2027 Season Rate Changes

Lot Lease - increased from $ 1,380 to $ 1,400

Boat Dock - increased from $ 115 to $ 120

Boat Storage - increased from $ 120 to $ 125

Check out Ordinance 2026-01 on our website for other fees/charges established by the Commission.

2027 Invoices & Leases

Your lot leases and invoices are included with this newsletter. Be sure to get your lot leases signed and turned in to the bait shop office before November 1st.

A new lease MUST be signed each year and a current driver's license for each person listed on the lease must be on file, failure to do so will jeopardize your lease.

The 1st installment for the 2027 season is due by November 1st, 2026. Remember there is a $15 late fee per day for all late payments. Payments must be processed through our office by November 1st, meaning any payments that are sent through the mail or bank authorization payments that are received after November 1st will be subject to late penalties.

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As another camping season comes to an end, I find myself reflecting on what makes Otter Lake such a special place.

The lake, sunsets, campfires, fishing, and beautiful summer nights are all wonderful, but I truly believe it's the people who make this campground feel like home.

Thank you to each of you for being part of our Otter Lake family. Thank you for the friendships, laughter, gatherings, helping one another, and all the memories made throughout the season. Each camper brings something special to this community, and I'm grateful to be a part of it.

As we head into the off-season, I hope you take a moment to remember all the good times and look forward to making even more memories next season.

And for those who have asked, "Are you coming back next year?" My answer is YES! I'll see you back at Otter Lake next season!

Have a happy, healthy, and blessed off-season. Thank you for another wonderful year!

Shannon

Fall Clean Up

Soon the leaves will begin to fall. As you clean up your lot there are a couple options for your leaves. Mulching them with a lawn mower is always an option. You can also rake them and bag them in a brown paper leaf bag and leave them by the road for our crew to pick up. They must be in brown paper lawn bags. Leaves can be burned as long as the water has not been turned off in the campground.

The end of season is a great time to clean up around your site. If you have items that won't fit in the dumpster DO NOT place them on the ground next to the dumpster. You must take those items home or find another way to dispose of them.

Your cooperation in this helps keep your campground the beautiful and enjoyable place we all love.

REMINDER - Electric News

Power will be left on now all winter for the campground. This means at the end of the camping season you will still have power at your camper. However, you will not receive an electric bill during the off-season, but you will see whatever usage you may have used over the winter months on your April bill.

As always, if you want to ensure there is no electric usage you need to unplug your main power from the electric pedestal. If you do unplug you need to store or hide your cords if possible. Unfortunately we had a few thefts last year.

Water is scheduled to be shut off to the campground on October 19th

A few winterizing reminders: Water will be shut off on Oct. 19th, depending on the weather. Updates will be given through our alert system, so be sure to sign up.

While getting your campsite ready for old man winter don't forget to cap your sewer line and your blue tanks.

Firewood must be stored off the ground per IL Department of Public Health rules.

Question: Can I have a fire in a fire pit after the water is turned off?

Answer: Yes, but it must be kept under control with someone over 18 keeping watch on the fire at all times. A bucket of water close by is highly recommended.

Question: Can I burn leaves?
Answer: Yes, but **not** after the water goes off. You can also put your leaves in brown paper bags and place them at the road by your camper and we will haul them away.

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Sept 8th: Bait Shop hours change:
Thursday - Monday 7 am to 3 pm
Closed on Tuesday & Wednesday

Oct 19th: Water off - Bath/Shower Houses Closed

Nov 1st : 2027 Leases & 1st Installment Due

Nov 23rd : Bait Shop Closed for the Season

Dec 1st: End of Season - Campground Closed