

Arbutus Lake Association



A Warm Welcome to the Lake!

Since the first residents - names like Gibbs, Sargent, Steere, Wheeler, Macdonald, Hall and Salon - came to this breath-taking, pristine lake in the early 1900's, Arbutus Lake has continued to capture the hearts of new generations. At just under 400 acres, it is not the largest or best-known lake in beautiful Northern Michigan, but certainly one of the most idyllic. We hope you find living on Arbutus Lake lifts your spirits and kindles your love of nature as it has for each of us.

Arbutus is fortunate to have a non-profit, dues tax deductible 501(c) (3) organization, Arbutus Lake Association, whose mission is to preserve, maintain, and ensure the quality of the lake for generations to come. The association, with its 12-member board addresses issues affecting the quality of life for all lake residents, including loon nesting/protection, water quality testing, noise pollution, and control of invasive plant and parasite species. We certainly appreciate the volunteers willing to invest the effort needed to maintain this special lake we call home, or second home.

Boating guidelines are similar to other lakes this size. There is no high speed boating allowed before 11:00 AM and after 7:30 PM. Lakes One and Five are no high speed boating zones at all times. State of Michigan water Safety rules require all high speed watercraft to stay at least 100 feet away from docks, rafts, and other boaters whenever possible. Boaters should travel counter-clockwise, especially when pulling a skier. If you trailer your boat to other lakes, we urge you to wash your boat before and after putting it into Arbutus, to help control invasive pests such as zebra mussels, milfoil, loosestrife, and/or phragmites. As the resident population increases on the lake, it is also important to be cognizant of noise levels since sound travels so easily on a small lake,

We have enclosed some information for you to consider as you make changes and improvements to your lake property. Arbutus Lake is part of the Forest Lakes Area, recognized and governed through East Bay Township with a special ordinance - the Forest Lakes Overlay - that restricts and protects trees and native vegetation at the shores and within a 50' buffer from the ordinary high water mark. We have included a copy for your use. We look forward to your participation along with your neighbors in the stewardship of this wonderful lake.

Arbutus Lake Association is pleased to welcome you to Arbutus Lake with the knowledge that you too will love, preserve, and cherish its beauty like all who have come before you. We have enclosed an application, and hope you'll consider supporting the work of the ALA by joining the association with your \$50 yearly membership, and participating in their projects and gatherings. It's a great way to meet and get to know your lake neighbors. We look forward to seeing you on the lake!

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Arbutus Lake Association Membership Application

Name _____ Lake # _____
Lake Address: _____ City _____ MI Zip _____
Mail Address: _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Lake Phone # _____ Home Phone # _____
Lake email _____ Home email _____

Annual Dues - \$50.00

Remit by check to: Arbutus Lake Association - PO Box 404, Mayfield MI 49666

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