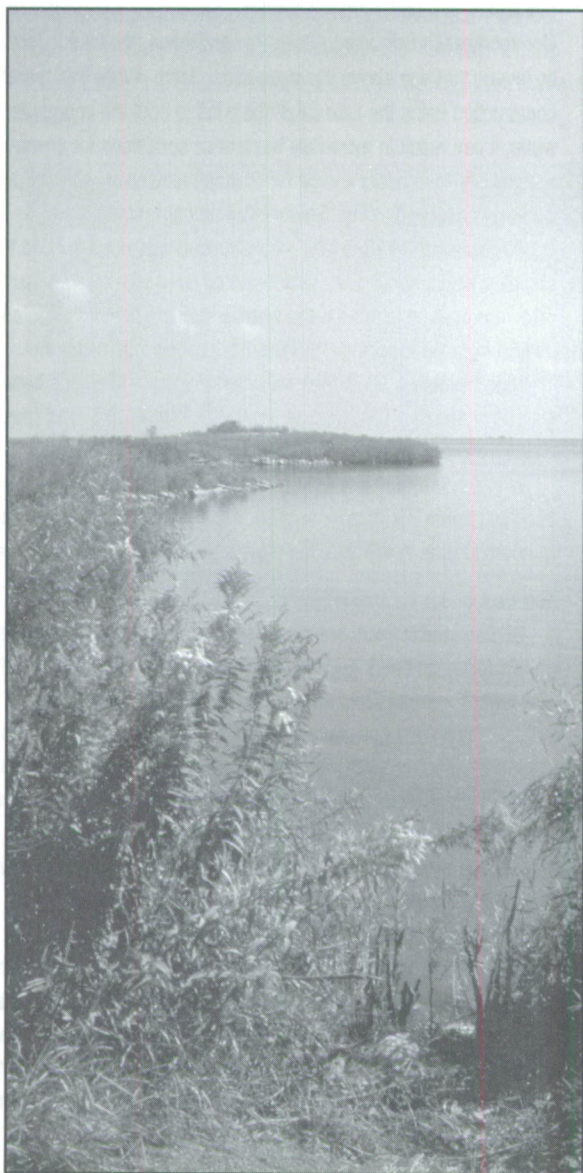


LaSalle Lake

STATE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA



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LaSalle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area The Area

LaSalle Lake, a manmade, 2,058-acre lake 8 miles southeast of Marseilles, is popular among anglers. Serving as a cooling lake for Commonwealth Edison's LaSalle Power Station, the lake is formed by levees that rise above the surrounding land. While this "perched" construction helps the lake catch the wind to cool the impounded water, it can result in extremely hazardous conditions for unwary boaters. All lake users should familiarize themselves with the precautions described in the "Safety Information" below.

Dirt excavated for the lake's construction was used to build the shoreline and internal dikes, which are covered with rock riprap. The dikes are used to direct cooling water through a five-day circulation pattern from the discharge channel back to the intake channel. There is typically a 20-degree water temperature difference between the two channels. The average depth of LaSalle Lake is 15 feet, but there are excavated areas within the lake up to 70 feet deep.

With its riprapped shoreline, LaSalle has no natural shoreline for beaching boats. Boaters must allow ample time to boat from the lake's northern shores to the boat ramp area on the southwestern corner.

Safety Information

Boaters and anglers are responsible for their own safety. They should follow all boating safety regulations, including observing the "no wake" zones. They should always be aware of changing weather conditions and wave development. The surface condition of the lake can change very rapidly and wave action can be excessive.

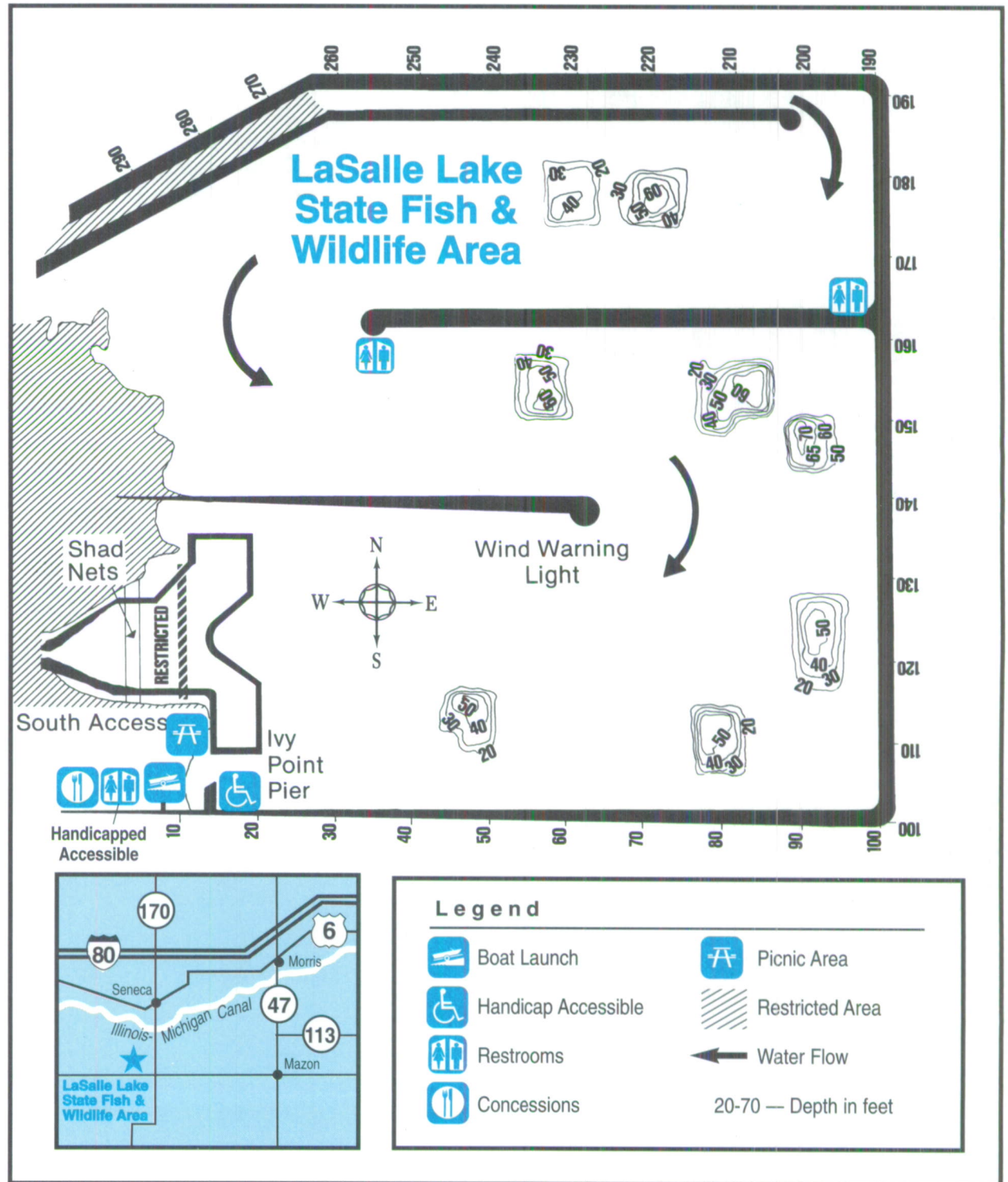
There is a wind warning system at LaSalle Lake. It is located on the tip of the internal dike that extends from the west shore (see map). When the light of the wind warning system is flashing, no boats are to be launched and boats on the lake should seek shelter.

For boaters' safety, and for the safety of power plant divers who repair nets in the intake structure on the discharge canal, **boaters are not allowed within the restricted areas** marked off by orange buoys. Boaters who are observed in a restricted area will have their boat numbers submitted to Conservation police officers and tickets will be issued.

Swimming, wading and water skiing are prohibited at LaSalle Lake, as are sailboats, sailboards and surfboards. All boats must be powered by gasoline engines. The maximum speed on the lake is 40 mph. It is advisable to carry a battery-powered AM-FM radio with you to monitor weather conditions. **Two-way radio must be turned off within 200 feet of the power lines.**

All boating is done at your own risk.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at LaSalle Lake.



Open Dates and Hours

From April 1 through Sept. 30, LaSalle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area is open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to dusk.

From March 15 through March 31, and from Oct. 1 through Oct. 15, LaSalle Lake is closed Monday and Tuesday. During these dates, it is open Wednesday through Sunday from 6 a.m. to dusk.



Fishing

A boat is not needed to fish LaSalle Lake. Many individuals and families enjoy bank fishing. A fishing pier for disabled anglers is located at Ivy Point.

In addition to obeying statewide fishing regulations, anglers must observe LaSalle Lake's site specific regulations, which include pole and line fishing only. Anglers are limited to two poles per person. In addition, the following daily catch limits are in effect:

- one black bass (either largemouth or smallmouth), 18-inch minimum length.
- 10 striped bass, white bass or hybrid striped bass (either singly or in aggregate), no more than three of which may be 17 inches or longer in length.

General Information

A concession stand at LaSalle Lake offers sandwiches, snacks and refreshments, plus bait, selected tackle, hats and ponchos, boat rental and guide service. For more information, call the concession at (815) 357-1116.



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2660 E. 2350 Road

Marseilles, IL 61341, 815-357-1608

- While groups of 25 or more are welcome and encouraged to use the park's facilities, they are required to register in advance with the site office to avoid crowding or scheduling conflicts.
- At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Actions by nature can result in closed roads and other facilities. Please call ahead to the park office before you make your trip.
- We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember, take only memories, leave only footprints.
- For more information on state parks, write to the Department of Natural Resources, Clearinghouse, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, call (217) 782-6302 or visit our website at www.dnr.state.il.us.
- For more information on tourism in Illinois, call the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Tourism at 1-800-2CONNECT.
- Hearing-impaired individuals may call the Department of Natural Resources' TTY number, (217) 782-9175, or use the Ameritech Relay Number, 1-800-526-0844.

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This information may be provided in an alternative format if required. Contact the DNR Clearinghouse at (217) 782-7498 for assistance.

