

**IDNR Staff Attorney Bob Mool writes:**

*"The terms 'navigable' and 'nonnavigable' go to one of the tests used to determine whether a body of water is public or not. Navigable is not a classification of water for purposes of Illinois law, although it is often used interchangeably with the term public. The same is true for nonnavigable and the terms non-public or private.*

*If a body of water is not listed in Appendix A of the Department's Regulation of Public Waters administrative rule (17 IAC 3704), then the body of water is not considered public (i.e. if not listed, it is 'private')."*

**<http://www.dnr.state.il.us/owr/resman/3704RULE.htm>**

In other words, most lakes in Illinois are non-public (aka. **"private"**) lakes and include lakes in Lake County such as:

Antioch Lake	Deep Lake	Fourth Lake	Long Lake	Sun Lake
Bangs Lake	Diamond Lake	Gages Lake	Round Lake	Third Lake
Cedar Lake	Duck Lake	Hastings Lake	Sand Lake	West Loon Lake
Cross Lake	East Loon Lake	Lake Miltmore	Slocum Lake	Wooster Lake
Crooked Lake	Fish Lake	Lake Zurich	Sullivan Lake	etc.