

# AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Invasive species spread quickly and often hitch a ride on boats and trailers. Please do your part to stop the spread of these unwanted pests. We appreciate your help in making sure your boat is cleaned, drained, and dry before it is launched in the Iowa Great Lakes and before you launch at your next destination.

## A FEW OF THE INVASIVE PLANTS AND ANIMALS THREATENING OUR WATERS

Invasive plants like **Eurasian watermilfoil**, **curlyleaf pondweed**, and **brittle naiad** can form thick mats of vegetation at the water's surface, making navigation difficult and choking out native plants. These plants can be difficult to control and once introduced can spread quickly. Even a small fragment of these plants can stick to your boat or trailer and be transported to another lake creating a new infestation.



Invasive animals like **zebra mussels** have few natural predators and can outcompete native species. Zebra mussels are small clams that multiply very quickly and cover most hard surfaces. Once introduced, there is no way to eradicate these animals from a body of water.

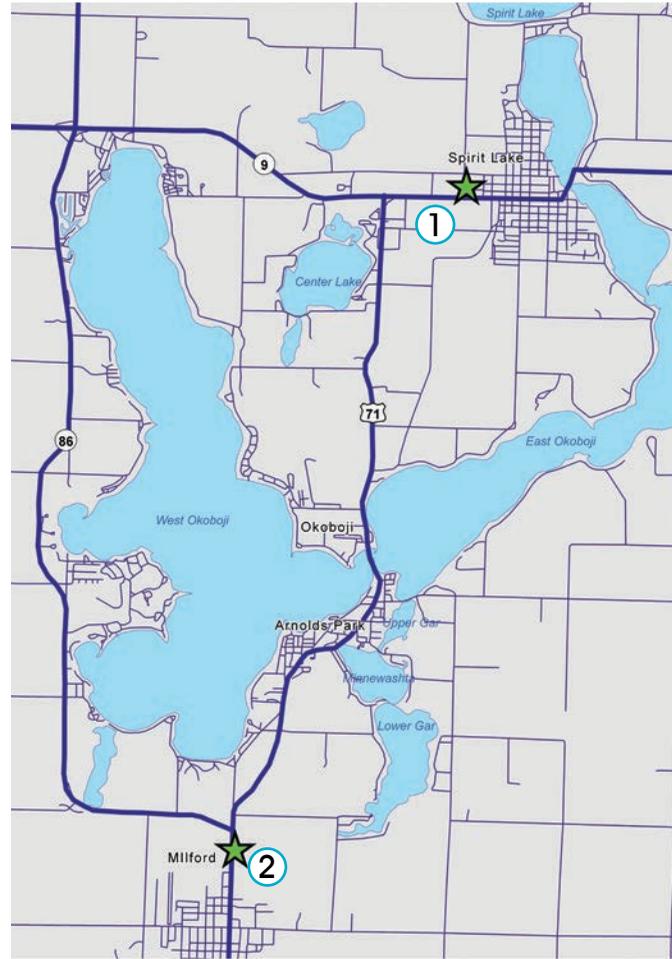


## INVASIVE SPECIES ARE IN OUR LAKES

You can prevent more of these pests from arriving and keep them from spreading further. **Iowa law** requires that you clean off all plants and invasive species from your boat and trailer, drain all water, and remove drain plugs before leaving a lake or stream.



# POWER WASHING LOCATIONS



**1**  
**Clean Slate Auto Spa**  
 1605 Peoria Ave  
 North of Hy-Vee in Spirit Lake  
 Bay height 10' and 13'

**2**  
**Laser Car Wash**  
 2202 Okoboji Blvd  
 North edge of Milford  
 Bay height 8'6" and 9'6"

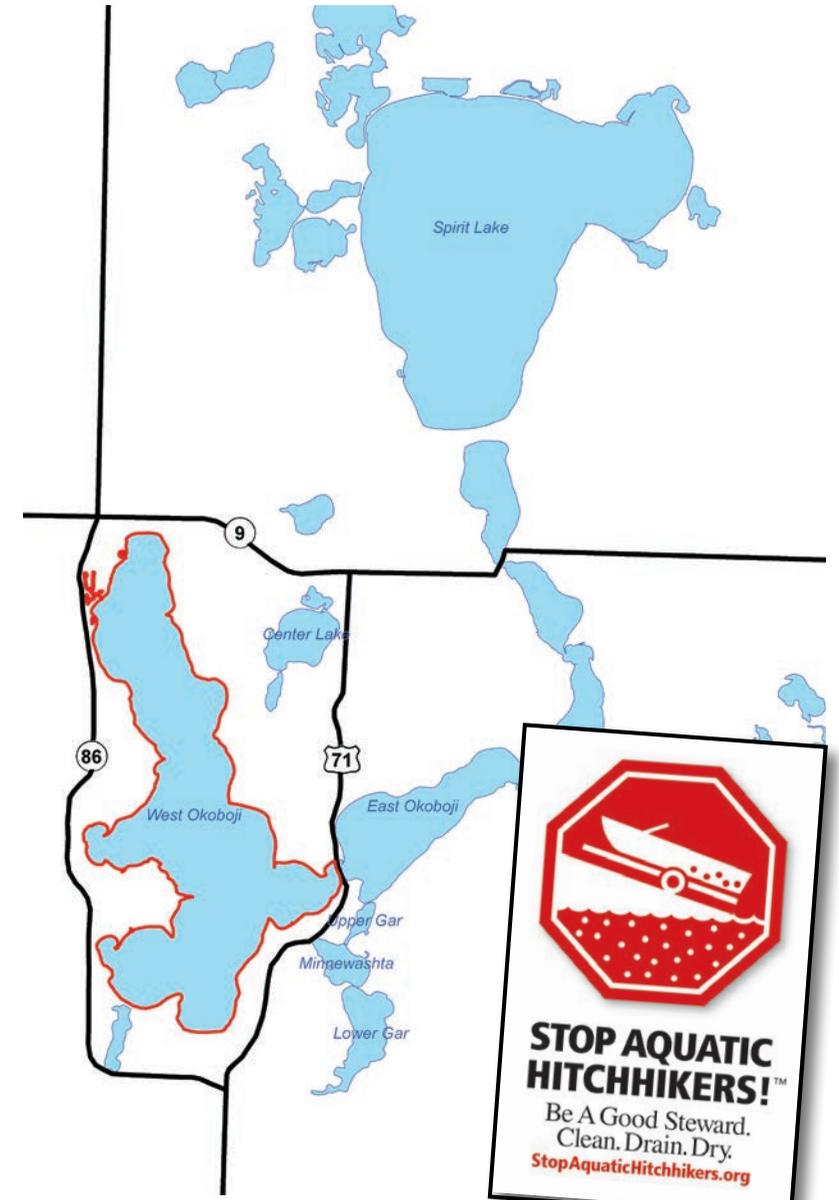
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# IOWA GREAT LAKES BOATERS MAP

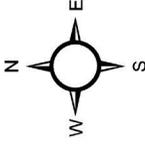
## WEST OKOBOJI LAKE



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Dickinson County

Max Depth - 136 feet  
Mean Depth - 38 feet  
Area - 3,825 acres  
Volume - 144,388 acre-ft  
Shoreline - 19 miles

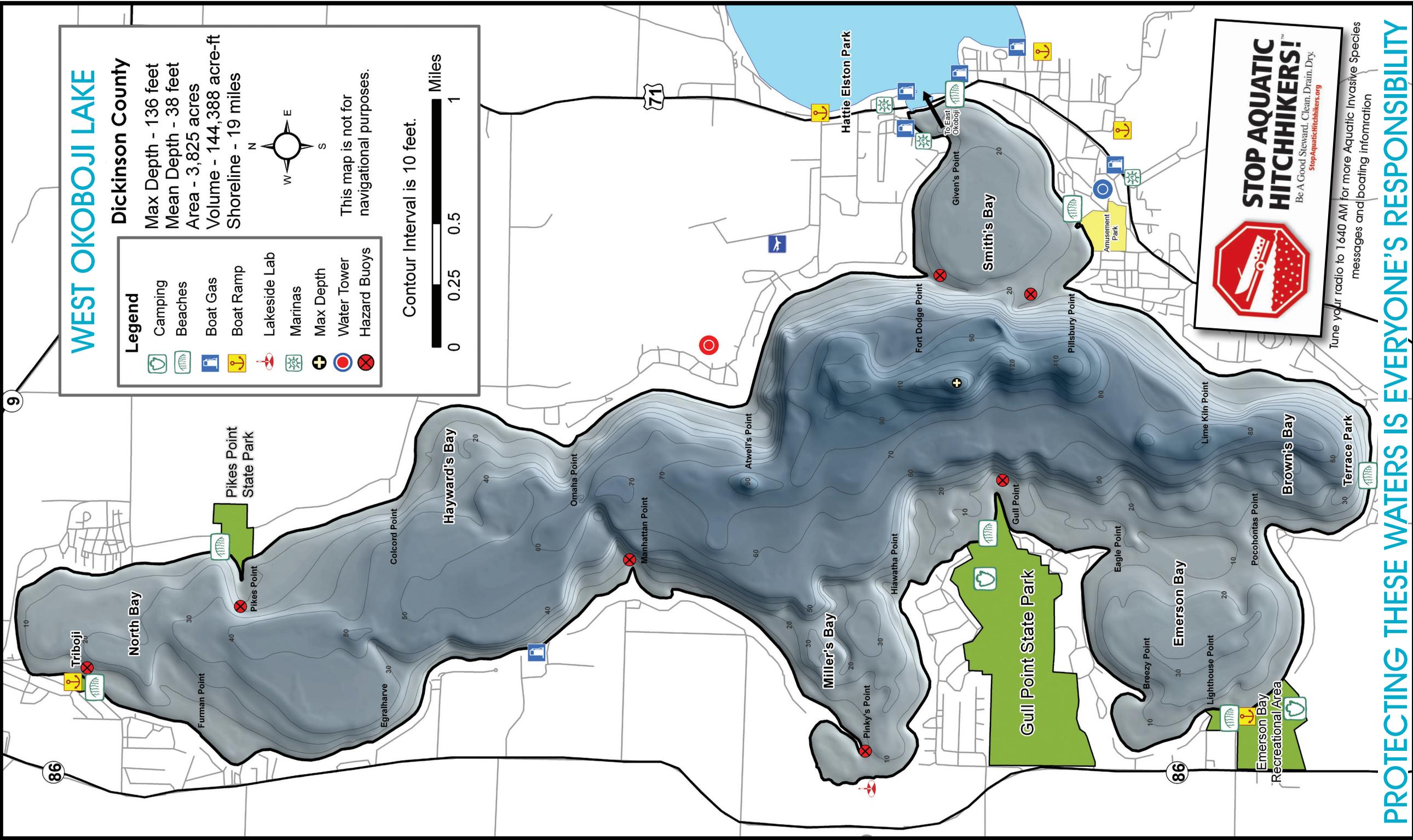


This map is not for navigational purposes.

## Legend

- Camping
- Beaches
- Boat Gas
- Boat Ramp
- Lakeside Lab
- Marinas
- Max Depth
- Water Tower
- Hazard Buoys

Contour Interval is 10 feet.



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[StopAquaticHitchhikers.org](http://StopAquaticHitchhikers.org)

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**PROTECTING THESE WATERS IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**