

# Big Blake Lake

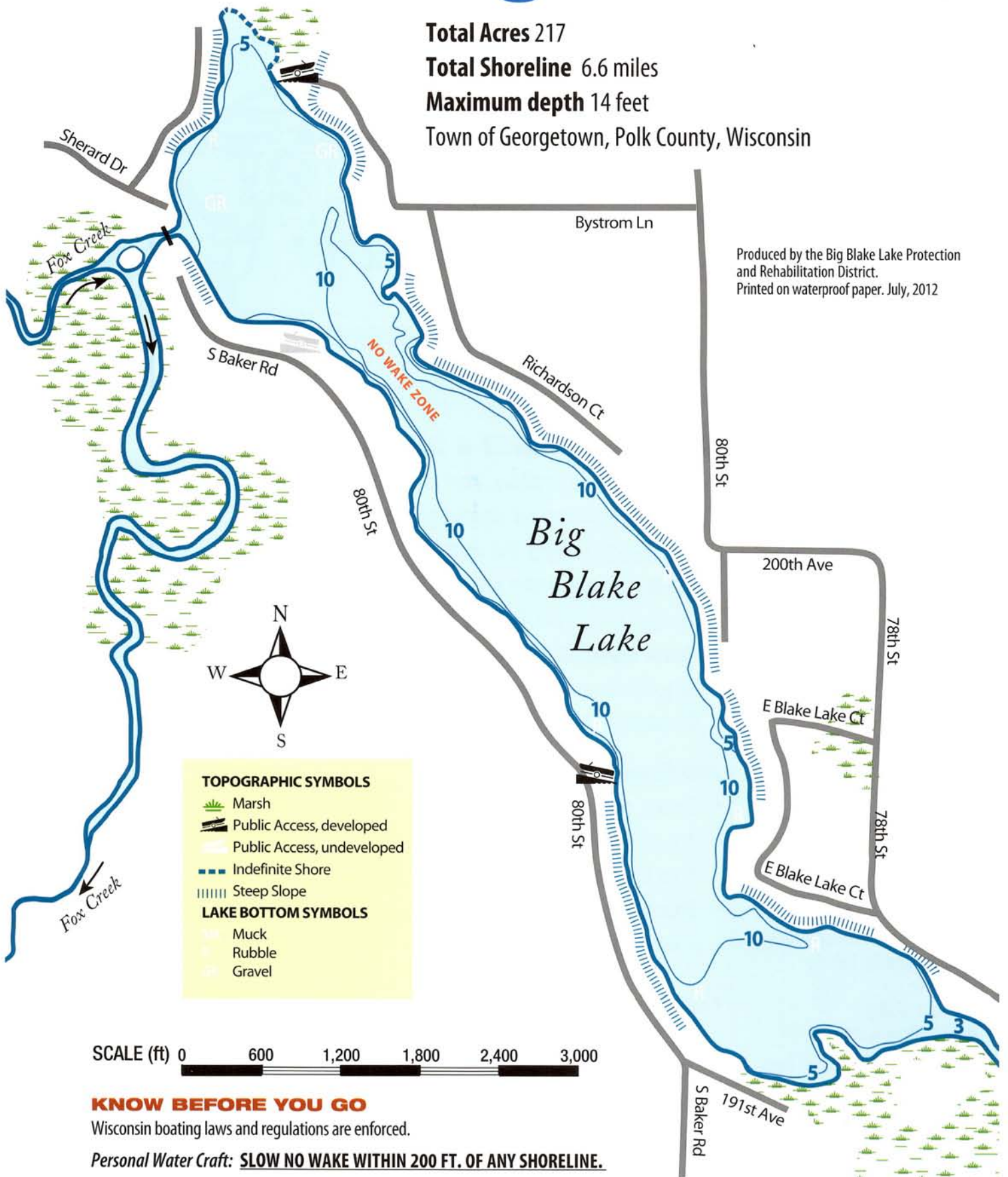
**Total Acres** 217

**Total Shoreline** 6.6 miles

**Maximum depth** 14 feet

Town of Georgetown, Polk County, Wisconsin

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## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

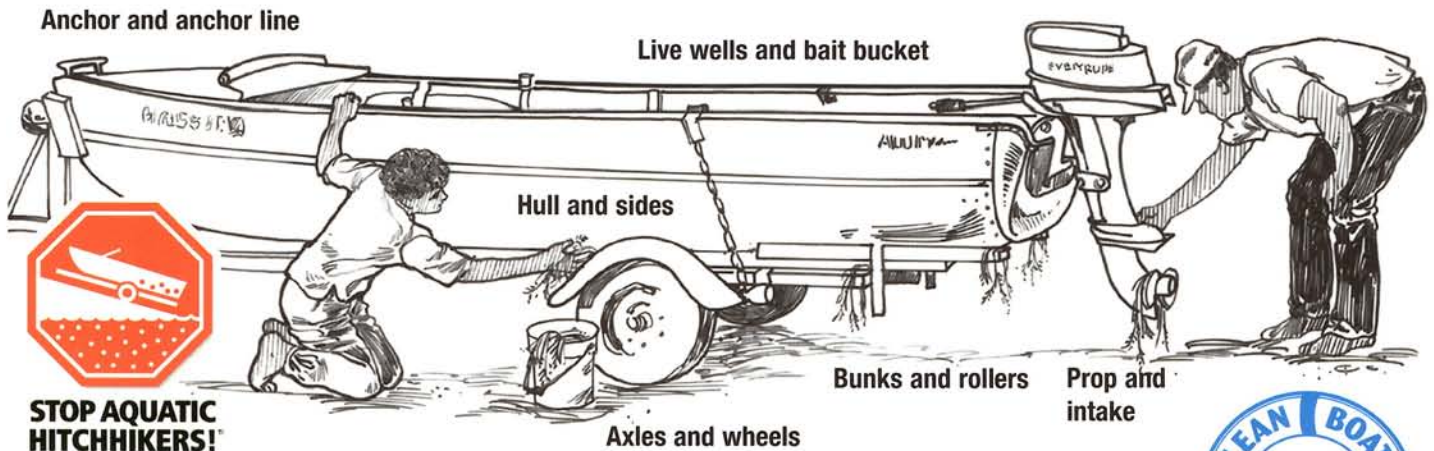
Wisconsin boating laws and regulations are enforced.

**Personal Water Craft: SLOW NO WAKE WITHIN 200 FT. OF ANY SHORELINE.**



# Stop aquatic hitchhikers...

*Clean your boat and equipment to prevent the spread of invasive species!*



**In Wisconsin it's the law\*... failure to follow these steps can lead to fines up to \$2000.**

Aquatic invasive plants and animals like Eurasian water milfoil, Curly leaf pondweed, rusty crayfish, and zebra mussels are easily transported by boats and equipment as boaters travel from one lake to another. The fish disease Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) is easily spread when fish are transported from one waterbody to another.

**It is important for all of us to follow these preventative steps for all water activities, not just boating and fishing.**

**These activities include:**

- Using personal watercraft
- Shore and fly-fishing
- Sailing
- Scuba diving
- Waterfowl hunting

**Be diligent!** Even small fragments, roots or seeds transported by your boat can grow and infest another lake.

## Before you leave a body of water:

- **Inspect** boats, trailers, and equipment.
- **Remove** all attached aquatic plants, animals, and mud before launching and before leaving the water access.
- **Drain** all water from boat, motor, bilge, live wells, bait containers and equipment before leaving the water access.
- **Never move** plants, live fish, bait, or fish eggs away from a water body.
- **Buy** minnows from a Wisconsin licensed bait dealer.
- **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash, not in the water or on land.

### Additional steps

- Spray, rinse, or dry your boat and equipment to remove or kill species not visible. Spray/rinse with hot or high pressure water OR dry your boat for 5 days before entering another lake or river.
- Disinfect boats and equipment to kill species and fish diseases using a mixture of two tablespoons of household bleach to one gallon of water.

\*State of Wisconsin: Section 30.715 WI Act 16 prohibits launching a boat or placing a boat or trailer in navigable waters if it has aquatic plants or animals attached.

\*Polk County Ordinance 29-11: prohibits launching or operating on a public roadway any boat, boat trailer, or hunting, trapping, fishing, or boating equipment, including canoes, lines, anchors, nets, decoys, and waders if aquatic plants or invasive animals are attached.

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**(non emergency)**  
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