

Introduction to Lakes Online Course

January 26, 2027 – March 19, 2027

Who should attend and what it's all about

Introduction to Lakes Online is designed for interested individuals, decision makers, local leaders, resource professionals, and lakefront property owners interested in gaining knowledge about inland lakes and connecting with others who have a similar interest. Participants learn practical, science-based information to help them identify pollution concerns, protect water quality, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, understand Michigan water regulations, and work effectively with neighbors, lake associations, and local governments to make informed lake management decisions.

The course

The course covers:

- Lake ecology, watersheds
- Shorelines, aquatic plant management
- Michigan water law
- Community involvement

These topics are divided into six units which include closed captioned video lectures, interactive activities, discussion forums, quizzes, and additional resources and each take approximately 2 hours to complete. The course is taught on a week-by-week basis, allowing for online communication between classmates and instructors through topical discussion forums.

Register here:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/introduction-to-lakes

Pricing and contact information

Registration deadline is January 29, 2027

The course is $115/person. Register by January 8 for a discounted early bird rate of $95/person. If the cost of the course is a burden to your participation, please email Paige Filice at filicepa@msu.edu. Financial assistance may be available.

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Reasonable modifications/accommodations for program access, including alternative formats for materials, and auxiliary aids for effective communication will be provided to participants at no cost. Requests may be submitted by email at [insert email] or by [insert alternative method with contact information] at least two weeks prior to the event. Requests received after [insert date] will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and provided when reasonable.

Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information, will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request. Please contact [insert name] by [insert date].

If food is provided, add: *For dietary needs contact [name] by [date].*