

To all boaters both residents and renters:

I'm sure we've been in awe at the calls of our resident loons throughout the summer and would like to have them flourish on our lake. This is a reminder that when navigating around bogs and shoreline there is a 100ft "No Wake" area. "No Wake" means 5 mph no faster!

When navigating in the Rainbow Lake/Kushaquia narrows most of that waterway is "No Wake" That goes for boats as well as jet skis. Our resident loons nest yearly on the bog island in the narrows. When navigating from Rainbow Lake to Kushaquia please stay on the western side of the bog island to avoid swamping a loon nest. When navigating from Kushaquia or from the rope swing please again navigate on the western side of the island. Additionally, caution signage is placed on both the north and south ends of the island with permission of the land owners of the bog island.

Our resident pair of loons returns to the narrows every April around the 15th and begin their courtship and nesting activities. From end of May to end of June the adult loon's nest on the edge of the island. Sometimes so close to the edge that any high water or wake will spoil their upcoming brood. Once the chicks arrive around the beginning of July there is an increase in boat and jet ski traffic and we urge boaters to again observe the "No Wake" areas and slow down and look for loon chicks to avoid collision and ultimate drowning.

Thank you,

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Loon Friendly Lake Coordinator

