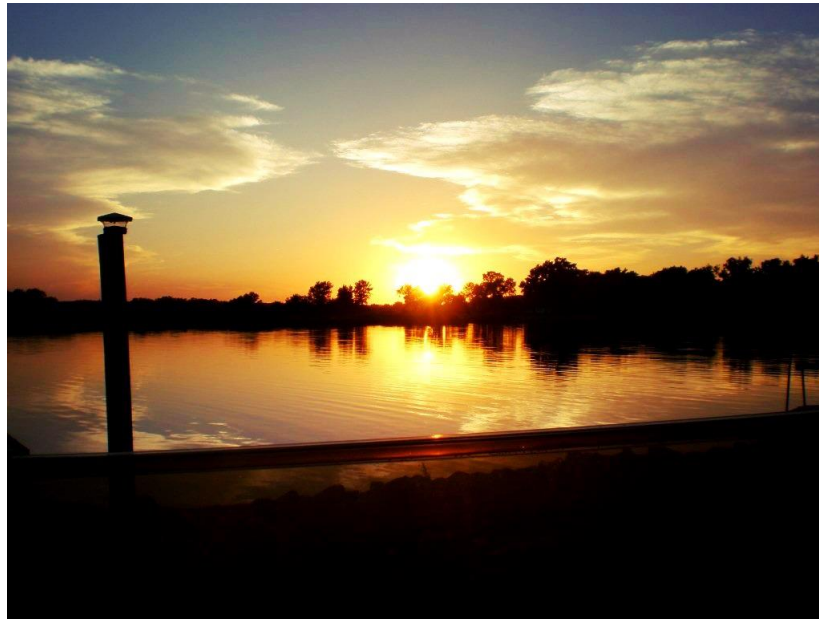


# September 2023

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## Ericson Lake News & Updates

The year is quickly winding down. Leaves will be changing colors, kids will be back in school and the nights will be getting a little bit cooler, but there is still so much to do at Lake Ericson. Fall fishing is great, hunting seasons will be opening soon, worker bees will be transforming the back trail into a winter wonderland for the 3rd Annual Trail of Lights and lets not forget just relaxing next to a cracking bon fire.

[Visit our website](#)

### Labor Day Weekend Duck Race Winners

Sunday-Fun Day! This past Sunday was the 3rd annual Ericson Lake duck races. Ducks sold out again before the races. We had a nice crowd gathered along the shoreline to cheer on their ducks as the came to the finish line. After the races everyone enjoyed ice cream and watermelon under the carousel to beat the heat. We would like to thank Jerry & Pam



Dean, Alan Heuermann Family, Twin Loup Locker, Schure Trucking and BigIron Realty for donations for the Prizes and Randy Janak & Barb Vogl for the ice cream and watermelon. Our Winners this year were:  
1st Place - Jason Daharsh  
2nd Place - Kevin Knott  
3rd Place - Emily Levander  
4th Place - Jim Meysenburg  
Congratulations!!!  
We look forward to seeing everybody there next year.



## 10th Annual Fishing Derby \*Note Time Change\*

Fred Gerber will be hosting the 10th annual fishing derby on Saturday, September 9th. Please take note of the time change for this years event so everyone can watch the Husker game in the morning and still come out to fish. Grab your pole and a friend and head out to Lake Ericson for a splashing good time. Brats will be served afterwards.  
Visit Website for additional details.

10th Annual  
CATCH & RELEASE  
**Fishing Derby**

4 Classes of Largest in:

- ☒ Bass
- ☒ Northern Pike
- ☒ Crappie
- ☒ Catfish

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023**  
2:30 PM REGISTRATION  
TOURNAMENT BEGINS AT 4:00 PM

\$50 PER PERSON  
ENTRY FEE

Family & Handicap Friendly  
Discounts for Veterans  
& Kids under 12

[WWW.LAKEERICSON.COM](http://WWW.LAKEERICSON.COM)

## Husker Tailgate Party

The 3rd Annual Husker Tailgate Party has been moved to Saturday, September 16th at 5:00 PM

Come out the the carousel to watch the Huskers take on Northern Illinois at 6PM and enjoy some good food, great friends, drinks and games. Free will Donation Food & Bloody Mary Bar.



## Matching Funds for Dam Repairs

This spring we have replaced the obsolete computer/SCADA system and that has been paid in full for \$48,784.28. We are thankful for the timing of its arrival, the old system



stopped working just days before the new one was installed.

We had our tri-annual dam inspection this spring and have received notice of some repairs that need to be made at the dam as well as some repairs to the dam gates. The cost for these repairs in total will be between \$35,000 - \$40,000.

We have received a \$10,000 matching commitment from an anonymous donor who will donate up to \$10,000 if we can get a matching \$10,000 in donations from other than events by January 15, 2024

Please help us reach our goal by clicking on the link below to donate.

[Donate Here!](#)



## Playground Ribbon Cutting

The new playground equipment was installed this spring/summer and boy does it look nice. There are just a few finishing touches that need to be completed. If you haven't had a chance to see it yet, please stop by and bring the kiddos.

We will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony next Memorial Weekend during the Family Fun Day.



## 3rd Annual Trail of Lights

Ericson Lake Events Committee is gearing up for the 3rd annual Trail of Lights ride through Christmas light display on the back trail. This year's dates will be **Friday & Saturday, December 1st & 2nd from 6-9 pm.**

*You won't want to miss it!*

Please like and check out the Ericson Lake Events Facebook page for updates.

This is an outdoor event on hayracks. Remember to dress accordingly. Rides last approx. 30 minutes. Special accommodations available for senior citizens.

Wild Hay Café will be serving up Hot Cocoa, Hot Cider and Funnel Cakes.

If you would like to help decorate or volunteer the days of the event or if you

have any of the following items to donate or that we can borrow please let us know... Generators, Electric Fence Posts, Extension Cords  
[ericsonlakeevents@gmail.com](mailto:ericsonlakeevents@gmail.com)

People have asked us what we could use for scenes or decorations if they are not here to help decorate. We have put together a wish list on amazon with some items that would help complete existing scenes we have or add some new ones

[Check Out Our Wish List](#)

*3rd*  
**Ericson Lake  
Trail of Lights**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 1st & 2nd**

Ride Through Christmas Light Display on Back Trail

**6:00 - 9:00 PM**

**Adults \$10**  
**Kids 3-17 \$5**  
**Kids 2 & Under Free**

Wild Hay Cafe will be  
Serving Hot Cocoa,  
Cider and Funnel Cakes

Pickup at the Ericson Lake Dam  
For more information visit [www.lakeericson.com](http://www.lakeericson.com)



## [2022 Trail of Lights video](#)

## Memory Ornaments

We will once again be selling memory tree ornaments to go on our Angel Tree at the Trail of Lights in honor of a lost loved one. The tree is located near the pick up area so you can take a moment to find yours while waiting for your ride. These ornaments are kept and placed on the tree each year going forward.

Ornaments are \$5 Each.

[Memory Ornaments](#)



## Spotlights

### Tumblers for Sale

Sit back and sip on your favorite beverage in style!

We still have Ericson Lake tumblers for sale. The proceeds from the sale of these will be going towards repairs



needed on the carousel that was damaged in last springs storms.

Many years ago the old wooden carousel was decommission and turned into the picnic shelter that has hosted weddings, family reunions, outdoor movies, our annual lake activities just to name a few. We want to make sure it will be here for years to come.

You can order online at the link below or get with one of the board members to pick up.



[Get Your Tumbler Here!](#)

[Donate to the Carousel](#)

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## ELC Building Improvements



The ELC Building is getting an upgrade!  
With some very generous donations and a little help from the Events Committee we are able to have the ELC building spray foam insulated this fall. This will help us utilize the building more during the cold winter months and hot summer days. We also have a heater/ac unit that is being donated for the building as well.

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## High Speed Internet Coming to the Lake

The phone company will be running fiber optic lines at the lake in the near future.

Anybody interested in getting high speed internet at your place please contact Hamilton Telecommunications at 308-346-5500



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## Flags



Anyone interested in purchasing a flag to go along the lakefront on Holiday weekends, we have some available. They will have a nameplate engraved on the pole to dedicate them to a loved veteran or service member.

Newly added flags or any dedicated member who passes away will have their flags placed in the new section along the carousel for the year.

Anybody interested in a flags please let [Paul Claus](#) know.

The cost is \$250 Each.

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## Safety



Reminder the speed limit around the entire lake, including dam road is 15MPH. Please obey the 15 mph speed limit and have a discussion with your kids and guest to obey the posted speed.

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## Red Flag Warnings - No Fires

Please take note around the lake and campsites. If you see these signs posted please no campfires or fires of any kind.

Please do not leave any fires unattended and make sure they are completely out before you leave.



## 2024 Paddle Poker Run Dates



Next year 4th of July falls on a Thursday. From past experiences it is just not feasible to have this event on a Saturday with the annual association meeting and other activities going on that we are unable to move. With people's traveling and work schedules would like some input on what day you would like to see the 2024 paddle poker run held. We will make our final decision by the end of the year.

When would you like to see the paddle poker run held?

Thursday, July 4th - 1:00 PM

Select

Thursday, July 4th - 5:00 PM

Select

Friday, July 5th - 1:00 PM

Select

Friday, July 5th - 5:00 PM

Select

Sunday, July 7th - 11:00 AM

Select

Sunday, July 7th - 1:00 PM

Select

Other - Please email [ericsonlakeevents@gmail.com](mailto:ericsonlakeevents@gmail.com) with your thoughts

Select

Camping Reservations





We hope that everyone has adjusted to the new camping reservations since they have moved online!

Reservations will now be made online through CampSpot.

Planning your tanking trip or family reunion? Don't delay in reserving your campsite.

Please share the link below with your friends and family.

Minimum stay of 2 nights for electrical reservations – \$30 per night

(Maximum stay of 14 days)

There are 30-amp campsites for \$30 per night and 50-amp campsites that are also \$30 per night (50-amp sites: Campsites #2, #6, #7 and #8 at the Dam Campground and Campsites G, H and J at the River Campground)

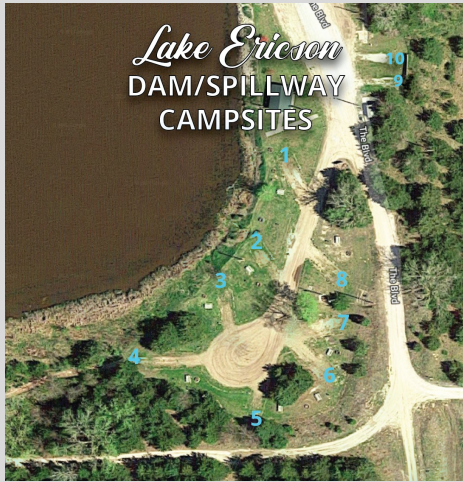
All camp sites are back in ONLY....there are no drive through sites.

Tent camping is also available at two locations. No reservations required – first come first serve. Cost is \$10 per night per tent. (no minimum stay)

### Camping Reservations

<https://www.campspot.com/book/lakeericsn>

You can reach us in the office between the hours of 8:00 and 5:00 at (308) 728-3132



**Camping Reservations**

## LODGING

Don't feel like camping??

Check out our lodging page for some short term rental cabins available near the lake.

# Lodging

