

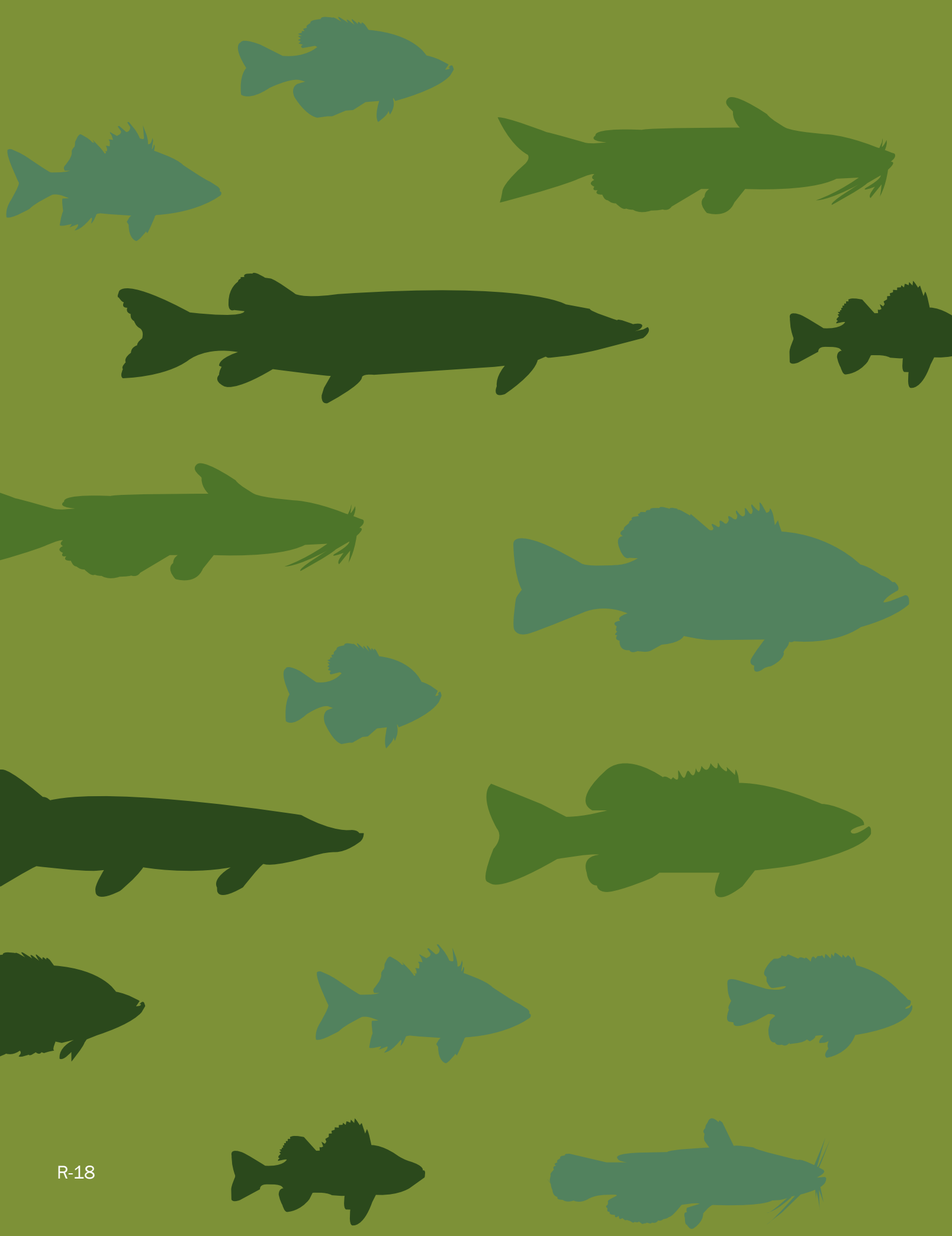
Fishing Guide

Forest Preserves of Cook County



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Take a Kid Fishing!

Enjoy the outdoors with kids!

The Forest Preserves of Cook County offers family events and fishing derbies throughout the year to introduce children to the joys of fishing. Visit fpdcc.com/events to learn about all of our events.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources also provides information about kids and family fishing. Visit dnr.illinois.gov and ifishillinois.org

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Guide to Fishing in The Forest Preserves of Cook County

This guide lists lakes and waters open to public fishing in the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Fishing at lakes not listed in this book is prohibited. Individual maps show the location and depths of each lake, and list principal fish species.

Accessible fishing areas are located at Busse Reservoir – Main Pool, Busse Reservoir – South Pool, Flatfoot Lake, Maple Lake, Saganashkee Slough, Skokie Lagoons, Tampier Lake, and Pogie Lake. *See individual lake maps for more details.*

As part of the mission to preserve and protect natural lands for the education, pleasure and recreation of the public, the FPCC provides a variety of fishing opportunities for families and individual of all ages and abilities. Some fishing waters are natural, some have been created by damming streams, and others were dug during highway construction. Sale of fishing licenses and federal taxes on fishing equipment have provided funding for District fishing programs.

Over 2,000 acres of fishing water, in over 40 areas, are now available. The District conducts an ongoing program of fisheries management, stocking, shoreline improvement, nuisance aquatic vegetation control, and other projects to enhance fishing enjoyment. Individual lakes may be closed at times for stocking, or other management activities.

Management focuses on providing the best possible shoreline fishing, while offering boating on designated lakes. Limited nuisance vegetation control improves aesthetic values and makes shoreline fishing easier. Other management activities include periodic sampling to determine populations, reproduction and growth, and species relationships, and stocking. You, the angler, can help by obeying size and creel limits, and other regulations that contribute to good fishing for all. Please pick up all bait containers and other litter, and remember that discarded line and hooks are a serious hazard to wildlife and other people.

REGULATIONS

The District works with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to provide quality fishing. All state laws and rules apply to District waters, with some additional restrictions: **bow and arrow fishing is not permitted in District preserves**, and all forest preserve waters are designated fish preserves, **each fisherman is limited to two lines with no more than two hooks per line, and no trolley lines. This includes ice fishing.**

A valid Illinois hook and line fishing license is required except for persons under age 16, disabled, or blind. A State Inland Trout Stamp is required with each license, when fishing for trout in Forest Preserves’ trout lakes. Fishing and boating regulations are subject to change.

Check fpdcc.com for current rules and regulations.

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Size and creel limits pertaining to District Waters:

SPECIES	LIMIT PER DAY	MINIMUM LENGTH
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass	6	14 Inches
Walleye	6	18 Inches
Channel Catfish	6	No Minimum
Northern Pike	3	24 Inches
White, Black, Hybrid Crappie	15	No Minimum
Bluegill, Redear, Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15	No Minimum
Muskellunge	1	42 Inches
Trout	5	No Minimum

TROUT FISHING is closed from March 15 to the first Saturday in April, and from October 1 to the third Saturday in October.

ICE FISHING is permitted on designated District lakes on a *FISH AT YOUR OWN RISK* basis. Ice conditions are not monitored by the District. A minimum of 4 inches of solid ice over the entire lake is recommended for safety. Two-pole limit.

Illegal Actions

It is unlawful to release any fish, including minnows and goldfish, in any Forest Preserves of Cook County waters, except in the waters from which they were taken. It is illegal to abandon, deposit or throw any wire, can, bottle, glass, paper, trash, rubbish, cardboard boxes, wood cartons, trees, parts of trees, brush or other insoluble material, including

animal or vegetable material, into the waters or on the ice of any waters of Cook County, or in any place on the banks of waters in the County, where it shall be liable to be washed into the waters by storms, floods or other causes. Tournament fishing is prohibited. The use of a minnow seine is not allowed, except for bait collecting in the Des Plaines River.

It is unlawful to enter the water for any reason, including wading or swimming, unless authorized by administrative order of the general superintendent.

Accessibility

Please see page 32 to learn more accessibility options.



Boating

GENERAL REGULATIONS: Permitted on designated water bodies: non-gasoline powered watercraft of either traditional construction, or multi-chambered inflatables with a factory installed floor and hull identification number, including sailboats, rowboats, canoes and kayaks. Radio controlled boats, and floatplanes on designated lakes only.

MOTORBOATS RESTRICTED: No person shall, at any time, bring any gasoline or other fuel powered boat or outboards into or upon any waters under exclusive control of the Board of Commissioners. Electric or battery powered trolling motors shall not be used in or upon waters except at such place or places as may be provided or designated for such purpose by administrative order of the General Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District.

All such watercraft must be registered and titled with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Boating regulations are subject to change. Check fpdcc.com/boating for current rules and regulations.

Acceptable Watercraft

OUTBOARD MOTORS ALLOWED

- Des Plaines River:** *All watercrafts.*
One ramp: Plank Road Meadow, Ogden Avenue and First Avenue, Lyons.
Carry-in launch ramps: Allison Woods, Prospect Heights; Stony Ford, Lyons; Columbia Woods, Willow Springs; Lemont Landing, Lemont; Irving Park Road Canoe Landing, Schiller Park; Maywood Grove, Maywood; Dam #2, Mt. Prospect; Northwest Woods, Des Plaines

- Salt Creek:**
Carry-in launch ramps: Bemis Woods North, Westchester; 26th Street Woods West, LaGrange Park

- Chicago River:**
Carry-in launch ramp: Linne Woods, Morton Grove

- Little Calumet River:** *All watercraft.*
Two ramps: Little Calumet Boat Launch north of Jackson St. east of Ashland, Riverdale; Beaubien Woods Boat Launch south of 130th St, west of Bishop Ford Expressway, Chicago.

- Carry-in launch ramp:** Kickapoo Woods, Riverdale

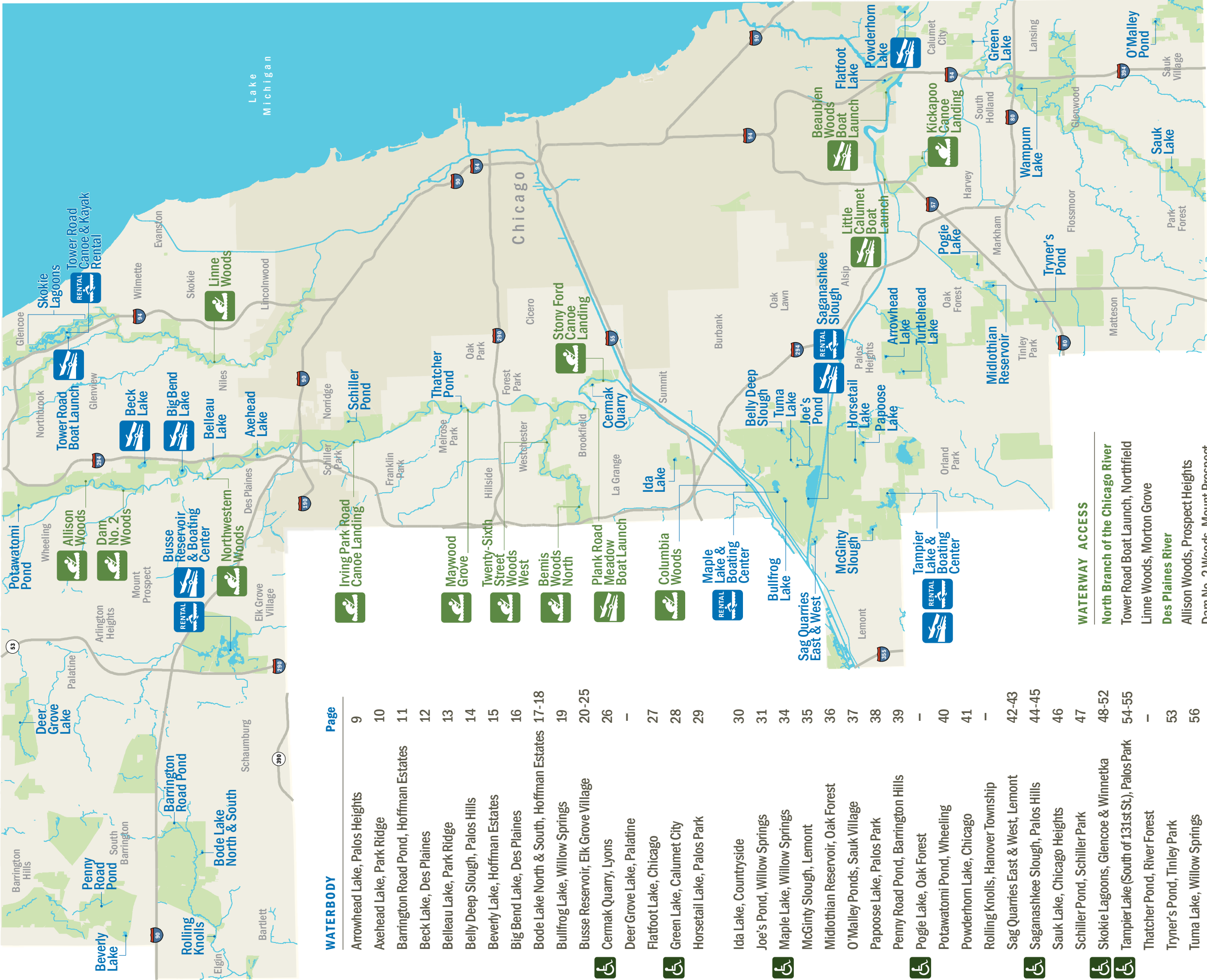
or state of residence and must display registration in accordance with the regulations and laws of the State of Illinois or the state of residence. All watercraft must carry the appropriate personal floatation devices for that watercraft as dictated by Federal and state laws.

ILLEGAL FLOATATION DEVICES: It is illegal to use or bring into or upon any of the waters under the exclusive control of the Board of Commissioners; any watercraft or floatation devices other than those listed under the General Regulations above. Prohibited floatation devices include but are not limited to inner-tubes, fly-fishing float-tubes or pontoons, sail-surf boards, and stand-up paddle boards, towables or inflatable pool toys, lounges or rafts.

BOATING WATERS: No private watercraft is allowed on District waters, except as listed below. No private watercraft is permitted on District waters overnight.

- ELECTRIC MOTORS ONLY**
(Gas motors must be removed from watercraft)
Beck Lake: Canoes, kayaks, rowboats, sailboats; Central & River Rd, Des Plaines
Big Bend Lake: Canoes, kayaks, rowboats, sailboats; East River Rd, south of Golf Rd, Des Plaines
Busse Lake: Canoes, kayaks, rowboats, sailboats permitted in Main Lake & South Pool, ramps in both. Boat rental at Main Lake. Higgins Rd & I-290, Elk Grove Village
Maple Lake: Boat rental, no private boats; Wolf Rd. & 95th St, Willow Springs
Powderhorn Lake: Canoes, kayaks, rowboats, sailboats; Brainard Ave. east of Burnham Ave, Chicago
Saganashkee Slough: Canoes, kayaks, rowboats; canoe/kayak rental; boat launch at west parking lot, 107th Street, between Archer Ave. & Willow Springs Road
Skokie Lagoons: Canoes, kayaks, rowboats, sailboats; canoe/kayak rental; between Dundee & Willow Roads, east of the Edens Expressway
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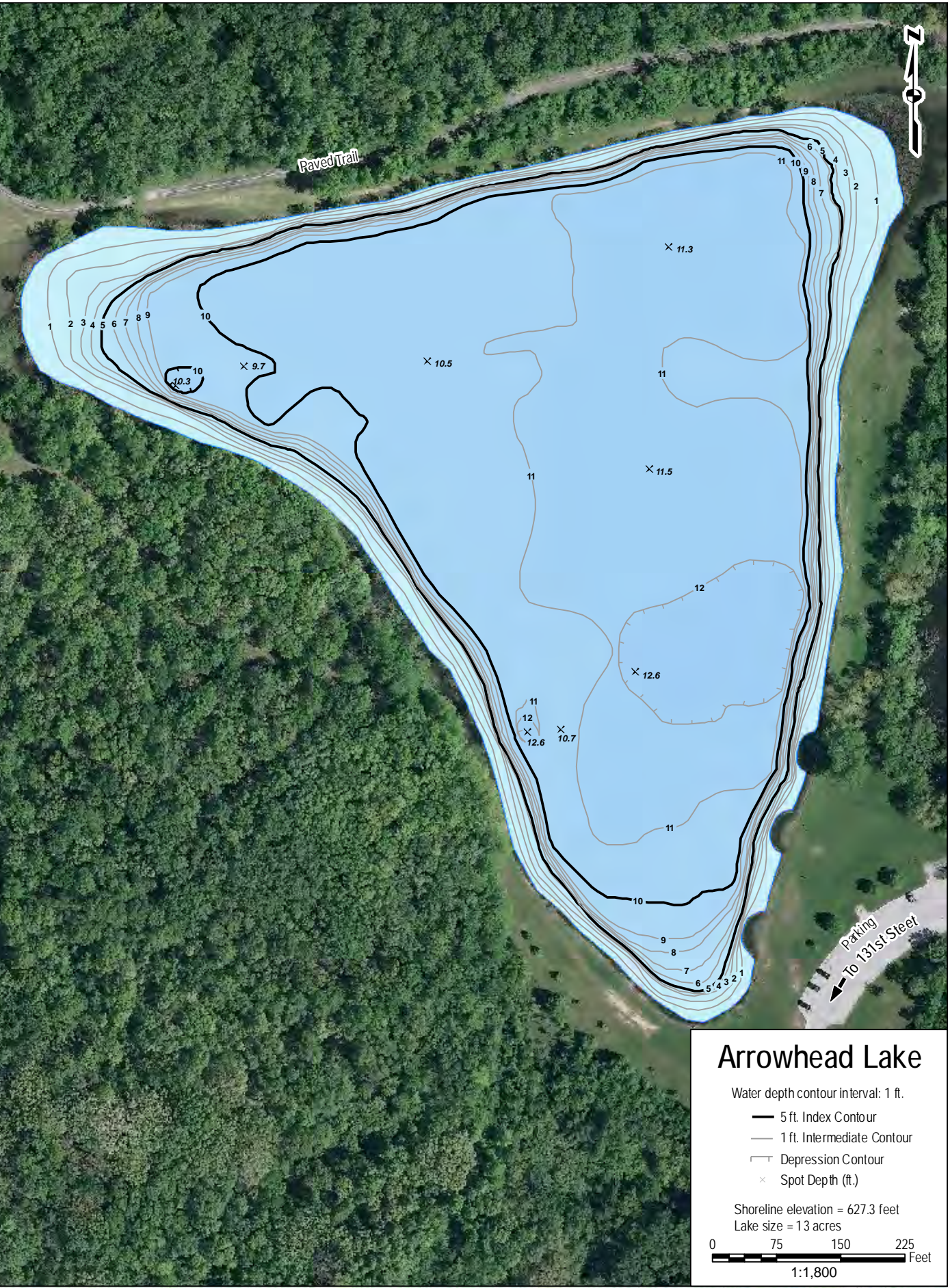
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 - Linne Woods, Morton Grove
- Des Plaines River**
- Allison Woods, Prospect Heights
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 - Northwestern Woods, Des Plaines
 - Irving Park Road Canoe Landing, Schiller Park
 - Maywood Grove, Maywood
 - Plank Road Meadow Boat Launch, Lyons
 - Stony Ford Canoe Landing, Lyons
 - Columbia Woods, Willow Springs
- Salt Creek**
- Bemis Woods North, Proviso Township
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- Calumet & Little Calumet Rivers**
- Beaubien Woods Boat Launch, Chicago
 - Little Calumet Boat Launch, Riverdale
 - Kickapoo Woods, Riverdale/Harvey

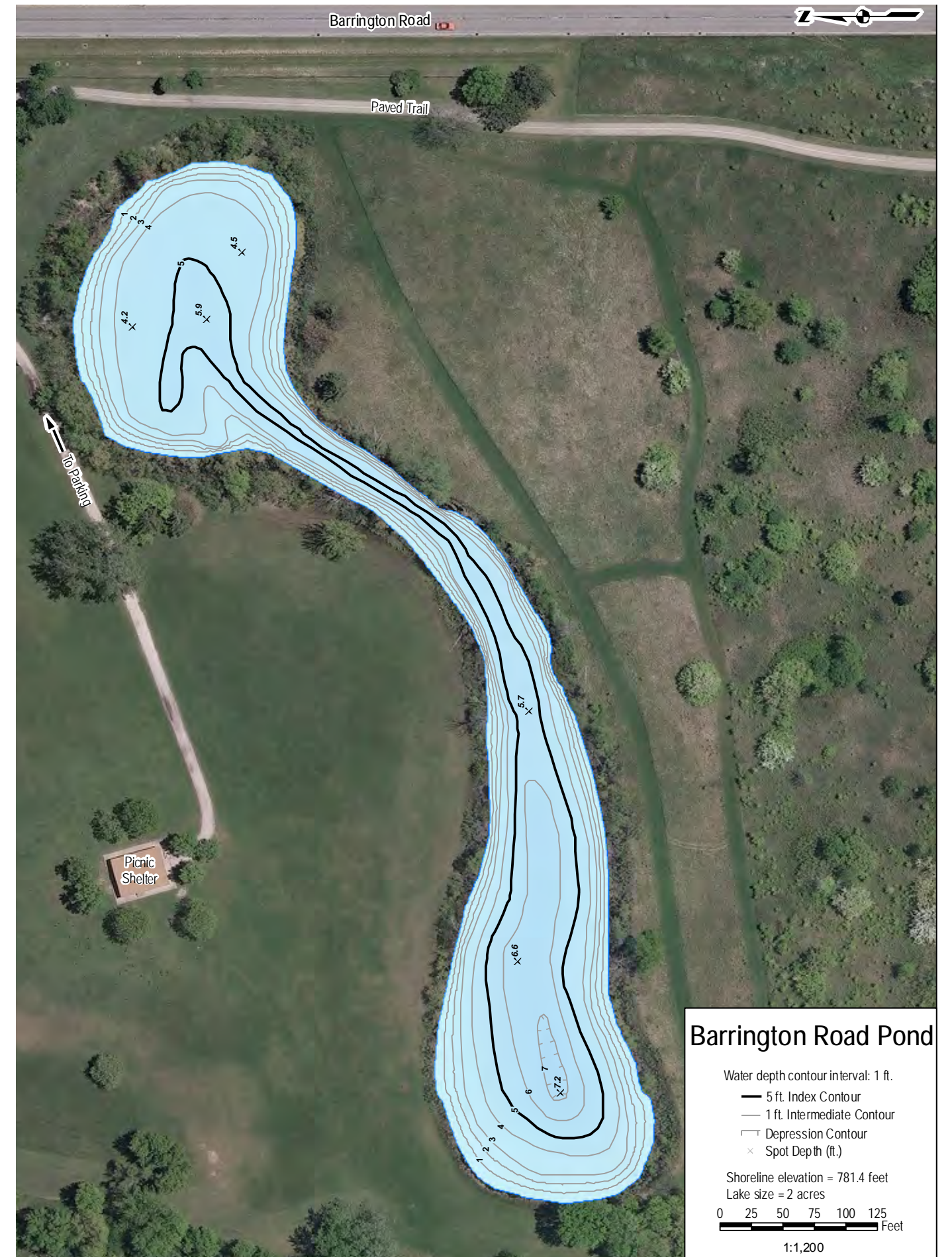
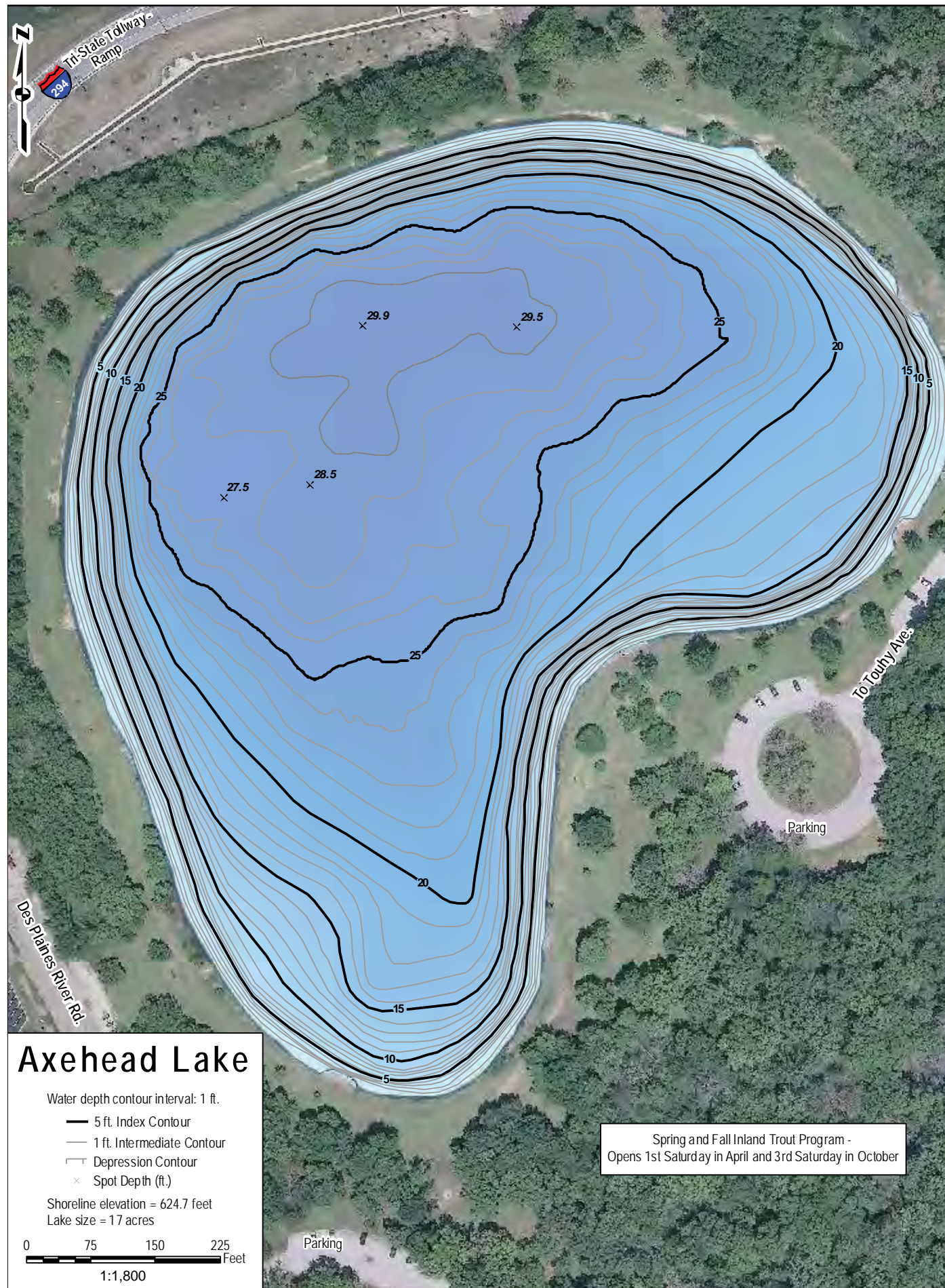


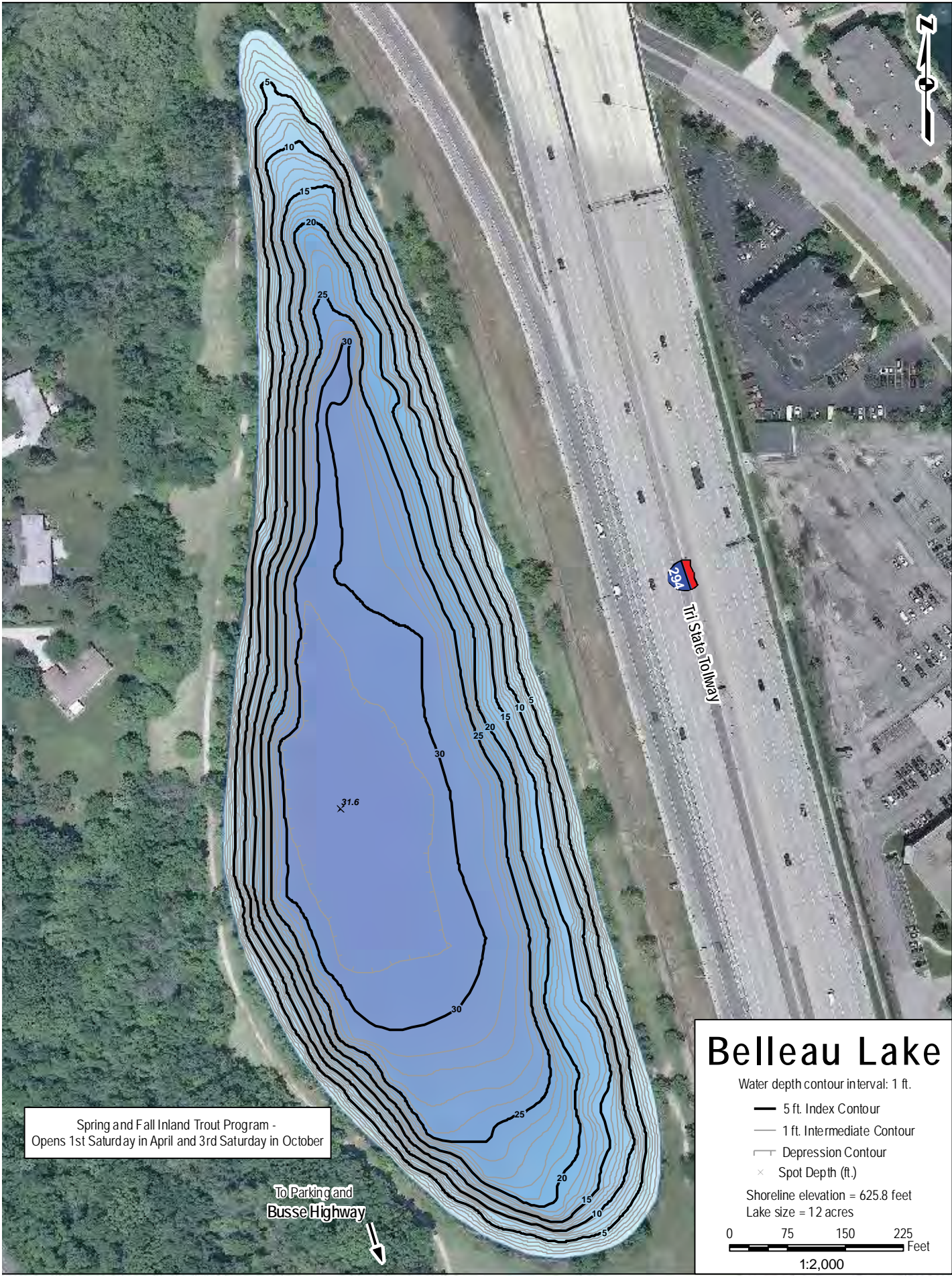
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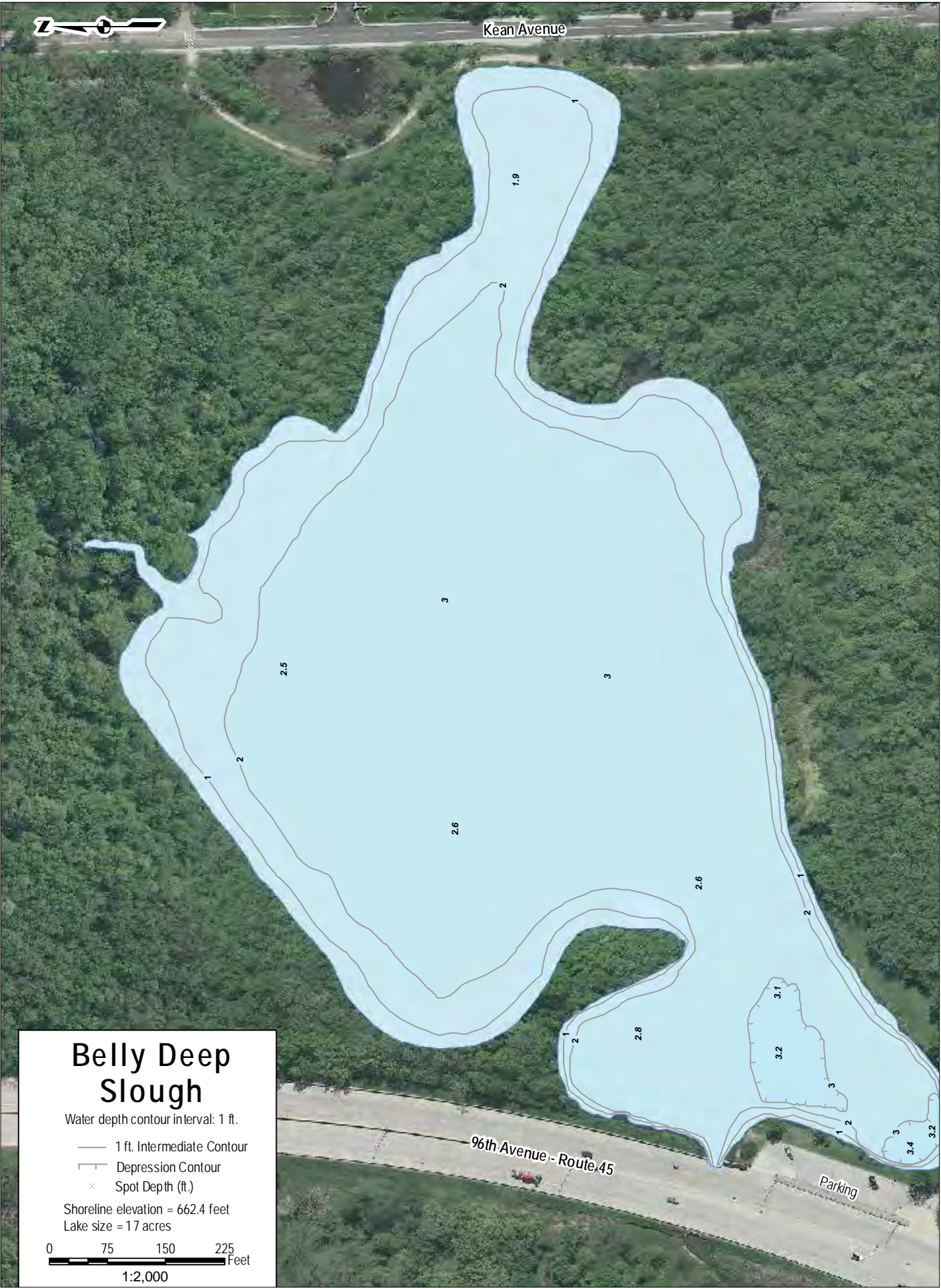
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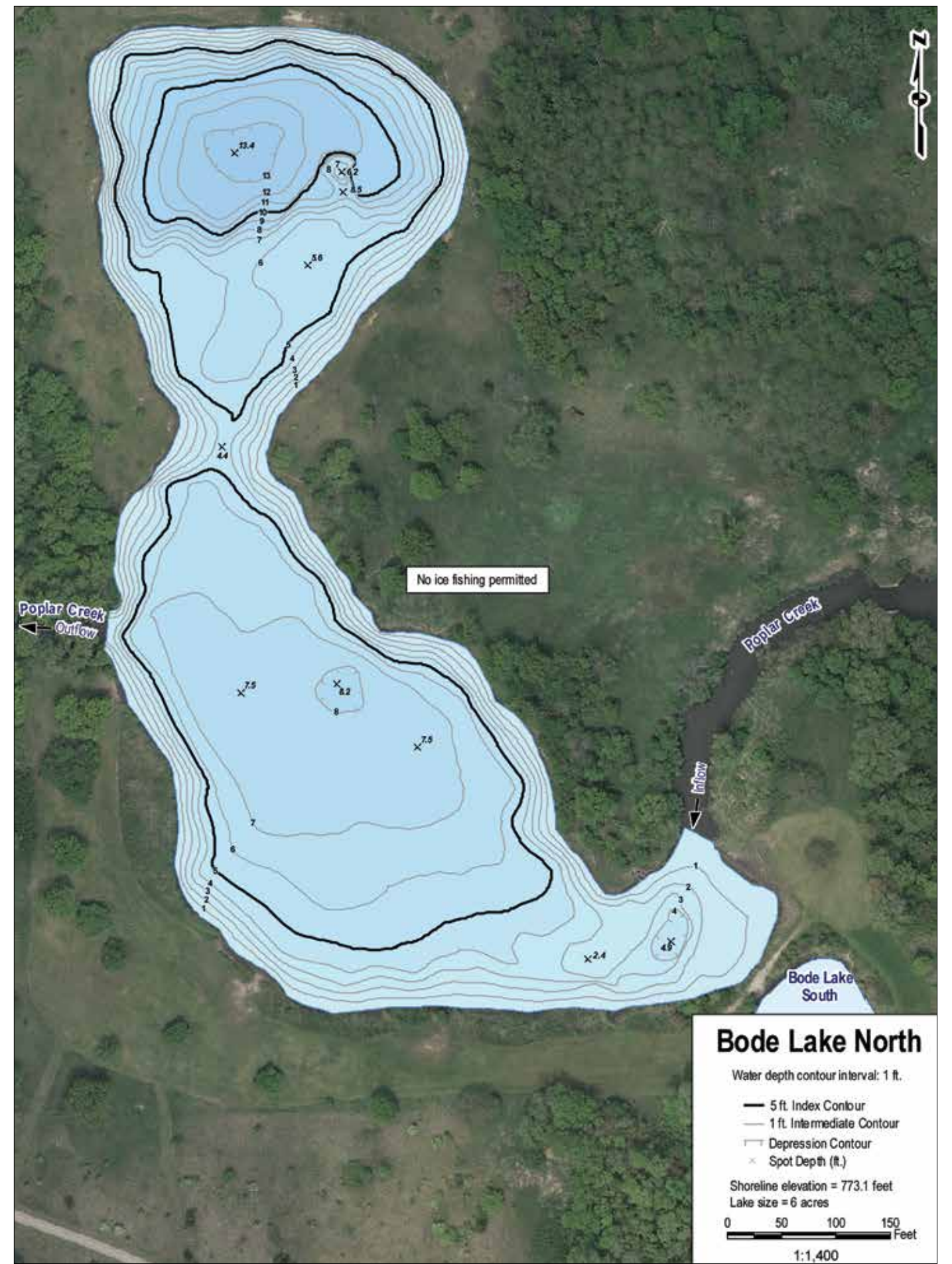
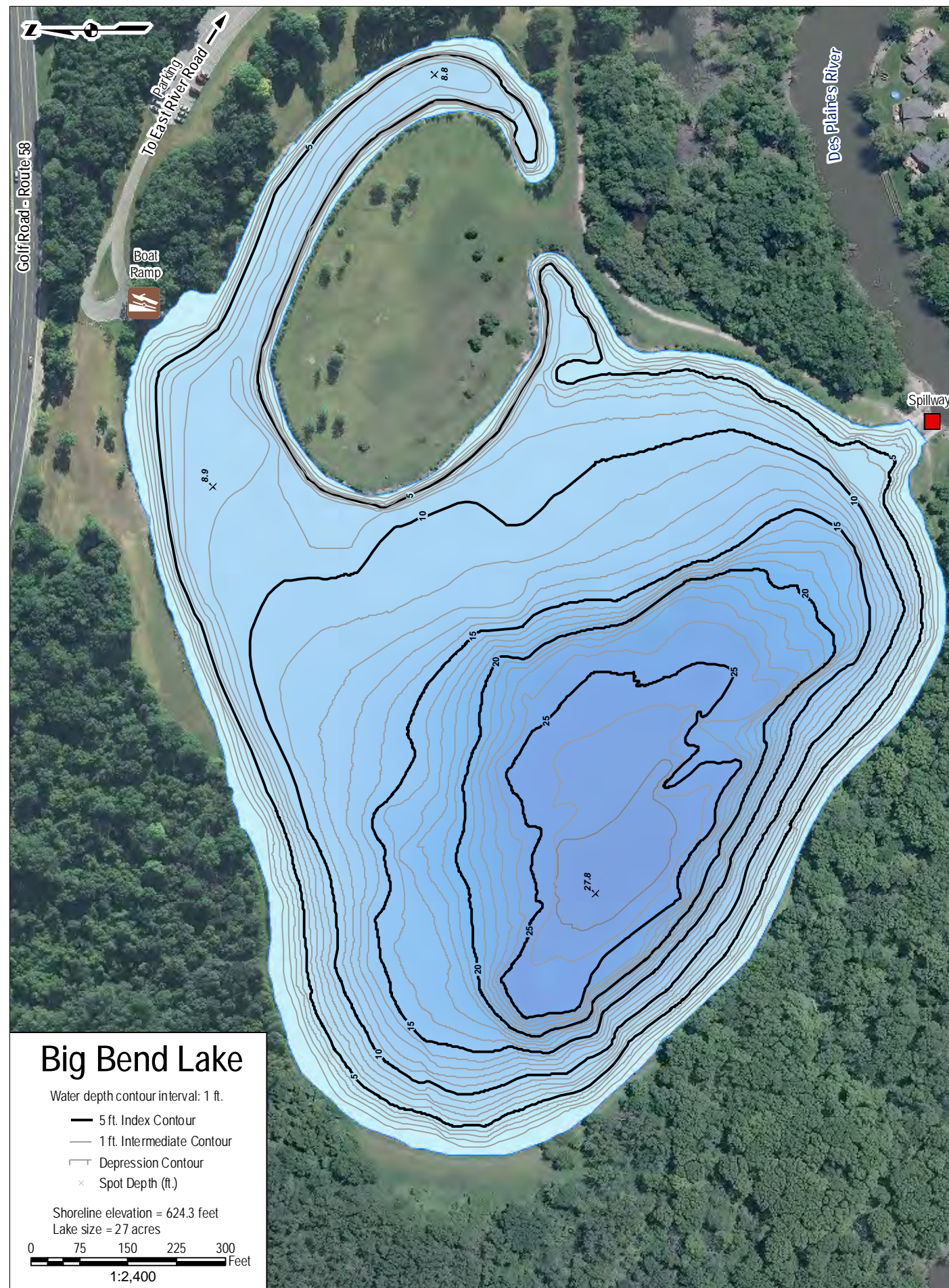
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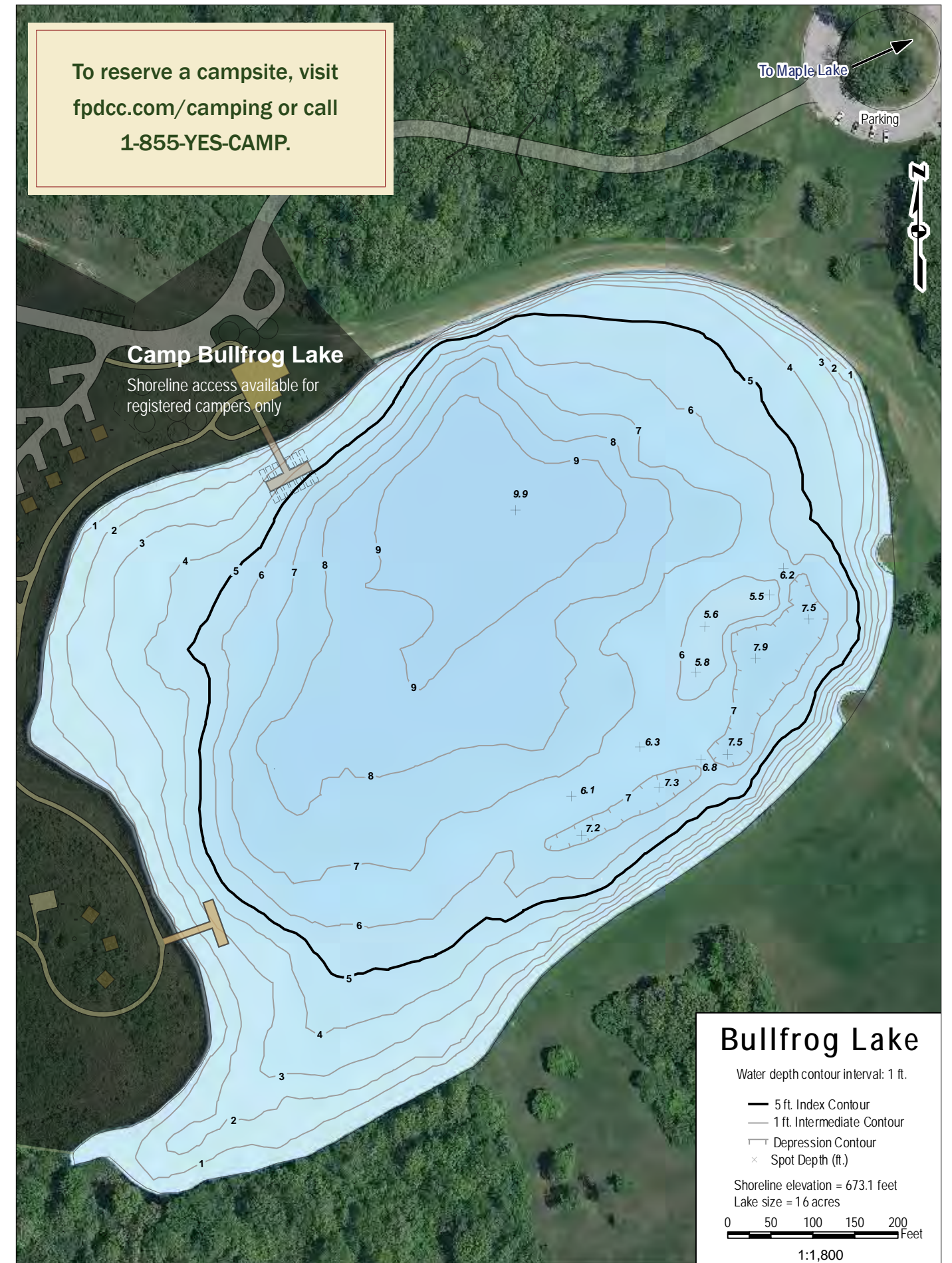
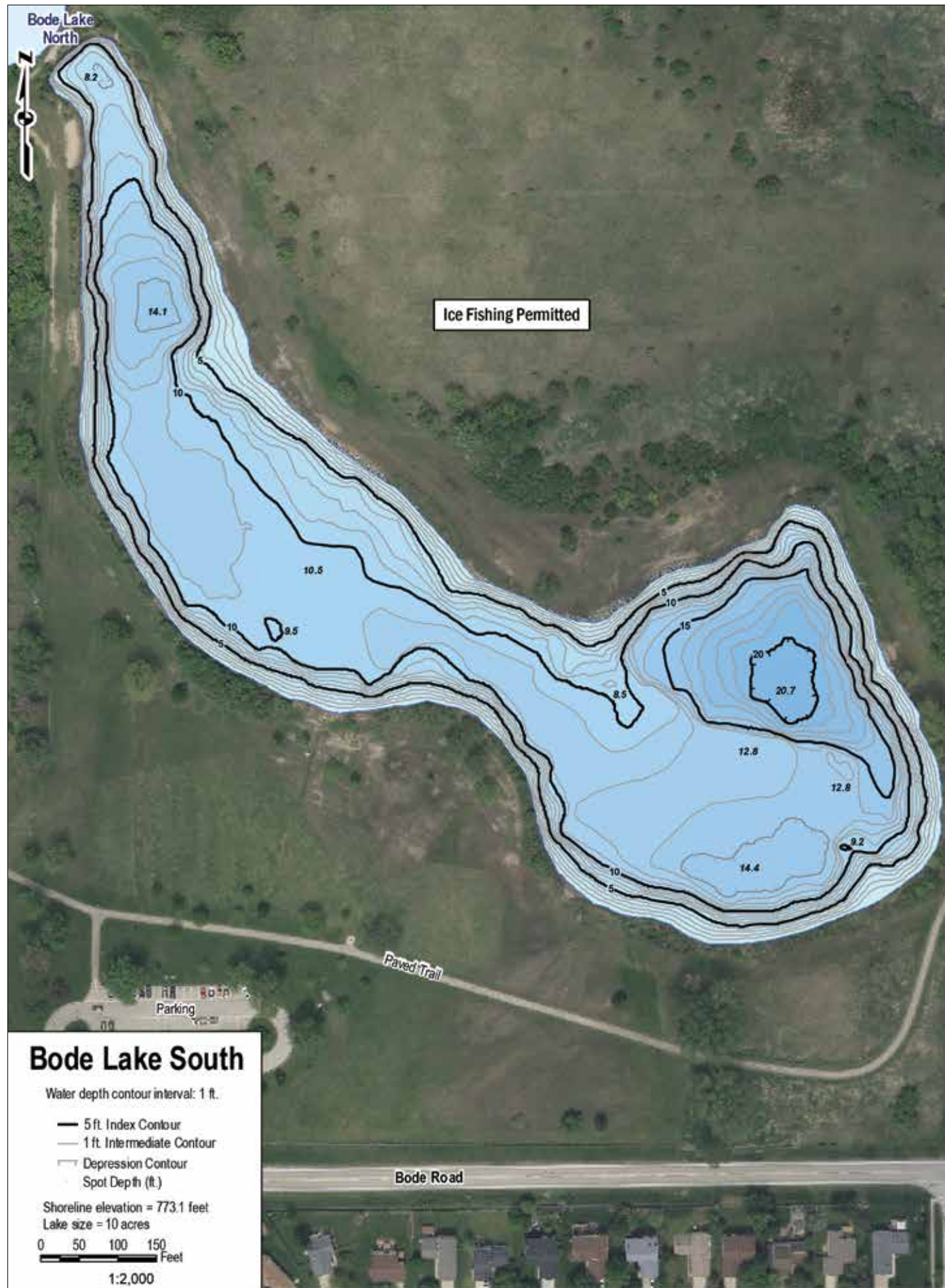


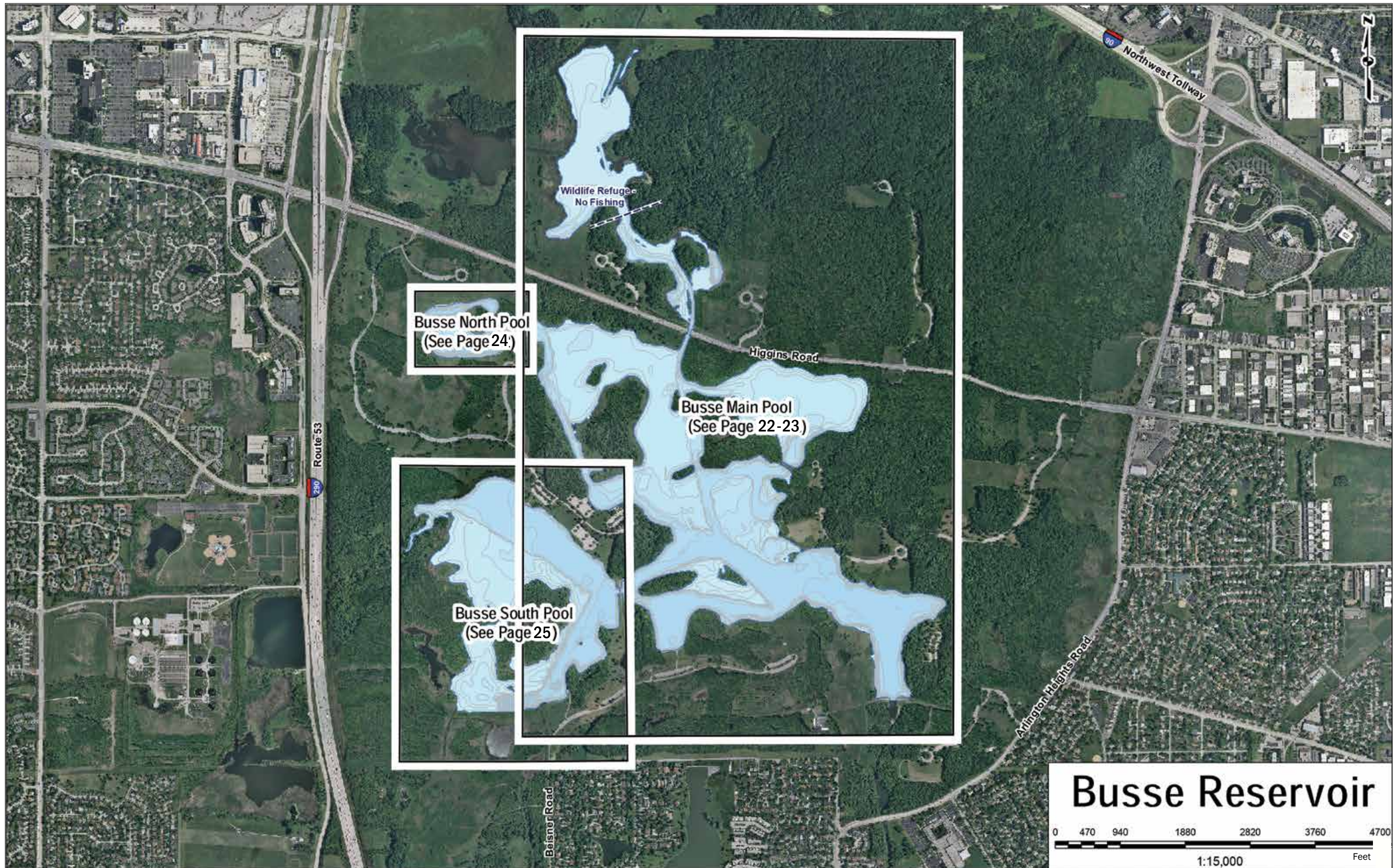








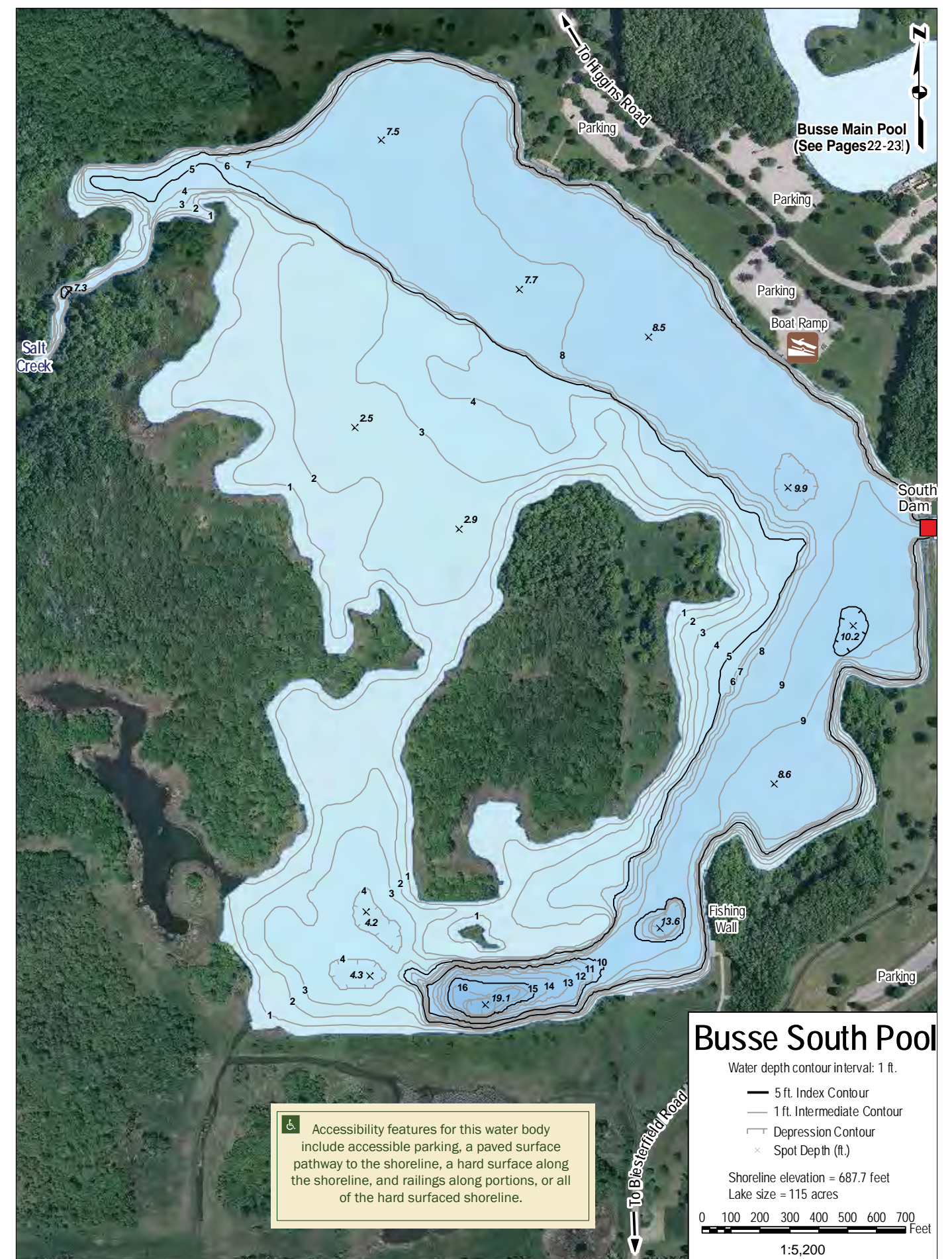
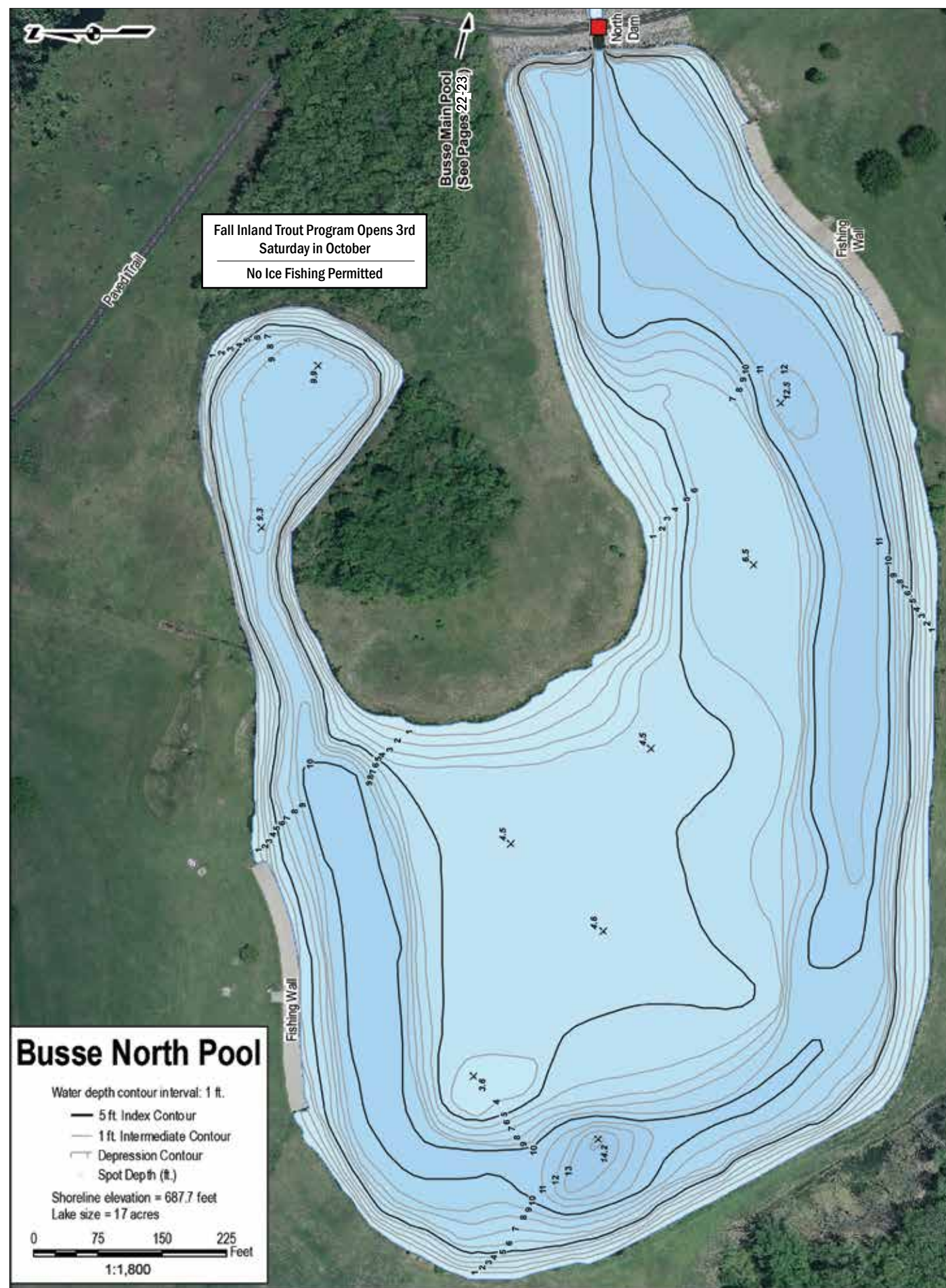


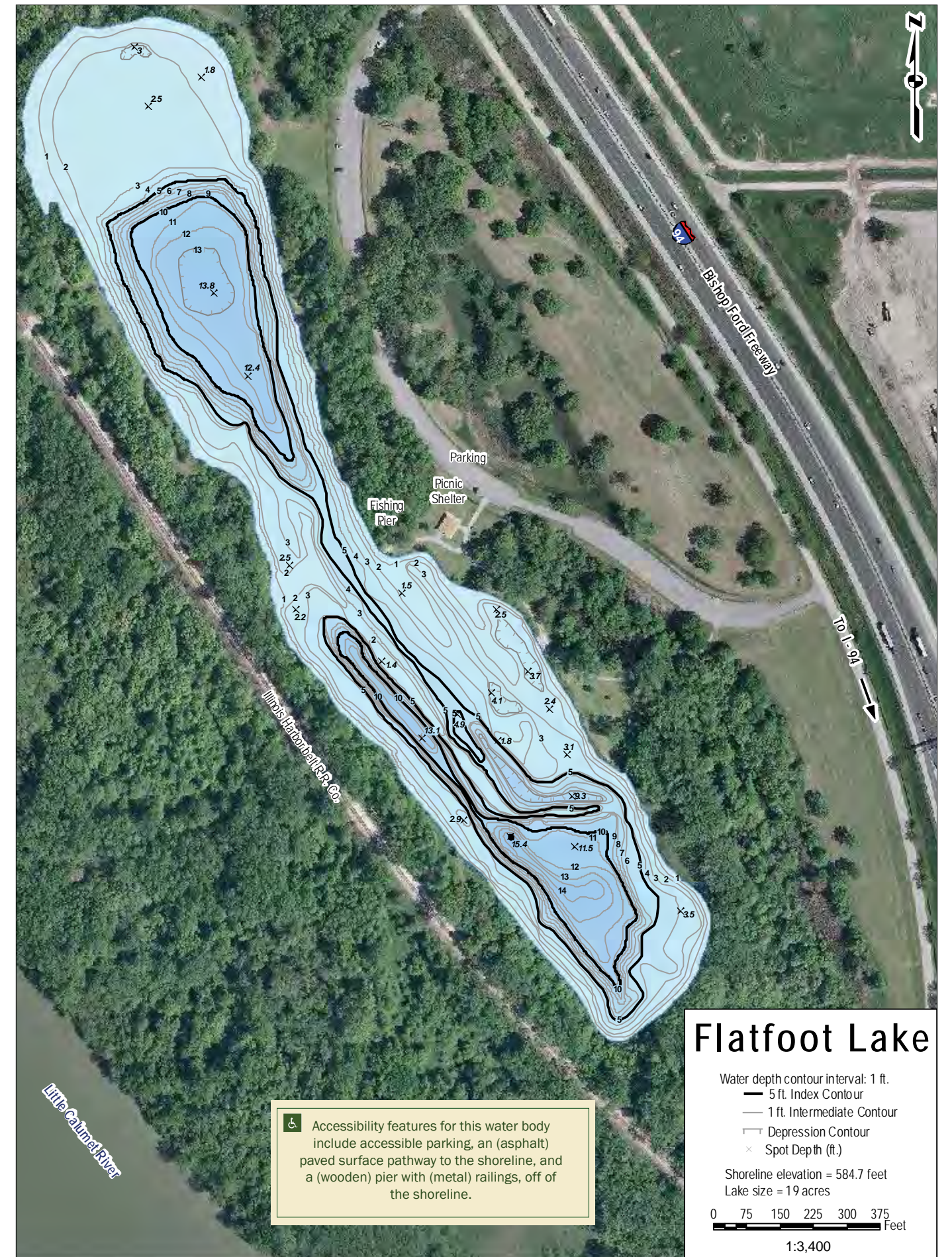
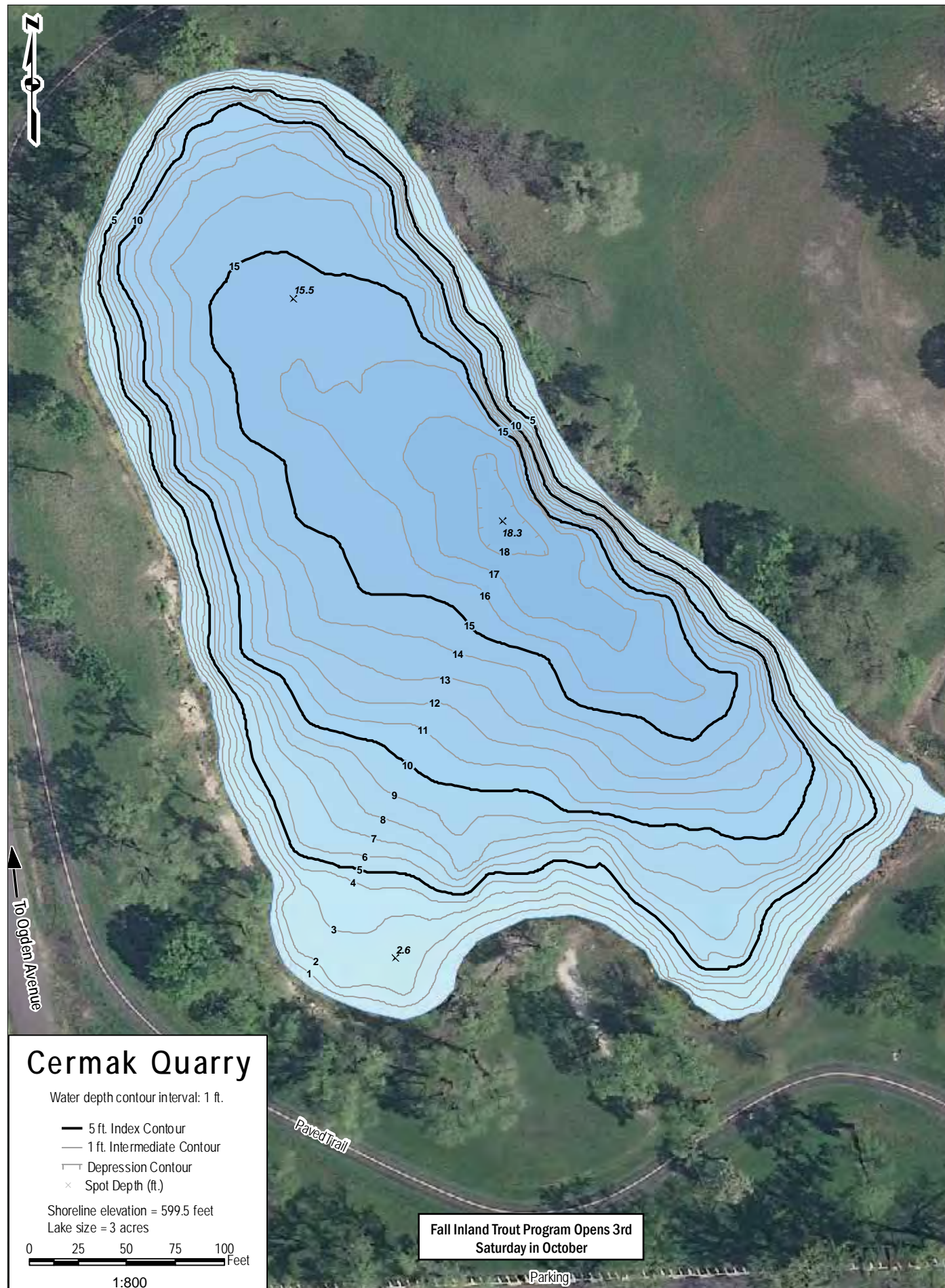


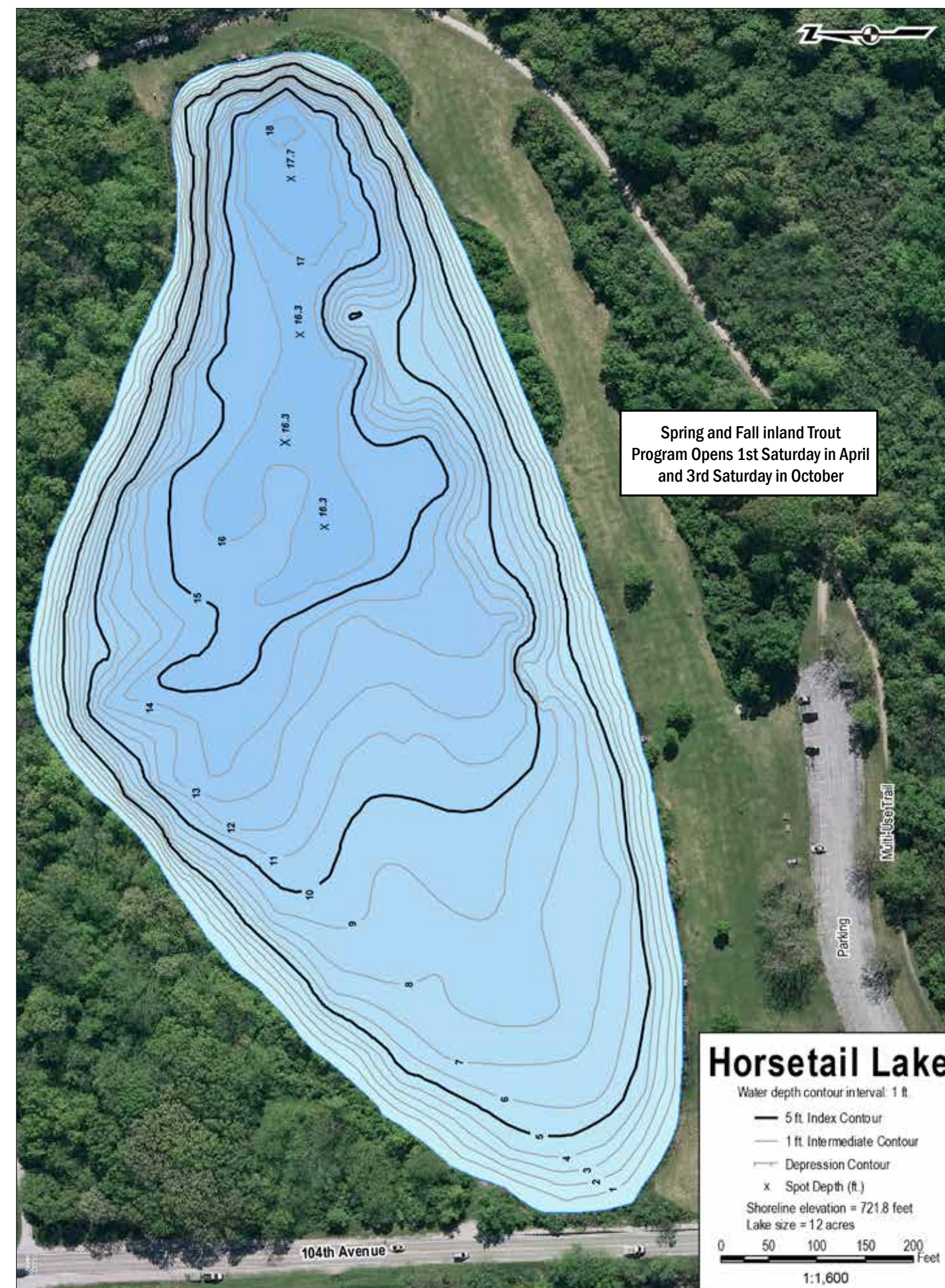
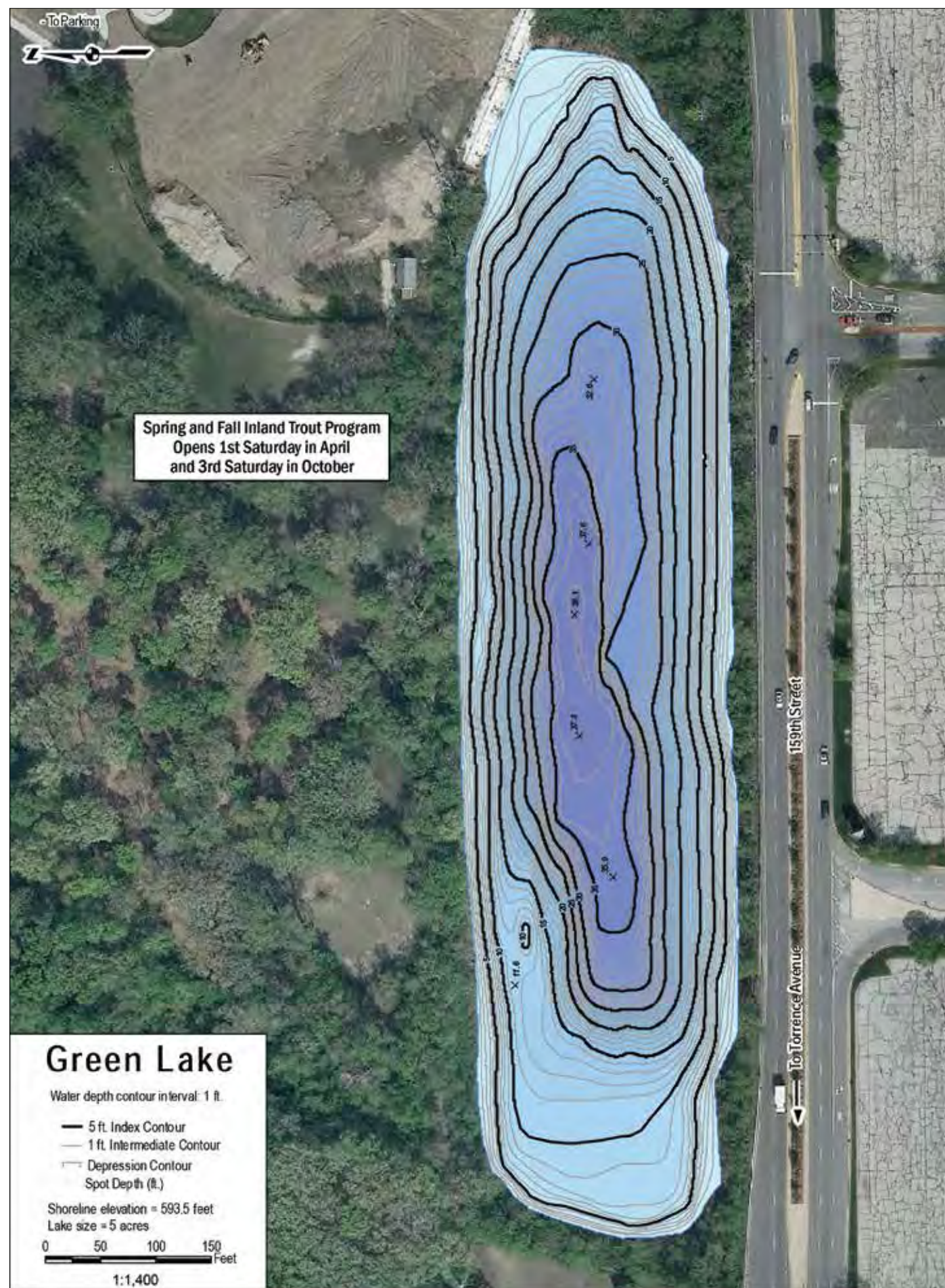


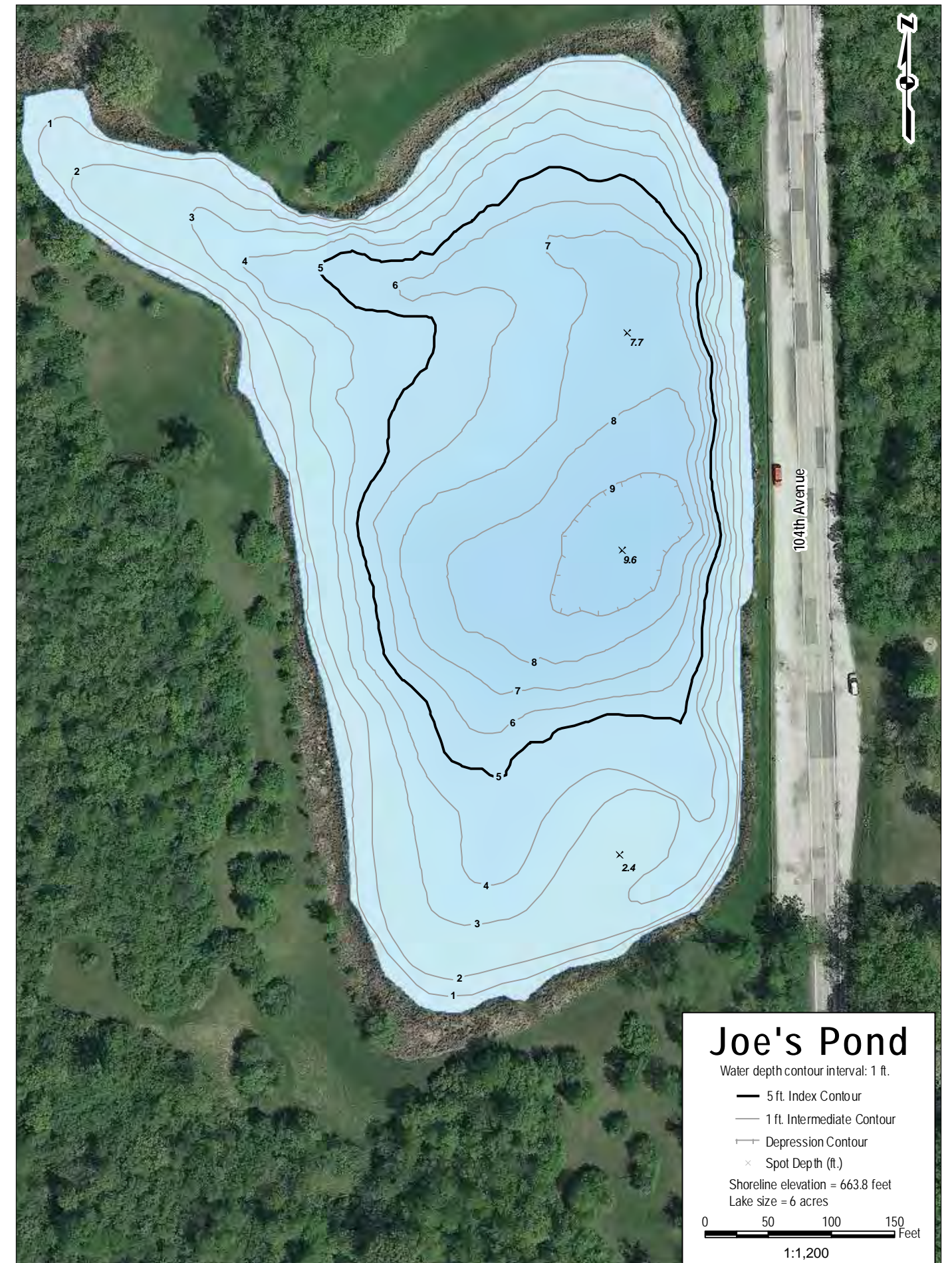
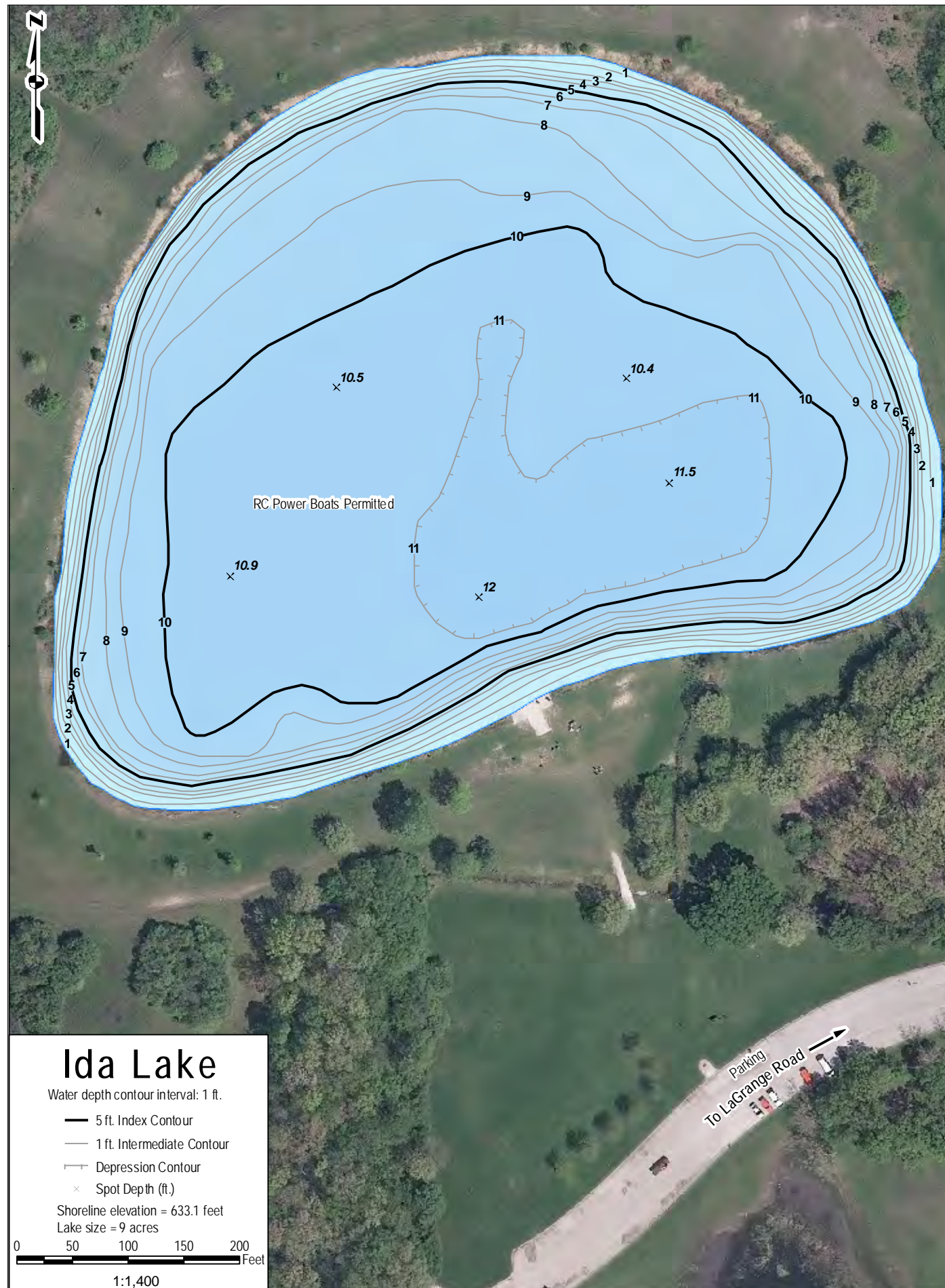
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Accessibility features for this water body include accessible parking, a paved surface pathway to the shoreline, a hard surface along the shoreline, and railings along portions, or all of the hard surfaced shoreline.





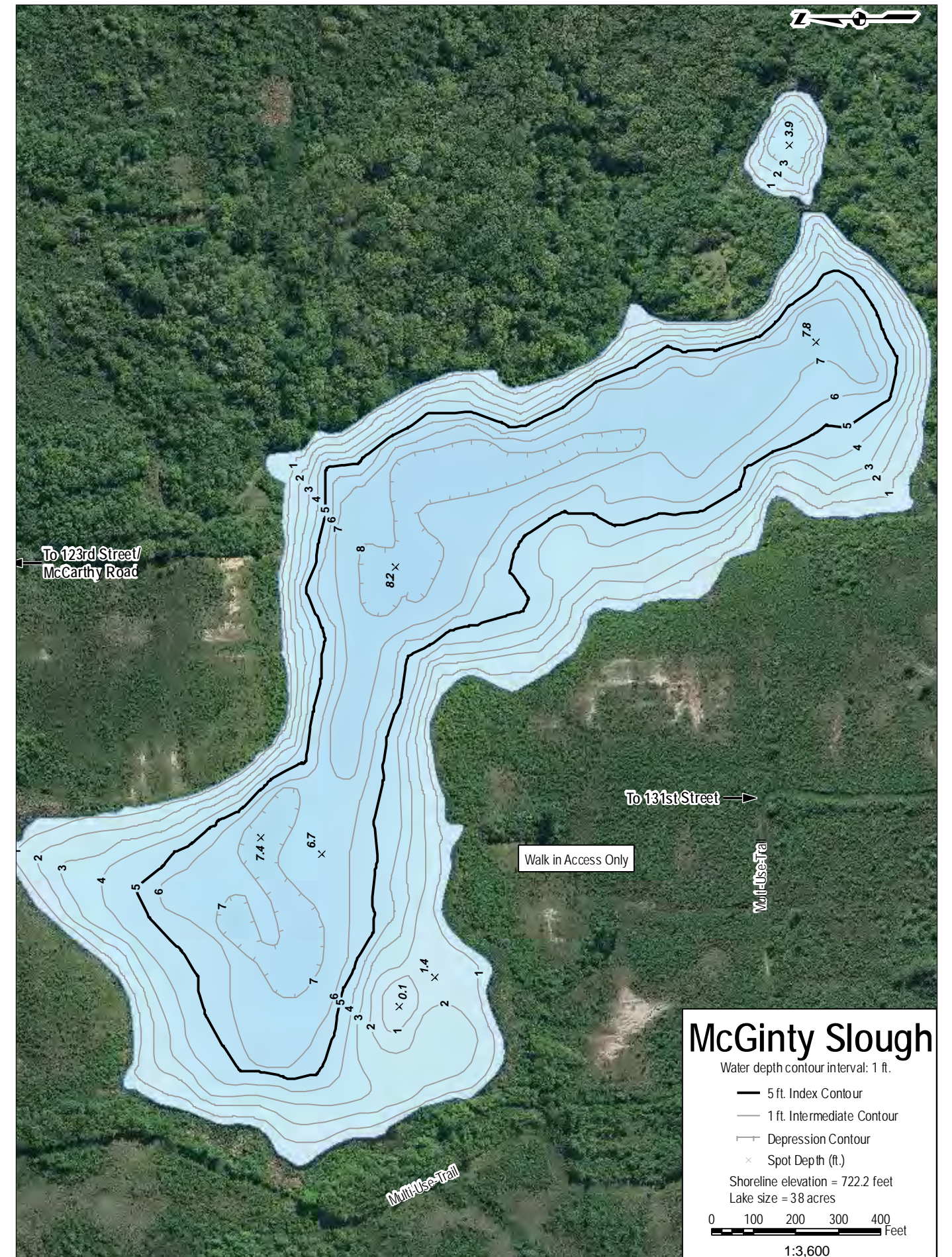


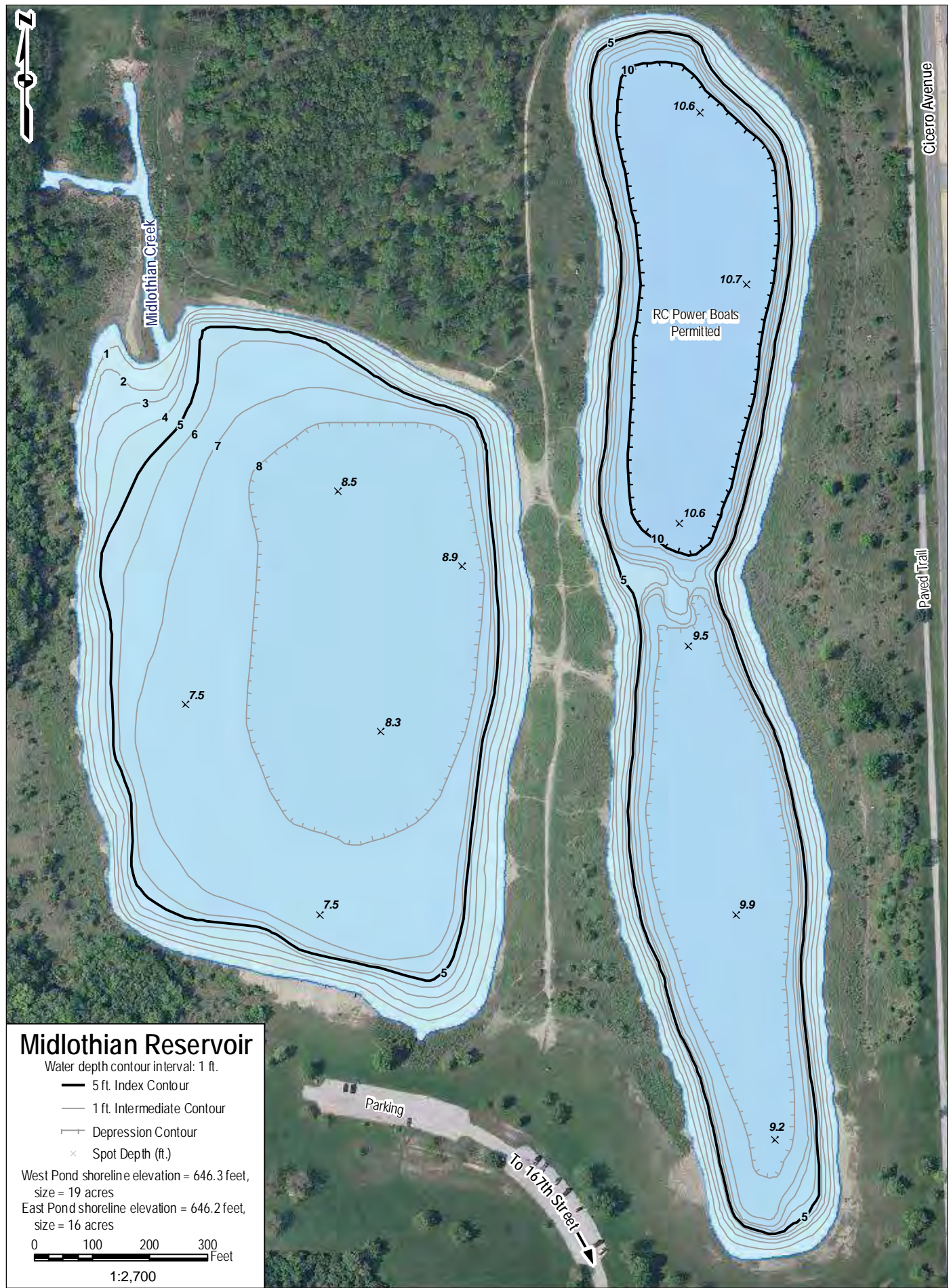


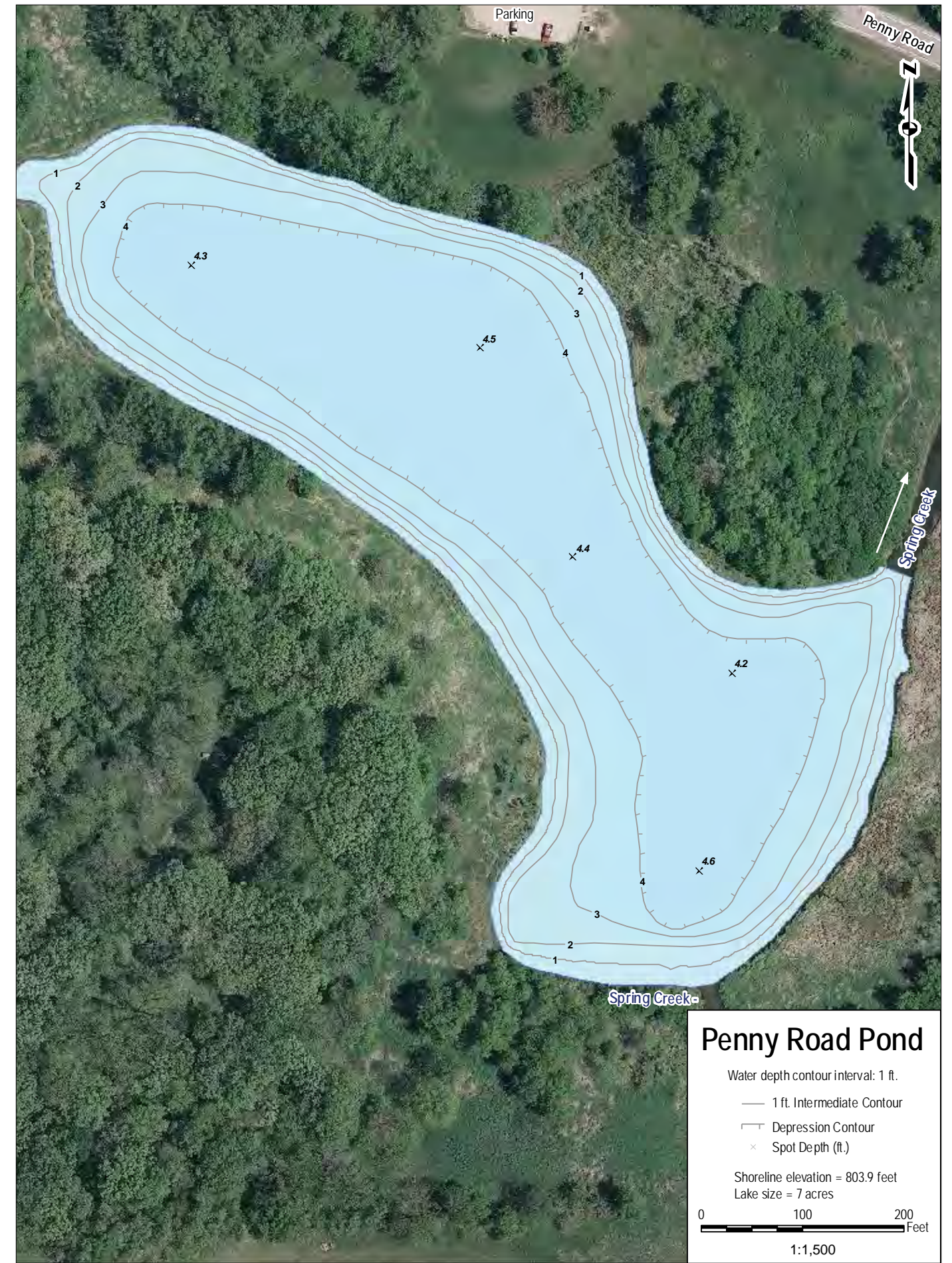
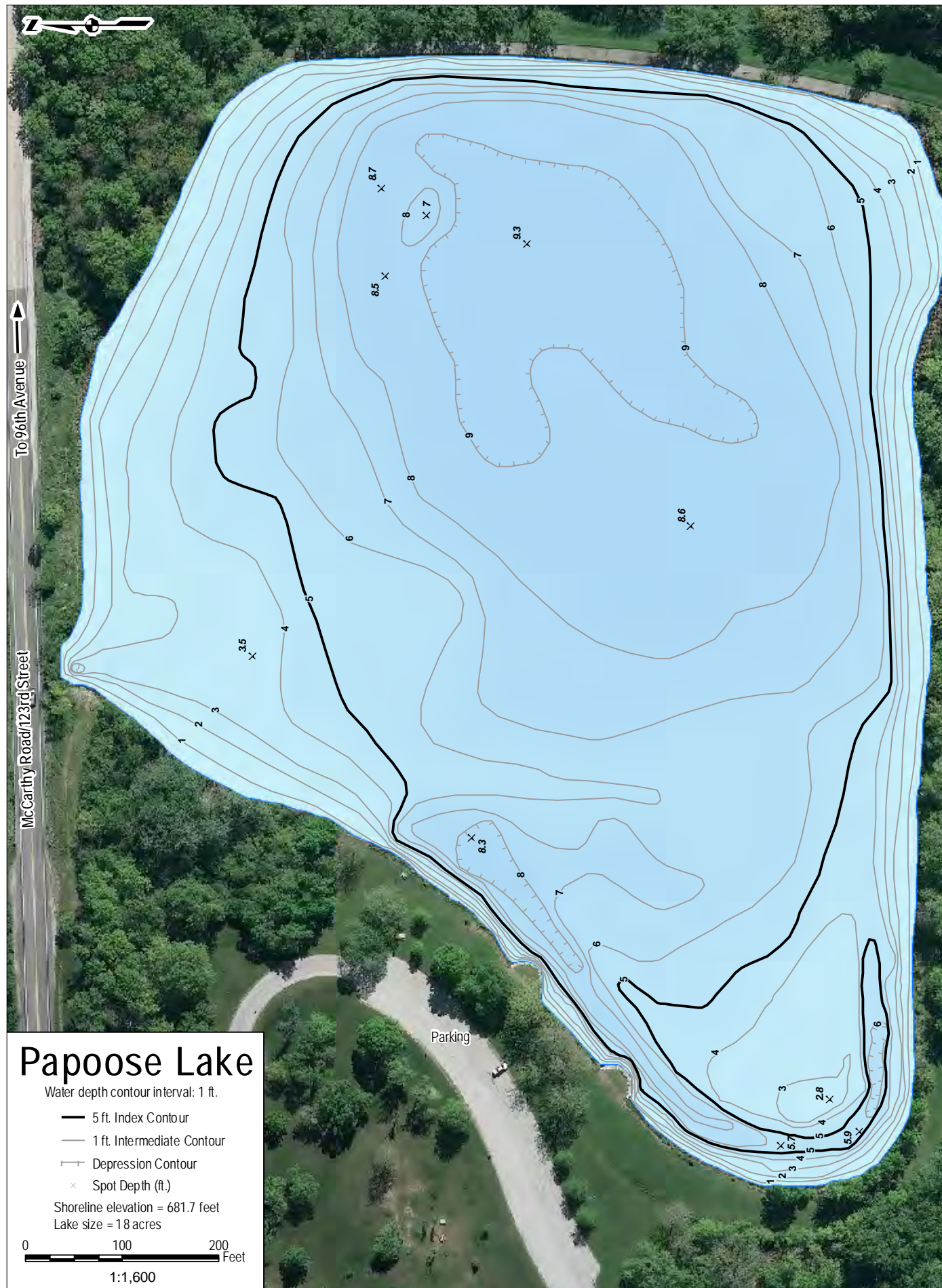
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Fishing Areas

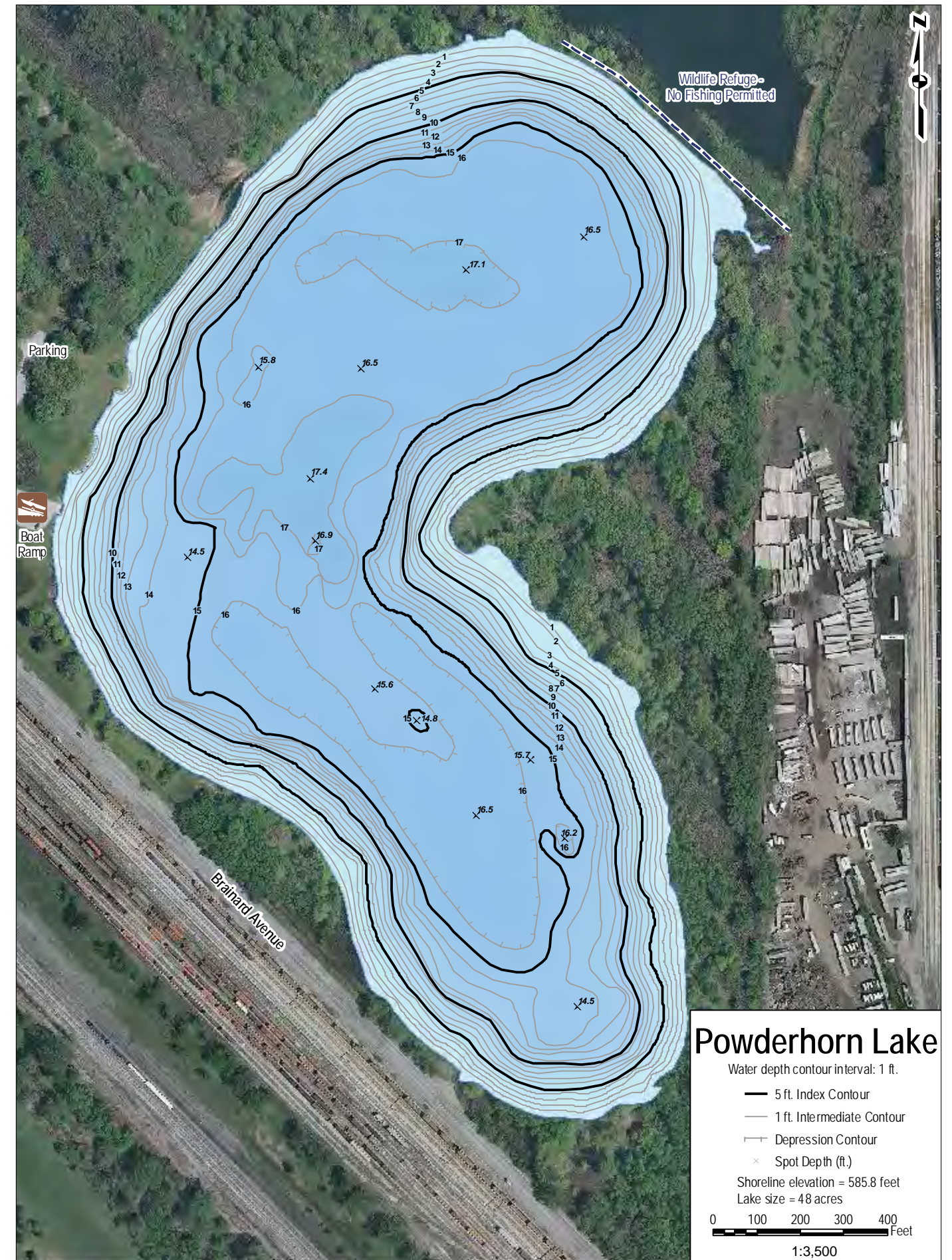
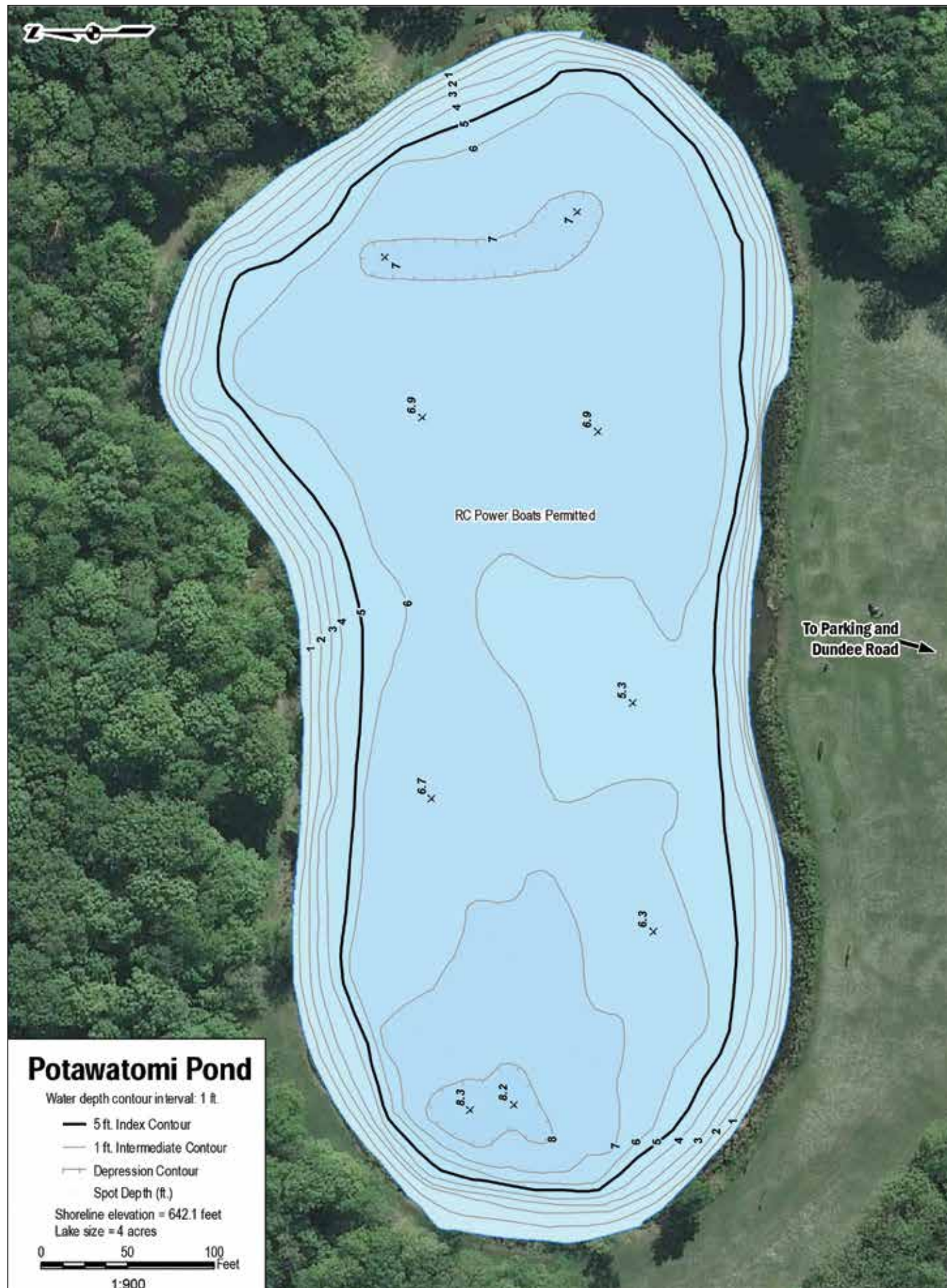
Forest Preserves Fishing Areas																											
	Acres	Shoreline in Feet	Maximum Depth	Wheelchair Accessible	Sailboats	Canoes/Kayaks	Private Rowboats	Approved Inflatables	Boat Rental	Electric Motors	Launch Ramp	Ice Fishing	RC Model Boats	Muskellunge	Northern Pike	Largemouth Bass	Yellow Bass	Bluegill	Sunfish	Bullhead	Channel Catfish	Carp	Walleye	Perch	Rainbow Trout	Crappie	Year Constructed
Arrowhead Lake	13	3600	13									x				x		x	x	x	x					x	1983
Axehead Lake	17	3400	30									x				x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	1958
Barrington Road Pond	2	2200	8													x		x		x							
E. J. Beck Lake	37	6000	19		x	x	x	x		x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	1958
Belleau Lake	12	3800	32									x				x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	1958
Belly Deep Slough	17	4000	4													x		x	x	x		x				x	1930's
Beverly Lake	16	3500	8										x			x											
Big Bend Lake	27	5600	28		x	x	x	x		x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	1958
Bode Lakes	16	7100	21												x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x		x	1959
Bullfrog Lake	16	4200	10									x				x		x	x	x						x	1958
Busse Reservoir Main	325	51000	12	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	1978
Busse Reservoir North	17	5100	15													x		x	x	x					x	x	1978
Busse Reservoir South	115	17700	20	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	1978
Cermak Quarry	3	1500	19													x		x	x	x	x	x			x		1920's
Deer Grove Lake	10	4000	5													x		x	x	x							1934
Des Plaines River		32 mi.	8		x	x	x	x		x	x				x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	
Flatfoot Lake	19	5800	15	x								x				x		x	x	x	x	x		x		x	1958
Green Lake	5	2400	38									x				x		x	x	x	x	x					1925
Horsetail Lake	12	2800	18									x				x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	1930's
Ida Lake	9	2500	12									x	x			x		x	x	x	x					x	1964
Joe's Pond	6	2300	10													x		x	x	x	x	x		x		x	1950
Maple Lake	60	7400	20	x					x	x		x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	1920's
McGinty Slough	38	8300	9													x		x									
Midlothian Reservoir	35	8600	11										x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	1974
O'Malley Ponds	21	9400	17													x		x	x	x				x		x	
Papoose Lake	18	3000	10									x				x	x	x	x	x						x	1958
Penny Road Pond	7	4000	5													x		x	x	x		x				x	1963
Pogie Lake	14	3700	7	x												x		x									
Potawatomi Pond	4	1600	9										x			x		x	x	x							1959
Powderhorn Lake	48	7000	18		x	x	x	x		x	x	x			x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x		x	1958
Rolling Knolls Pond	2	1600	8													x		x				x				x	
Sag Quarry East	17	4300	18									x				x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	1900's
Sag Quarry West	14	4900	11									x				x		x	x	x	x	x				x	1900's
Saganashkee Slough	377	21000	7	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	1940's
Sauk Lake	29	8600	5													x		x				x					1930
Schiller Pond	6	2800	7													x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	1960
Skokie Lagoons	242	58800	15	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	1930's
Tampier Lake	131	21000	10	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	1964
Thatcher Pond	1.25	1100	6													x		x	x	x	x	x					
Tryner's Pond	12	4900	13													x		x		x		x				x	1968
Tuma Lake	5	2500	11													x		x			x						2009
Turtlehead Lake (and Ponds)	18	6400	15									x				x		x	x	x						x	1957
Wampum Lake	35	4800	14									x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	1958

Entry into any Forest Preserves lake, pond, stream, river or slough is prohibited, except in permitted watercraft on designated waters.

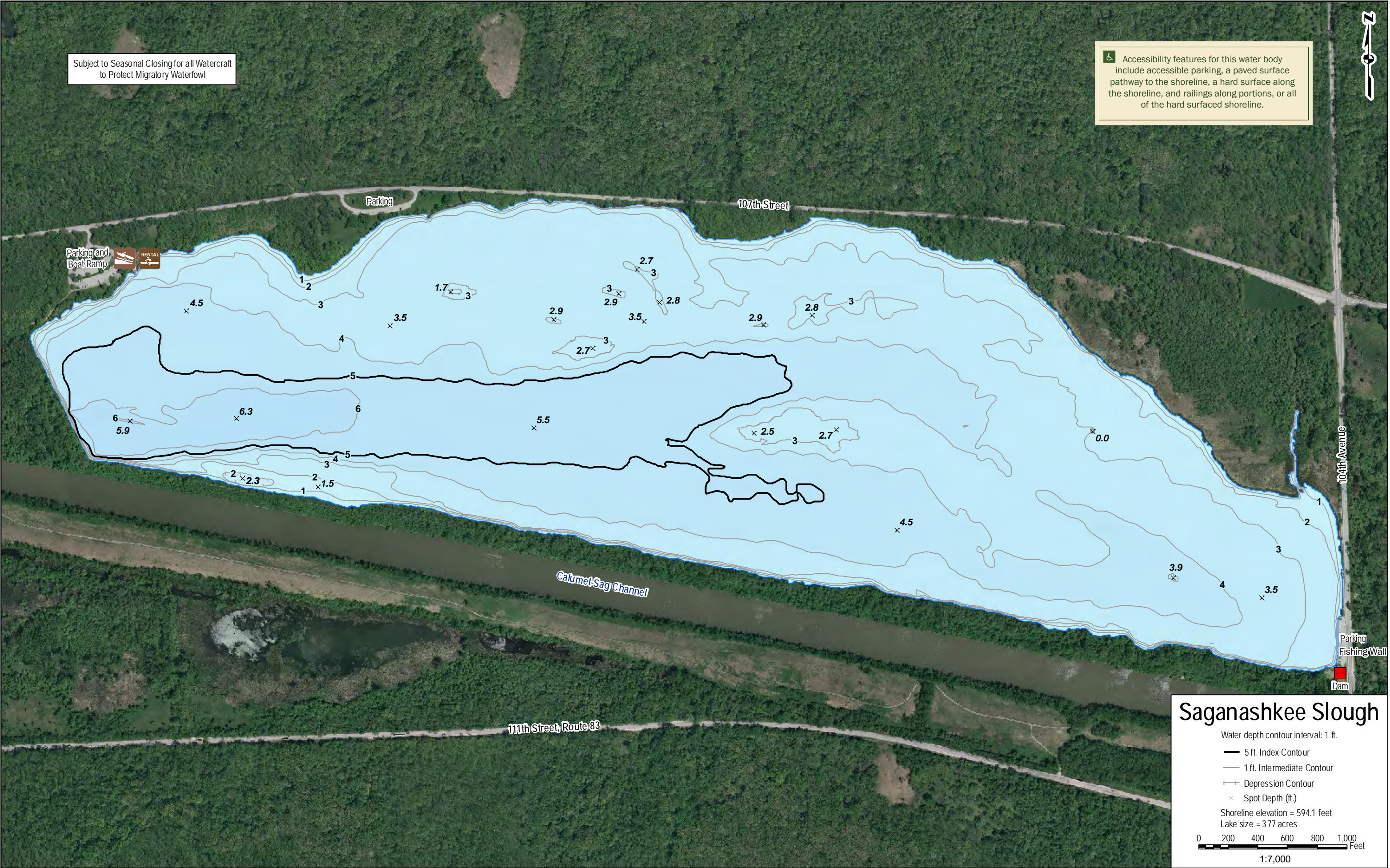


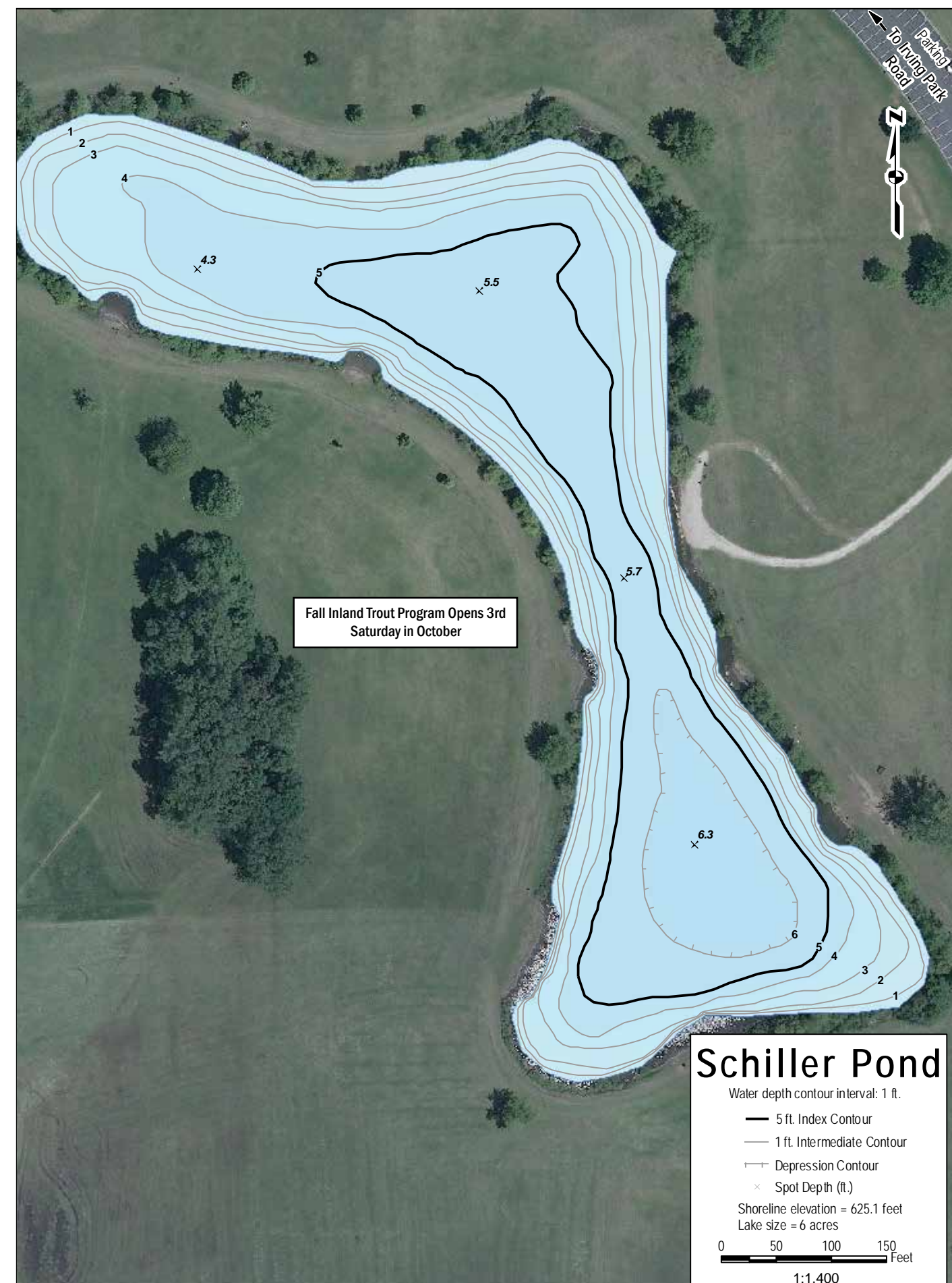


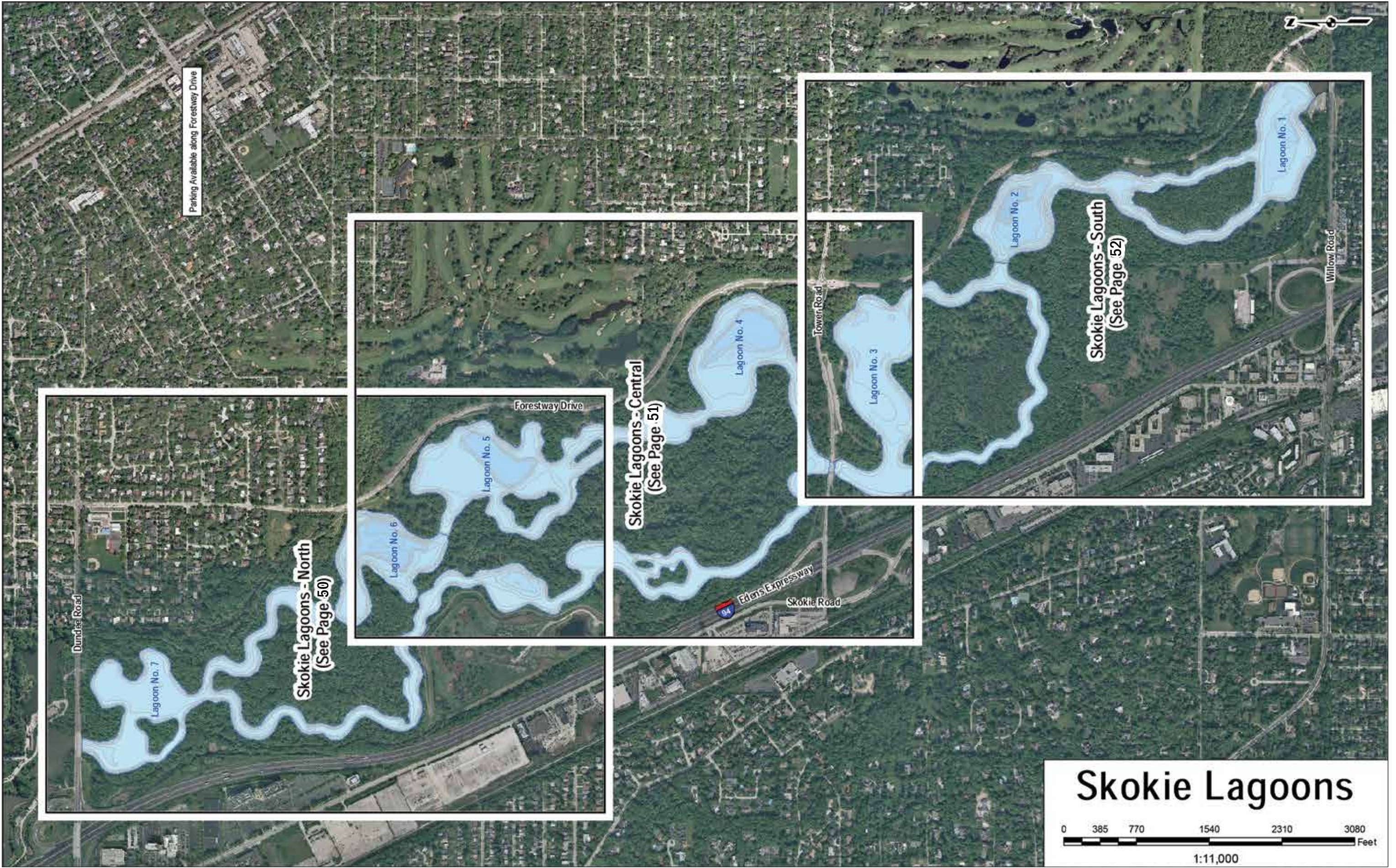




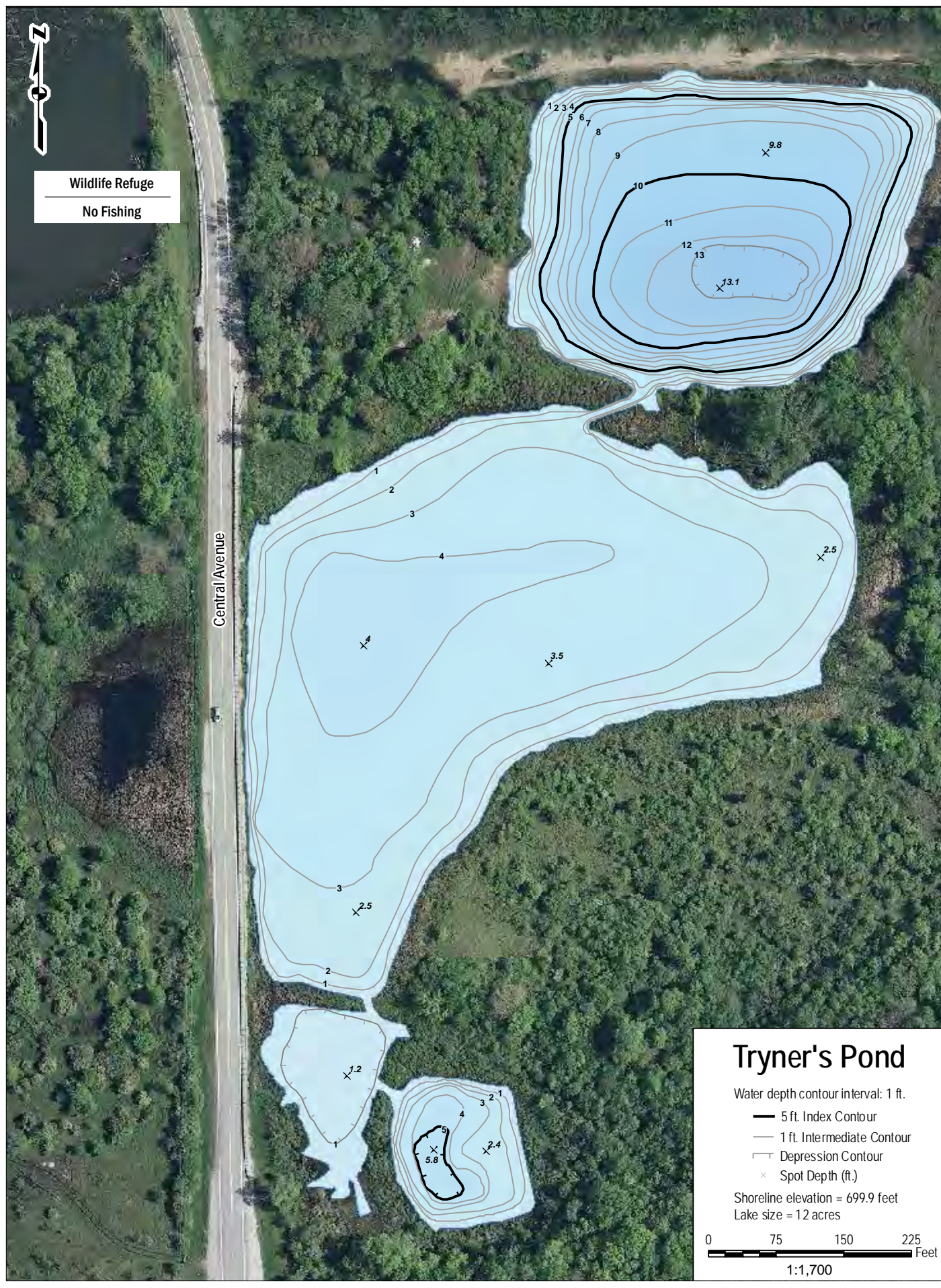


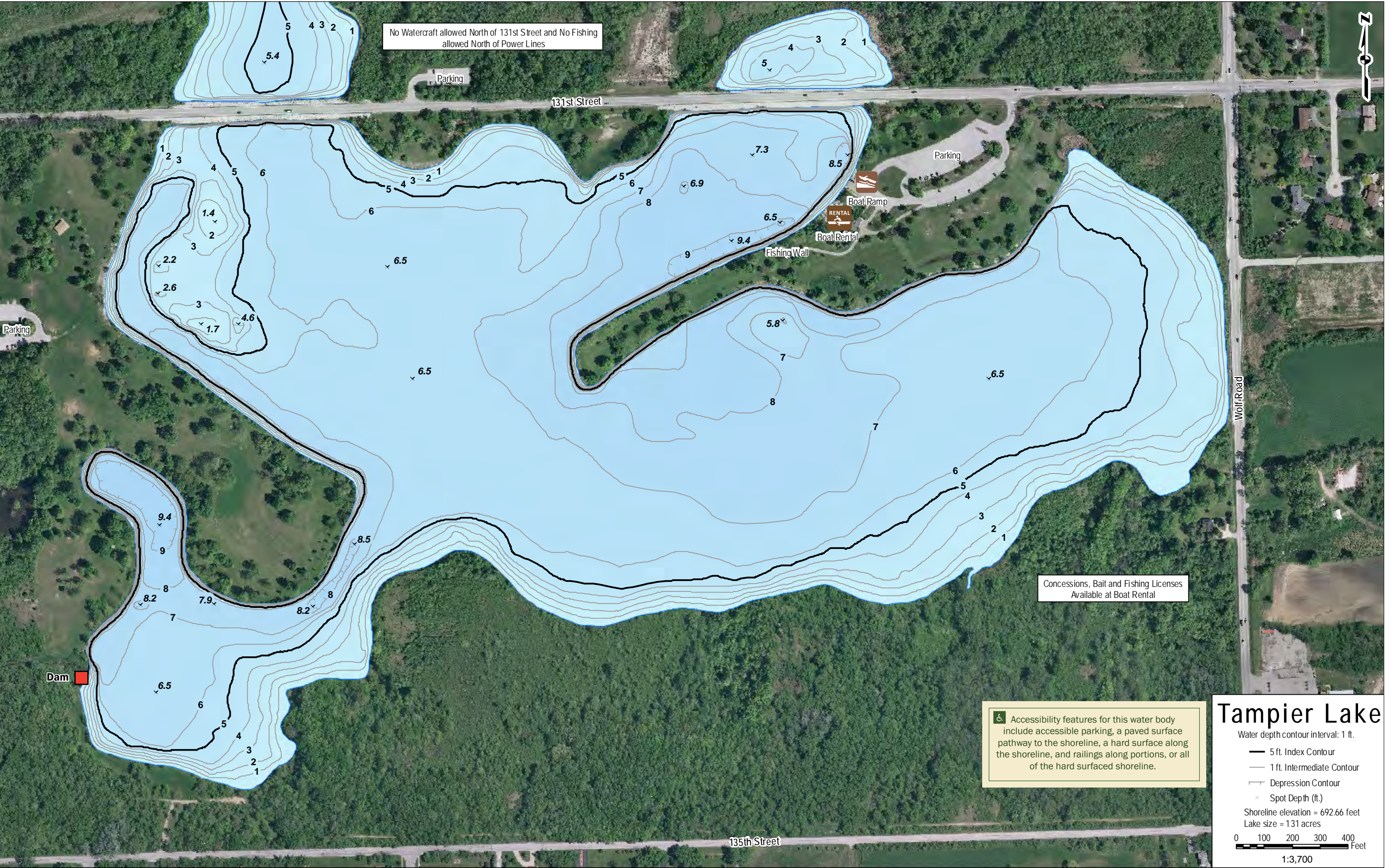












No Watercraft allowed North of 131st Street and No Fishing allowed North of Power Lines

Parking

131st Street

Parking

Boat Ramp

RENTAL

Boat Rental

Fishing Wall

Wolf Road

Dam

Concessions, Bait and Fishing Licenses Available at Boat Rental

Accessibility features for this water body include accessible parking, a paved surface pathway to the shoreline, a hard surface along the shoreline, and railings along portions, or all of the hard surfaced shoreline.

Tampier Lake

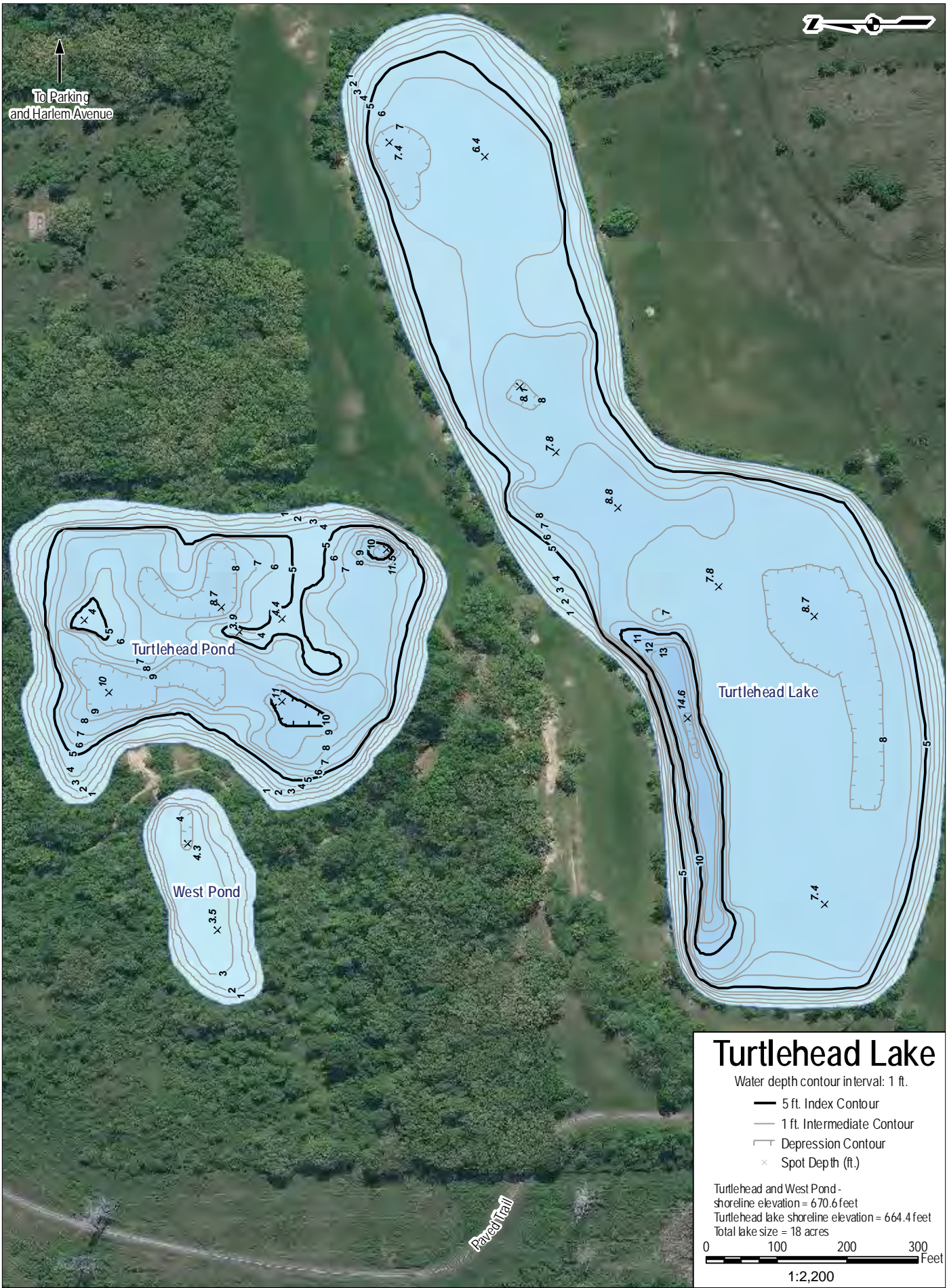
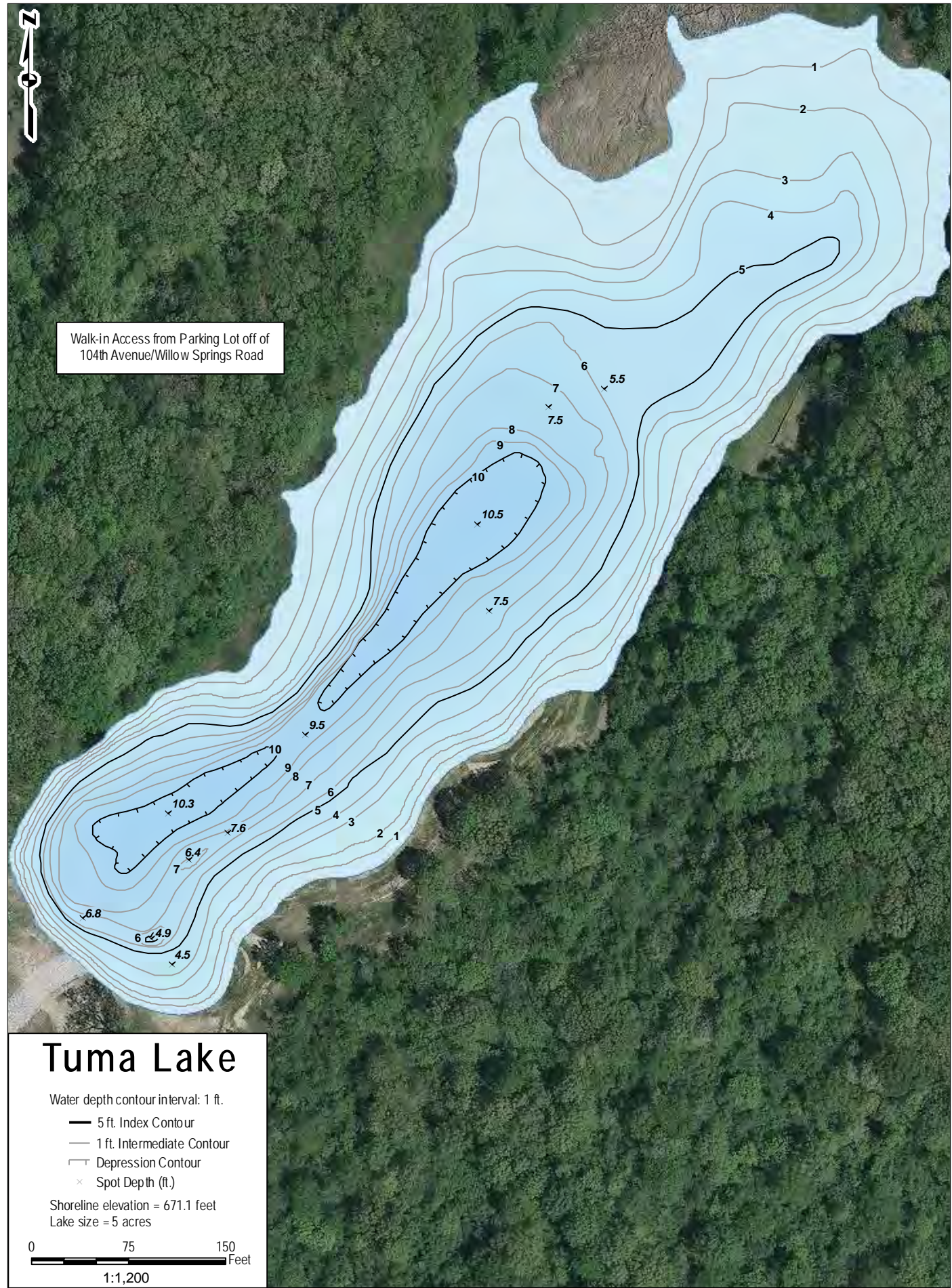
Water depth contour interval: 1 ft.

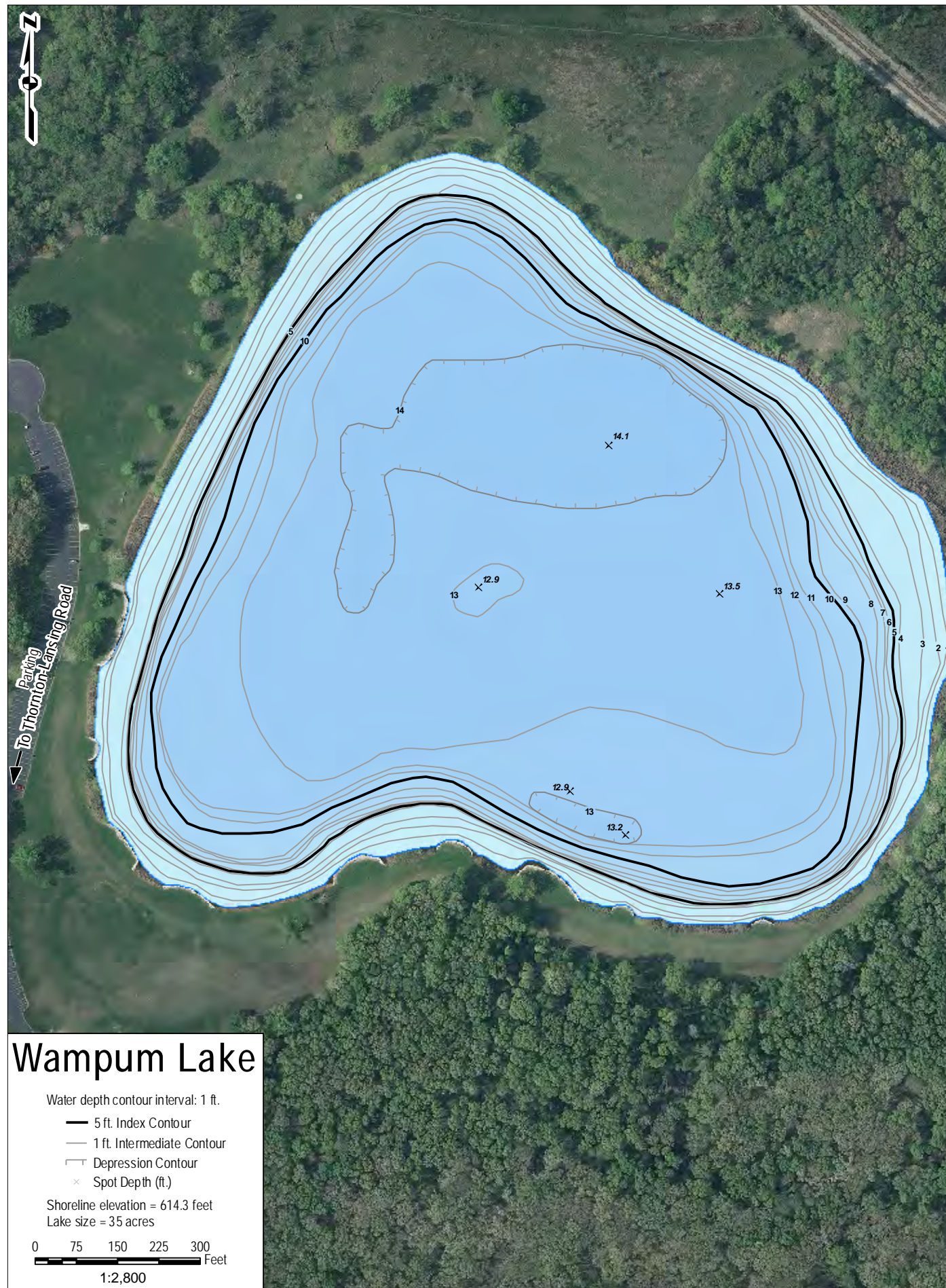
- 5 ft. Index Contour
- 1 ft. Intermediate Contour
- Depression Contour
- Spot Depth (ft.)

Shoreline elevation = 692.66 feet
Lake size = 131 acres

0 100 200 300 400 Feet

1:3,700





Fishing Line Can Harm or Kill Wildlife

Thousands of birds and mammals are maimed or killed yearly by the improper use and disposal of fishing line.

What Can Be Done

Please place fishing line in receptacles around the lakes. Fishing line collected will be recycled and made into fish habitat or properly disposed of. Remove all hooks, swivels, sinkers and other trash and place in a trash can. To reduce the chance of line breaking, use the appropriate test line for the fish you are trying to catch, and replace your line yearly. Place only fishing line in the receptacles. Help protect wildlife and keep your Forest Preserve lakes clean by picking-up discarded line for recycling or proper disposal. Together we can make our lakes cleaner and safer for both wildlife and fishermen.




Common Fishes of Cook County

Fish images courtesy of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.



YELLOW BASS



WHITE BASS



YELLOW PERCH



WALLEYE



RAINBOW TROUT



COMMON CARP



CHANNEL CATFISH



NORTHERN PIKE



MUSKELLUNGE



WHITE CRAPPIE



YELLOW BULLHEAD



BROWN BULLHEAD



BLACK CRAPPIE



BLACK BULLHEAD



GREEN SUNFISH



LARGEMOUTH BASS



BLUEGILL



SMALLMOUTH BASS

Illinois Advisory on Fish Consumption

The Forest Preserves of Cook County works closely with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and the Illinois Department of Public Health to monitor the level of contaminate such as methyl mercury, chlordane and PCB's.

For a full list of advisories and additional information about Fish Advisories in Illinois visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website at: ifishillinois.org/regulations/consumption.html

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) is a disease of fish that is caused by a virus that was previously unidentified in the Midwest. While it does not affect humans, VHS can kill large numbers of fish and has

been spreading throughout the Great Lakes. In order to slow the spread of VHS, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has implemented new and immediate rules that affect both anglers and boaters.

THE NEW REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTED BY THE IDNR INCLUDE:

- Eliminate natural water from all equipment when leaving a body of water.
- Empty and drain all bait buckets, livewells, baitwells, bilges, etc. or any other compartment capable of holding natural water when leaving a body of water.

- Do not remove live VHS-susceptible species from any waters. Anglers may catch and keep VHS susceptible species, but may not transport those fish live from the waters where caught.
- Use of wild-trapped fishes from within the state as bait will be restricted to the waters where legally captured.

While VHS is not known to be a threat to human health, anglers are advised to wash their hands after handling fish and to thoroughly cook any fish they plan to eat.

Visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website at the IDNR website at dnr.illinois.gov

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Help Protect Your Fishing!

Many, aquatic nuisance species (ANS), such as zebra mussels and Asian carp, have invaded lakes and rivers in Illinois. These non-native species can negatively impact fishing and other types of water recreation.



FIGHT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVADERS

REMOVE PLANTS, ANIMALS AND MUD FROM ALL EQUIPMENT.
DRAIN ALL WATER FROM YOUR BOAT AND GEAR.
DRY EVERYTHING THOROUGHLY WITH A TOWEL.

Effective January 1, 2013, the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act has been amended to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants and animals by boats, trailers and vehicles. It is now illegal to enter or leave a waterbody with aquatic plants and animals attached to your boat or trailer. Travel on Illinois highways with aquatic plants or animals attached is also prohibited. Always **remove**, **drain**, and **dry** to comply with the new law.

For More Information...

TRANSPORTZERO.ORG

On ANS: contact Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant at (217) 333-6444 or visit www.iiseagrants.org

On catching, cleaning, and cooking Asian carp: www.iiseagrants.org/asiancarp/

On recognizing and identifying Asian carp: www.iiseagrants.org/speciesinfo/asiancarpwatch.pdf

On recognizing and identifying Hydrilla: www.iiseagrants.org/speciesinfo/hydrillawatch.pdf

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Bighead and Silver Carp WATCH

Bighead and silver cap (Asian carp) are invasive fish spreading within the Mississippi River and Great Lakes regions causing harm to humans, native fish and wildlife.

Both species have low-set eyes and a large, upturned mouth, and may grow to be more than 60 lbs. and 4 ft.



Bighead carp



Silver carp

Juvenile Asian carp may be difficult to distinguish from local baitfish species such as gizzard shad.



Bighead Carp



Gizzard Shad (native)



Silver Carp

You can help!

- **Report new sightings**—note exact location, take a photo, freeze specimen in a sealed plastic bag and call 1-877-STOP-ANS (1-877-786-7267).
- **Harvest bait only** from uninfested waters.
- **Dispose of bait** in the trash.
- **Know the rules**—release of live Asian carp is prohibited in Illinois.
- **Catch and eat** these tasty fish to help reduce their numbers.

Hydrilla WATCH

Hydrilla is a non-native plant invading and causing harm to waters in nearby states. It forms thick, submersed mats that hinder fishing and boating, and harm fish and wildlife.

Hydrilla looks similar to native elodia, which is found in many Illinois lakes and rivers. However, Hydrilla has whorls of 4 or more spear-shaped^a leaves around the stem (native=2-3), leaves with coarse teeth^a along the edges (native=no teeth), and bulb-like tubers^b in the soil (native=no tubers).



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You can help!

Early detection of new populations of Hydrilla may limit the spread and allow for its removal. Report new sightings of this plant—call 1-877-STOP-ANS (1-877-786-7267).

Important Numbers

General Headquarters	800-870-3666
TDD	708-771-1190
Fisheries Field Office	708-403-6951
Resource Management	708-771-1335
Volunteer Resources	773-631-1790
Forest Preserves of Cook County Police	708-771-1000
Emergency Assistance	911

Boat Concessions

Boat Concessions are available at Tampier Lake, Maple Lake, Skokie Lagoons, Saganashkee Slough and Busse Reservoir. **Contact the Fisheries Field Office at 708-403-6951 for info.**

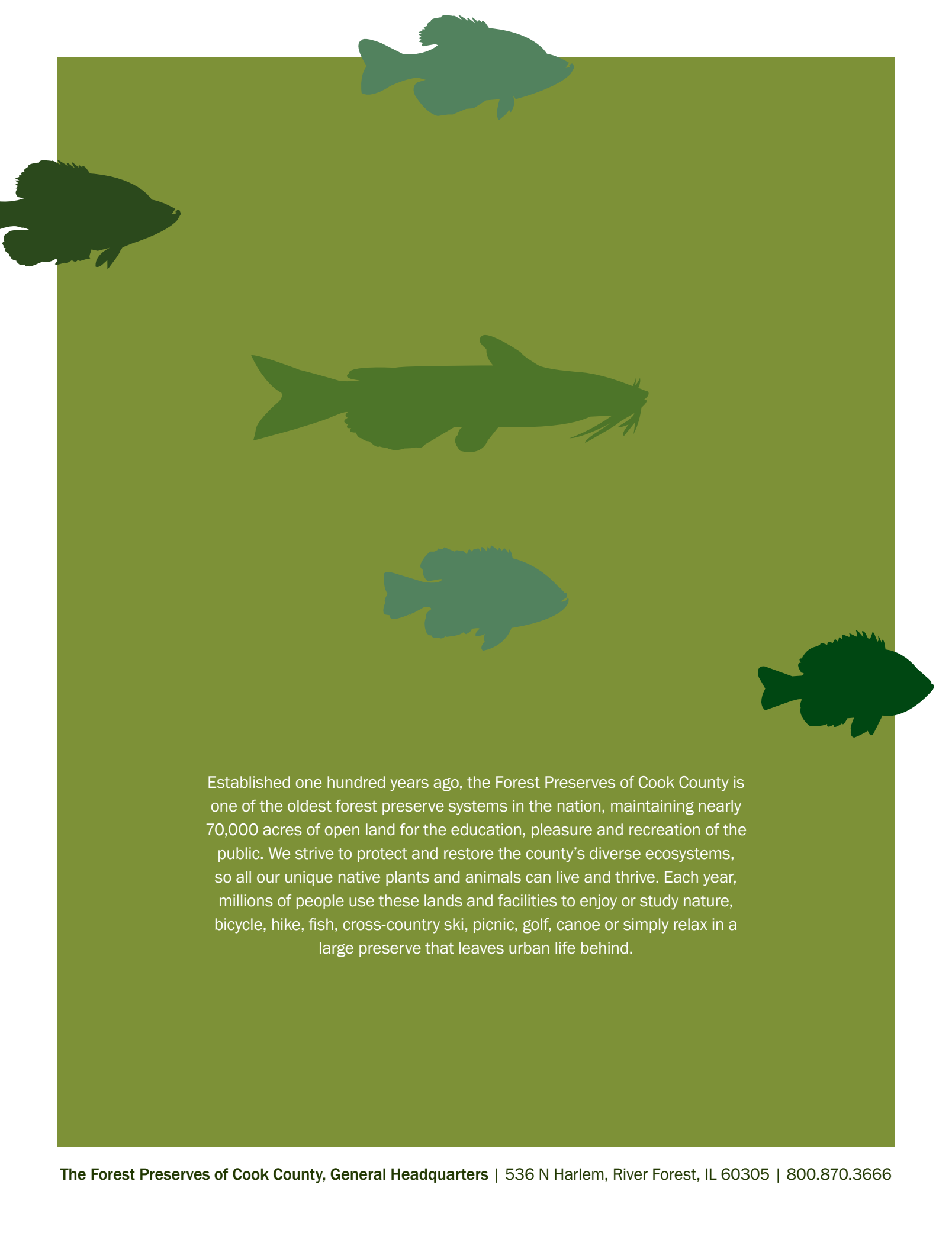
Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Chicago Office	312-814-2070
Conservation Police Officers and TIP (Target Illinois Poachers) Hotline	800-252-0163
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	dnr.illinois.gov

For current events, maps and other information, visit fdpcc.com



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Established one hundred years ago, the Forest Preserves of Cook County is one of the oldest forest preserve systems in the nation, maintaining nearly 70,000 acres of open land for the education, pleasure and recreation of the public. We strive to protect and restore the county's diverse ecosystems, so all our unique native plants and animals can live and thrive. Each year, millions of people use these lands and facilities to enjoy or study nature, bicycle, hike, fish, cross-country ski, picnic, golf, canoe or simply relax in a large preserve that leaves urban life behind.