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Thinking About Renting?

- Consider having renters sign a Lake Stewards Code of Conduct Agreement.
- Educate renters on the importance of lake stewardship and maintaining the ecosystem.

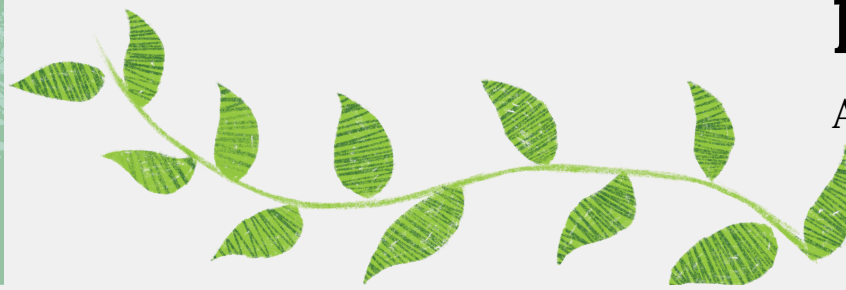


Caring for Leech Lake



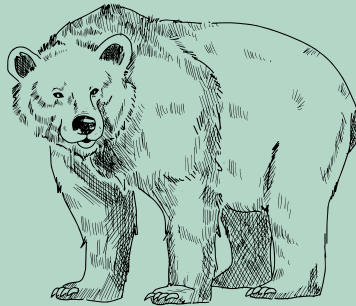
How to be a steward for the lake you love

An easy guide to preserve
Leech Lake for future
generations



Environment

- Always follow fire bans and fully extinguish campfires.
- Never leave open garbage out overnight.
- Use animal proof garbage bins.
- Be mindful of other cottagers and ensure your pet is quiet.
- Wildlife should be viewed from a distance and respected.

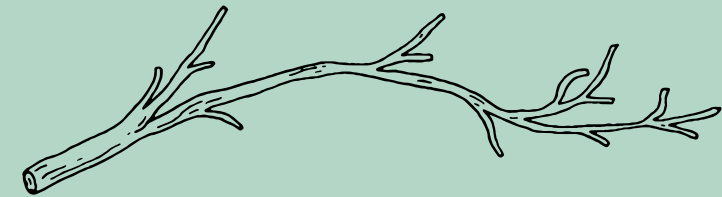
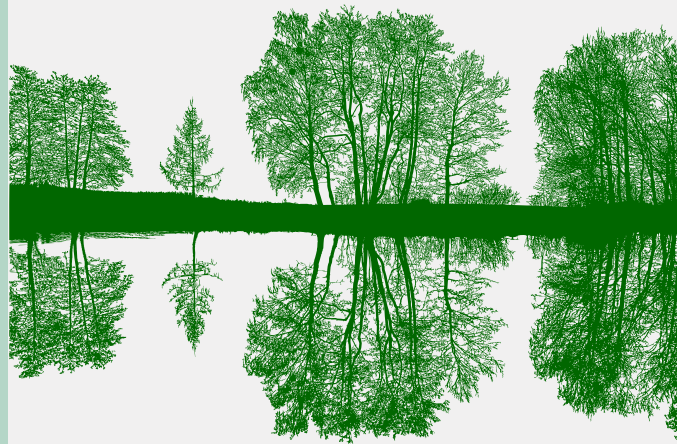


Septic Systems

- Maintain and know the capacity of your septic system.
- Make sure only a few people are using water at one time.
- Only flush toilet paper.

Shoreline and Water Health

- Consider using kayaks and canoes to travel or fish to avoid large wakes.
- Use organic and biodegradable bug spray, sunscreen, and soaps.
- Use sand instead of salt this winter.
- Avoid shoreline armoring and riprap.
- Leave native aquatic plants near your shoreline, mowing these plants can enable invasive species.



Property Maintenance

- Plant native plants.
- Don't use fertilizers or pesticides on your property.
- Don't mow down to the shoreline, leave a natural barrier to combat erosion.
- Consider joining your neighbors in Natural Edge shoreline restoration program.