Association (WCLA) was formed to share resources and experiences in lake protection and management issues among the many lake operations in Wisconsin's Walworth County. Association members meet regularly with experts from industry, conservation groups, the DNR, universities, state legislators, and local governments. A goal of these individual lake groups is for further educating and engaging the local public on issues affecting each lake. The WHY is known, that is, to make our lakes healthy and fun for all, but the HOW TO is often the greatest challenge. The accumulating wealth of information and experience is being shared by lake organizations to make these lakes safe and a joyful experience for everyone.

There are over 40 named lakes in Walworth County, ranging in size from 8 to over 5,000 acres. These lakes range from the massive Hamptons of the Midwest Geneva Lake with its year-round tourist activities, four seasons attractions and regatta races. to the State Line lakes of Tombeau and Bennett. The fisherman's mecca of Delavan Lake and its trophy sized game fish is the biggest draw for fishing clubs that want to catch the nice ones. Lake Beulah and Lauderdale Lakes are pleasure boating go tos as well as fisherman draws. Lake Como near Lake Geneva is the setting for many weekend homes in Lake Geneva and has some of the finest golf courses. Pristine Lake Ivanhoe, the historic site of the first African American resort in the Midwest, is one of the most natural lakes in the County. The campsites at Turtle Lake provide fishing, overnighing and shuttles to Alpine Valley concerts, allowing for a continuous party atmosphere. Pleasant Lake is known for its serenity, quiet waters and is one of many lakes with youth camps on its shorelines. Whitewater-Rice Lakes are the tip of the Kettle Moraine and Ice Age Trail with many hiking, cross country skiing and camping opportunities.

Our lakes attract weekenders and seasonal visitors for a variety of fishing, water skiing, kayaking and paddle boarding, and then in winter ice fishing, ice boating, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. Some lakes are enjoyed for their variety of water sports and some lakes are just enjoyed for their beauty, serenity and bucolic "Up North" scenery near the southern state line with easy access to Chicago and Milwaukee area visitors. Once you are on our lakes, you've crossed the chill line where you can relax and enjoy nature.